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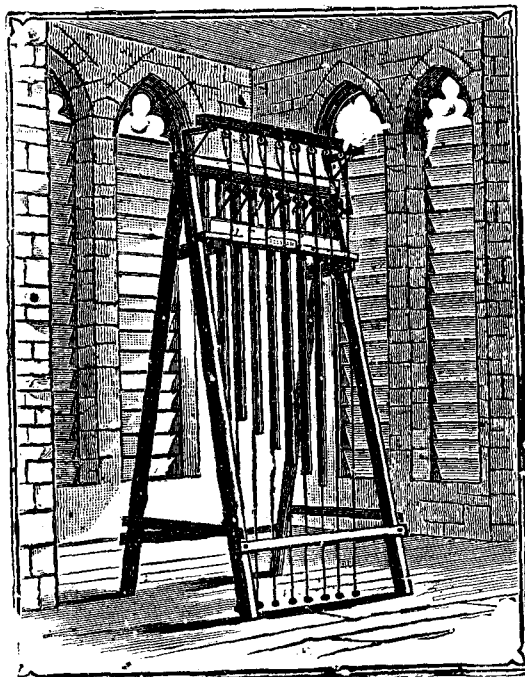
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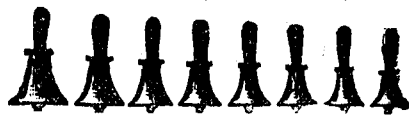
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## THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. E. P. DEBENHAM.

Easter Monday is always a great day with the members of the Hertford County Association, but this year all previous attendances were eclipsed, and moreover the proceedings were honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who was not only present at the service at the Cathedral, but also at the business meeting, at which a presentation was made to Mr. E. P. Debenham on the occasion of his marriage, and in recognition of the valuable and long-continued services he has rendered to the Association. The members assembled early in the afternoon at the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's, and after ringing in various methods they attended evensong at the Cathedral. The Bishop of St. Albans, Archdeacon Lawrence, the Revs. G. H. P. Glossop, P. Deedes, and T. T. Blockley were the surpliced clergy present. Previous to the singing of the Easter Hymn the Ven. Archdeacon gave a short address, in the course of which he reminded his hearers that he had in previous years met them at Easter, and had addressed them on the subject of bellringing as a branch of Church work. There was nothing new he could tell them on this occasion, but heartily welcomed them to the Cathedral. He looked upon bellringing as a real and important branch of the work of the Church, and it was with the greatest satisfaction that they contemplated the belfries of to-day with those of a few generations ago. Bellringing then could not be considered, in the manner in which it was carried on, as an integral part of Church work, but exactly the reverse. He rejoiced that he was able to say there had been such an enormous change, and there was no doubt that Associations of this kind did an immense amount of good.

After the service the members adjourned to the town hall, where they partook of a substantial meat tea. Mr. H. J. Toulmin presided, but at the close of the meal he was compelled to leave to keep another engagement, but before vacating the chair he congratulated the members on the fact that they had had a numerical increase during the year, and that the Association was now in such a flourishing condition. The Archdeacon then took the chair, and he was supported by the Bishop, the Rev. R. A. Squires, the Rev. T. T. Blockley, Mr. E. P. Debenham (Hon. Sec. and Treasurer), Messrs. Lewis and G. W. Cartmel (assistant Hon. Secs.), E. E. Huntley (hon. auditor), Messrs. R. E. Hammond, J. Porter, J. W. Brewer, A. Hallett, E. Hull, W. Little, and H. L. Waddington, St. Albans; T. F. Childs, H. Mansfield, A. Childs, W. Jay, and G. Layzell, Aldenham; J. Hollingsworth, J. J. Powers, and J. Kentish, Hatfield; H. G. Rowe, Redbourn; C. George, H. Martin, P. H. Read, and G. N. Price, Oxhey; J. Hare, A. Fells, and E. Phillips, Hitchin; C. F. Winney, T. H. Taffender, J. R. Haworth, and J. Lewis, London; W. H. L. Buckingham, O. Newnham, F. Edwards, W. I. Oakley, W. E. Oakley, A. O. Way, W. G. Whitehead, and F. Smith, Bushey; G. Barker, Ware; A. Phillips, A. Wright, A. Lawrence, T. Heady, A. Smith, and A. H. Lawrence, Little Munden; T. Webb, Baldock; J. Miller and A. Miller, Southgate; J. Dennis, Knebworth; R. Dennis, Hertford; J. Wagborn, Tottenham; W. H. Newell, Great Berkhamstead; A. Jacob and H. Childs, Hornsey.

The Archdeacon said that before they proceeded to the usual business he had a pleasant duty entrusted to his hands by Mr. Cartmel, to give to their old and esteemed friend who had been so long connected with this Association—he referred to Mr. E. P. Debenham—some recognition of their joy at hearing of an approaching happy event, in which he was to take a very considerable and very important part. I have to give him in your name a very handsome wedding present, consisting of a marble timepiece, with an illuminated address which has been signed by eighty-eight persons. It is especially interesting, I am sure, to think of—that Mr. Debenham, who has been so long and so

successfully connected with the art of change-ringing, has at last fallen in love with a "bell(e)." Not only that, but he is also going to ring her. May I add that, although he is such an excellent change-ringer, I hope he will find no change in her affection for him, or his for her. I am sure we all wish him every possible success and happiness, and this testimonial, I know, is a true indication of the friendly feeling you have felt towards him for so long. You know he is a right good fellow, and he will keep these in memory of an event shortly to take place, and of your own good will for him, and the work he has done for this Association for so long a time past.

The presentation was then made amid loud cheers. The address, which was brilliantly illuminated, was as follows:—

"Hertford County Association of Change-Ringers.—This testimonial, together with a marble timepiece, was presented to Edward Percy Debenham, Esq., by the undersigned members of the Hertford County Association of Change-Ringers, as a memento of his marriage, and in recognition of services rendered as honorary secretary of the above Association. Easter, 1897."

The timepiece, a very handsome one, was supplied by Mr. N. N. Hills, of St. Albans, a member of the Association.

Mr. Percy Debenham, on rising to reply, was cheered again and again. He had been, he said, taken quite by surprise, for when he entered the room he had no idea that their kindness would be shown in so marked a manner as it had been by the presentation to him of the timepiece and beautiful testimonial, and further by the hearty enthusiasm with they received him. What he had done for the Association had been to him a labour of love; and this would be his last year in the units, for he would then enter upon the tens; and if that evening or at no distant date they might think a change had better be brought about, he would be very glad to assist anyone whom they might like to appoint to the post he had now the honour to occupy. He had to thank the Archdeacon for the kind words he had used in presenting the testimonial to him, and he would long cherish a lively recollection of the happy hours and days which he had spent with the members of this Association.

The annual report and balance-sheet was then submitted to the meeting by Mr. Debenham; the balance in favour of the Association being £13 17s., and

The Lord Bishop, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, congratulated the members on the satisfactory statements which had been put before them. He was quite sure there was no parochial clergyman present who did not rather envy the Association of its financial position; and more than that, there were many diocesan funds which he wished were in an equally flourishing condition, taking the sums in proportion. The report, he thought, was a very cheering one, and he hoped that what had been expressed in it both as to the work of the Association in connection with the Jubilee, and with regard to the extension of their work, would be realised. He always felt somewhat diffident in addressing an assembly as this, because he was no bellringer, and there were certain terms which sounded to him very magnificent, and he was quite willing to accept them as magnificent, but if he were to be examined on them as to what they exactly meant, he was afraid he would show most deplorable ignorance. As a churchman, as a clergyman, and still more as Bishop, he however welcomed most heartily anything which would promote the science of bellringing. The English bells were one of the characteristics of this country, and bellringing was also a characteristic of England, and such an Association as this did much to maintain it at a high standard of excellence. His lordship then spoke of bellringing as being closely connected with the work of the Church and worship of God, and expressed his thankfulness that there was such an Association as this in the diocese.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. R. A. Squires, and unanimously adopted. All the officers of the Association were

re-elected. Several new members were elected, and the provisional election of others confirmed.

Votes of thanks to the Ven. the Archdeacon of St. Albans for presiding, and also to the Archdeacon and Rev. R. A. Squires for placing the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's churches at the disposal of the members, were cordially carried, and the Chairman having replied, the proceedings terminated.

The next meeting will be held at Bushey.

In the belfry of St. Peter's Church, on Sunday morning, the members of the St. Peter's Society of change ringers made a present to Mr. E. P. Debenham, one of their number, on the occasion of his approaching marriage. Mr. Debenham has always taken a keen interest in the work and the welfare of the ringers, and has gained their high esteem, and the present was subscribed to as a slight token of their cordial feelings of goodwill towards him. The present, which was supplied by Mr. N. N. Hills, of St. Peter's Street, consisted of an elegant dinner gong, of novel design. The base is of oak, supporting a pair of polished buffalo horns, from which is suspended an electroplated bell—a very appropriate design. The inscription is as follows:—"Presented to E. P. Debenham, Esq., by the St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, on the occasion of his marriage, April 27th, 1897."

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this society was held at Sutton, on Easter Monday. The peal of eight at Benhilton and the Cheam ring of six were in full swing from early in the afternoon until half-past five, when the whole of the members attending, to the number of seventy, adjourned to the Shaftesbury Coffee tavern, when ample justice was done to the excellent high tea there provided. After tea, the usual business meeting followed, the Rev. C. Carey Taylor, M.A., vicar of Benhilton, being voted to the chair. The Vicar welcomed the members of the Association to Benhilton, and hoped it would not be long before they came again. Twelve months ago he looked upon bellringing as a mere exhibition of strength, but he had now learned that it was something more than that, and considered that change-ringers were entitled to be classed as artists. The local representative, Mr. Charles Deau, read a letter he had received from Mr. R. B. Blanchard, the hon. Secretary, enclosing a formal tender of resignation in consequence of his having taken a business which would prevent his giving to the position that attention which it demanded.

It was resolved that the resignation be accepted with regret, and on the motion of Mr. W. P. Routh, of (Sutton), seconded by Mr. Northfield, of (Cheam), it was resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Blanchard for his valuable services as Hon. Secretary. Mr. Dean was then elected Secretary for the evening. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter received from the Chaplain was read, stating in reply to the Association's invitation to the Archbishop of Canterbury to become President in place of the late Archbishop, that his grace could not accede to the request as he was not accepting offices in societies and associations which had not to do with his own Diocese. It was resolved that the Bishop of Rochester be asked to become President. It was reported that during the quarter two peals of Stedman and one of Grandsire Triples had been rung by members of the Association, and they were ordered to be entered in the peal book.

The following were elected members of the association, Messrs. C. Sloper, J. Haywood, S. Smithers and T. Webb (Benhilton), E. T. Grove, H. Greenhill (Ewell), and H. Elliott (Leatherhead). The Rev. C. C. Taylor was elected as honorary member. As the meeting was unable to nominate anyone willing to act as Secretary, Mr. Dean promised to do the necessary work until the next meeting, and he was accordingly appointed *pro tem*. It was arranged that a meeting of the representatives should be called shortly to prepare the annual report, and also that the next meeting should be held at Reigate and Redhill on August Bank Holiday. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting, and the members then returned to the towers and brought round several touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, etc.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting was held at Brighton on Easter Monday, April 19th. Ringing commenced soon after 9.30 p.m., in the tower of St. Peter's (eight bells) and St. Nicholas (ten bells). At Twelve o'clock a short special service was held at St. Peter's, some sixty ringers attending. The Rev. Canon Cooper (of Cuckfield) gave an excellent address, pointing out the necessity of being good Christians and good Englishmen, if they would be good ringers.

At 1.0 p.m. an excellent luncheon was served by Messrs. Booth in the Royal Pavilion, the Mayor of Brighton being in the chair. After full justice had been done the Mayor gave the ringers' toast of "Church and Queen," and referring to the Diamond Jubilee, stated his belief that from every tower the ringers would show their loyalty and thankfulness, and would materially aid in the universal feeling of joy.

A welcome and appropriate interlude on the handbells having been brought round, Mr. Geo. F. Attree, Master of the Association, read a letter explaining the non-attendance of the Lord Bishop of Chichester. He then, in appropriate terms, proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, and to the Rev. Canon Cooper for his sermon.

The Mayor and the rev. Canon having returned thanks, the Hon. Secretary read letters regretting absence from the Dean of Battle, the Ven. Archdeacon Sutton, the Rev. K. H. Macdermott, and Mr. W. F. Tompkins (Hon. Treasurer), also a letter reporting the somewhat sudden death of an honorary member, the Rev. Prebendary Sutton. A vote of sympathy was accorded and the Hon. Secretary was requested to forward the same to Mrs. Sutton.

The Mayor having to preside at another meeting, left amidst the acclamation of all present.

The Master having taken the chair, gave a slight resume of the state of ringing in the county. The challenge bell would remain in the charge of the St. Peter's branch with 520 points, the next on the list being Henfield with some 300 points.

The President and Vice-Presidents, the Masters, the Hon. Secretaries, and Divisional Secretaries, the Hon. Treasurer and Auditors, were thanked for their efforts, and unanimously re-elected.

The report and balance-sheet were read by the Hon. Sec. and adopted, the members being congratulated on the excellent balance in hand of £25.

Mr. George Williams was elected as representative on the Central Council in place of Mr. J. Parker, resigned.

One hon. and twelve active members were elected. The Life subscription of non-resident independent members was reduced to five shillings.

It was resolved that information as to the times of ringing and methods practised be inserted in the report.

A technical committee to advise on any work in towers or bells was also sanctioned.

After a vote of thanks to the officers and to the chairman, the members returned to the various ringing-chambers.

#### KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

##### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, April 25th, on the occasion of two new trebles being added to the peal of six bells at St. Mary's church, nine members of the above society rang (after the dedication service) several well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples before and after Divine Service in the afternoon. The two new trebles were given by the rector of the parish. The "go" of the bells, which were augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, are all that can be desired. H. Spencer, 1; A. Jacobs (conductor), 2; S. Wade, 3; J. Miller, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; H. Newby, 6; A. Miller, 7; H. Childs, 8. W. Pickworth also took part in several of the touches. The ringers wish to take this opportunity to thank the Rector for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

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## MEN AND MANNERS.

Bravo! Bracknall. "I told you so." And so they have rung it. To ring a silent peal in seven Surprise Methods is no child's play and yet there are amongst us those who think very small beer of Minor ringing. I had intended to have a pun or two on the names of the band, but I forbear. The chief's leaderette in last week's "B.N." was well-timed, so no more need be said. But, here come the Killamarsh band on the trail with fifteen Surprise Methods all in a 5400! A pity they did not get the long peal, but to wind up with one like this almost makes one gasp for breath. Once more, but: are my Tyke Borderers aware that their peal is outside the definition given by the Central Council? I simply mention this, as we have nearly gone to sleep these last six months. The six-bell question, like the Eastern problem is ever and anon cropping up, and I thought perhaps a dig in the ribs would cause its annual resurrection. See?

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The war news from the East is unwelcome to the friends of Greece. As these lines are written nearly a week in advance there may be a turn in the tide before they see the light and personally I hope so. Corruption may be preying upon the vitals of the political system of which the Sultan is the head, but it is clear that the martial valour of the Turk is not yet quenched, and that the Turkish soldier, as a fighter, is not unequal to the task of maintaining the military traditions of his race. Whether the undoubted gallantry of the Greeks will in any way retrieve what has been lost remains to be seen, but what we have gathered from the most recent struggles is that the Turks are finely officered and equipped. Flushed with victory, they may be eager to pursue their advantage and we can expect thrilling messages from the seat of war. It is better that the strife should be short though sharp whatever the issue may be. The Peace-loving "Concert" obviously intends to allow the combatants to fly at each other's throats as long as both are able, and then to step in at the psychological moment and prevent a mortal blow. Dignified? Very!

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Several English nurses have already proceeded to the seat of war, welcomed by the Crown Princess of Greece, and Hellenic sympathisers and Greek residents are organising a movement succouring the sick and wounded of both armies. Humanity should know no difference in race or religion, and any such movement would simply follow the lines adopted during the Franco-German War of 1870 and the Russo-Turkish struggle of seven years later, when assistance was given impartially to sufferers, whether friend or foe. Although the ambulance preparations of the Greeks are believed to be unusually complete, the amount of suffering must be appalling. The carnage going on among the mountains of Macedonia for a week past, I am of opinion can scarcely be realised by us, who, from personal experience know nothing of actual warfare.

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Many eyes would undoubtedly scan the peal columns of last week's "B.N." in vain. Mine did. What with the long peal of Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and a 17,000 of Caters at Wolverhampton, I thought possibly some record had got to take a back seat, but, softly; it did not come off. The Thames has not yet been ablaze, and the "wolves" can prowl around until another opportunity occurs of giving "fits" to the Appleton heroes. Plucky, no doubt, these "wolves" to attempt to knock every other record higher than the proverbial kite, but these long peals are much easier talked about than rung. We frequently come across the ambitious novice who feels he can ring a 20,000 "like winking," but let him stand at the tail-end of a rope for say six hours, and then ask him his opinion. He will still believe in his ability, but will omit the "easy as winking" phrase and enquire the quickest way to the nearest pub—ahem! I mean hotel. 'Twas ever thus, is now, and ever shall be.

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It is said that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has instructed those in authority to curtail the religious ceremony on Jubilee Day as much as possible. The last great state occasion in

which Her Majesty was subject to anything like prolonged exertion was the opening of the Imperial Institute. On that occasion the Queen had to be conveyed through the main entrance to the Institute, and thence to the structure which had been erected on the site of the Grand Hall. Her Majesty was assisted to the dais by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, and it was observed that Her Majesty's frailty made this support absolutely essential. On reaching the state chair she was so fatigued that she could not extend her arm to press the electric button designed to start the bells ringing in the tower, so this was done by the Prince. Knowing the physical weakness, and the strain which will be caused by the huge procession, H.R.H. has cut the religious ceremony down as low as possible, and would have dispensed with it altogether, had it not been for outward appearances. 'Tis better so. Certain ministers are writing to the press complaining that they (Nonconformists) are not invited to "offer up a prayer," etc. I should think that the Almighty would hear their prayers at home and before Jubilee day if they are so anxious. This cant about praying in public is fairly sickening. If there were no public demonstration, I venture to say there would be very little desire for supplication on the part of some of these. Is it disloyal to say that there are millions who need the prayers of the sincere?

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This brings me to a peal rung at Bangor, North Wales. I regret to notice that the performance took place on Good Friday. I should like to ask the ringers, and also the reverend gentleman who rang in it, whether they honestly think that peal-ringing ought to be encouraged on such a day? Understand me, I speak as a friend as well as critic. There is, I am afraid, very little of the saint about me, except what you might discover through the wrong end of a telescope, but I do hold strong views about Good Friday. I believe that of all days in the Christian year that day should be held most sacred. It may be argued that the bells were muffled, but does that disguise the fact that a peal-ringing achievement was accomplished on the day we should regard as the most holy? I feel convinced that if the band will ask themselves the questions I refrain from putting to them, they will admit what I say. I hope my words will not cause offence. I should not like the idea to become prevalent that the bells are not rung for the glory of God, but for that of the ringer. Some Associations in their rules try to discourage peal-ringing on Sundays, and that being so, what greater stress ought to be laid upon the day of all days? Personally, I should not regard a special peal on a Sunday as a very grievous affair, but to attempt a 5000 on Good Friday I hope will never fall to the lot of

JINGLE.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Easter Monday eight members of the above society paid a visit to East Grinstead for the purpose of attempting a peal of Treble Bob Major. Meeting at Speldhurst at 7.45 a.m., a trap kindly provided by one of the members was in readiness, and all were soon seated for a drive through fourteen miles of splendid scenery, the woods and meadows being thickly studded with cowslips and primroses. Passing through the village of Ashurst with its quaint old church and wooden tower, over Holtze Common and through Hammer Wood, East Grinstead was reached at 10 a.m. Here everything was found in readiness for the visitors, and after refreshing the inner man a move was made for the tower, from the top of which a magnificent view of the surrounding country was obtained. Next came the main object of the outing, a peal. After a short touch a start was made at 11.34 a.m., and at 2.51 p.m. the welcome "that's all" concluded the first peal of Major on this grand ring of bells, the "go" of which reflects great credit on Mr. Huggett, the steeplekeeper.

After attending to the wants of the inner man a start was made for the return journey by a different route, viz., Forest Row, Hatfield, Withyham and Groombridge, Speldhurst being reached at 6 p.m., all being well satisfied with the day's outing. The ringers wish through this paper to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Huggett for having everything in readiness.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above took place at Norton, on Easter Monday, and the weather being favourable, members attended in full force, making the gathering a complete success. The Treeton company opened the day with a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major, this being rung very creditably for a six-bell company. The visitors were extremely anxious to both test and hear the new peal so recently restored, and to enable the various bands to do this only short touches were indulged in till 1.30, when a cessation was made for dinner, which was provided by Mr. Slater, of The New Inn (a member of the local band) and needless to say was done justice to. After dinner the meeting was held, upwards of fifty members being present from the following places: Sheffield, Bradfield, Bolsterstone, Ecclesfield, Rotherham, Treeton, Killamarsh, Eckington, Staveley, Chesterfield and Dronfield, together with the local band. Mr. W. J. Nicholson was voted to the chair. The minutes having been confirmed the Secretary read the balance-sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1896. The Society was shewn to be in a satisfactory position, having a balance on the right side, also an increase in the membership. Attention was here called by the Secretary to the Staveley company entering their peals in "THE BELL NEWS" with the Yorkshire Association first. The Staveley members kindly consented to in future give the O. E. D. the first credit. Correspondence having passed between the Secretaries of the East Derbyshire and Old East Derbyshire Associations with a view of amalgamating, the matter was discussed by the meeting, when Mr. Thomas proposed, and Mr. D. Brearley seconded, that the committee act as a deputation with a view to arranging a meeting with the officials of the other Society, should they be in the same way disposed.

The following officers were elected: Mr. W. J. Nicholson, President (re-elected); Messrs. J. Allen, W. Lambert, H. Madin and T. Bettison, Vice-presidents; Mr. G. Marsden, Hon. Treasurer; and a committee of thirteen. The members being so anxious to get to the ropes the election of a Secretary was quite overlooked. Perhaps it was taken for granted that after seven years at the same post there was no more need for electing. I shall feel sorry if any member was disappointed in not being elected; should there be one, let him send his name, he can't do too much for the love of the Art.

Rotherham was unanimously agreed on for the next quarterly meeting. Mr. Whitworth proposed, and Mr. Lambert seconded, that Mr. T. Dixon (Sheffield), and Squire Mitchell (Batley Carr) be again invited to act as judges for the Cup Contest on Whit-Monday, which was unanimously carried.

The chairman, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, alluded to the splendid tone of the same, and said the people of Norton ought to congratulate themselves on having such a splendid peal.

Mr. D. Brearley, in seconding the vote, said he could endorse the chairman's remarks, and he considered the peal a credit to the firm of Taylor and Co., and he hoped a note to that effect would be put in the Secretary's report to "THE BELL NEWS."

It was proposed by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Mottershall, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Mr. and Mrs. Slater for the splendid repast they set before them.

It was proposed by Mr. Brearley, seconded by Mr. J. Allen, that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the chairman for presiding.

The Sheffield handbell ringers gave a selection of tunes on their bells during the afternoon, and the Staveley men also rung a few courses on the same with great credit. The tower bells were also kept going until a late hour. Upwards of seventy ringers were present during the day, some bringing their wives with them, and the little village was quite *en fete*, every one seeming to enjoy thoroughly the day's outing, praise of the bells being on the lips of all. E. J.

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## PERSHORE ABBEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

An announcement in these columns appeared a short time ago to the effect that the bells of this historic Abbey had been put into a condition known by the word "pealable." Such good news as this was a regular "Parshore plum." Messrs. Barwell, bellfounders, of Birmingham, were employed to do the needful, which comprised a recasting of the 4th, and the rehanging, with new fittings, of the 7th and tenor. As these celebrated bells have by a competent writer been declared to be the most tuneful and grand of any among rings of eight, it was a great pleasure to hear that, at last, competent hands were to be engaged in making them ringable. And that the work which has been done by Messrs. Barwell is excellent of its kind, the peal rang upon them on Easter Monday is a sufficient guarantee.

The writer of these lines, and his old schoolfellow Mr. W. Short, had long nursed an ambition to ring a peal together on the bells of their native town. Bearing in mind the good news of a bell-restoration at the Abbey, they at once communicated with the foreman of the local band: and his reply—gladly welcomed—was that the bells were pealable, and ready.

Easter Monday being the first available day, it was decided to attempt a peal then. A band having been selected, the final arrangement fixed a meeting at Kidderminster station on that morning at 9.16.: 'Dolph to go down on the Saturday to see that every thing is all right. The morning opened bright, and gave promise of a nice fine day. A pleasant ride through parts of that county aptly denominated "the garden of England," Pershore—the land, *par excellence*, of plums, and much other fruit—was reached at 10.30. As the attempt could not be made until after morning service, 12.0 was fixed as the hour of assembly 'neath the lofty tower of the old Abbey. All met to time—all were eager to enter and explore the mysteries of the narrow passages, or corridors, which give access to the inimitable ringing-chamber. A brief examination of the bells, and the usual preliminaries being respected, at 1.30 the great word "Go," was uttered, and a peal of Double Norwich Court commenced. All went on grandly till over the half-way, when a visitor, with the greatest *nonchalance* imaginable, was seen making his way up the iron staircase leading to the ringing-chamber. A most emphatic shout—"go down," from at least one-half the company, greeted the ears of this visitor in search of the curious, who turned back, probably wondering why he had met with such an hostile ovation. This episode was soon forgotten amid the work of the method, and the music of these grand bells, as it rolled forth from the time-honored tower, and as the changes followed each other in harmonious sequence, excellence in the striking was fully maintained until that most welcome incantation—"That's all!" proclaimed that the first peal of Major, and the second peal on the bells, was an accomplished fact. Then after some firing, and a splendid "fall" in peal, the company left the unique ringing-chamber and descended, to receive the hearty congratulations of their brethren who had journeyed from Birmingham, King's Norton, Kidderminster, Clent, Little Comberton, etc., to listen to the ringing. These were unanimous in declaring that it was a well-struck peal, and that they had been highly delighted with the continued stream of melody which had poured from the Abbey tower.

After partaking of a hasty tea, then 1½ miles' walk to the railway station, the company departed for Worcester, to meet their brethren of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, then assembled at Annual Meeting, and were able to take part in ringing at the Cathedral.

The company embrace this opportunity of thanking the Rev. J. Allan Bell, for so readily granting permission; also Mr. W. Need and the local ringers for their endeavours to make the visit a successful and enjoyable one. A. ROBERTS.

**CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).**—On Sunday morning, April 18th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. M. Close, 1; W. Freestone, 2; H. Morgan, 3; R. Thompson (conductor), 4; G. Watkins, 5; J. Prickett, 6; J. Morley, 7; T. Collinson, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. M. Close, 1; T. Collinson (conductor), 2; H. Morgan, 3; G. Watkins, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Prickett, 6; J. Morley, 7; A. Couldrick, 8. And 224 Bob Major. M. Close, 1; J. Prickett, 2; T. Collinson, 3; H. Morgan, 4; W. Freestone, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; G. Watkins, 8. First touch of Major by Messrs. Close and Morgan.



## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at Leicester on Easter Monday, when a great muster assembled from Derby, Burton, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Duffield, Long Eaton, etc. The peals of ten at St. Margaret's and St. Mark's churches were in full swing shortly after noon, and as the peals of eight at St. Mary's, St. Mark's, and St. Saviour's churches were also available, surely all had ample opportunity to exhibit their skill. A short service was held in St. Margaret's at three o'clock, with an address by the Vicar on their moral duties as ringers, as taught by the inscriptions on our ancient bells, more especially by the bells of St. Margaret's. These duties, he said, were well summed up by the inscription on the 3rd bell, viz.: "Do all to the glory of God."

At 4.30 some sixty-eight members and friends, including the President (A. P. Heywood, Esq.), the Rev. A. M. Rendell (Vicar of St. Margaret's), the Rev. L. Donaldson (Vicar of St. Mark's), sat down to a capital meat tea, which had been provided at St. Margaret's coffee house. At the general meeting which immediately followed, two hon. members, viz.: the Rev. Canon Saunders, Vicar of St. Martin's; and the Rev. M. Bird, Vicar of Walton-on-the-Wolds; and seven ringing members, were elected. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and signed, and the Treasurer's accounts passed.

The President, in addressing the meeting, said it was hardly necessary to speak about the record of the past year, as they would find that fully dealt with in the report; he must however mention the following: the silent peal of Stedman on handbells; the large record of the Derby branch; the valuable assistance of Mr. Carter's band; and lastly, the large number of bands who had achieved peals. He thanked the Vicar of St. Margaret's for welcoming the Association at his church, and hoped that all would give heed to his very helpful address. In accordance with a recommendation of the Central Council these short services were held, and he hoped that all would feel it their bounden duty to attend and make them a success. He regretted that many had been obliged to go elsewhere for tea, and hoped that in future all would forward their names, as requested in "THE BELL NEWS."

The general officers were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. A. Wakley.

Mr. Cooper then proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and especially to the Vicar of St. Margaret's, who, he said, had always done everything in his power for ringers. Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

The Rev. A. M. Rendell (Vicar of St. Margaret's), in responding, said he was always pleased to welcome the Association to Leicester, and he delighted in hearing St. Margaret's bells, especially when they were rung well. Years ago he felt the necessity of banding the various ringers in the town under some society or guild, but this had unfortunately dropped through, lacking the support of the other clergy. He hoped some day, however, that some such society would become an accomplished fact.

The Rev. L. Donaldson (Vicar of St. Mark's), also responding, created amusement by the following: "St. Mark's bells," he said, "struck up a merry peal at the conclusion of a marriage ceremony at which I had officiated. The bridegroom expressed his pleasure thereat, but was dissatisfied when I offered to thank the ringers, and instead, wished to leave them a token of his appreciation. I expected at least a half-sovereign; judge then of my surprise and amusement when he pulled out two sixpences!" (The two sixpences have been handed over to the treasurer, and will duly appear in the Association accounts.)

Burton-on-Trent was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Maskrey, seconded by Mr. Thornley; and Sheepshed as the rendezvous for the next quarterly meeting, on the motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Aldham. A vote of thanks to the President was then proposed by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Draper, and this concluded the business of the meeting.

Members who were not obliged to hurry away to catch their trains passed the evening pleasantly enough at the opera house, or with the handbells in host Cooper's cosy parlour.

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## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of this Association was held at Trevelthyn on Easter Monday, Trevelthyn parish includes within its limits the old and important town of Pont-y-pool. The town lies in a valley, whilst the old parish church, like many of the old parish churches in Glamorgan and Monmouthshire, is situated on the top of one of the mountains which flank the valley. The walk up the mountain-side to the church is very enjoyable, and the wide pathway winds pleasantly through a shady wood and several fields, where, at intervals, seats are placed for the convenience of pedestrians and sauntering pleasure-seekers who are always to be found here. We can quite understand the fact that on fine days the old parish church, in spite of its remoteness, is filled to overflowing both morning and evening. The writer of these notes, as he wended his way to the meeting on Easter Monday, was charmed with the beauty of the walk, and the sound of the distant bells growing more and more distinct and melodious enhanced the pleasure of the walk.

The church, which is beautifully kept and looked after with scrupulous care, wears a pleasing and old-world appearance, both restful to the eye and soothing to the mind. The Vicar—the Rev. C. E. T. Griffith, M.A., said evensong, at which most of the ringers were present. He also took the chair at the meeting, and tendered to the Association a most hearty welcome to his parish. He was pleased to think the diocese possessed such an association, which could not fail to advance and develop the science and art of bellringing, as well as prove beneficial to all towers, particularly to those in need of instruction. Several matters of importance were discussed with interest by the members. Twenty-one new members were enrolled, in which we were rejoiced to find included the Vicar as an honorary member, and the bands of two towers in the diocese, viz.: Trevelthyn and St. Fagans, as performing members.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for his manifold kindness in connection with the service and the meeting.

During the day the ringers availed themselves of the bells, and to all, so far as we could gather, the outing proved a most pleasant holiday. G.

## THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual meeting of the above Association was held at Stamford, on Easter Monday, which was attended by representatives from Hough-on-the-hill, Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir, Morton, Crowland, and the members of the St. Martin's Scholars, Stamford, and was a great success. A substantial dinner was provided at The Boat inn, for which credit is due to the host, Mr. Welborn.

At the meeting which followed (the Rev. H. Law James, in the chair), it was decided that the next place of meeting be Caythorpe. The report of the Hon. Secretary was then received, which showed a good balance on the right side. After the election of several new members, Mr. Wadsley declared his intention of resigning the position of Hon. Secretary to the association, owing to business which prevented his fulfilling that office after having occupied the position for several years. Mr. E. Gale was proposed by Mr. Harper, and seconded by Mr. K. S. Cox, to fill the vacated office, which was unanimously carried.

Mr. Heald proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wadsley for his past services, seconded by Mr. Fowler and carried unanimously.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the officers for past services, and the day was finished up with various touches on the bells of St. Martin's, St. Mary's, St. Michael's and All Saints.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1897.

We have again the gratification to record the beginning of another "course" of "THE BELL NEWS," this number commencing Volume XVI. The gratitude which we owe to all our friends for their support and encouragement during the period of our journal's existence, is real and genuine.

We have under our consideration several ideas of improvement, which will develop themselves shortly. We shall not be found to retrace our steps in any way, or go backward one inch. Our idea is to make the only ringers' journal one worthy of its mission, and of the art of which it is the exponent and representative—sometimes, indeed, its defender. Those who are competent to speak, have given us credit for the courage we have shown during the past sixteen years in keeping the journal to the fore, through every difficulty and danger which is known to beset a class newspaper. Our courage will be kept up so long as our old friends adhere to us, and our new ones of the rising generation welcome us.

We may be allowed to point to the fact that at the

present time the circulation of "THE BELL NEWS" is higher than ever it has been. But our readers will not object to the assertion that it is really necessary, if the paper is to become more effective than ever as a ringer's organ, this circulation must not only be kept up, but it must be vastly increased. If the number of change-ringers is considered, our circulation is not one-third of what it ought to be. There is nothing new in this statement, unfortunately. There are very few ringers indeed who do not read this paper every week, but we are sorry to say that only a moiety of them purchase it. It is not unreasonable to expect that such a paper should be well supported by those for whom it is published. No one concerned in its production expects or desires a great profit thereby. But to run the journal upon philanthropic lines is not practicable. We therefore ask our brother ringers to make a rally in favour of the circulation—an attempt to increase it, to double it in fact ought to be an easy matter, if our friends will only try. Our columns have for sixteen years been open ungrudgingly to every member of the Exercise for the promotion of objects they have wished to advance: any and every movement for their benefit, convenience, and satisfaction. Will they now understand that some little extra co-operation on their part is only fair, and at the same time honestly due?

**DEFECTIVE REPORTS.**—It is our duty again to call attention to inaccuracies and omissions in reports sent for publication. More care should be exercised in these things. Last week a peal was sent without the number of changes, and two others have to be corrected this week. In this number two notices of meetings are without dates.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5220 CHANGES.

JOHN BONNEY .. .. .Treble.	SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. . 6.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3.	*ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. 8.
EDWARD WALLAGE* .. .. 4.	ARTHUR BARKUS .. .. 9.
JAMES SCHOLES* .. .. 5.	*JAMES MONDAY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by MATTHEW A. WOOD and

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

\*First peal of Grandsire Caters. This was the first peal on the bells in this tower.

### The Provinces.

#### PORTSEA, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(PORTSEA BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

J. HARPER .. .. .Treble.	E. REYNOLDS .. .. . 5.
E. NEWMAN .. .. . 2.	*J. SYMONS .. .. . 6.
C. GROVES .. .. . 3.	J. GOULD .. .. . 7.
J. T. MATTHEWS .. .. 4.	J. DOVER .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by J. SYMONS.

\*First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by a local band.

#### EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 19, 1897, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ANDREW L. WELSH .. ..Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 6.
RICHARD PELLING .. .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. Welsh hails from Tunbridge Wells; the Messrs. Card from Southborough; the rest from Speldhurst.

#### BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 19, 1897, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following;

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

C. WEIR .. .. .Treble.	A. ROBINSON .. .. . 4.
W. J. DAVISON .. .. 2.	*H. KING .. .. . 5.
S. LOWE .. .. . 3.	S. CONSTANT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. CONSTANT.

\*First peal. Messrs. Constant, Lowe, and Robinson belong to St. Peter's, Bedford; the rest belong to the local company. This is the first peal on the bells since the restoration, and the first by the Association apart from the St. Paul's company, Bedford.

#### PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 19, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF SS. MARY AND EDBURGA, AND

THE HOLY CROSS,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D flat.

NOAH DAVIS .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 6.
RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 4.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

#### HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. ..Treble.	*CHARLES FRENCH .. .. 5.
THOMAS HUDSON, SEN. .. 2.	*WALTER TARLING .. .. 6.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 3.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 7.
WALTER W. TUCKER .. 4.	JOSEPH SAMPFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

†First peal in the method. \*First peal. This peal was arranged for Mr. T. Hudson, sen., of Sunderland.

#### PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM HUNT .. ..Treble.	CHARLES ANDERSON .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 2.	JOSEPH SMITH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DOWSETT .. .. 3.	JOHN PERRY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM DUDLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD and Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

.. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## WOODFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of the following:

Oxford Single, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and one 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH MARKS* .. .. Treble.	*JOHN KIMBERLEY .. .. 4.
WILLIAM MILLER* .. .. 2.	†HARRY GOWERS .. .. 5.
JOHN MARDELL* .. .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

JOHN SMART .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SMART .. .. 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the conductor's 300th peal, a list of which will be found on another page.

## LOW MOOR, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT SIMPSON .. .. Treble.	*JOHN PRATT .. .. 5.
WM. REED* .. .. 2.	HERBERT KERSHAW .. .. 6.
ABSALOM WILKINSON .. .. 3.	JAMES W. EMMETT .. .. 7.
THOMAS SIMPSON .. .. 4.	CHARLES DRACUP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by CHARLES DRACUP.

W. Reed hails from Lightcliffe; the rest are of the local company. \*First peal.

## FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM OSTLER .. .. Treble.	HENRY FOLKARD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. READ .. .. 6.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 3.	SAMUEL GARNHAM .. .. 7.
JOHN SELF .. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. E. READ and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

This peal has only the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6ths place at the course-ends, and is now rung for the first time. The brothers Wightman hail from Creetingham; the rest are local men.

## OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE B. RAYBOULD .. Treble.	GEORGE PARISH .. .. 5.
JOHN W. SMITH .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM GREEN .. .. 7.
HARRY MASON .. .. 4.	MATTHEW HACKETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Messrs. Raybould and Hackett hail from Halesowen; Smith (2) from Netherton; Micklewright from Dudley; the rest are local men. Several years have elapsed since the last peal was achieved on these bells.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 25, 1897, in Two Hours Eleven-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. WILLIAMS, 2, GROVE STREET,  
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MRS. GEORGE WILLIAMS 1-2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 5-6.
KEITH HART .. .. 3-4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Umpire—V. Scardifield.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 27, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT MARTIN .. .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
FRANK A. SMITH* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 3.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. E. P. Debenham, Hon. Secretary of the Association, on the occasion of his marriage. \*First peal with a bob bell.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The footnote to the peal rang at Crawley on April 18th, should have said the quickest peal of Major on the bells, not the quickest peal, as there has been peals of Triples rang in less time than the above-mentioned peal.—The peal of Grandsire at St. Woolos, Newport, recorded last week, was conducted by Mr. J. Trowbridge from the 7th, and not by John Cox. Also that the weight of the tenor is 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. It was cast by Messrs. Mears about three years ago.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, April 21st, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Faulkner and Miss Preston, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; H. Garfath (conductor), 2; F. Bennett, 3; J. Hawker, 4; A. Le Clercq, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Claphaw, 7; —. Herrington, 8.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, March 28th, for service, 504 Stedman Triples, J. Harris, 1; E. Newman, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8. On Sunday, April 4th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Newman, 1; J. Symons, 2; C. Groves, 3; A. Tomlins, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8. On Monday, April 5th, for practice, 840 Grandsire Triples. P. Hammond, 1; E. Newman, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Harper, 5; J. Symons (conductor), 6; A. Pye, 7; J. Dover, 8. On Sunday, April 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; E. Newman, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Gould, 5; J. Harper, 6; A. Pye (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday morning, before the early Celebration, 720 Violet Treble Bob. T. Ansell, 1; E. Jordan, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Before the eleven o'clock service 360 Cambridge Surprise. T. Ansell, 1; E. Jordan, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan, 6. Before the evening service 360 Superlative Surprise, standing as before.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING BARNET (Herts).—On Monday, April 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. \*E. Tubb, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; C. H. Martin (composer and conductor), 4; F. Carroway, 5; A. E. Dolton, 6; A. Belton, 7; †W. F. Dolton, 8. Also 168 Bob Triples, standing as above. \*First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples †Longest touch. Arrangements had been made for a peal of Bob Major, but owing to the non-arrival of some of the band the attempt was postponed, and the above was rung instead. E. Tubb hails from Finchley; C. H. Martin and F. Carroway from Hendon; W. J. Dell from Hadley; the rest are members of the local company.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, April 18th, for Divine



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Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Bedwell, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; G. Daynes (conductor), 3; W. Turner, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett, 7; F. Kettle, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins. W. Bedwell, 1; G. H. Daynes, 2; E. H. Nixon, 3; W. Turner, 4; H. Barrett, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. Kettle, 8.

MERSHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, April 10th, for practice at the church of St. John the Baptist, 1056 Bob Major. F. Paine, 1; E. Ruck, 2; E. Dixon, 3; A. Gower, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; G. Sharp, 6; D. Paine, 7; G. Paine, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Paine, 1; E. Ruck, 2; G. Paine, 3; A. Gower, 4; W. Hobbs (conductor), 5; G. Sharp, 6; D. Paine, 7; E. Dixon, 8. And 144 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Gower, 1; E. Ruck, 2; W. Hobbs (conductor), 3; G. Sharp, 4; D. Paine, 5; G. Paine, 6.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, April 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Beach, 1; G. Kite, 2; S. Hutson, 3; R. Staines, 4; E. Allen (conductor), 5; C. Millway, 6; W. Tassell, 7; W. Walker, 8. S. Beach hails from Rodmersham; Walker from Upchurch.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Saturday, April 10th, at St. Mary's church, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Robinson, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Thompson, 3; F. Sanders, 4; G. Hoad, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles. G. Thompson, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Sanders, 3; F. Hoad, jun., 4; G. Hoad, 5; J. Robinson, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Robinson, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Thompson, 3; F. Sanders, 4; G. Hoad, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Robinson, 1; F. Hoad, jun., 2; J. Hoad, 3; G. Hoad, 4; F. Sanders (conductor), 5; G. Thompson, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, February 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. H. Phillips, 1; F. Finch, 2; A. Child, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; T. Parsons, 2; A. Child, 3; C. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. The bells were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late W. Krel, Esq.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, March 14th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Little (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 16th, for practice, a 720 Durham Surprise. H. Little (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 25th, for practice, a 720 of Coventry Surprise (5th the Observation) in 23 mins. J. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Chichester Surprise. T. J. Watts, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Cambridge Surprise (5th the observation). W. Watts (conductor), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; J. Luckey, 5; G. Jordan, 6. On Sunday, March 28th, for morning service, a 720 of York Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 1st, for practice, a 720 of London Surprise (5th the observation), in 20 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNDON (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 21st, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. S. Collins, 1; R. Brock, 2; A. W. Grimes, 3; F. Alderton, 4; W. Groom, 5; W. Rumsey (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

WICKHAM SKETH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 21st, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Potter, 1; G. Cattermole, 2; A. W. Grimes, 3; C. Nunn, 4; W. Groom, 5; W. Rumsey (conductor), 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by A. Grimes and W. Groom and rung at the first attempt.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 21st, at the parish church, a 360 of Bob Major. W. Groom, 1; A. Grimes, 2; T. Bradlaugh, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Grimes, 5; H. Baldry, 6; W. Rumsey, 7; G. Rowe, 8. Messrs. Bradlaugh and Baldry hail from Brandeston. On Thursday, April 8th, 720 of Bob Minor. S. Collins, 1; J. Rumsey, 2; W. Rumsey, 3; A. Grimes, 4; W. Groom, 5; W. Grimes, 6. On Monday, April 12th, a 720 of Treble Bob Minor. W. Grimes, 1; S. Collins, 2; W. Groom, 3; A. Grimes, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; W. Rumsey, 6. First 720 in the method by S. Collins and J. Rumsey. And a 672 of Bob

Major. G. Rumsey, 1; W. Grimes (conductor), 2; W. Groom, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; A. Grimes, 5; G. Rowe, 6; W. Rumsey, 7; G. Rowe, 8. This is the longest length of Major by G. and J. Rumsey.

FRAMS DEN (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, March 23rd, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Creasy, 1; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 2; S. Wightman, 3; W. Groom, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; A. Woods, 6. And 336 Bob Major. J. Creasy, 1; S. Wightman, 2; W. Wightman, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; G. Perry (conductor), 5; W. Groom, 6; A. Bullock, 7; W. Rumsey, 8. On Tuesday, April 6th, a 560 of Bob Major. A. Woods, 1; A. Grimes, 2; W. Wightman, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; G. Wightman, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; A. Bullock, 7; A. S. Wightman, 8. And a course of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Grimes, 1; W. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman, 3; G. Perry, 4; G. Thurlow, 5; S. Wightman, 6; W. Rumsey, 7; A. S. Wightman, 8. First course of Treble Bob by A. Grimes and W. Wightman.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Saturday, April 10th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of London Surprise Major, which was lost after ringing ten courses in 1 hr. 23 mins. J. Mulligan, 1; G. Holmes, 2; W. Lomas, 3; J. Holman, 4; W. Burgar, 5; C. H. Hattersley, 6; T. Hattersley, 7; A. Brearley, 8. Composed and conducted by C. H. Hattersley.

## THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Saturday, April 17th, at St. Olave's church, City, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. T. H. Taffender (Southwark), 1; J. P. Bradley (West Ham), 2; W. Weatherstone (Greenwich), 3; A. J. Perkins (Romford), 4; W. H. George (Winchester), 5; A. Jacob (Hornsey, conductor), 6.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

LONDON.—On Monday, April 19th, at the church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, 1242 Grandsire Caters. H. Springall (conductor), 1; E. P. O'Meara, 2; R. Fenn, 3; J. Scholes, 4; A. Barkus, 5; E. Wallage, 6; E. Clayton, 7; F. Clayton, 8; E. Hall, 9; G. Barrell, 10. F. Clay-hails from Birmingham. On Friday, April 23rd (St. George's Day) for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major, 1280 changes, in 57 mins. J. W. Driver, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; H. Hoskins, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; I. G. Shade, 5; W. Burkin, 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; W. T. Cockerill (conductor), 8.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

CHEDDLETON (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, September 16th, at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Hassall (first 720 in the method), H. James, W. Gilbert, H. Shuker, H. Birch (conductor), E. Spooner. On Wednesday, October 7th, 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Gilbert, G. Sheldon (Leek), H. Shuker, A. Gilman (first 720 in the method, Horton). and the others as above. On Wednesday, October 21st, a 720 of Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Gilbert, T. Hassall (first 720 in the method), G. Sheldon, H. Birch (conductor), H. Shuker, E. Spooner. On Wednesday, November 11th, a 720 Oxford Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). H. Shuker, T. Hassall (first 720 in the method), W. Gilbert (first 720 in the method), H. Birch (conductor), J. Gilbert, E. Spooner. On Sunday, November 15th, 720 of Oxford Bob (thirty bobs and thirty singles). F. Costar (first 720 in the method), T. Hassall, G. Sheldon (conductor), H. Birch, H. Shuker, E. Spooner. On Saturday, November 21st, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). G. Cope (Leek, first 720 in the method), T. Hassall, W. Gilbert, J. Gilbert, H. Birch (conductor), E. Spooner. On Sunday, November 22nd, a 720 Oxford Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). G. Chell (first 720 in the method), H. Birch (conductor), the others as above. On Wednesday, December 2nd, a 720 College Pleasure (nine bobs). W. Gilbert (first in the method), J. E. Wheeldon (Bucknall), H. James, H. Birch (conductor), H. Shuker (first in the method), E. Spooner. On Saturday, December 12th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Hassall, W. Gilbert, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), H. Birch, H. Shuker, E. Spooner. First in the method by Messrs. Hassall and W. Gilbert. On Thursday, December 31st, 720 Grandsire (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). \*G. Chell, \*T. Hassall, \*W. Gilbert, H. Shuker, H. Birch (conductor), E. Spooner. \*First in the method. On Sunday, January 3rd, 1897, a 720 Oxford Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). G. Chell, J. Gilbert, W. Gilbert, H. Birch (conductor), H. Shuker, E. Spooner. On Sunday, February 7th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Costar, T. Hassall, J. Gilbert, H. Birch, H. Shuker (conductor), E. Spooner. First in the method by all and on the bells. On Saturday, February 13th, 720 Woodbine (nine bobs). T. Hassall, H. Birch, \*J. Moreton, H. Shuker, \*H. Cornell (conductor), E. Spooner. \*Hails from Kingsley. On Wednesday, March 10th, a 720 Darling Point Minor (nine bobs and six singles). F. Costar, T. Hassall, E. Spooner, H. Birch, H.

Shuker, F. Clowes (conductor). First in the method by all and also on the bells. On Saturday, March 13th, a 720 Oxford Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Costar, T. Hassall, J. E. Wheeldon, A. Gilman (first in the method), H. Birch (conductor), E. Spooner. On Saturday, March 13th, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). F. Costar, T. Hassall, H. Birch, A. Gilman, F. Clowes (conductor), E. Spooner. On Sunday, April 18th, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). G. Chell, \*F. Costar, T. Hassall, H. Birch (conductor), J. Gilbert, E. Spooner. \*First in the method.

HORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 21st, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). F. Poole, T. Hassall, T. Bradbury, A. Gilman, D. Bradbury, W. H. Shuker (conductor.)

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Easter Sunday morning, for early Celebration at the Cathedral, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. R. Hopkins, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; J. Thomas, 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. For the mid-day service 602 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; J. Thomas, 8. Also 168 in the same method. J. Clutterbuck, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; A. Rowley, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Clutterbuck, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; A. Rowley, 6; W. Coombes (composer and conductor), 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. This quarter-peal contains Queens, Tittums and Whittingtons.

TREVETHIN.—On Monday, April 19th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the above Association, 602 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (composer and conductor), 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. And 336 in the same method. W. Lloyd, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; B. Tilley, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On Sunday, March 7th, at the parish church, 720 Kent. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On Wednesday, March 10th, 720 Duke of York, standing as above. On Saturday, March 13th, 720 each of Woodbine and Duke of York, standing as above. On Sunday, March 14th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Timbrell, 1; J. Kenyon, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On Wednesday, March 17th, 720 Violet. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On Sunday, March 21st, 720 in the same method, standing as above. On Wednesday, March 24th, 720 New London, standing as above. First in the method on the bells and by all the band. On Saturday, March 27th, two 720s, each containing twenty-two singles. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; E. Timbrell (conductor), 5; T. Seed, 6. On Sunday, March 28th, 720 Grandsire. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On Wednesday, March 31st, 720 College Single. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed (first in the method), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; E. Timbrell (conductor), 5; T. Seed, 6. On Saturday, April 10th, 720 Duke of York. T. Seed, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; J. Mather, 5; E. Timbrell, 6. Also 720 Violet. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; J. Mather, 6. And 720 Woodbine. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Mather, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. J. Mather hails from Higher Walton, and it was his first attempt in the above methods. On Sunday, April 11th, 720 Kent. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. Also 720 Oxford (fifteen bobs), standing as above.

HOGHTON (Lancashire).—Recently for afternoon service at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Moulden, 1; T. Farnworth, 2; T. Calderbank (conductor), 3; W. Timbrell, 4; J. Harrison, 5; J. Vogwill, sen., 6; E. Timbrell, 7; J. Mather, 8.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—Recently for evening service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Richards, 1; J. Smith, jun., 2; W. Slater, 3; W. Timbrell, 4; E. Timbrell, 5; J. Scholey, 6; J. Walker (conductor), 7; M. Adams, 8.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ELY.—On Monday, April 19th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. M. Croft, Esq., 1; H. Sharp, 2; J. Taylor, 3; G. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; W. Kempton, 6; A. Markwell (conductor), 7; J.

Vail, 8. And 210 in the same method. A. Seymour, 1; J. Keeler, 2; J. Taylor, 3; G. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; W. Kempton, 6; A. Markwell (conductor), 7; J. Vail, 8. Messrs. W. Taylor and Keeler hail from Newmarket; Markwell, Sharp and R. M. Croft from Wilburton; Kempton, J. and G. Taylor from Cambridge; the rest belong to the local company. First attempt in the method by R. M. Croft and J. Keeler. Tenor 19 cwt.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, April 4th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. P. H. Read, 1; F. Glennerster, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; William Norris, 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. V. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Parker (first 720), 1; W. Carpenter, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; W. Morris, 5; G. V. Price (conductor), 6; J. Alexander, 8. On Sunday, April 11th, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Triples. P. H. Reid, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; W. Norris, 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. V. Price, 7; J. Alexander, 8. On Sunday, April 18th, for early morning service, 308 Grandsire Triples. H. Parker, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; W. Norris, 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. V. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8. For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Glennerster, 1; the rest as before.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, April 14th, at St. Wilfrid's church, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles) in 28 mins. A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; S. Johnson, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6. S. Johnson hails from Witton. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Booth, Bush, and Wilkinson.

BIRCHINGTON (Kent).—On Easter Sunday morning, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, the last 700 of Holt's Original. A. S. Reed, 1; A. Pointer, 2; T. Wilson, 3; T. B. Reed, 4; P. A. Reed, 5; T. B. Reed, jun., 6; G. Willshire (conductor), 7; E. Golder, 8.

BANGOR (North Wales).—On Tuesday, April 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 4-6s. W. Crane (longest length away from the tenor), 1; Rev. T. Lewis Jones, 2; W. Scutt (longest length with a bob bell), 3; S. Taylor, 4; M. Morris (composer), 5; P. Davies, 6; J. Gayton (longest length as conductor), 7; T. Wallace (longest length), 8.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 18th, at St. Peter's, Bengeworth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being ten 6-scores and sixty odd changes. G. Williams, 1; F. Styles, 2; F. Coote, 3; F. Johnson (conductor), 4; H. Middleton, 5; C. Hopkins (longest length), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. G. Williams, 1; A. Sharp, 2; F. Cook (conductor), 3; W. Arkell, 4; F. Johnson, 5; H. Middleton, 6.

GLEMSFORD (Sufford).—On April 18th, at the parish church, for early celebration, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater (conductor), 1; Zac. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; C. Honeyell, 4; D. Gridley, 5; G. Maxim, 6. And a 720 in the same method was rung for morning service by G. Maxim, 5; D. Gridley, 6; the rest as before.

HALE MAGNA (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, April 20th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Townsend, 1; E. Rowbottom, 2; F. Williams (conductor), 3; C. Harwood, 4; H. Nash, 5; J. Holmes, 6. Afterwards three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung with J. Holmes, 2.

HARWELL (Oxon).—On Monday, April 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Gardner, 1; W. Hitchman, 2; T. Hughes, 3; A. Bosley, 4; I. Hitchman, 5; A. Thomas (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single. T. Hughes, 1; V. Hitchman, 2; W. Hitchman, 3; A. Bosley, 5; I. Hitchman, 5; A. Thomas (conductor), 6. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Kate Wood to Mr. H. Betteridge, of East Hendred.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, April 18th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. W. Townsend, 1; J. Clark, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Rowbottom, 4; F. Williams, 5; J. Holmes, 6; W. Dickenson (conductor), 7; F. Warrington, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Townsend, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Warrington, 4; E. Rowbottom, 5; J. Clark (conductor), 6; C. Harwood, 7; F. Williams, 8. Messrs. Townsend, Harwood, Williams, and Rowbottom hail from Sleaford; the rest are local men.

MATHERNE, NEAR CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday,

April 18th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. Prickett, 1; H. Morgan, 2; T. Collinson, 3; R. Thompson (conductor), 4; J. Morley, 5; G. Watkins, 6. And 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Williams, 1; R. Thompson (conductor), 2; J. Prickett, 3; H. Morgan, 4; T. Collinson, 5; G. Watkins, 6.

**CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday evening April 25th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 47 mins. A. Savage, 1; A. Knights, 2; W. J. Thyng, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis (conductor), 5; S. Price, 6; J. Hunt, 7; G. M. Farr, 8; G. Davis, 9; G. Mee, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt.

**NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday morning, April 18th, for the 7 a.m. service, 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs and nine singles). H. Tarlton, 1; J. Butler, 2; T. Allibone, 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. For 10.30 a.m. service 720 College Single (twenty-two singles). T. Day, 1; W. Butler, 2; J. Butler, 3; the rest as above. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and six singles). H. Tarlton, 1; F. Knowles, 2; T. Day, 3; the rest as above. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

**PRESTWICH (Lancashire).**—On Sunday morning, April 18th, for early service at 6.30, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Gratrix, 1; A. Percival, 2; J. Heywood, 3; W. Stevens (conductor), 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Brooks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—On Friday, March 5th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, 1; G. Smith, 2; A. Papworth, 3; H. Pask (first 720 on tower bells, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Groves (conductor), 6. On March 12th, 720 in the same method. A. Clarke (conductor), 1; A. Papworth, 2; G. Smith, 3; H. Pask, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett, 6. And 360 in the same method, conducted by A. Clarke. And another 360, conducted by R. Brett, all standing as before except treble and 5th. On Sunday, March 21st, 360 Bob Minor. R. Brett, 1; W. Underwood, 2; F. Connell, 3; G. Rice, 4; H. Perkins, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On March 29th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). A. Clarke, 1; A. Papworth, 2; G. Smith, 3; H. Park, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 4th, 360 Bob Minor. R. Gowers, 1; G. Rice, 2; R. Brett (conductor), 3; G. Smith, 4; A. Clarke, 5; A. Papworth, 6. A 720 in the same method. R. Gowers, 1; G. Rice, 2; R. Brett, 3; A. Papworth, 4; E. Perkins, 5; A. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Clarke, 1; A. Papworth, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Rice (first 720 in the method), 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 5th, 720 Plain Bob. R. Brett, 1; A. Clarke, 2; A. Papworth, 3; H. Pask, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Rice and Perkins belong to Cavendish.

**STISTED (Essex).**—On Sunday, April 18th, for Divine service in the morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; E. Radley, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; Ernest Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. And 120 of Oxford Treble Bob, the men standing as above. For Divine Service in the afternoon 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; Edgar Chaplin, 3; E. Radley, 4; Ernest Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. And 240 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; E. Radley (conductor), 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; Ernest Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin, 6.

**TIDENHAM, NEAR CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).**—On Sunday evening, April 18th, after Divine Service, 240 of Doubles, and one of Plain Bob and Grandsire. E. Williams, 1; T. Collinson, 2; G. Watkins, 3; R. Thompson, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. Also a 6-score of Bob Doubles. E. Williams, 1; T. Collinson, 2; J. Morley, 3; G. Watkins (conductor), 4; R. Thompson, 5; A. Coul-drick, 6. And one of Grandsire, R. Thompson (conductor). Also 240 Bob Minor. W. Scrivens, 1; E. Williams, 2; T. Collinson, 3; R. Thompson (conductor), 4; J. Morley, 5; G. Watkins, 6. W. Scrivens hails from Newnham, Gloucestershire; Collinson from Birmingham; Watkins from Barry, near Cardiff; the rest from Chepstow. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicars of Matherne and Tidenham for so kindly granting them permission to ring. The ringers of Tidenham ought to be proud of their bells, as a better ring of six cannot be found for miles round. It is also hoped that the local company will soon learn change-ringing.

**YORK.**—On Saturday, April 10th, at the Minster, a peal of Treble Bob Maximus was attempted, which came to grief in the last course after ringing 3 hrs. 50 mins., the tenor commencing to go bad. A. C. Fearnley, 1; J. Cundall, 2; T. Neil, 3; J. Thompson, 4; F. Earnshaw, 5; R. Thompson, 6; G. Worth, 7; A. Haigh, 8; W. Morrell, 9; T. Hodgson, 10; T. Haigh, 11; G. Breed, 12. It is intended to make another attempt shortly if permission can be obtained from the Dean.

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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."

CANTERBURY MAJOR.

SIR,—“Mr. Plain Speaker” of the 17th ult. in his remarks says:—“I always thought that Canterbury Pleasure was merely a variation or mutilation of Plain Bob. If this is the case why not snuff out one of them altogether.” Now Mr. Editor, I think that Plain Bob and Canterbury are two distinct and separate methods, and that one is as much an even bell method as the other. “Plain Speaker” also says that “we go in for effect nowadays,” and to finish his remarks he has the following sentence—“Surely some one can strike out a new line.” Now for a little more “effect” in the way of a “new line,” in favour of the poor Canterbury Pleasure, just to prevent the desired snuffing. I will stick to the Canterbury Major which has great advantage over Bob Major and all other Major methods in which the treble has a plain hunt, except Mr. Carter’s Forward Major, which along with Canterbury Major has the beautiful “effect” that the tenors can be kept together throughout a whole peal, and the seventh always after the tenor and never before it, which is the grandest effect in Major ringing. Now, in conclusion, I may say “that I have struck out a new line” in producing a 11,520 of Canterbury, which is on an entirely new system, and contains the 120 course-ends with the tenors together every lead. Hoping this “explanation” will prevent “Plain Speaker” from “snuffing out” a method with such a good quality, I would remain, thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of this, Yours,

88, High Street, Macclesfield.

W. WALMSLEY.

P.S.—Mr. H. W. Wilde, of Belgrave, Chester, has wrote to me to say that he gives up all claim to the 6,048 of D. N. C. B. Major I published in “THE BELL NEWS” of March 6th, 1897. Therefore my claim stands good as published on the above date.

W.W.

## RYE, SUSSEX.

On Friday evening last several members of the Sussex Association paid a visit to this church, to have a ring upon the eight bells which have just been rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. Upon arriving at the station, we were met by Mr. Tribe, of Wittersham (who has recently undertaken the instruction of the Rye members in change-ringing), and Messrs. Taylor’s bellhanger, who conducted us to the tower. The first desire of the latter was to show us the complete transformation he and his fellow bellhanger had accomplished in the bellchamber, and the inspection of workmanship by those of us who had seen the old frame, created a longing desire to test the go of the bells. The bells have been rehung in an entirely new frame of oak and iron, with entirely new fittings and self-lubricating bearings, and great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor for the substantial and satisfactory manner in which the work has been carried out. Upon descending to the ringing-chamber, which is immediately under the bells, it was found that no provision had yet been made to deaden the sound, and consequently very little change-ringing could be done, but nevertheless an attempt was made and accomplished by the conductor using his lung powers to the utmost capacity, with the following result, in addition to several plain courses; 168 of Grandsire Triples; F. Lock, 1; C. Tribe, 2; W. Thomas, 3; F. Matthew, 4; J. Livermore, 5; F. A. Kennett, 6; S. Saker (conductor), 7; W. H. Swain, 8. And 356 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Quaife, 1; F. Lock, 2; J. Livermore, 3; C. Tribe, 4; S. Saker (conductor), 5; F. A. Kennett, 6; W. Thomas, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. Messrs. Lock, Livermore, Swain, Quaife and Saker belong to Christ Church, Blacklands; Messrs. Matthew and Thomas, St. Mary’s, Battle; F. A. Kennett, Christ church, St. Leonard’s, and C. Tribe, Wittersham. The go of every bell was splendid, and except for the noise it was such a pleasure to ring, that the Hastings contingent in consequence of their reluctance to leave them, almost lost their train. The usual evening service was held at 7.30, and the visitors retired to allow the local members to ring the bells for the first service since the bells have been rehung, which they did in a very creditable manner.

A very hearty reception was accorded the visitors, and during the interval for service they were invited by the vicar, Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, B.A., and the churchwardens, to a substantial cold collation at The George Hotel, the vicar honoring the members by his presence after the service, when a vote of thanks was expressed to him and the churchwardens for their kindness. The bells are a very musical peal indeed, tenor 19 cwt., and are very old, having been re-cast in 1775. Around the lips of the bells are well-known inscriptions, S.

\* \* Several touches are unavoidably left over until next week. Every care will be taken in preventing arrears of this description, and enlarged numbers of this newspaper will occasionally be published having this object in view.

## Notices.

**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Owing to the bell-hanging operations in progress at the Abbey and other towers in Bath, the annual meeting proposed to be held in the city on May 1st, is *unavoidably postponed* to a later date, due notice of which will appear.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, May 1st, at Hayes (six bells) and West Wickham (five bells). The towers will be open from 3 p.m. It is hoped members will endeavour to be present.

W. BEDWELL, *District Hon. Sec.*  
*Albacore Crescent, Lewisham.*

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wolstanton, to-day, Saturday, May 1st. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Miller, School Board Cottage, Ellison Street, Wolstanton.

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

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4th, 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 Middlesex Association.**—The next meeting of this association will be held on Saturday, May 8th, at St. Matthew's church, Upper Clapton, by the kind permission of the Rev. J. R. Cullin. The tower will be open soon after 5 p.m., and there will be a business meeting at 8 p.m., in a room adjoining the church. The hon. secretary hopes that members will endeavour to be present, and he extends, on their behalf, a cordial invitation to all friends of the association who are ringers.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held on Saturday May 8th, at St. Saviour's church, Bolton. Ringing to commence at 6 p.m.

HENRY MOSS, *Branch Sec.*  
149 Clarence Street, Bolton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Anne's on Saturday, May 8th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Meeting in school at 6. The vicar, Rev. W. G. Terry, is expected to preside.

JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*  
33 Warton Street, Lytham.

**Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Lawrence's church on Saturday, May 8th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. Members present will have their travelling expenses paid, but not exceeding two shillings. A tea will be provided for members whose names have been sent to me on or before Monday, May 3rd.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *Dis. Hon. Sec.*  
*Shalmsford, via Canterbury.*

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting will be held at Godalming on Saturday, May 8th. CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Hursley, Winchester.*

**Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held on Wednesday, May 12th, at Ton-

bridge. Tower open at 3 p.m. Business meeting at The Red Lion hotel at 5.30. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend. N.B.—No allowances.

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

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The spring quarterly meeting will be held at Mortimer (near Reading), on Saturday, May 15th. The towers of St. Mary (eight bells) and St. John (six bells) will be open for ringing after 2 p.m. Evensong at St. John's church, at 4.45 p.m.; preacher, Rev. C. Lovett-Cameron. Tea, kindly given by the vicar, at the vicarage, at 5.45 p.m. Members who intend to be present at the meeting must send notice to me not later than Saturday, May 8th.

A. W. PIKE, *Organising Sec.*  
*Caversham, Oxon.*

**The Salop Guild.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Welshpool, on Saturday, May 15th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.25 p.m. Hon. Sec. would like to know the number intending to be present.

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

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Preliminary Notice. — Negotiations are pending with Messrs. Swan and Leach to run a special half-day excursion for the meeting at Pontefract, on May 15th, by G. N. R., with bookings for Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Dewsbury, Wakefield, and intermediate stations. Further particulars in due course. BEN. T. COPELY, *Hon. Sec.*  
14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival and meeting of the above will be held at Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. Service in the parish church about 11.30 a.m. Dinner to follow. THOS. BLACKBOURN, *Gen. Sec.*  
*Coombe Bissett, Salisbury.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, East Crompton, Shaw. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringing friends invited. E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*  
14, Thomas' Street, Leesfield.

## NOTE TO THE BRIGHTON PEAL.

This was Mr. George Williams's 300th peal, the following being the list: Bob Triples 6, conducted 4; Bob Major 15, conducted 13; Grandsire Triples 48, conducted 39; Grandsire Triples on handbells 3, conducted 3; Grandsire Major 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Caters 5, conducted 3; Union Triples 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 72, conducted 51; Stedman Caters 7, conducted 5; Stedman Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 22, conducted 19; Kent Treble Bob Royal 4, conducted 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, conducted 1; College Exercise Major 1; Champion Major 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 40, conducted 31; New Cumberland Surprise Major 2, conducted 2; Superlative Surprise Major 36, conducted 28; Cambridge Surprise Major 10, conducted 8; London Surprise Major 10, conducted 9; In seven Surprise methods on six bells 1; other 5040s 12, conducted 10. Total rung, 300; total conducted, 230.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. HARPER (Portsmouth).—We are sorry for the delay. But we have repeatedly instructed correspondents how their reports should be sent. Reports of peals should be forwarded separately, not mixed up with touches or other matter.

## Handbells for Sale.

**TO Handbell Ringers.**—What offers, cash or exchange. Seventy-five Bells. 2½ to 11½ inches in diameter. Complete on wooden frame.—W. Mumby, Newark, Notts.

**FOR SALE.**—Complete set of Handbells in good condition, fully up to pitch, the property of the Birkby Baptist Chapel.—For particulars, apply to J. WOOD AND SONS, New Street, Huddersfield.

**HANDBELLS.**—A peal of Fifty-six for sale—F 26 to C 61—in excellent condition; also Portable Padded Table, 14ft. long, and hangings trimmed with gold braid and fringe. A bargain.—F. Masefield, Albert Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

## Situations Vacant.

**MARRIED COUPLE WANTED,** to live in Vicarage.—Man to undertake the garden, must be a good kitchen gardener; wife to do the housework with the help of a young girl, latter must be a good plain cook, clean and economical. Apply, Rev. L. F. Hake, the Vicarage, Wraybury, Staines.

**TROUSER AND VEST HANDS WANTED.**—Apply, J. Strutt, London Street, Kingston-on-Thames

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

**BOOT TRADE.**—Change-ringer would be glad to hear of job on rivet or machine-sewn work, strong work preferred. R., care of Editor.

**COULD** anyone help me to get a situation; am willing to do anything. By trade a six-quarter Tapestry Weaver. Can ring Double Norwich, Stedman, Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise. Can conduct in method I can ring. I am willing to give my services as a ringer for getting employment. Married; 29 years of age; 15 years' character.—W. H. Smith, Lark Hill, Kidderminster.

**GARDENER AND PARISH CLERK.**—Understands both well; married; age 35; change-ringer, standard methods on eight or ten bells. Apply, office of this paper.

**SITUATION** Wanted as under Gardener, or single-handed am not particular as to any other sort of work. Age 21. Five years good character. Change ringer. Member of St. Mary's Society, Beddington.—A. Clayton.

**WANTED** by young man a situation as in-door servant, or would not object to other work; age 25; 10 years' experience as footman; 3½ years in present situation. Can ring Minor methods, and Grandsire and Plain Bob on eight. Member of Oxford Diocesan Guild. Address W. H., care of Editor.

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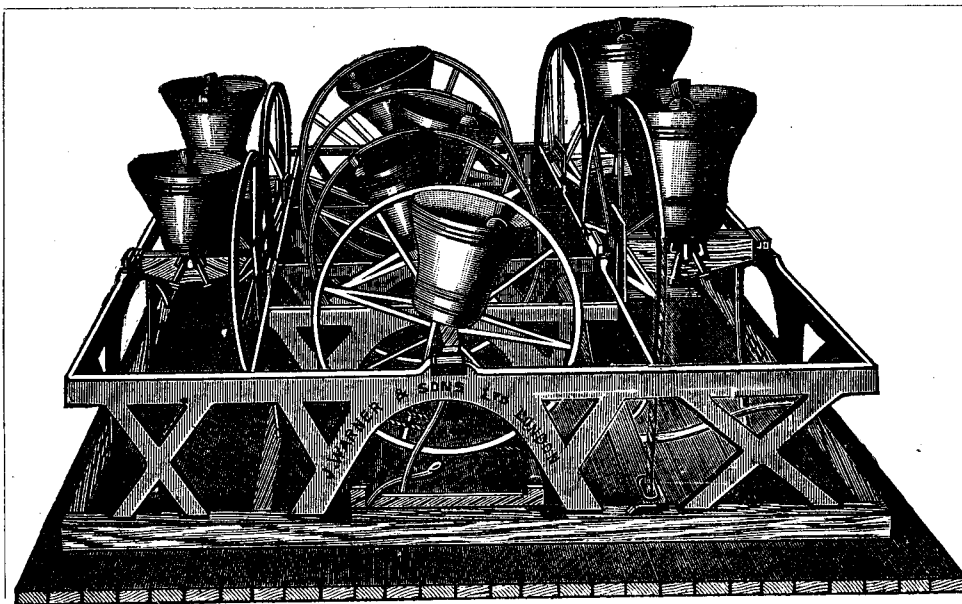
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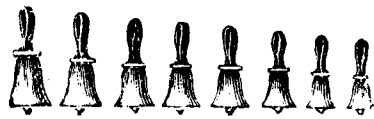
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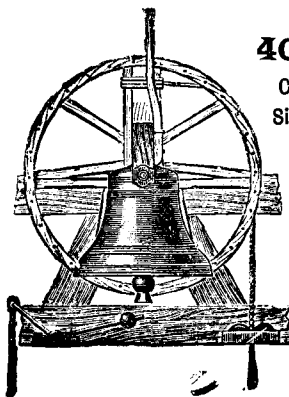
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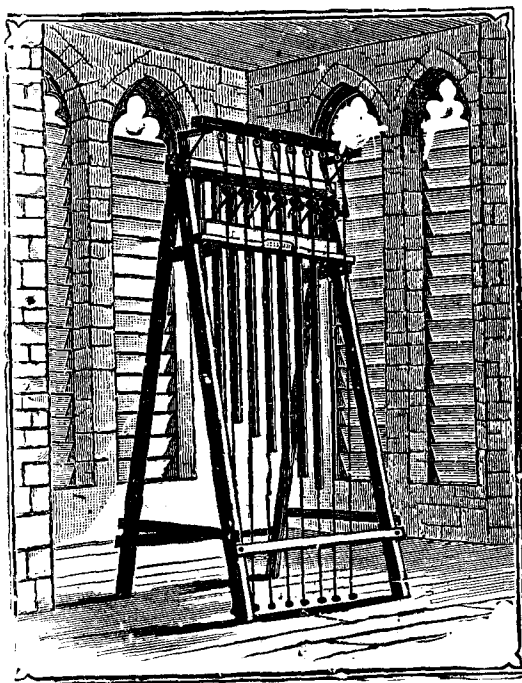
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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. There was a large gathering of ringers from ringing centres in the diocese as well as from outside.

Such an occasion was thought to afford a good opportunity for unveiling a peal tablet that had been placed in the St. Peter-at-Arches belfry, to record a peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung in November last by a company of the St. Peter's Society. Mr. Hill, Churchwarden, kindly consented to unveil the board. There being a large company present from all parts of the county, Mr. Hill said he was very proud of the honor they had done him in asking him to come forward; and also that the North Lincolnshire Association should be proud of such a society in their midst as the St. Peter's Society. He spoke of the great progress they had made in the Art of change-ringing under the able leadership of Mr. Lindoff, the Master of the society, since the rehanging of the bells in 1890, and he hoped the other members of the Association would take example by them, and endeavour to reach as high a standard of efficiency as they had. They had a beautiful church and a grand ring of bells, the ringers of which for nearly a century and a half had been skilled ringers, as they had a board in this belfry which recorded a peal rung in 1756—a very historic peal. Mr. Hill then unveiled the board, which was greatly admired.

Mr. Lindoff proposed and Mr. Clifton seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Hill for unveiling the board. The board was given by Mr. Matthew Otter, in return for a muffled peal which was rung as a token of respect to his father, the late clerk of St. Peter-at-Arches.

Subsequently a large gathering of ringers and friends sat down to a meat tea in the large hall of the Co-operative Society in Silver Street. When Grace had been said, the Rev. Canon Bramley, Precentor of the Cathedral, took the chair at the business meeting.

In the course of his opening address, the Chairman explained that he was taking the place of the Dean, who found himself obliged to attend a meeting of the Christian Social Union that afternoon to welcome Canon Scott Holland, who was to address it. The Precentor said that he regarded such a gathering as this as a kind of Christian social union, for the formation of an association shewed that they recognised that union was strength, it prevented isolation, and enabled individual ringers and societies to learn that there were others equally or more proficient than themselves, and so a healthy mutual rivalry was encouraged. He himself had more to do with the music inside the church, still he regarded the music of the bells as real Church music, and believed change-ringing to be a special development of the Reformed Church of England. He wished the Association every success.

When the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report and balance-sheet for the past year was presented and passed.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Auditors were re-elected to serve again for the coming year. As Mr. Bond has shortly to leave Lincoln, and thus will have to give up the work of Honorary Secretary, he consented, at the request of the meeting, to retain his office until his departure, the appointment of his successor being left to the committee, to be confirmed at the next general meeting.

As Mr. Linley found himself obliged to resign his position as one of the representatives of the Association on the Central Council, his successor had to be chosen. Mr. Watson was suggested, but he declined to stand; Mr. Lindoff was then proposed, and he also was unwilling to stand, but the meeting elected him, and strongly urged him to undertake the duties.

At the meeting held at Grimsby in September last, a new set

of rules was submitted and discussed, and it was ordered that they should be printed in the report side by side with the existing ones, and should be brought before the annual meeting for confirmation or amendment. These rules were accordingly presented to the meeting, and were unanimously adopted.

Five honorary members (all from Barton-on-Humber), fifteen efficient, eighteen probationary, and five non-resident life members were elected. These included members from the Horn-castle, Sleaford, and Kirton-in-Lindsey towers. The fact that the honorary members elected were all residents of Barton-on-Humber, showed that the local members took a great interest in the work of the Association.

Gainsborough and Sleaford were the places proposed for the next general meeting in the autumn, and after some discussion, on a show of hands Sleaford had the majority.

The Hon. Secretary stated that he had received several letters from members who were unable to be present; also that he had a communication from the St. Peter-at-Arches society asking that a grant from the funds of the Association towards the renewal of an ancient peal-board in that belfry, recording an historic peal rung in the year 1756, which had fallen into decay. A sum of £3 was granted toward this object.

The Hon. Secretary then read a letter from the Vicar of Kirton-in-Lindsey, asking for a grant towards an instructor for the society there. The usual grant of 10s. was voted.

Votes of thanks to the rev. Precentor for taking the chair, and to the Dean and Chapter and to the incumbents of the city churches for the use of their bells, brought the meeting to an end.

Ringing in various methods took place in the afternoon and evening at the various city churches, the Cathedral tower being the particular attraction in the evening.

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

The twenty-first meeting of this society was recently held in the historical belfry (where the father of the great Sir Walter Raleigh was confined a prisoner during the wars). In the unavoidable absence of the president (the Rev. S. W. E. Bird, M.A.) Mr. Harry Hems (vice-president) took the chair, being supported by Mr. Churchwarden Sidney Herbert and Mr. sidesman G. C. Hems. The treasurer's and secretary's reports were read and passed, satisfaction being expressed that a goodly balance was in the hands of the former. In appointing officers for the coming year, Mr. Ackermann was made secretary, Mr. Drake treasurer, and Mr. Moss (one of the three senior members of the Guild), the ringing-master. The retiring officers were thanked for their services.

The Chairman said that the St. Sidwell's Society had long enjoyed the reputation of being the first and foremost in the "west country;" but up to that moment it had been comparatively in its infancy. They were that evening celebrating their majority—twenty-one years of age—and henceforth would be men. He foretold that they would do goodly men's work. "The sweet bells of Shandon" had a world-wide reputation, but having heard them sundry times and oft, he considered those of St. Sidwell's infinitely the best.

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## RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT WINSFORD, SOMERSET.

Thursday week, says "*The West Somerset Free Press*," was a day of great rejoicing in Winsford, on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells, and the dedication of the new Victoria bell, which has been erected in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty. The bells were found, on examination, to be in a very bad and dangerous state, so that it was unsafe to ring them, and efforts were made by the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary Anderson) and the parishioners to obtain funds to re-hang the peal. A bazaar was held in August last, which realised the sum of about £75, and, with subscriptions from the various landowners and inhabitants of Winsford, the committee were justified in starting the work. Sir Thomas Acland, with his accustomed generosity, offered to give the value of the timber used in the new frame, and also to supply five new oak main beams. The contract was entrusted to Mr. Harry Stokes, the well-known church bell-hanger of Woodbury, near Exeter, who undertook to erect a massive English oak frame for six bells, bolted together with about 35 long three-quarter-inch bolts, to go down through the main beams where convenient, to lay down a two-inch red deal floor upon the main beams, and to re-hang the bells with all new fittings complete, including quarter turning the second bell, for the sum of £83 13s. The old treble bell was about a semitone too sharp in tone, and it has been taken down and sent to the foundry to be tuned. The peal is in the key of F sharp, the tenor weighing about 14 cwt. Mr. Stokes offered to supply a new treble bell, to weigh about 5 cwt., for a further sum of £37 16s. to include hanging and all fittings, provided the bell was hung at the same time that the rest were re-hung. An extra effort was made to obtain the necessary funds, and the committee were able to order the new bell, making the peal into six. The new bell has been cast by Messrs. Mears and Standbank, of Whitechapel, London—bearing on it the inscription, "Pro Deo et Regina (For God and the Queen), 1897. W.P.A., Vicar; J.T., T.C., Churchwardens." In addition a new floor or ceiling has been erected in the tower, about midway between the belfry floor and the bell-chamber, by Mr. James Steer, of Winsford, and he has also fixed a dado round the walls of the belfry, consisting of the old deal pewing, which was taken out of the church on its restoration. This pewing has been given by Sir T. D. Acland, and is stained and varnished. The total cost of the work has been about £150.

On Thursday morning, to mark the special occasion, the Union Jack floated gaily from the church tower, and at about one p.m. the first instalment of the visiting ringers (from Old Cleeve), members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, put in an appearance. A close inspection of Mr. Stokes' work in the tower, under the kindly and courteous escort of the Winsford ringers, was the first thing, and a very unanimous opinion as to its excellence and thoroughness was expressed. A move was then made to the ringing chamber, and the bells having been raised in peal two well-struck 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and complete satisfaction was expressed with the "go" of the bells. The Winsford ringers then took the ropes and rang well for the special service, which took place at 3 p.m. There was a crowded congregation, the parishioners appearing to take a very keen interest in the re-opening of their church bells. The service commenced with the processional hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," to Sullivan's grand old tune, and whilst it was being sung the following clergy entered the south door in procession:—Revs. H. D. Acland (Luccombe), F. K. Warren (Exton), J. Bridger Philby (Dulverton), E. P. Stanley (Wootton Courtney), W. J. Batchelor (Brompton Regis), Preb. Herringham, rural dean (Old Cleeve), Preb. Hook, rural dean (Porlock), Preb. Anderson (Winsford), and the Ven. Archdeacon of Taunton (Dr. Ainslie). The service was full choral and was of a very hearty description, the choir acquitting itself well. The service was intoned by the Rev. H. D. Acland, Tallis's festal setting of the responses being used. The special psalms were the 47th and the 148th, and the proper lessons were read by the Rev. Preb. Hook. After the third collect, the grand "Old Hundredth" was sung with a heartiness that did one good to hear, and then the Ven. Archdeacon said several prayers appropriate to the occasion and solemnly dedicated the bells to the service of God. The 105th psalm was next sung, and in silence, with the congregation upstanding, the Winsford ringers rang a short peal on the bells. Following this, the special hymn,

"Hark on high the joyful music," was sung. The sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon of Taunton, who founded an admirable and appropriate discourse on the 4th verse of the 122nd Psalm. "Thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord." During the collection (which was for the bell fund), the special hymn, "Lifted gently to the steeple," was sung, and, the benediction having been pronounced by the Ven. Archdeacon, the service was brought to a conclusion with the recessional hymn, "Now thank we all our God." Mrs. Anderson most ably presided at the organ, and the seating of the large congregation was admirably carried out by the churchwardens, Messrs. Jas. Tapp and Thos. Crick, assisted by Mr. D. Evans.

After service, there was a capital tea, very largely patronised, in the schoolroom, several ladies very kindly giving their assistance, among whom were Mrs. Tapp, Miss Tapp, Miss Crick, Miss Lovelace, Mrs. Dicker, Mrs. Vicary, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Rawle, Miss Heywood, Miss Pearce, and others.

Ringers had during the afternoon (in addition to those from Old Cleeve) arrived from Minehead, Dunster, Dulverton, Exeter, Tiverton, and Exton, and some good ringing was done, among which was a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (the first on the bells) by ringers from Dunster and Minehead, and members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of change-ringers, and some 120's of Stedman Doubles by the same men, with Mr. Ferris Shepherd (Exeter) and Mr. Grater (Tiverton) standing in, and some good 6-scores of Grandsire were rung by the Dulverton, and also by the Old Cleeve ringers. Later, other ringing of a varied character was indulged in, the "go" of the bells being unanimously pronounced to be excellent in every way, and Mr. Stokes is to be very heartily congratulated upon the able and thorough manner in which he has carried out his work in the tower. As an additional guarantee to the vicar and churchwardens of the satisfactory character of the work, Mr. Ferris Shepherd, of Exeter (one of the most competent ringers in the West of England), came up from Exeter on Thursday to inspect the work, and we understand that his report is deservedly complimentary to Mr. Stokes.

## HALESWORTH, SUSSEX.

RINGERS' AND CHIMERS' ANNUAL MEETING.—The members of the Halesworth ringers' and chimers' association held their first annual meeting on Thursday evening at the coffee rooms, where an excellent hot tea was provided at the expense of the clergy and several ladies and gentlemen of the congregation. The President (Rev. A. R. Upcher) occupied the chair, supported by Rev. A. Scott Thompson, and Mr. H. S. R. Stanford, churchwardens. After tea the company adjourned for the purpose of discussing matters in connection with the association under the Presidency of the Rector, when Messrs. F. Lambert and James Howard were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The Chairman, in addressing the members, testified to the pleasure it gave him to attend meetings for the good of the town, and especially the present, as it was connected with the church. He considered that ringers and chimers were church workers, as by ringing and chiming the bells they were issuing an invitation to others to attend the services, and believed that the sound of bells had an influence in this direction, for it filled him with joy to hear them ringing on Sundays. He (the chairman) was very pleased at the good feeling which existed between the members, and hoped it would be maintained and extended during the present year.

The Rev. A. Scott Thompson having read the names of those who contributed towards the tea, which were greeted with applause, the remainder of the time was occupied with handbell ringing, reading and singing, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the subscribers, to the Rector for presiding, and the singing of "God save the Queen." The refreshments during the evening were supplied gratuitously by Mr. E. Lambert.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A RECORD of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 1s. 2d.; cloth do., 1s. 8d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Berks.

## THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

Several members of this society paid a visit to Ripon and Masham on Easter Tuesday. A start was made from Darlington station at 6.20 a.m., three of the party following on by a later train through having the arms of Morpheus locked so tightly around them. During the journey in the train a 250 of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by W. Porter (conductor), 1-2; T. Lungley, 3-4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. J. Lungley, 6; J. Baxter, 7-8. At Masham, which was reached at 9.38, the party found Mr. Mallaby, of bellhanging fame, awaiting them. Placing themselves under his guidance, they soon found themselves at The Bay Horse hotel, where an excellent breakfast was done full justice to.

After breakfast a move was made to the church. Raising the bells in peal, touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, some of the local ringers taking part therein. These bells are a beautiful ring of eight—tenor 14 cwt., and for sweetness of tone is one of the finest peals in Yorkshire.

At 1.15 the company set their faces towards Ripon, at which city they were met by the three who had failed to catch the early train, and these gave a glowing account of some ringing they had had at the neighbouring tower of Sharow.

Dinner was partaken of at The Crown hotel; and then the noble Minster was visited, the local company being in attendance to welcome the party. Everything being perfectly ready, the bells were soon moving, and were kept going till about 7.30 p.m., which was train-time for the Darlingtonians to return, which they did without any delay, all arriving home about ten o'clock, feeling morally certain they had had a most enjoyable day. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to express their thanks to the authorities for granting permission to ring, and to the local ringers for their kindness, especially Messrs. Mallaby and Metcalfe, for making all necessary arrangements.

The annual meeting of the above-named society was held on Tuesday, April 13th, when the following officers were re-elected: President, Mr. G. Park; Vice-President, Mr. R. Moncaster; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. J. Porter.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday April 23rd, a few members of this Guild, after ringing at Maidenhead, visited Great Marlow, meeting there Messrs. J. Garell, and F. Couzens, of Wooburn. After ringing a quarter-peal, and partaking of a slight repast, the company journeyed by break to Henley, ringing several touches there, and spending some very agreeable hours. Lowering the bells they left for Maidenhead about 8.20., arriving there shortly after 10.0, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and gratified by the fact that not only had they rung in three different towers, but in three different counties, viz.: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire, in one day.

## NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Retford on Easter Monday, instead of Whit-Monday as in the previous nine years, the latter date having been found to be inconvenient. Easter Monday however did not prove to be a change for the better, and there was but a poor number of members, barely forty attending out of a total of 130. Among those present we were glad to welcome Mr. Fearnley, of York, Mr. Farr of Chesterfield, and Mr. Butler of Gainsborough. The towers of East Retford (ten bells), West Retford (six), and Ordsall (six), were open to members all day, and although the attendance was small, there was nothing to complain of as to the ringing, either in point of quantity or quality.

The annual service was held in West Retford church at 2.30., the prayers being read by the Rev. B. Darley, Hon. Secretary. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Gray, Rector of the parish and one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association, from Psalm lxxxi. 3. On this text the rev. Canon founded a short but very edifying discourse.

The business meeting was held in the schoolroom adjoining the church immediately after the service, Canon Gray presi-

ding, supported by the Rev. S. R. Elliston, of Ranskill, and the Hon. Secretary; there being present thirty-two members, representing the towers of Anston, Everton, East Retford, East Markham, Harthill, Ordsall, Blyth, Sbiroaks, and Worksop. The Secretary read the annual report and balance-sheet, which was considered satisfactory, and passed. The Association comprises twelve towers, thirteen honorary and 117 performing members, and the statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £4. 19s. 9d. at the close of the year. The revised rules recommended by the Committee were presented, and after some further amendment were finally adopted. The officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, and the meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Gray for his kind reception of the Association, and for his sermon. Votes of thanks were also unanimously accorded to the incumbents of East Retford and Ordsall for the use of the bells at their churches.

An adjournment was then made to the Oddfellows' clubroom, where an excellent tea had been provided. Ringing was resumed in the three towers above mentioned, a record of the same appearing in its usual place.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 15th, the ringers of St. Bartholomew's church, Horley, Surrey, were, at the kind invitation of Mr. E. Dewey, of St. John's, Redhill, entertained to a good old fashion beefsteak-pudding supper, at The Six Bells inn, Horley, upon his fortieth birthday. After the repast, the handbells were brought out, and a few good songs brought a pleasant evening to a close, all wishing Mr. Dewey "many happy returns." On Monday, April 19th, to signalise the event, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 43 mins. F. Voice, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; A. Songhurst, 5; E. Dewey, 6; T. Sparks, 7; T. Post, 8.

## HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

PROPOSED NEW CHURCH CLOCK.—A meeting of the committee appointed to make selections of various schemes for commemorating the Queen's Jubilee was held on Tuesday evening. Mr. A. Burtenshaw presided, and there were also present Mr. A. K. Burtenshaw, Miss Burtenshaw, Mr. C. Fowler, Mr. E. E. Gould, Captain Kirtlan, Dr. McDonnell, Messrs. J. H. Maryan, S. Maryan, J. Medhurst, J. Green, W. Martin, T. Rich, A. F. Smith, E. Sfrickland, W. Strickland, H. Southerden and R. Vine and Messrs. F. W. Terry and C. T. Towler (Secretaries). Mr. Towler stated that 535 persons voted, while a good number remained neutral, being willing to abide by the selection of the committee. The Vicar (Rev. F. Clyde Harvey) wrote regretting his inability to be present owing to a severe cold, and commenting upon some of the schemes. There were seven schemes put forward, and after voting upon them the committee adopted the proposal for the erection of a new clock, with chimes, to the parish church, the estimated cost being £150. On the ballot papers 192 were in favour of the scheme, while the amount of donations promised was £69 14s. and it was explained that £20 more might be expected. The present church clock at Hailsham is a very ancient timekeeper indeed, being without a minute hand.

## HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

WEDDING.—A pretty and interesting wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Huntingfield, on Wednesday, April 21st, the contracting parties being Mr. Augustus W. F. Ransby, eldest son of Mr. Walter F. Ransby, of Huntingfield, and Miss Rose Ellen King, second daughter of the late Mr. Jonas King, of Walpole. The ceremony was impressively performed by the Rector, the Rev. R. S. Turner, and considerable interest was evinced in the event, the bridegroom having been for some time past a zealous church worker, one of the bellringers, and a regular Sunday school teacher. The church was beautifully decorated and the service choral, Mr. Jones, of Walpole, presiding at the harmonium. The bells rang out a merry peal during the afternoon and evening. The wedding presents were numerous and useful. The happy pair have the good wishes of many friends for their future happiness and prosperity.

### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held in the Chapter-House of Worcester Cathedral on Easter Monday, April 19th, the President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester, in the chair. Amongst those present were the Revs. W. C. Gibbs (Rector of Hagley), W. G. Melville (Worcester), W. Stanley (Vicar of St. Peter's, Evesham), C. Earle Bulwer (Handsworth), and representatives from Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Birmingham, Dudley, Hagley, Halesowen, Hanley Castle, Handsworth, Kidderminster, Malvern, Netherton, Oldswinford, Pershore, Stourbridge, Tipton, Tewkesbury, Wollaston, Worcester, etc.

Letters of apology were read from the Revs. Canon Cloughton, Teignmouth-Shore (Worcester), Houghton (Blockley), and from the Revs. H. Kingsford (Stoulton), and W. R. Carr (Vicar of St. John-in-Bedwardine, Worcester). The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The Vicar of St. Peter's, Bengeworth, Evesham, and the Vicar of Welland, were elected honorary members; and performing members to the number of twenty, from Bromsgrove, Colwall, Evesham, Areley Kings, Hagley, Hanley Castle, Welland, and Worcester. The whole of the officers were re-elected, and votes of thanks given to them for their past services. The question of forming a South Worcestershire branch, which had been referred to the annual meeting, was dropped through the absence of its proposer. The Revs. W. G. Melville and W. Stanley were appointed a deputation to the Rev. G. N. Whittingham, Vicar of Evesham, with regard to the ringers of St. Peter's, in that town, being allowed to practice upon the Abbey bells.

Bromsgrove was selected as the place for holding the next meeting, which will be on Saturday, June 26th next.

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Very Rev. the Dean for presiding, to the Rev. W. C. Gibbs for his presence at the meeting, and to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter-House and the bells of the Cathedral, which were duly responded to.

During the morning touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Minor, were rung at the churches of St. John and St. Nicholas; and in the evening Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Plain Bob Royal, were rung at the Cathedral. Much regret was expressed, and great disappointment was felt, that the use of other rings of bells in the city were not allowed on this occasion.

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Local meetings were held on Easter Monday at Downham Market (Norfolk) and at Lavenham (Suffolk), a goodly number of members turning up at both places. The fine ring of eight at Downham having been just rehung, this event was to have been appropriately celebrated by the Association, but unfortunately, owing to a case of very serious illness near the church, the ringing there had to be reluctantly postponed to a future occasion. The two Major rings at Hilgay and Stow Bardolph, together with a light ring of five at Denver, were however courteously placed at the service of the members, and at intervals during the day several good touches were rung. The business meeting was held after tea in the schoolroom, the Rev. A. Hammond (the Rector of Downham being unavoidably absent) presiding. He assured the visitors that their welcome was none the less cordial from the unfortunate silence of their bells, and hoped before long a visit more successful might be arranged. The local Secretary (Mr. R. M. Croft, of Wilburton) proposed the names of several fresh honorary and performing members; and after explaining why they were not met that day at Soham, as originally proposed, suggested the next meeting should be held there on Whit-Monday, which was adopted. Votes of thanks to the chairman, and to local clergy for the use of their bells, closed the proceedings.

### MERROW, SURREY.

The parishioners of Merrow, with the object of suitably celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Queen's reign, have wisely determined to provide a new ring of bells for their parish church in place of the three ancient, but cracked and discordant bells now in the tower. The order for the bells has been sent to an eminent foundry.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The April meeting of this society was held at Rothwell on Saturday, the 24th ult. Members and friends began to arrive in fairly good time, among the first being Mr. Charles Jackson, of Hull, whom all were pleased to see. No great amount of ringing was done on tower bells, the chief attraction being the unveiling of a peal-board, a ceremony which was fixed for six o'clock, but in consequence of the Vicar having an engagement which would prevent his appearance till eight o'clock, it was put off until that hour. The interval was filled up with tower ringing in various Minor methods, and a touch of Oxford Major, the first completed by the President (Mr. J. W. T. Holgate) and his companion (Mr. H. Gaythrope). At the meeting-house—The White Swan—handbell ringing was going on: courses of Grandsire and five leads of Violet Major were rung. In a most interesting manipulation of handbells known as "lapping," by James Haigh, sen., J. and W. Haigh, jun., and R. Binns, the striking was all but perfection, and elicited loud applause. A general move was then made to the tower, and a capital touch of Oxford Major was rung. The Vicar (the Rev. W. B. Pierson, M.A.) then appeared, and immediately the tower was filled to its utmost with ringers and parishioners. The President briefly explained to the rev. gentleman the objects of the society. The society (he said) having a substantial banking account, decided to offer some encouragement to the various companies enrolled, to ring peals in any method not previously recorded in the society's peal book. The Rothwell company had recently succeeded in doing this. He asked the Vicar, on behalf of the members, to kindly unveil the board recording the same.

The Vicar, having offered appropriate prayers, followed by referring to the customs connected with bells in ancient times, and how popular they were in the present day. He expressed his warm approval of the good work done by the society in offering such suitable rewards as the one he was about to unveil. It was all the more gratifying to him to know that his ringers, by their united perseverance, had succeeded in gaining first honours from the ringers of the district. With pleasure he accepted the peal-board on their behalf.

A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, on the proposition of Mr. W. Abbshaw, seconded by Mr. James Haigh. Another course of Treble Bob Major was rung before leaving the belfry, the Vicar in departing bidding a hearty and courteous good-night to all.

The company then adjourned to the meeting-house, where a business meeting was held. The minutes of the past meeting were taken as read; four members were elected; and the usual vote of thanks was passed to the president for presiding.

A repetition of the splendid performance of Violet Major was then desired, and rang with even greater success by the same band. A busy gathering at 10.0 p.m. ended the day.

### CHRIST CHURCH GUILD, NORTH SHIELDS.

On Easter Tuesday, the members of the above had their annual trip to Durham. Through the kindness of Dr. Kitchin, Dean of Durham, the company were enabled to ring upon the Cathedral bells. The belfry was reached about 3.30, and the ringers were just in time to raise the bells, and ring for the four o'clock service. After tea, the party rang several touches, including 504 Bob Triples: N. Brand, J. W. Dawson, J. Browell, R. Morrison, A. Tully, G. W. Dix, J. E. Keen (conductor), C. E. Waugh. Tenor 30 cwt. The bells, which have recently been rehung, could not have gone better. They were lowered in peal at eight o'clock, and the party arrived at North Shields at eleven o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable day.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Twelve members of this society intend this day, Saturday, May 8th, to attempt a peal of 10,000 Stedman Cinques, at the church of St. Michael, Cornhill, London. Meeting-time 2 p.m.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th. Further details respecting the meeting will be published with the Agenda. Notices of motion, etc., signed by two representatives, should be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary by Saturday, May 15th. The election of the following representatives has been notified to the Hon. Secretary:—

Society.	Representative.
Ancient Society of College Youths .. ..	Burkin, W. Cockerill, W. T. Newton, H. R. Smith, W. D.
Royal Cumberland Youths .. ..	Dains, H. Foskett, B. Jacob, A. Parker, Jas.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association ..	Boutflower, C. E. D. Todd, Rev. J. U.
Bedfordshire Association .. ..	Baker, Rev. W. W. C.
Birmingham and District Society ..	Hitchman, Geo.
Chester Diocesan Guild .. ..	Dillon, Jas. Walmsley, W.
Devonshire Guild .. ..	Kelly, Rev. M. Shepherd, Ferris.
Durham and Newcastle Association ..	Hudson, T. Lees, F. Story, R. S.
Essex Association .. ..	Nevard, W. Newman, F. G. Papillon, Rev. T. L. Pitstow, N. J.
Gloucester and Bristol Association ..	Cockey, Rev. H. A. James, E. B. Phillott, G. H.
Hereford Diocesan Guild .. ..	Bratton, T. J.
Hertford County Association .. ..	Debenham, E. P.
Kent County Association .. ..	Carpenter, Rev. E. W. Haigh, W. Helmere, Rev. F. J. O. Thornton, F. W.
Lancashire Association .. ..	Clements, Rev. C. A. Eachus, J. Elsee, Rev. H. J. Ridyard, R.
Leeds and District Society .. ..	Binns, R.
Lincolnshire, North, Association ..	Chester, G. Linley, F. F.
Lincolnshire, South, Association ..	James, Rev. H. Law.
Liverpool Diocesan Guild .. ..	Bentham, W.
Middlesex Association .. ..	Buckingham, W. H. L. Wagborn, J.
Middlesex S. W. Guild .. ..	Basden, J.
Midland Counties' Association ..	Griffin, J. Heywood, A. P. Taylor, J. W., jun. Wakley, W.
Norwich Diocesan Association .. ..	Bulwer, Rev. H. E. Catchpole, W. L. Motts, J.
Oxford Diocesan Guild .. ..	Trollope, J. A. Cocks, A. H. Coleridge, Rev. G. F. Robinson, Rev. F. E. Washbrook, J. W.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society .. ..	Cartwright, R. Reeves, S.
Surrey Association .. ..	Carpenter, A. B. Jones, J. J.
Sussex County Association .. ..	Attree, G. F. Davies, Rev. C. D. P. Saker, S. Williams, G.
Winchester Diocesan Guild .. ..	Harvey, Rev. R. C. M. Matthews, Rev. C. E. White, H.
Worcestershire Association .. ..	Whiting, J. W. Grove, R. E. Pritchett, J. S.

Contributions have been received from the following Societies, but

at present no corresponding return of representatives: Hereford Diocesan Guild and St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Neither contribution nor return from the following up to date: Salisbury Diocesan, Yorkshire.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec. C.C.

26th April, 1897.

## 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."

## CANTERBURY MAJOR.

SIR,—In your last issue appeared a letter from Mr. Walmsley, of Macclesfield, on the above method. I cannot refrain from making a few remarks on the subject, as I have composed peals in the method and have also rang two, the first and last I ever wish to ring. Mr. Walmsley says that Plain Bob and Canterbury Major are two distinct and separate methods, in this I quite agree with him, but Plain Bob is the simplest of all methods, and is the foundation of all the other best plain methods, whilst Canterbury varies from Plain Bob by making places in 3-4, instead of dodging. This creates the difference between the method, as the first place-making puts the bells out of course, and there they remain until the treble leads. It ought to bear another name, and I should suggest as the most suitable "Plain Bob spoilt." What about the method in Sottanall's book, page 277, which is the same method reversed, but under another name. If Canterbury Major be better than Plain Bob, as Mr. Walmsley maintains, why not treat Grandsire Triples in a similar manner, and let the bells in 4-5 make places in the 2nd change, which would at once put them into the titmuss position, where they must remain until the treble leads and then turn back with 4th and 5ths. I am merely expressing my own idea on the merits of Canterbury, although perhaps my opinion may not be generally shared.

JOHN CARTER.

## THE PEAL AT BANGOR.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see "Jingle's" remarks about the peal rang at Bangor on Good Friday. It is true the bells were muffled; but after all nothing is more suitable as a call to the services on such a day as the solemn tolling of the tenor. Moreover the ringing of a peal, whether muffled or not, is always a matter of scientific amusement. Surely on Good Friday higher and holier thoughts ought to occupy men's minds than change-ringing. As I have often remarked before, I have no sympathy with those who would prohibit ringing during the whole of Lent, but I do think ringers might deny themselves a little during Holy Week, and more especially on Good Friday.

J. R. JERRAM.

SIR,—I venture to think we of the ringing fraternity who have the real interest of the Church and the Exercise at heart, hailed with satisfaction the firm but kindly condemnation by "Jingle" in last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" on the Good Friday peal of Triples at Bangor. I maintain that any tendency to secularise the belfry or the ringing should be discouraged. The mission of the bells in this land is primarily an accessory to Divine worship, and should certainly be used as such on Sundays and great Holy Days, especially, as "Jingle" says, on this the most sacred day to Churchmen in the whole year. I do not disparage peal-ringing, and to a reasonable extent I would encourage it, but I would also make it subservient to the Church and her services, and not the Church subservient to the ringers, which in this case I fear it has been, notwithstanding the muffling. A performance, a feat of endurance and skill, although adding to the many peals of Triples rung at this church, does not add to the credit of the band or the glory of God.

T. L. T. K.

## Obituary.

## JAMES HARDMAN.

We regret to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Tuesday, April 27th, at the age of sixty-eight. He was for many years connected with the Radcliffe and Prestwich bands of six-bell ringers, and took great interest in prize-ringing in these and other districts of Lancashire, previous to his residing at Pendleton, where for late years he was unable to take any active part in the Art, but listened attentively to the ringing by the Pendleton company, always taking pleasure in accompanying that band to any outlying tower when health would permit. He was a member of the Lancashire Association, and was much respected by the Manchester Branch. He never attempted a 5000, his limit being a 720 of Bob Minor or Oxford Treble Bob, which were his favourite methods. His remains were interred in St. Thomas' church, Radcliffe, on Friday, April 30th, being borne to the graveside by members of the St. Thomas' company, Pendleton.



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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1897.

At the Annual Meeting of the North Lincolnshire Association on the 24th ultimo, there was transacted, among the general business brought up for consideration, one feature which we should like to see much oftener thought of. We allude to the restoration of old and historic peal-boards. One of the Churchwardens of St. Peter-at-Arches—a church well-known by repute to our readers—in performing a pleasing ceremony in that tower on the above date, alluded to a peal-board therein, recording, as he said, "an historic peal," rung in 1756. After this it was welcome reading to find that the society had written to the Association Secretary for a subscription towards the restoration of this tablet. The meeting did wisely and well in granting three pounds towards such a praiseworthy object, and we congratulate them upon their sagacity in this particular. Many of these ancient records are unfortunately allowed to decay; there seems to be a total want of appreciation of them in many quarters; an insensibility to the doings of past worthies is conspicuous. If the example set by this Lincoln society can be more

thought of and followed, we shall see ringers educated to a proper sense of what is their duty to conserve. Many of these peal-tablets are veritable works of Art, and a great deal more worthy of admiration than many which are erected in the present day.

On Saturday, May 22nd, will be published with this paper, a vignette portrait, with memoir, of Mr. GEORGE BOLLAND, of Tong, Yorkshire. Other portraits and illustrations will be announced in the same number.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Thursday, April 29, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, BARKING,  
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CALEB FENN .. .. 1-2.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. 5-6.
ROWLAND FENN .. .. 3-4.	*ALFRED WHIGHT .. 7-8.

Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

Umpire—Mr. York Green. First peal in the method on handbells by all. \*First peal on handbells.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, April 29, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. Treble.	*JOHN HACK .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. 6.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. 7.
HENRY G. HILL* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

\*First peal in the method. The last peal of Stedman on the bells was rung by the celebrated Banister family on February 1st, 1860.

### The Provinces.

#### BALLARAT, AUSTRALIA.

On Monday, February 1, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of the following;

Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Violet, Plain Bob, New London Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and Kent Treble Bob,

Tenor 11 cwt. in F#.

JAMES THOMSETT .. .. Treble.	JOHN PATTISON .. .. 4.
CHARLES FLEAY .. .. 2.	HAROLD SANDBERG .. 5.
WILLIAM STRICK .. .. 3.	THOMAS BIDDLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. BIDDLE.

This is the first peal in Ballarat. First peal in Australia on six bells, and by all the band. The ages of the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th range from 17 to 20 years.

#### OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 29, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 31½ cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. Treble.	EDWIN HIMS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK C. EXON .. .. 2.	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 6.
ALFRED FOX .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES H. EXON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

#### BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 30, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. H. BALDRY,  
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HORACE BEDINGFIELD .. 1-2.	WILLIAM H. BALDRY .. 5-6.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 3-4.	*ALBERT MEADOWS .. 7-8.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

First peal on handbells by all. \*First peal. Umpire—Mr. T. Bradlaugh, who had a copy of the peal, and ticked off the course-ends as they were rung.

#### CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

##### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR ASHDOWN .. .. Treble.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 5.
THOMAS ATTWELL .. .. 2.	CHARLES W. EADES .. 6.
FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
THOMAS BURDOCK .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

Messrs. Eades, Jones, Willshire, Blondell, and Thorne belong to the St. Nicolas society, Guildford; the rest belong to the local band.

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

On Saturday, May 1, 1897, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. Tenor 29 cwt.

H. G. WILSON* .. .. Treble.	F. OSGERBY .. .. 5.
H. BLYTH* .. .. 2.	H. SMELT .. .. 6.
G. MARSHALL .. .. 3.	C. JACKSON .. .. 7.
T. STOCKDALE .. .. 4.	J. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK OSGERBY.

\*First peal. Messrs. Jackson, Marshall, Stockdale, and Dale hail from Hull; the rest belong to Beverley. This is the first peal on the bells since they were restored in March 1896, and one and all testified to the excellent condition of the bells, the restoration of which was carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

#### OXHEY, HERTS.

##### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 1, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
GEORGE R. FARDON .. .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	THOMAS E. BARBER .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells; and G. N. Price's first attempt for a peal in the method. It was rung as a compliment to E. P. Debenham, Esq., on the occasion of his marriage.

#### DARTON, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of the following:

London Scholars, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

G. E. MELLOR .. .. Treble.	F. HARGREAVES .. .. 4.
REV. C. B. D. FARROW* .. 2.	G. BOLLAND .. .. 5.
A. TOWNEND† .. .. 3.	†W. BIRCHALL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. C. B. D. FARROW.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal. This peal was rung as a token of farewell to the Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, who is leaving. Messrs. Hargreaves and Bolland hail from Tong; the rest belong to the local company.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DYER .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, of Leeds, and  
Conducted by ERNEST W. BECKWITH.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, and is the longest length in the Oxford Variation by the Association.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WALTER WILTON* .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. THOMPSON .. .. 5.
THOMAS ANTHONY† .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING .. .. 3.	JOHN FLOWER .. .. 7.
JOHN NEWBOLD .. .. 4.	THOMAS DRAPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

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

## ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

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

(ROTHWELL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 1, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS NICKOLS .. .. Treble.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. .. 6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. .. 3.	STEPHEN STACEY .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. STEEL .. .. 4.	JOHN M. CHADWICK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK.

This peal contains the 6th the extent in all positions, the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, the twenty-four 8-6-7s and the twenty-four 8-6s, in fourteen courses.

## BUCKLAND, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES ROBINSON .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS J. SANDERS .. .. 4.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. .. 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. .. 5.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.

This is the first peal of Minor on the bells. J. Robinson was elected a member of the Association before starting.

## BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON, MANCHESTER, AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, May 1, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE .. .. Treble.	HENRY MOSS .. .. 5.
THOMAS PEERS .. .. 2.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. 6.
ROBERT FIDDIES* .. .. 3.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. 7.
JAMES B. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and  
Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This is the first peal of Major on these bells. \*First peal in the method.

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

On Sunday, May 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD JENNER .. .. Treble.	JAMES HEASMAN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM STEED .. .. 2.	THOMAS WALLIS .. .. 6.
GEORGE STEER .. .. 3.	JAMES WALLIS .. .. 7.
JOHN STEDDY .. .. 4.	JOHN PRESTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by JOHN PRESTON.

W. Steed hails from Tonbridge; G. Steer from Westerham; the rest belong to the local company.

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

On Tuesday, May 4, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE L. BODDINGTON Treble.	ALFRED W. REEVES .. .. 5.
HENRY COFFEE .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. REEVES .. .. 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
JAMES W. WILKINS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR W. HIGGS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. E. E. ROBINSON.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson hails from Drayton, Berks.; Wilkins from Maidenhead; the rest belong to the local band.

## HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, May 4, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores each of Plain Bob, April Day, and Old  
Doubles; and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire.

THOMAS MOWER* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PEIRCE .. .. 3.
WILLIAM BLOOMFIELD .. .. 2.	*JAMES MUDD .. .. 4.
ARTHUR TOOK .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by ARTHUR TOOK.

\*First peal.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Pershore, reported in our last issue, occupied three hours seventeen minutes, not three hours and ten minutes.

## Date Touches.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, April 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. E. Greenwood, 1; J. Soothill, 2; J. Garnett, 3; T. Bancroft, 4; W. Sandiforth, 5; G. Nettleton, 6; T. Kendall, 7; J. Wootton, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed and Conducted by J. Soothill. Rung in honour of Mr. Soothill, who left England for America by the *Tenonic* on Wednesday, May 5th, after being over here for a few months on a visit to Keighley, Messrs. Greenwood and Bancroft hail from Keighley; Garnett and Wootton from Bradford; the rest belong to the local company.

## Miscellaneous.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD (Staffordshire).—On Monday, April 26th, the following members of the Barton amateur ringers, who have recently joined the above society, succeeded in ringing their first touch of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 168 changes. W. Elton, 1; C. Ottley, 2; T. Meredith (conductor), 3; E. Allsopp, 4; G. Allsopp, 5; W. R. Mee, 6; E. Woodman, 7; G. Whapples, 8. Another three courses were also rung with G. Griffiths, 5.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 4th, for morning service at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; A. Downing, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Cockcroft, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, April 11th, for Divine Service,

720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine. A. Hardman, 1; E. Cockroft, 2; the rest standing and conducted as in the afternoon. On Saturday, April 17th, 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; J. Lomas, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. Rung in celebration of the marriage of Mr. James Smith, one of the ringers of the above band, to Miss E. Tattersall, of Smelt, Bacup, his brother-ringers wishing him every success in his matrimonial life. On Sunday evening, April 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Jno. Smith, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. Jno. Smith hails from Rawtenstall. On Sunday morning, April 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Worcester Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Durham Surprise. A. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 26th, for practice, 720 London Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

HITCHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). T. Levett, 1; H. Sewell (first 720 with a bob bell in the method), 2; J. Snell, 3; C. Grimwood, 4; W. Stiff, 5; R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Sewell. On Sunday morning, April 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs). H. Sewell, 1; T. Levett, 2; J. Snell, 3; R. Grimwood (conductor), 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff, 6.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, April 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; W. Green, 3; A. Symonds, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; A. Keeble (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, April 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs). F. Fosker, 1; A. Keeble, 2; R. Keeble, 3; C. Parker, 4; R. Grimwood (conductor), 5; W. Stiff, 6. This is the conductor's 100th 720.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Monday, April 19th, at All Saints' church, Boyne Hill, several touches were rung by Messrs. Bissley, Price, Eldridge, Martin, Neighbour, and Fasey. On Saturday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. W. Holloway, 1; J. Eldridge, 2; F. Bissley, 3; T. Price, 4; G. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Walker, 6; H. Neighbour, 7; H. Gilding, 8.

MARLOW (Bucks).—On Saturday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. G. Martin (conductor), 1; F. Bissley, 2; J. Gorrell, 3; T. Price, 4; H. Neighbour, 5; F. Couzens, 6; J. Eldridge, 7; A. Coleman (first quarter-peal), 8.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES. —On Saturday, April 24th, 630 Grandsire Triples in 30 mins. S. Goodall, 1; F. Bissley, 2; T. Price, 3; J. Eldridge, 4; W. Walker, 5; H. Neighbour, 6; G. Martin (conductor), 7; H. Jones, 8.

BRENNHAM (Berks).—On Tuesday, April 20th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Wigmore, 1; R. George (first 720 in any method), 2; F. Richardson, 3; W. Lucas, 4; W. Horne, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. And 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). R. George, 1; H. Richardson, 2; J. Hatto, 3; W. Lucas, 4; W. Horne, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 27th, an attempt for a peal — 720 Canterbury Pleasure, two 720s of Oxford Bob and two of College Single, came to grief in Plain Bob, after ringing 2 hrs. and 12 mins. H. Keal, 1; W. Lucas, 2; F. Richardson, 3; E. Holloway, 4; W. Horne, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6.

ENGLEFIELD (Berks). — On Saturday, April 24th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for seven 720s of Minor, but was lost in the sixth 720 after ringing 2 hrs. and 10 mins. owing to a mis-call being made. W. Bunce, 1; J. Abery, 2; F. Richardson, 3; E. Bruce, 4; E. Holloway, 5; W. Horne (conductor), 6.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CHEAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, April 21st, for practice at St. Dunstan's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles) in 26 mins. W. Watts, 1; F. Northfield, 2; F. M. Northfield, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; W. Canning, 5; C. Gomme (conductor), 6.

#### THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Thursday, April 8th, at St. Michael's church, several courses of Grandsire Minor. W. Espley, 1; Rev. C. Chinner, 2; R. Smith, 3; J. Owen, 4; A. Fullick, 5; F. Hannett, 6. Also several touches of Minor. W. Espley, 1; R. Smith, 2; J. Owen, 3; G. Taylor (conductor), 4; A. Fullick, 5; F. Hannett, 6. On Monday, April 12th, in the belfry of St. Alkmund's church, on handbells, 168

Grandsire Triples. W. Espley, 1; E. Byolin (aged 10), 2; G. Taylor, 3; 4; F. Byolin (conductor), 5-6; A. Fullick, 7-8. On Sunday morning, April 18th, at St. Alkmund's church, 420 Darlaston Bob Triples. A. Bennett, 1; A. Espley, 2; F. Taylor, 3; G. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Dolman, 8. Also at St. Mary's church, 420 Grandsire Triples. T. Price, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. Bennett, 3; A. Espley, 4; F. Taylor, 5; H. Jones, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Scarratt, 1; T. Burd, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; G. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Rung on the back eight. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs. On Monday, April 19th, at St. Chad's church, 1097 Grandsire Caters. A. Bennett, 1; F. Taylor, 2; W. Taylor, 3; G. Taylor, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; T. Burd, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; A. Fullick, 8; A. Espley, 9; J. Wynn, 10. Tenor 43 cwt.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 11th, at the parish church, two 720s of College Single Minor and two 720s of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. The above was an attempt for a 5040, which was lost after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins., and was rung as a birthday company to Mr. E. H. Tubb, it being his 21st birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Sunday, March 21st, for morning service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; W. Webb, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 25th, 720 College Single Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; F. L. Sparks, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 28th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; G. Miles, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 4th, for evening service, 360 College Single Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 15th, for practice, 360 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Sunday, April 18th, after evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; F. Carroway, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 22nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. L. Sparks, 4; F. Carroway, 5; A. Belton (first 720 as conductor), 6. Also 360 of Plain Bob. W. H. Tubb, 1; F. Carroway, 2; C. H. Tubb, 3; A. Belton, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. A. Belton hails from Barnet.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARDEN (Cheshire).—On Monday, April 19th, ringers belonging to Witton and Davenham churches, paid a visit to the parish church, and rang some touches of Minor.

KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday, April 19th, two 720s of Bob Minor were rung by ringers belonging to the above churches. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Johnson who conducted all the above ringing, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

NORBURY (Cheshire).—On Sunday, April 4th, at St. Thomas's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Monday, April 5th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. J. Fernley (first 720 in any method), 1; J. Dean, 2; S. Fernley (conductor), 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; A. Fernley, 5; S. Rutter, 6. On Sunday, April 11th, for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob in 26 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter (conductor), 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Sunday, April 18th, for early Communion Service, 720 Plain Bob in 25½ mins. J. Fernley, 1; G. D. Warburton, 2; S. Rutter, 3; J. Dean, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; A. Fernley, 6. And for morning service a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. And for evening service 720 Plain Bob in 25½ mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; J. Dean, 4; S. Rutter, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Wednesday, April 21st for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob in 25½ mins. J. Fernley, 1; A. Fernley, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley, 4; J. Shallcross, 5; S. Rutter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 25th, for morning service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 25½ mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. And for evening service a 720 Plain Bob in 25½ mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Rutter, 2; A. Fernley, 3; J. Dean, 4; G. D. Warburton, 5; S. Fernley (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 27th, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6.

MARPLE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, April 10th, at a branch meeting of the above Guild held at All Saints', a 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26

mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Wilde (Hyde), 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BRIGHTON.**—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, April 15th, at the residence of G. Williams, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 34 mins. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; K. Hart, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; H. Weston, 7-8. On Saturday, April 17th, an attempt for a peal in the same method was lost through a mis-call after an hour's good ringing. On Monday, April 19th, another attempt was lost through a change-course after ringing 2520 changes in 1 hr. 4 mins. In each of the above attempts the band were in the same order as in the quarter-peal. Also two courses of Grandsire Caters, Messrs I. G. Shade and C. Tyler taking part.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BRENTWOOD (Essex).**—On Monday, April 19th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, but after ringing 1900 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins. it came to grief. C. Dempsey, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Doran, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. Pye, 5; E. Wightman, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. Afterwards 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major. E. Wightman, 4; J. Dale, 5; E. Pye, 6; G. Pye (conductor), 7; the rest as before. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. — Harrington, 1; W. Pye, 2; E. Wightman, 3; J. Tarbun, 4; J. Dale, 5; G. Pye (conductor), 6; E. Pye, 7; W. Keeble, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Wednesday, March 24th, on handbells retained in hand, 576 and 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. On Wednesday, March 31st, 576 and 704 in the same method. On Wednesday, April 14th, 1280 in the same method. On Wednesday, April 21st, 2080 in the same method in 1 hr. 3 mins. G. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; J. Dale, 7-8. Also 504 Stedman Triples (non-conducted) with W. Watson, 7-8; the rest as before.

**BARKING (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, May 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 45 mins. T. Faulkner (conductor), 1; A. Hardy, 2; \*C. Fenn, 3; \*R. Fenn, 4; E. Andrews (late of Wakefield, Yorks), 5; A. Deards, 6; A. Whight, 7; E. A. Davies, Esq., 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

**STISTED (Essex).**—On Easter Monday, on the occasion of the district meeting at Bocking, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Burst, 1; W. Rogers, 2; G. Arnold, 3; W. Burst, 4; A. Saunders, 5; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Elliott, 1; W. Scillitoe, 2; E. Beckwith, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Chaplin, 6. And 720 Double Court Bob. D. Elliott (conductor), 1; W. Rogers, 2; G. Arnold, 3; W. Burst, 4; E. Ridgewell, 5; E. Beckwith, 6. And 720 New London Pleasure. S. Burst, 1; W. Rogers, 2; W. Burst, 3; A. Saunders, 4; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 5; W. Scillitoe, 6.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Easter Sunday, for the early Celebration at 7 a.m. at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Farrow (first 720), 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Webb, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Howard, 1; H. Collins, 2; W. Webb, 3; W. Farrow, 4; W. Hammond (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. On Easter Monday, on the occasion of a district meeting being held at Bocking, 720 London Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Little, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; M. Elliott, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). E. Chaplin, 1; T. Hudson, 2; J. Fluty, 3; W. Mansfield, 4; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Burst, 1; W. Rogers, 2; W. Burst, 3; A. Saunders, 4; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 5; W. Scillitoe, 6. For practice on Wednesday, April 21st, on handbells, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Webb, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5-6. First attempt by all except the conductor.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Sunday, April 11th, at St. Mary's church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. Conducted by H. E. Hammond and F. Rudkin. On Sunday afternoon, April 18th, for Divine Service, 720 College Exercise. W. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; S. Hayes (first 720 in the method), 3; C. Howard, 4; S. Sargent (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Monday, April 19th, on the occasion of a district meeting, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Melbourne, 1; S. Sargent, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; H. Tucker, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6. And 720 Superlative Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Jordan, 1; C. H. Howard (first 720 in the method as conductor), 2; T. Hudson, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Watts, 5; W. Watts, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob.

D. Elliott (conductor), 1; W. Root, 2; H. Wiffen, 3; F. Bumstead, 4; E. Beckwith, 5; W. Elliott, 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Watson, 1; S. Hayes, 2; F. Bumstead, 3; H. Hammond (conductor), 4; W. Grimwade, 5; D. Elliott, 6. And 720 New London Pleasure. W. Grimwade, 1; G. Scillitoe, 2; H. Wiffen, 3; E. Beckwith, 4; W. Root, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BUSHEY (Herts).**—On Sunday evening, April 11th, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Major. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Whitehead, 3; A. Pate, 4; E. Huntley (conductor), 5; W. Oakley, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; F. Edwards, 8. Also 210 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Edwards, 4; F. Hussey, 8; the rest as before. This is the first touch in the method by all, also on the bells. On Sunday morning, April 18th, for Divine Service, 784 Bob Major. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Whitehead, 3; A. Pate, 4; E. Huntley (conductor), 5; W. Oakley, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; F. Edwards, 8. Also for children's service 336 Bob Major. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Whitehead, 3; G. Price (Oxhey), 4; W. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; W. Thorn, 7; E. Huntley (conductor), 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. F. Edwards, 1; W. Whitehead, 2; F. Smith, 3; G. Price, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; E. Huntley (conductor), 7; W. Oakley, 8. For evening service 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Huntley, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Oakley, 3; W. Whitehead, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; F. Edwards (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also 252 Bob Triples. W. Thorn, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Whitehead, 3; A. Pate, 4; E. Huntley (conductor), 5; W. E. Oakley, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; T. Hussey, 8. On Saturday, April 24th, for practice, 464 Bob Major. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Whitehead, 3; A. Pate, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; F. Edwards, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; E. Huntley (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, April 25th, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Major. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Whitehead, 3; A. Pate, 4; E. Huntley (conductor), 5; W. Oakley, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; F. Edwards, 8. Also 252 Bob Triples. F. Edwards, 1; F. Smith, 2; E. Huntley (conductor), 3; A. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Whitehead, 6; W. Oakley, 7; J. Hussey, 8. For evening service 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Huntley, 1; J. Allen, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. Oakley, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; F. Edwards (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also two courses of Bob Major. W. Oakley, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Whitehead, 3; A. Pate, 4; E. Huntley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; F. Edwards, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**PENGE (Surrey).**—On Sunday morning, April 18th, 1080 Canterbury Minor. G. Conn, 1; G. Wickens, 2; H. Edwards, 3; W. J. Batson, 4; J. Town, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor. G. Conn, 1; T. Richards, 2; W. Batson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; J. Town, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. W. Smith hails from Norwood; Town from Beckenham, Kent; the rest are of the local company.

**EDENBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, April 25th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Edwards (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; J. Heasman (first 720 of Treble Bob as conductor), 2; R. Jenner (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Steddy, 5; J. Wallis, 6. In the evening 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Jenner, 1; J. Heasman, 2; J. Wallis, 3; N. Wallis, 4; P. C. Chantler (first 720 in the method), 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. J. Preston (conductor), 1; P. Chantler, 2; R. Jenner, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Wallis, 6. On Tuesday, April 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. (Thurstans'). J. Edwards, 1; J. Heasman, 2; R. Jenner, 3; J. Steddy, 4; J. Wallis, 5; T. Wallis, 6; J. Preston (conductor), 7; J. Malyan, 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by all except J. Preston, but it is his first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor. It is also the first by a local band.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).**—On Saturday, March 27th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Avis, 1; R. Smith, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; L. Silver (conductor), 5; F. Hayes, 6. Also 720 each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by L. Silver. On Tuesday, April 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Avis, 1; R. Smith, 2; F. Hayes (conductor), 3; L. Silver, 4; B. Spinner, 5; R. Munn, 6. This 720, which contains sixty calls, was composed by H. G. Rowe, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 3rd. On Saturday, May 1st, 720 each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob. J. Avis, 1; R. Smith, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; L. Silver, 5; F. Hayes, 6. Conducted by Messrs. Munn and Hayes.

**NORTHFLEET (Kent).**—On Thursday, April 8th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Lingham, 1; R. Smith, 2; B. Spinner, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; W. Ware, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On Saturday, April 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Munn, 1; F. Hayes, 2; R. Smith, 3; B. Spinner, 4; W. Martin, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**WORCESTER.**—On Monday, April 19th, at St. John's church, 720



Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. R. Small (Tipton), 1; W. Micklewright (Dudley, conductor), 2; J. Smith (Netherton), 3; Rev. J. P. Hastings (Martley), 4; G. Pagett (Stourbridge), 5; W. Page (Worcester), 6.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, April 22nd, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Smith, 1; G. Pagett, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; W. Talbot, 4; E. Hampton (conductor), 5; J. W. Smith, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins., rung silent. J. Smith, 1; W. Micklewright, 2; J. W. Smith, 3; W. Talbot, 4; E. Hampton, 5; G. Pagett (Stourbridge), 6.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts.).—On Monday, April 19th, on the occasion of the annual meeting held at the above place, a 360 of Duke of York. in 13½ mins. E. Russon, 1; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 2; H. Stenton, 3; B. Hall, 4; F. Hargreaves, 5; C. Fowler, 6. Rung on the back six. And 720 Duke of York, in 24½ mins. E. Russon, 1; B. Hall, 2; H. Stenton, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; F. Hargreaves, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. Rung on the first six. First 720 in the method on the bells. And a 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 12 mins. A. Street, 1; D. Russon, 2; H. Blagg, 3; F. Hargreaves, 4; W. Hargreaves, 5; J. White, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; C. Crawford, 8. First touch of Treble Bob Major by a mixed company at an Association meeting. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. A. Street, 1; F. S. W. Butler, 2; H. Haigh, 3; C. Crawford, 4; A. Fearney, 5; G. M. Farr (conductor), 6; H. Warburton, 7; J. White, 8. A. Fearney hails from York Minster; F. S. W. Butler from Gainsborough; G. M. Farr from Chesterfield. Also a 434 of Plain Bob Major in 20 mins. H. Blagg, 1; A. Street, 2; H. Haigh (conductor), 3; G. M. Farr, 4; A. Fearney, 5; G. M. Farr, 6; H. Warburton, 7; J. White, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt.

WEST RETFORD (Notts.).—On Monday, April 19th, at the parish church, a 720 Violet in 25 mins. R. Lindley, 1; D. Russon, 2; J. Swindin, 3; G. Barrowcliffe, 4; S. Smith (conductor), 5; G. Brown, 6. And a 360 of Oxford in 12 mins. by the same ringers, standing as before, with T. Russon as conductor. And 720 of Violet in 25 mins. J. H. Swinburn, 1; H. Lambert, 2; J. Guest, 3; R. Beeston (conductor), 4; T. Smith, 5; T. Sewell, 6. And 360 of Kent in 13 mins. A. Street, 1; J. Guest, 2; H. Stenton, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; T. Smith, 5; C. Fowler, 6.

ORDSALL (Notts.).—On Monday, April 19th, at the parish church, a 720 of Woodbine in 24½ mins. R. Lindley, 1; J. Swindin, 2; H. Stenton, 3; G. Brown, 4; S. Smith (conductor), 5; C. Fowler, 6.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks.).—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's church, the local ringers rang rounds for the early service. V. Scar, 1; L. Meager, 2; A. N. Atkins, 3; E. Mark, 4; H. Sear, 5; F. Robinson, 6; J. Atkins, 7; F. Hedges, 8. For the 11 o'clock service 360 Grandsire Doubles, 7-6-8 behind. V. Scar, 1; A. G. Crane, 2; R. Sear, 3; E. Mark, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; H. Sear, 6; F. Hedges, 7; W. Cramwell, 8. For afternoon service 480 on the back six. W. Cramwell, 1; F. Hedges, 2; V. Sear, 3; A. G. Crane, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; R. Sear, 7; F. Sear, 8. For evening service another 480 on the back six. W. Cramwell, 1; F. Hedges, 2; V. Sear, 3; A. G. Crane, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; R. Sear, 6; J. Atkins, 7; J. Sear, 8. After service another 360. V. Sear, 1; F. Hedges, 2; R. Sear, 3; E. Marks, 4; A. G. Crane, 5; J. Sear, 6; J. Atkins, 7; T. Hartup (Penny Stratford), 8. All conducted by V. Sear.

BRIGHTON.—The following touches were rung at the church of St. Nicholas by members attending the Annual Meeting on Easter Monday:—A 504 Stedman Triples. K. Hart, 1; G. King, 2; R. Cherryman, 3; R. Stredwick, 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; F. Bacon, 6; W. Palmer, 7; R. Fenteman, 8. A course of Treble Ten. C. Tyler, 1; G. King, 2; E. Merritt, 3; F. Bacon, 4; J. Rice, 5; A. Preece, 6; G. Paice, 7; F. Rice, 8; W. Palmer, 9; K. Hart, 10. 270 Grandsire Caters. E. Brant, 1; G. King, 2; W. Stead, 3; G. Williams, 4; J. Rice, 5; S. Saker, 6; I. Shade (conductor), 7; G. Paice, 8; F. Rice, 9; C. Beal, 10. 308 Grandsire Caters. F. Rice, 1; G. King, 2; W. Alliss, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; C. Tyler, 5; E. Randall, 6; K. Hart (conductor), 7; A. Thomsett, 8; G. Paice, 9; A. Preece, 10. 216 Stedman Caters. G. F. Attree (conductor), 1; G. Paice, 2; W. Alliss, 3; J. Smart, 4; A. Preece, 5; J. Frossell, 6; C. Smart, 7; G. King, 8; K. Hart, 9; F. Rice, 10. A course of Treble Ten. G. Gatland, 1; J. Frossell, 2; J. Smart, 3; G. King, 4; K. Hart, 5; A. Preece, 6; G. Paice, 7; C. Tyler, 8; F. Rice, 9; G. F. Attree, 10. 216 Stedman Caters. J. Searle, 1; G. King, 2; L. Attwater, 3; J. Attwater, 4; J. Rice, 5; W. Stead, 6; K. Hart, 7; G. Williams, 8; W. Palmer (conductor), 9; C. Tyler, 10. A course of Bob Royal. J. Searle, 1; W. Stead, 2; E. Merritt, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; J. Rice, 5; G. King, 6; J. Frossell, 7; G. Williams, 8; W. Palmer, 9; K. Hart, 10.

CAMBRIDGE.—On St. George's day at the church of Great St. Mary's, 666 Grandsire Caters. J. Jackson, 1; T. Rockett, 2; H.

Mansfield, 3; S. Brown, 4; J. Taylor, 5; C. Taylor, 6; E. Andrews, 7; G. Woodhouse (Caius, conductor), 8; W. Eusden, 9; W. Kempton, 10. Also 216 Stedman Caters. On Monday, April 26th, 503 Grandsire Caters. F. Edwards (Ridley), 1; H. Sharp (first touch of Caters), 2; T. Rockett, 3; J. Jackson, 4; J. Taylor, 5; W. Kempton, 6; C. Taylor, 7; G. Woodhouse (conductor), 8; A. Markwell, 9; W. Eusden, 10. And 120 Kent Treble Bob Royal with Rev. A. Boughey, 4; J. Jackson, 8; G. Woodhouse (conductor), 10. Tenor 31 cwt. Messrs. Markwell and Sharp hail from Wilburton.

CANTERBURY.—On Sunday evening, April 25th, at the church of St. Alphege, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Fox, 1; E. Beney, 2; W. Pierce (conductor), 3; F. Brett, 4; G. Jenkins, 5; F. Marriott, 6.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday, April 18th, at the church of St. Etheldreda, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hollingsworth, 1; J. Powers, 2; J. Rumney, 3; J. Shepherd, 4; R. Shepherd, 5; H. Shepherd (conductor), 6; A. Shepherd, 7; H. Tharby, 8. For evening service 896 Bob Major and 578 Grandsire Triples. J. Powers, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; J. Rumney, 3; J. Kentish (conductor), 4; J. Kentish, 5; H. Shepherd, 6; A. Shepherd, 7; J. Hollingsworth, 8. On Sunday, April 25th, 1448 Bob Major. J. Powers, 1; J. Kentish, 2; J. Rumney, 3; J. Shepherd, 4; J. T. Kentish, 5; H. Shepherd, 6; A. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. Hollingsworth, 8.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Thursday, April 22nd, at the parish church, for practice, 882 Grandsire Caters. R. Dennison, 1; W. Graham, 2; H. Woods (Wellingborough), 3; W. Tyson, 4; R. Everson, 5; T. Haslam, 6; W. Atkinson, 7; B. Walker (conductor), 8; J. Hine, 9; J. Salmon, 10. The last recorded touch of Caters is dated 1819, and the present company commenced practising a few weeks ago. H. Woods came from Wellingborough to Kendal about six weeks ago, and is now resident in the latter place.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, April 18th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Clement Danes, 504 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. W. Webber, 1; T. Langdon, 2; J. Coomb, 3; W. Meads, 4; E. Richards, 5; G. Pearl, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; T. Coxhead, 8. After evening service 305 Grandsire Caters. E. O'Meara, 1; G. Pearl, 2; W. Meads, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; J. Coomb, 5; T. Langdon, 6; E. Richards, 7; W. H. George (conductor), 8; T. Taffender, 9; T. Coxhead, 10. On Friday, April 23rd, at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 112 Grandsire Triples. W. Cobbett, 1; H. Green, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Taffender (conductor), 4; C. Deer, 5; F. Clements, 6; W. Humberstone, 7; G. Woodage, 8. First touch of Grandsire Triples by an entirely local band.

MASHAM (Yorks).—Recently 168 Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, 1; J. Pickersgill, 2; R. Wilson, 3; J. Baxter, 4; T. Lungley, 5; W. Porter, 6; G. Lungley (conductor), 7; W. Auld, 8. Also 336 Plain Bob, and 96 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; J. Pickersgill, 2; R. Wilson, 3; ———, 4; G. Lungley, 5; T. Lungley, 6; W. Porter, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8.

RIPON (Yorks).—Recently at the Cathedral 324 Grandsire Caters. F. Teasdale, 1; R. Wilson, 2; G. Park, 3; J. Baxter, 4; T. Metcalfe, 5; G. Lungley, 6; T. Lungley, 7; W. Porter (conductor), 8; G. W. Park, 9; W. Auld, 10. And 504 Stedman Triples. C. Hall, 1; T. Metcalfe, 2; W. Pick, 3; G. Lungley, 4; J. Passman, 5; G. Park, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; T. Scollick, 8. Rung on the back eight. Also 448 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Pick, 1; C. Hall, 2; J. Passman, 3; J. Metcalfe, 4; F. Teasdale, 5; G. Park, 6; G. Lungley, 7; T. Lungley, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

ROYDON (Herts).—On Friday, April 23rd, at St. Peter's church, eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; I. Cavill (conductor), 4; G. Barker (Ware), 5; W. Littlechild, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. Also 144 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, on handbells (on the table). W. Marrable, 1-2; I. Cavill (conductor), 3-4; J. Littlechild, 5-6; G. Barker, 7-8; S. King, 9-10; A. Pearman, 11-12.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Waddington, 1; H. Samuel, 2; F. Barnes, 3; A. Hallett, 4; R. Hammond, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6; W. Battle (conductor), 7; G. Wright, 8. Tenor 33 cwt. in E flat.

WOODBIDGE (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 19th, 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. A. Ward, 1; F. Watling (conductor), 2; W. Flory, 3; H. Howlett, 4; C. Parker, 5; G. Hardy, 6; W. Drew, 7; C. Ward, 8. C. Parker hails from Grundisburgh; Ward (2) from Ufford; Flory and Howlett from Framlingham; Drew and Hardy from Kelsale; Watling from Saxmundham.

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## Notices.

**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Owing to the bell-hanging operations in progress at the Abbey and other towers in Bath, the annual meeting proposed to be held in the city on May 1st, is *unavoidably postponed* to a later date, due notice of which will appear.

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

**The Middlesex Association.**—The next meeting of this association will be held to-day, Saturday, May 8th, at St. Matthew's church, Upper Clapton, by the kind permission of the Rev. J. R. Cullin. The tower will be open soon after 5 p.m., and there will be a business meeting at 8 p.m., in a room adjoining the church. The hon. secretary hopes that members will endeavour to be present, and he extends, on their behalf, a cordial invitation to all friends of the association who are ringers.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held to-day, Saturday, May 8th, at St. Saviour's church, Bolton. Ringing to commence at 6 p.m.

HENRY MOSS, *Branch Sec.*  
149 Clarence Street, Bolton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Anne's to-day, Saturday, May 8th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Meeting in school at 6. The vicar, Rev. W. G. Terry, is expected to preside.

JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*  
33 Warton Street, Lytham.

**Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Lawrence's church to-day, Saturday, May 8th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. Members present will have their travelling expenses paid, but not exceeding two shillings.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *Dis. Hon. Sec.*  
Shalmsford, via Canterbury.

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting will be held at Godalming to-day, Saturday, May 8th.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Hursley, Winchester.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, East Crompton, Shaw, to-day, Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringing friends invited.

E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*  
14, Thomas' Street, Leesfield.

**Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held on Wednesday, May 12th, at Tonbridge. Tower open at 3 p.m. Business meeting at The Red Lion hotel at 5.30. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend. N.B.—No allowances.

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

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The spring quarterly meeting will be held at Mortimer (near Reading), on Saturday, May 15th. The towers of St. Mary (eight bells) and St. John (six bells) will be open for ringing after 2 p.m. Evensong at St. John's church, at 4.45 p.m.; preacher, Rev. C. Lovett-Cameron. Tea, kindly given by the vicar, at the vicarage, at 5.45 p.m.

A. W. PIKE, *Organising Sec.*  
Caversham, Oxon.

**The Salop Guild.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Welshpool, on Saturday, May 15th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.25 p.m. Hon. Sec. would like to know the number intending to be present.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will take place at St. Nicholas church, Liverpool, on Saturday, May 15th. Particulars by circular.

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**The Yorkshire Association.**—The General Meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday next, May 15th. By kind permission of the respective Vicars, the rings of eight at the parish church, six at All Saints, and six at St. Luke's, Darrington, will be available from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tea in the National School at 5 p.m. Business meeting after, when the revised rules will be submitted for approval or otherwise. A half-day excursion will be run from Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Dewsbury, Wakefield, etc. The local hon. sec. is Mr. W. Pearson, Plumber, Horsefair, Pontefract.

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14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor Road, West Didsbury, on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Open invitation to all ringers, a good muster expected.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
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**Kent County Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual meeting will be held at Canterbury, on Whitsun-Monday, June 7th. The address at the service will be given by the Very Rev. the Dean. Applications for dinner tickets to be made to the Secretary. Conductors of peals during 1896 are requested to send figures or references at once to

F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*  
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**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual contest will be held at Wingfield, near Claycross, on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th. The address at the service will be given by the Very Rev. the Dean. Applications for dinner tickets to be made to the Secretary. Conductors of peals during 1896 are requested to send figures or references at once to

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**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival and meeting of the above will be held at Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. Service in the parish church about 11.30 a.m. Dinner to follow.

THOS. BLACKBOURN, *Gen. Sec.*  
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## THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

The members of the above Society held their fourteenth annual meeting on Saturday, May 1st, under the presidency of Mr. C. H. Hattersley. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. C. H. Hattersley; Treasurer, Mr. T. Hattersley; Hon. Secretary, William Lomas, Court 25, St. Philip's Road. It was decided that the Society have their annual outing to Campsall (near Doncaster) on Saturday, July 10th.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. A. Hardy has removed to 43, Kay Road, Stockwell, S.W. where all communications may be addressed.

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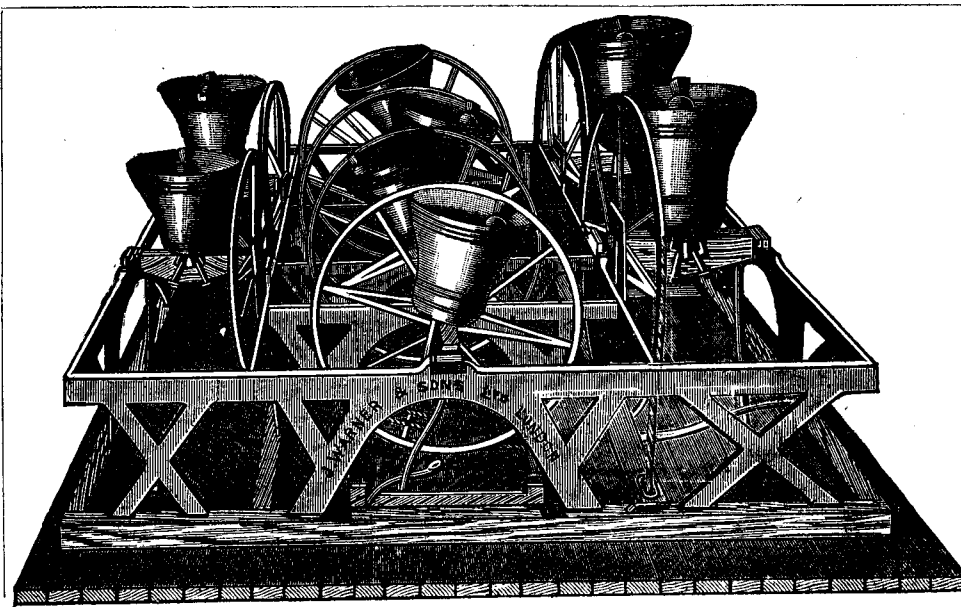
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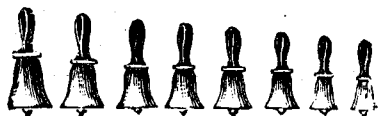
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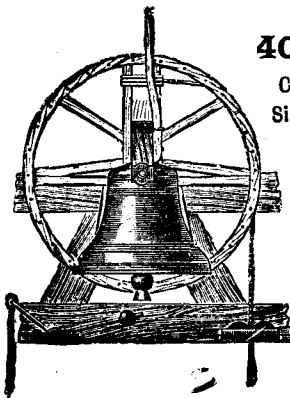
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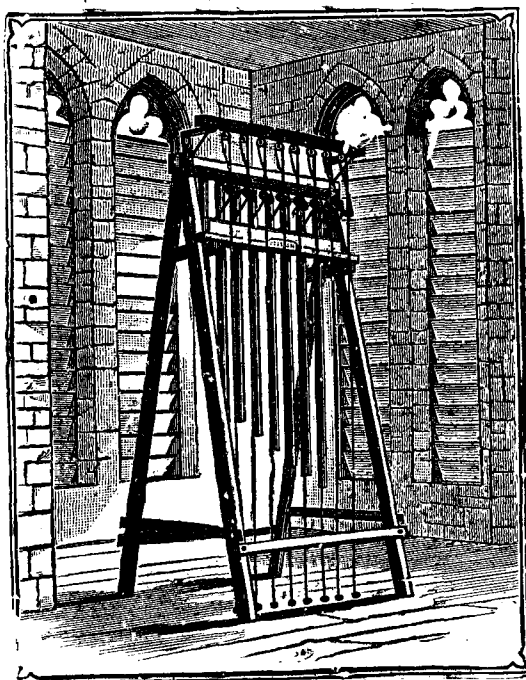
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## UNVEILING OF TABLETS AT ST. MARTIN'S, TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 1st, a very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the above church, the occasion being the uncovering of two beautiful peal-tablets, one recording a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5024 changes, by members of the Worcestershire and Staffordshire Associations, on October 12th, 1895, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., being the first in the method by the last-named society; and a peal of Forward Major, 5000 changes, by members of the Midland Counties and Stafford Associations on January 18th, 1896, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., being also the first in the method by the last-named association, and on the bells. This tablet is a beautiful design in wood, written in gold. The other is of fine blue York stone, permanently fixed in the tower, recording a peal of Stedman Triples by members of the Worcestershire and Archdeaconry of Stafford Associations, on Wednesday, September 30th, 1896, in 2 hrs. 44 mins. This peal was rung as a centenary peal of the church, and it was also the two hundredth peal of Mr. William Rock Small, the respected *custos* of the bells and tower. These two hundred peals were rung upon church bells in various counties, on eight, ten, and twelve bells; a complete list of which appeared in this journal at the time. The tablet was presented by Mr. Small to the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Martin's.

Amongst those present were the Rev. Wilson T. de Vine (Vicar) and Miss de Vine, the G. E. Lythgoe (curate-in-charge of St. Luke's, Great Bridge) and Mrs. Lythgoe, Mr. Churchwarden Perry and Mrs. Perry, Mr. Churchwarden Dunn; and Messrs. Edwards (organist), Whitehouse (verger), Small, Hill, Bowcutt, Bywater, J. Small, and Jones (Tipton), Groves and Dawkes (Wolverhampton), Mason (Old Hill), Roberts (Stourbridge), George (Rugby), Reeves, Horton, Hall, Cashmore (West Bromwich), Mills (Smethwick), Godden, Carter, Avery, Bastable, Watts, Painter (Birmingham), J. S. Pritchett (King's Norton), S. Spittle, Micklewright (Dudley), J. Smith (Netherton), etc.

Mr. W. R. Small, in opening the proceedings, read letters of apology from the Revs. C. E. Earle Bulwer (Handsworth) and Donald Jones (Hon. Sec. of the Stafford Archdeaconry), for non-attendance on that occasion. He said that his object in inviting a few of his friends who were well-known ringers was to bring them together in closer contact, that they might know each other better, and become, if possible, more ardent church workers, and more attached to the science of change-ringing. That was one object he had in view. Another was to bring his own Vicar and Churchwardens into the company of the different Associations to which he belonged, that they may see what sort of men bellringers were. He felt sure such meetings were beneficial both to clergy and ringers.

The Vicar, after offering up a short prayer, gave a hearty welcome to all present, and said he should have been pleased to have seen a lady perform the duty of unveiling those tablets. The work would have been more gracefully done than he could possibly do it. It was however a pleasure to him to meet such a company of ringers, and also to know that the ringers of to-day were quite a different class of people to what they were in days gone by. He could not help remarking that he was exceptionally happy in having such an enthusiast as Mr. Small as leader of his own band of ringers. The interest which Mr. Small took in that beltry and in ringing, was shewn to them that day, by the splendid gift he had made to the St. Martin's tower. Personally, and also on behalf of the churchwardens, he thanked Mr. Small most heartily, and trusted that he would long be spared to take the same interest in the art and science of change-ringing as he had hitherto shewn. The tablet he had just unveiled shewed that Mr. Small had rung 200 peals, and he (the Vicar) hoped he might be spared to ring 200 more.

Mr. Rock Small, in reply, said that he hoped the Vicar and

Churchwardens would receive the stone tablet in the same spirit in which it was given by him to the church.

Mr. S. Spittle congratulated Mr. Small upon his achievement, and hoped that he would be able for some time to come to take his place among them in ringing peals. It was a pleasure to him to be present that afternoon to take part in so interesting a ceremony, it showed what could be accomplished by perseverance. He was also pleased to meet the clergy amongst them, which was another good sign, for if the clergy would become more acquainted with the ringers it would have a tendency to make the ringers better churchmen than they were at present.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar for unveiling the tablets, also to the ladies and churchwardens for their presence, said how pleased he was to be with them upon such an occasion. He heartily endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker, and congratulated Mr. Small upon his 200th peal. He was quite sure a more congenial ringer was not easily to be found; he was always ready to instruct the young beginner, or to take his part in accomplishing a peal. The tablet he had presented that day would make his name immortal.

Mr. W. H. Godden, in seconding the proposition, said he felt much pleasure in being amongst them, especially as the clergy, the ladies and the churchwardens were present, and trusted that it would not be the last occasion upon which they would meet together.

Mr. Churchwarden Dunn, in returning thanks, said how indebted they were to Mr. Small for his valuable gift to them that day. It was a great pleasure to him to know Mr. Small, he was sure he was the right man in the right place. Mr. Churchwarden Perry also suitably responded.

The Vicar responded for himself and the ladies. He was pleased to inform them that the churchwardens would be happy to meet all present at tea in the schoolroom, at the close of that ceremony.

Mr. Small then thanked them one and all for their presence, and said that he was not deserving of all that had been said about him, for he thought when looking at some of those present who were able composers and conductors, he could assure them he felt that he was only a small man among them.

An adjournment was now made to the schoolroom, where a substantial knife and fork tea had been prepared, and to which full justice was done by those present. Messrs. Churchwardens Perry and Dunn, Miss De Vine, Mrs. Lythgoe, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Dunn presided at the tables. At the close of the tea Mr. H. Mason moved a vote of thanks to the churchwardens for their hospitality, also to the ladies for presiding at the tables and enhancing the proceedings by their presence. This was seconded by Mr. George. Several courses and touches were rung upon the handbells, including a course of Grandsire Cinques, and the "Blue Bells of Scotland," beautifully rendered by Messrs. Carter and Watts, much to the delight of those present. During the afternoon and evening touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung upon the tower bells.

## UNVEILING OF A PEAL-TABLET AT ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL.

On Friday, April 9th, a peal-board recording the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major ever rung on the bells in the present tower, was unveiled by the Rev. John Draper, M.A., Rector, in the ringing chamber. The ceremony commenced with a touch on the bells in the above method, by J. Scholes, H. Springall, J. Waghorn, E. Wallage, S. E. Joyce, E. Hall, E. Clayton, and A. Barkus; conducted by H. Springall. The Rector in his opening remarks, after a short prayer, said it gave him great pleasure to be there on such an occasion, and complimented

the ringers on having achieved such a performance. He was pleased to say he had heard the whole of the peal. He was sorry that the churchwarden (Mr. Snell) was unable to be present, as he took a great interest in church work.

Mr. E. Wallage, on behalf of the members, thanked the Rector for coming amongst them that evening to unveil the tablet, and also for his kind remarks. It was seven or eight years ago since the ringers had attempted a peal in this method, but "stand" was called owing to the exhaustion of the tenor-ringer, who had been ringing over two hours. Mr. O'Meara coming amongst them a short time ago had an ambition to ring the tenor a peal, which he was pleased to say proved a success at the first attempt. He also thanked the Rector for having the tablet placed in the ringing-chamber, as it would show young ringers what had been done on the bells, and induce them to do the same.

The ringers then rang a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by A. Barkus, and the meeting terminated. The following is the inscription on the board:—

**S. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL.**—The Ancient Society of College Youths.—On Friday, December 4th, 1896, eight members of the above rung on these bells a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5024 changes, in 3 hours 11 minutes. Performers: James Scholes, Treble; Henry Springall, 2; Joseph Waghorn, 3; Edward Wallage, 4; Samuel E. Joyce, 5; Ernest Clayton, 6; Emmanuel Hall, 7; Edward P. O'Meara, Tenor.—Composed by the late John Cox; Conducted by Henry Springall.—Rev. John Draper, M.A. Rector; Edward S. Snell, John C. Hudson, John Cobbett, Churchwardens.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

The usual quarterly meeting of the above took place at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea on Saturday, May 8th, members attending from Lytham, Blackpool, Kirkham, and the local company. The bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the members from 3 p.m. by the vicar (the Rev. W. G. Terry). Various touches of Grandsire Triples, College Single Minor, and Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon. At the meeting held in the school, the vicar presided.

The chairman said he was glad to welcome the Association to St. Anne's, and at any time the bells were at the disposal of the branch. In speaking of the ringers' office he said that ringers were church-workers just the same as the minister and the choir. He also thought that the men after they had done ringing ought to go into the church. He had serious thoughts about the character of a ringer. No one he thought ought to be one unless he had a very good character.

The next business was the election of members. Mr. J. Fisher (Lytham), proposed the names of Messrs. Root, Atkinson, John and George Miller, of the parish church, Lytham. Mr. J. Fell proposed the name of Mr. Thomas Haslem (Blackpool), and Mr. J. Townsend (St. Anne's), seconded, and it was carried. The place of the next meeting being discussed, Lytham was selected for July 17th.

The chairman said the next item, he was sorry to say, was the resignation of the Branch Secretary (Mr. Fell). The secretary said he was very sorry indeed to have to adopt this course owing to pressure of business. He could not get away now as in former times on a Saturday afternoon. After some discussion it was left over till the next meeting.

Mr. Cookson, of Kirkham, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. W. G. Terry for the use of the bells and school, and also for presiding.

Mr. J. Fisher seconded, and the chairman having briefly replied, the meeting terminated.

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#### GREAT TEY. ESSEX.

Thursday, May 6th, 1897, will be remembered as a red letter day by the inhabitants of this parish, it being the occasion of the re-opening of the bells of the parish church dedicated to St. Barnabas. The fine old Norman tower of the church had been in a very unsatisfactory state for some years, but has recently undergone a thorough restoration, the expenses being borne by the parishioners and friends. This being done Reuben Hunt, Esq., of Earls Colne, very generously offered to have the bells re-hung in a new oak frame and fitted with the latest improvements. The work has been entrusted to the Whitechapel firm and is another exhibition of their fine workmanship, the "go" of the bells leaving nothing to be desired. The bells are a musical ring of eight, tenor about 14 cwt. in G., and are now in splendid order for peal-ringing.

The day's proceedings commenced with a touch by the local band at 6 a.m., and the bells were kept going the whole of the day to the tune of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Amongst the various touches was a well struck 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major by the following: R. Potter, 1; D. Elliott (conductor), 2; W. Dyer, 3; G. Gally, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; G. Ladham, 8. About forty ringers were present from Coggeshall, Colchester, Braintree, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Great and Little Bentley, Great Totham and Ipswich, including Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Vicar of Great Totham and assistant Hon. Sec. to the Essex Association.

At 1 o'clock the ringers were provided with cold luncheon, half of them going to The Chequers and the remainder to The Eight Bells inn, and were presided over by the churchwardens, Messrs. H. R. Carter and R. B. Smith respectively, who were also busily engaged the whole of the day, attending to the wants of the visitors, and explaining the very many points of interest connected with the sacred edifice. At 3 p.m. a short service was held in the quaint old church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Godfrey; special prayers were used and hymns and psalms sung by the choir. A good congregation attended, the offertory being for the restoration of the chancel, the next part to be undertaken, which is now used to seat the congregation and benched with the old-fashioned high pews, the congregation facing the west. The nave and several side chapels were pulled down some years ago, leaving the tower nearly extreme west instead of central, previous to the demolition to build stables for the then rectory. The living is now a Vicarage.

The parish has possessed for a great number of years a good change-ringing band, as peal-boards in the belfry will shew. The present band now consists of several advanced in years, and it is hoped that young men in the parish will come forward and volunteer to learn the Art and so become church-workers in so sacred a calling.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 19th, the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Bedford. Soon after nine o'clock the splendid ring of ten at St. Paul's were set going by the local band; members arriving from Sandy, Sharnbrook, Biddenham, Turvey, Raunds, Bletchley, and Onley; with the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Hon. Secretary) from Ridgemount. A committee meeting was held at St. Paul's vestry at two o'clock—Mr. Ransom in the chair—to discuss the proposed affiliation with the Ely Diocesan Association and other business. A special service was held at St. Paul's at 3 o'clock, when an excellent address was given by the Rev. W. W. Crump, Hon. Secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, which the writer is very sorry to say was very poorly attended by members. It is a pity when a special service is arranged and a special preacher consents to address the ringers, that members treat it so coldly. There was not above twenty ringing members present at church, but it was quite a different thing at the tea when between fifty and sixty sat down. If the Committee next year would arrange for tea first and service after, it would be an improvement. A peal was rung at Biddenham early in the morning upon the recently re-hung bells, a report of which has appeared in its proper place. Several new ringing members were elected, also one hon. member.

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## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this association was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at St. Matthew's Church, Upper Clapton, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Cullin. Ringers were present from most of the towers represented in the Association, together with several of the unattached members and a few visitors. About forty members were present at one time or another during the evening, and though this attendance was not equal to that of recent gatherings of the Association, the quality of the ringing was quite up to the usual standard. The bells were raised after evensong at or about 5.30, and ringing continued till 8 o'clock with little or no intermission. Touches were brought round in the following methods: Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Stedman Triples; Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A business meeting was held in the church room at 8 o'clock, at which fourteen new members were elected. The Hon. Secretary communicated to the meeting the details of the negotiations with the South and West Middlesex Guild, and of the agreement arrived at by the two Committees on the 23rd January last. He remarked upon the cordiality which had followed the course of the negotiations from first to last, which promised well for the future success of the County Association, and he expressed the hope that members would show their hearty desire to co-operate, by attending the meeting to be held on Whit-Monday next at Ealing. He gave an outline of the probable arrangements. Ringing would commence at 12 o'clock, and two rings of bells would be available: St. Mary's and Christ Church. A 3 o'clock meat tea would be provided at a reasonable cost for those desiring to partake of it. Then would follow the business part of the programme at St. Mary's Church House, and there would be a short service at the church, appropriate to the occasion, which the Rev. Dr. Oliver had kindly consented to conduct. Afterwards, more ringing.

The Hon. Secretary further stated that he was expecting to receive shortly the draft rules of the new Association, proposed by the Rev. H. G. Bird, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Hillingdon, who was himself a ringer, and would be asked to fill the office of President. It was arranged that the next meeting of what will then be the north and east district of the Middlesex County Association should be held at Southgate, towards the end of July, and that the permission of the Vicar of Pinner should be asked with a view to a subsequent meeting being held in the autumn at Pinner. A very interesting and enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the passing of a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. J. R. Cullin, for the use of his bells.

## THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The first annual outing of the Thornbury Amateur Society took place on Easter Monday last, the place selected being Bristol, where arrangements were previously made for a ring on several peals. The company were as follows: A. Burchell, S. Phipps, S. Cullimore, W. Gale, J. Poole, W. Symes, F. K. Howell, W. Jefferies. After an enjoyable drive of eleven miles Bristol was reached about 10 a.m., where they were met by several local ringers, and conducted to St. Peter's tower, where a course and also a touch of 168 Stedman Triples were tapped off. A. Burchell, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; J. Poole, 3; S. Phipps, 4; H. J. Howell, 5; W. Cave, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; S. Cullimore, 8. The next place visited was St. James' where a course of Stedman Caters was attempted and lost. This was their first attempt at Caters on the ropes, and the first ever heard by most of them. Leaving here, tracks were made for St. John's where several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles were rung. And the next place visited was the dinner table at The George hotel, Narrow Wine Street, where host Stansell had a capital spread which was appreciated by all. Dinner over, All Saints was visited, where touches of 252, 168, and 252 were rung, conducted by W. J. Hinton. Leaving here, an enjoyable walk to Clifton Parish Church, where short touches were rung. Later in the evening, a start was made for home, which was safely reached about 10 p.m., after an enjoyable day. The band unanimously wish to thank all, especially the Bristol ringers, who took part with them, and helped to make their first annual outing a success. All the members of the amateur band had a pull in each tower.

## BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Tuesday evening, the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, and a few friends met at Bucknall cottage, the residence of Mr. E. H. Clarkson, to partake of an excellent supper, which had been provided in commemoration of the Silent Peal lately rung by the Bucknall ringers. The visitors present were Mr. J. Fenton, churchwarden, Mr. F. W. Goodwin, member of the Stoke School Board, and Messrs. J. Ratcliffe, G. Garner, F. Clews, F. Payne, J. Twigg, J. Beardmore, C. Twigg, H. Page (Stoke) and T. Miller (Wolstanton). After partaking of the good things provided and the cloth being removed, Mr. Churchwarden Fenton, in the absence of the Rector, was called upon to preside. Letters of apology were read from the Rector (Rev. G. T. Birch), and Mr. Carl Oliver (organist), regretting their inability to attend. The Chairman proposed "The Queen and Royal Family," which was heartily drunk. Mr. H. Page proposed "Success to the Ringers of Bucknall," and in doing so complimented them on their achievement in ringing the first non-conducted peal of Minor. This was seconded by Mr. J. Beardmore. The other toasts given were "The Visitors," by J. E. Wheeldon, and "THE BELL NEWS" by Mr. W. Twigg. During the evening songs were given by Mr. J. Twigg, Mr. G. Garner, Mr. H. Page, M. W. Wheeldon, and Mr. G. Clarkson, and pianoforte solos by Mr. C. Twigg. The question of placing two more bells in the tower was talked over, and Mr. F. W. Goodwin proposed and Mr. J. Ratcliffe seconded, that they formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of furthering that object, over ten pounds towards this being promised in the room. A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson for the use of the room, and to the ladies who had assisted in preparing the supper, was heartily passed. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

## GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

Mr. Henry Brafield, for many years parish churchwarden of Doddington (which post his father held before him), died on Monday, April 26th, after a long and painful illness, aged 59 years. He was one of a family of farmers who had resided in the village for generations. Many old friends from Wellingborough and other places attended the funeral on Friday. In the evening the ringers attempted a touch of Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire) containing 1000 changes but only accomplished 840: G. Thompson, 1; J. Sharp, 2; C. Chapman (conductor), 3; J. Bonham, 4; E. Chapman, 5. The bells were carefully and not too heavily muffled, so that their softened and mellowed music was heard all over the village.

Mr. Brafield not only took considerable interest in Doddington bells and ringers, but was an hon. member of the Central Northamptonshire Association. Both he and his old friend and former fellow-churchwarden, the late Mr. John Sharp (who died in the autumn of last year), had a desire to see Great Doddington bells improved and increased in number, but they were, unfortunately, not spared to see the work carried out. A new tenor added to the ring of five would be a most fitting memorial to these two much respected and much missed church officials.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHWICH BRANCH.—The members of the above branch held a meeting at Knutsford, on Saturday, the 24th April, for the first time, the ringers at the local tower having decided to join the Northwich branch instead of Stockport, as being nearer and much more convenient for them. The bells were set going about 3.30 and various touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Grandsire Minor were rung on the fine peal of six bells. At 5.20 an adjournment was made to the local Cottage Hospital, and tea was partaken of, ringers being present from Peover, Davenham, Witton and Knutsford. After having done justice to the excellent tea provided, the Vicar, the Rev. George Eaton, presided over a business meeting, and in an able and eloquent speech welcomed the branch to Knutsford. Several minor matters were discussed and then a move was again made to the tower, where ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m. Altogether a more enjoyable outing could not be wished for. The "go" and tone of the bells were all that could be desired.

## THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING, ESSEX.

A very interesting meeting took place on Saturday evening, May 1st, in the tower of the Abbey church of St. Margaret, Barking, of members of the St. Margaret's Society, for the purpose of presenting E. A. Davies, Esq., vice-president of the Society and churchwarden, with a testimonial in recognition of the many valuable services he has rendered to the above Society. The present took the form of an inkstand and pen-rack: the inkstand being in the shape of a bell cast in bell-metal, and silver-plated, with a small golden bell in front upon which Mr. Davies' name is inscribed. It is mounted on a walnut-wood stand, and forms a most agreeable and appropriate gift. The full inscription on the bell is—"Presented by the St. Margaret's Society of Change-Ringers to Edward A. Davies, Esq., 1897." It was designed by Mr. J. Mason, a member of the Society, and executed in a most workmanlike manner by Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham.

The President of the Society (Rev. P. M. Wathen, Vicar), presided, and opened the proceedings with a few well-chosen words. He then called upon Mr. S. Hayes, who, on rising, said it gave him very great pleasure to be present on that auspicious occasion. The object of this meeting had been kept a profound secret from one of their members, and he had no doubt that particular gentleman began to wonder why. But their secret must be kept no longer. Turning to Mr. Davies, Mr. Hayes said: It now becomes my pleasing duty to inform you, Sir, that this meeting of members is called for the purpose of presenting to you a small present, as a token of their esteem and regard for the many services rendered by you in the good cause of change-ringing in Barking, and the welfare of this Society which you have always had at heart. The earnest wish of this company is that you may live many years to look upon this present as a memento of the good feeling there is existing between you and its members.

Mr. A. Whight said he had had the pleasure of working with Mr. Davies in the tower for many years, and he could endorse every word Mr. Hayes had said. He hoped when Mr. Davies looked upon that small present it would remind him of the many happy hours spent in the tower of St. Margaret's Abbey, Barking.

The Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Hopkins, then called upon the Vicar to make the presentation on behalf of the Society.

The Vicar said he had a very happy duty to perform and one that gave him very great pleasure indeed. He was sure this handsome present would remind Mr. Davies of the sincere regard the members of the St. Margaret's Society had for him. It showed him how they appreciated the many little kindnesses they had received from him. He (the Vicar) was not a bellringer himself, but he was sure their Art was one that required deep thought and assiduous attention; but they must ever be mindful that it was one of God's great gifts which he had bestowed upon them as ringers of the bells of His church, and they must ever remember whether they came to ring a peal or for the service, that they were doing the work that God had given them to do. It is now my duty to present to you, Mr. Davies, in the name of the St. Margaret's Society of change-ringers, this very handsome and unique present, as a token of the members' love and gratitude.

Mr. Davies, whose rising was the signal for an outburst of feeling, said: "Mr. Chairman and brother-members, I am so utterly taken by surprise that I cannot find words sufficient to express my gratitude to you for this very handsome present and the many kind words said of me by Mr. Hayes, Mr. Whight and the Vicar. It is a very pleasing thing indeed to be the recipient of such a testimonial, and a great deal more gratifying to know that such a friendly feeling exists towards me. It has always been a great pleasure to me to render what assistance I could towards establishing a change-ringing society in Barking, and if my efforts in that direction had been of any avail, I was fully repaid by the interest the members were taking in the science, and the progress that was being made." He looked upon the St. Margaret's Society in the near future as being second to none in the county, and he should endeavour to look after its welfare in the future as in the past. To all of them he should like to say how proud he was of them for the interest they were taking in the work of the Society and the science of change-ringing. He could not help mentioning the names of his dear young friends T. Faulkner, A. Hardy, and the brothers R. and C. Fenn, and to say how proud he was of them, and he looked upon the older members with veneration and pride. Now he would turn again to that memento of their love and gratitude to him. He should prize it all the days of his life, and would hand it down as an heirloom in his family to posterity.

Mr. A. Carter, sen. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, which was seconded by Mr. T. Faulkner. The Vicar replied with some very good advice and the proceedings closed.

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## ST. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL.

On Tuesday, April 27th, a handsome board recording a peal rung at the above church in 1896, was unveiled. After the ceremony was finished 560 Double Norwich Major was rung. F. Price, 1; H. Pring, 2; F. Elles, 3; F. Perrin, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; J. York, 6; W. A. Cave, 7; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 8. This is the first touch of Double Norwich rung by the St. Stephen's Guild. The inscription on the board is as follows: "1896—Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. On Monday, April 6th, was rung in this tower in 3 hours and 24 minutes, a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5093 changes. W. James Hinton, Treble; William A. Cave, 2; Charles H. Horton, 3; Albert E. Bawn, 4; Henry Howell, 5; Frank K. Howell, 6; Charles H. Tomkins, 7; William W. Gifford, 8; Francis Price, 9; William Colston, Tenor. Composed by John Carter and Conducted by W. James Hinton. Rev. C. H. Joberns, Rector; Mr. C. J. Hill, J. Cochrane, Churchwardens."

## 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."

THOMAS A'BECKET AND CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to announce for the information of the numerous strangers now in London, and of all interested in such matters, that on May 31st Sir Henry Irving will read Tennyson's "Becket" in the magnificently restored Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral, for the benefit of the Thirteenth Centenary Fund? There will be an exceptional interest in hearing Sir Henry Irving read Lord Tennyson's work in the midst of the scenes in which the memorable death of the great Archbishop took place. St. Thomas a'Becket entered the Chapter House on the evening of December 29th, 1170, only a few minutes before his murder in the adjoining "Martyrdom." The restored Chapter House will be re-opened by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on Saturday, May 29th, and will be first publicly used for the reading which Sir Henry Irving is so generously to give. After the reading, which will be at 2 o'clock, opportunities will be afforded to visitors to see the Cathedral and the very spot where the four knights did their terrible deed.

F. W. FARRAR.

The Deanery, Canterbury, May 7.

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## COMPOSITIONS WANTED.

SIR,—I shall be greatly obliged to any ringing friend who will kindly forward me one or more peals of Canterbury Pleasure Triples, for the benefit of several young conductors, who are anxious to obtain the same.

H. MASON.

"Lansdowne," Old Hill.

## THE PEAL AT BANGOR.

SIR,—Apart from the merits of this particular question I am glad to see your contributor "Jingle" standing up for the sanctity of Good Friday, for the way in which that day is employed by so many professing Christians cannot but cause the greatest pain to all loyal churchmen. At the same time the attitude adopted by "Jingle" and still more by your correspondents of last week is apt to be misleading. Their tendency is to approach the question from this point of view: ringing gives pleasure to the ringers, therefore it should not be done on a day when it is right to abstain from pleasure. Argument of this kind is very common and equally fallacious. Whether the ringers do or do not feel pleasure in ringing is not to the point. Bells are not put in churches for the benefit or amusement of any individuals, but that they may be, as one of our Bishops has well put it, the voice of the Church. By their means the Church gives utterance to her joys and sorrows, pours forth her songs of praise and thanksgiving, summons her members to worship, and reminds them of the events which ought on this or that special day to be uppermost in their thoughts. The sound of the bells is at once a memorial before God and a signal to men. The question therefore in regard to ringing (apart from peal-ringing) on Good Friday is this: Is a muffled peal a fitting means whereby the Church may signify her feelings with respect to the event commemorated? My answer is emphatically, Yes! It is on the one hand a natural and pre-eminently fitting tribute to the memory of her Lord's death, while on the other hand, nothing could be better calculated than a muffled peal to impress upon her members the sacred solemnity of that day. I must ask your pardon for trespassing so much upon your space, but I feel the question to be one in which the vital principles of church bell-ringing are at stake.

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## MEN AND MANNERS.

My masters, there is nothing more delightful than to sit down and write, knowing full well you intend to write about nothing in particular. You start off, say; with mouldy chestnuts about the weather, but once well launched, there is no saying where your pen will take you to. Of course I speak figuratively. A New York paper don't allow this sort of thing. If you submit an article, or poem, you invariably get an answer like this:—"Condense it. Boil it down; we don't pay for trimmings or flowery language." The *amateur* feels this very much, in fact it often snubs him out permanently, but the "old parliamentary" hands cannot be extinguished in this manner. They do cut it short and return the ms. by next post. Ahem! hand me the Jew's harp, and stand from under.

"If you've got a thought that's happy,

Boil it down;

Make it short and crisp and snappy,

Boil it down.

When your brain its coin has minted,

Down the page your pen has sprinted,

If you want your effort printed,

Boil it down.

Take out every surplus letter,

Boil it down.

Fewer syllables the better,

Boil it down.

Make your meaning plain—express it

So we'll know not merely guess it.

Then, my friends, ere you address it,

Boil it down.

Cut out all the extra trimmings,

Boil it down.

Skim it well, then skim the trimmings,

Boil it down.

When you think 'twould be a sin

To cut another sentence into,

Send it on, and we'll begin to

Boil it down."

The above may be sung without fee or license, especially after ringers' suppers (always providing I am invited, otherwise there will be trouble). And now having got a very good start down a column the pen can run riot.

There is nothing of any importance in the world of ringing to speak about this week, unless "the famous peal of Stedman Cinques the College Youths did ring" on Saturday. Up to the time of writing I have not heard whether they were successful or not. There is no advice so good as "to stick to it until you do get it." I cannot recollect how many years they have tried for it, but it has been said in "THE BELL NEWS" office that the announcement that "on Saturday next, twelve members of the College Youths will attempt, etc., etc." is always kept in stock, ready at a moment's notice to insert in a convenient corner. No one would be more pleased than yours truly to see the veteran Mr. Pettit pull off the record peal, and somehow, I feel that the hour of success has arrived, for there is no end of strapping young fellows among the youths who are both able and willing, and the *dual* qualification is *always* necessary to ensure success. It has been rumoured that the absence of one of these virtues is the reason why no peal of changes has ever been rung at the Imperial Institute! During the present year no effort should be spared to secure a peal on the bells in honour of the sixty years' reign. If none of the London societies try, perhaps a band from the "country" will. *Verb. sap.*

Just as a change of diet, railway collisions and earthquakes take the place of the wars and rumours of wars. The "prophets" are also getting in their usual fine work. One professor announces that there is now no doubt but what the world will come to an end in 1901. This is sad. Sadder than usual, seeing that the said professor don't come into possession of a certain estate until 1903. It is noteworthy that he will not hedge, but as another journal says that it is the intention of this prophet to found a hospital, etc., when he comes into possession, I think we can safely take a pinch of salt along with the prophesy.

I used to know a young fellow who was awfully afraid of these sort of things. He kept a little pocket-book in which he put down all the dates. As the last day arrived he would give away some of his valuables, pack his portmanteau as though he would need it, and sit down to await the finale. He was more than pleased when the next day dawned. He would unpack his bag and tick off the last course—end, so to speak, in his pocket-book. He did this several times, but

as it seemed to him labour in vain he actually grew callous about it, and now says the end will not come until the earth comes into collision with a comet!

Speaking of comets reminds me that Professor Falbe, of Vienna, announces that the earth will come into collision with one on November 13th, 1899! I don't know whether to be frightened or not, as the professor does not give details of the consequences. I thought of taking tickets in an accident insurance company that the young fellow I have quoted is connected with; but he says he doesn't think their company would pay on comets. They do a little in earthquakes, also bicycles, because both these nuisances do give a ticket-holder a chance to dodge them; whereas he doesn't think comets would, because as a rule they comet any time, when your back is turned, so to speak, and give a customer no chance to dodge, particularly if he is in the slow. Of course, the insurance offices ought to know their own business best, but I should have thought that a company which didn't draw the line at bikes or jiggers wouldn't draw one at all.

Our contemporary "Tit-Bits" sometimes gives useful information in the inquiry column and sometimes not. For example, Query No. 7106 was:—Which church in England has the finest peal of bells? This evidently was the opportunity for some gushing ringing reader. The answer ran, Christ Church, in Oxford, its *twelve* (?) bells being admitted to be in *point of tone* the finest in England. What *point of tone* is I should like to learn, and as for the *twelve* bells—well, the two trebles which will make the ten into a peal of twelve some day, are not yet cast, and it would be interesting to know where the "Tit-Bits" scribe got his information from. Not satisfied with wrongly answering the question, he goes ahead thus:—The *largest* peal of bells in England is that of S. Paul's, London, the tenor of which is 64 cwt. (?). Good old tenor. I should advise the "Tit-Bits" solon to read "THE BELL NEWS" occasionally, or the editor to apply to some reliable and authentic source.

Apropos of the rage for filthy lucre, how is this for high? Complaint was made to the magistrate sitting at the Southwark Police Court on Friday, by the caretaker of S. George's Church schools, that she and her husband, the beadle of the Parish Church, had received notice of dismissal from their employment and were ejected from their dwelling, because the rector and churchwardens had let with the school managers the whole frontage of the schools and the adjoining cottage for Jubilee Day. Notwithstanding the fact that she, as tenant, had let her window previously, the management had got an offer of £1,300, and she had got to clear out.

I'm thankful that the sun and moon are both hung up so high that no rich robber's hand can stretch and pull them from the sky. If they hung low, I have no doubt some Corporation ass would legislate to take them down and light the world with gas. I'm thankful that the God of all, whose laws we must obey, has changed His plan for making man by shaping him from clay. For if 'twas so its very clear 'twould be a doleful case; some men would form a big clay trust and stop the human race.

"Hands across the Sea" to the ringers in the land of gold. No doubt many men in distant lands hail the arrival of their mail containing the "THE BELL NEWS." We, on this side of the globe also read of their doings with satisfaction. The Ballarat men are to be congratulated on their success in ringing a peal in seven methods. May they make progress and accomplish many more in the higher methods in our art is the sincere wish of

JINGLE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held at Barton-under-Needwood, on Saturday, April 24th, 1897, members from West Bromwich, Tipton, Handsworth, Lichfield, Harborne, Burton-on-Trent, and other places being present. Ringing was commenced by the local band about 4 p.m. and some touches in the Grandsire method were brought round. A short service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, when an address was given by the vicar. At a committee meeting held afterwards, the vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Sharpe were elected honorary members, and ten ringing members were also elected; it was also decided to hold the annual meeting at Lichfield in July. An adjournment was then made to The Bell inn, where a knife and fork tea was found to be in readiness, full justice being done to the good things provided, by all present. A vote of thanks was proposed to the vicar, and unanimously passed, for his very able address and for presiding at the tea. After which another visit was made to the tower, and a touch of Stedman Triples was rung. A move was then made to the railway station for the return journey, everyone being fully satisfied with their afternoons outing.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1897.

A VERY pleasing recognition of efforts in aid of our Art was enacted on the evening of Saturday, the 1st instant, in the tower of St. Margaret's Abbey, Barking, Essex. A full account of this will be found elsewhere, but the event deserves something more than a bare record. Many metropolitan ringers are fully acquainted with the tower in question and its enterprising company. It is well known that whoever visits Barking invariably meets with a favourable reception, welcome and hearty. An evening with the company in their tower is at all times enjoyable; the visitor is sure to have his wishes consulted if he is sweet upon any particular method, or if he should affect the powers of a bob-caller or double-handed ringer; or be only able to ring "outside" at either end. There is an *esprit de corps* about this company worthy of imitation; and we are not singular in the opinion that this is due to the efforts of Mr. DAVIES, Churchwarden of St. Margaret's, and one of the ringing members of the society. The St. Margaret's Society has, like others, had its vicissitudes and trials; its history is by no means unchecked by

disappointment, apathy, and the like, but the members have always been encouraged to persevere to the end, the ultimate reward of unflinching persistence and steadfastness being made plain to them. Throughout, Mr. DAVIES has been most diligent in keeping the company together, not in an hectoring or austere manner, but in a complaisant and kindly fashion. He has reaped the fruit of his energies in having a ringing company second to none in the county. And the members have in a most appropriate manner shown him that they are not only grateful for his labours on their behalf, but that they are fully aware that for the last twenty years at least he has been a most loyal ally of and benefactor to the ringing cause. We are sure that all those who have the pleasure of Mr. DAVIES's acquaintance will join in the wish expressed by Mr. S. HAYES, viz.: that he might have many years to look upon the appropriate memento of which the members have asked his acceptance.

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Hon. Secretary acknowledges the receipt of contributions and return of representatives since the date of previous notice, from the following societies:—

Salisbury Diocesan Guild ... ..	Rev. A. D. Hill T. Blackburn A. Smith
Yorkshire Association ... ..	W. Snowdon C. H. Hattersley G. Bolland G. Breed
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham ...	H. Bastable

10th May, 1897.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WALTHAMSTOW.)

On Tuesday, May 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. COAKHAM* .. Treble.	*JOHN H. WILKINS .. .. 6.
FREDERICK RUMENS* .. 2.	THOMAS MAYNARD .. .. 7.
GEORGE GRIMWADE* .. 3.	*WILLIAM R. PINSENT .. 8.
WILLIAM B. MANNING* .. 4.	*FREDERICK A. NUNN .. 9.
ROBERT J. MAYNARD* .. 5.	*THOMAS WATSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN Cox and Conducted by T. MAYNARD.

\*First peal on ten bells. This is the first peal on the bells since the addition of two new trebles. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Maynard, and also on the completion of his twenty-sixth year as sexton and steeple-keeper.

#### The Provinces.

##### CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, March 12, 1897, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

IN MR. WOODHOUSE'S ROOMS, CAIUS COLLEGE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

REGINALD H. WHITFORD 1-2.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE 5-6.
JAMES RICKMAN .. .. 3-4.	FRANK LL. EDWARDS .. 7-8.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE and

Conducted by GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE.

This peal has the 6th the extent wrong and right, and is now rung for the first time.

##### WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 1, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM HALLSWORTH .. Treble.	FRANK EDWARDS .. .. 5.
HENRY TINSLEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. 6.
JOHN GOUGH .. .. 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. 7.
ERNEST WASHBROOK .. 4.	JOHN HAMILTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Messrs. Hallsworth and Washbrook hail from Walsall; Tinsley belongs to Wednesbury; Gough and Johnson from Darlaston; Edwards and Adams from Bloxwich; Hamilton from Rushall. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

##### BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN* .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
FRANK A. SMITH* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. 6.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD* 3.	*WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. 7.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM and

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

\*First peal of Major. First peal in the method by an entirely local band, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late S. Noakes, Esq., J.P. This composition contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th only in 6th place, and is now rung for the first time.

##### ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

##### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 8, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK SUMNER* .. Treble.	*JOHN WITHERS .. .. 5.
W. S. PRITCHETT .. .. 2.	W. H. BARBER .. .. 6.
J. S. PRITCHETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 7.
ALFRED PRITCHETT .. 4.	†FREDERICK CLAYTON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK CLAYTON.

\*First peal of Bob Major. †First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

##### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

##### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ALPHAUS PERKINS .. Treble.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	*THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 6.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
ANDERSON TYLER .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and

Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

\*First peal in the method. This peal has the 5th and 6th twenty two times each in 6th place at the course ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there, and is now rung for the first time. The brothers Martin hail from Higham Ferrers; T. R. Hensher from Wellinborough, the rest belong to Irtlingborough.

##### PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

##### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, May 8, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. HALL .. .. Treble.	H. CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
T. LINGARD .. .. 2.	T. MARSHALL .. .. 6.
S. WOOD .. .. 3.	T. RUSHTON .. .. 7.
W. PYLE .. .. 4.	J. BRISCOE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

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

## BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	FREDK. MORRIS BACON .. 7.
HERBERT RANN.. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL.. .. 8.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. 9.
JOHN JAY, JUN. .. .. 5.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Bob Royal rung in the county, also by this Association and by all the band. Rang at the first attempt. This composition has the 6th its extent at home.

## DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Cox's Six-Part. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN A. BROWN .. .. Treble.	†GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 5.
EDWARD UNITT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 6.
TITUS LOWE .. .. 3.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. 7.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM C. FRENCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BURROWS.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the conductor's mother, who attained her seventieth birthday on that day. J. Brown hails from Bilston; Pickering, Burrows, and Griffiths from Wolverhampton; the rest are local men. W. French was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

## FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. Treble.	GEORGE WILSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FLORY .. .. 2.	HORACE HOWLETT .. .. 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD .. .. 3.	AVID COLLINS.. .. 7.
CHARLES SAMPSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. BALDRY .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. KNIGHTS and conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

This peal, in three parts, has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th place, and the 2nd never in 6th place. First rang at Manchester on December 4th, 1886, conducted by A. E. Wrecks. The ringers wish to thank the rector for the use of the bells.

## BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.)

On Monday, May 10, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. G. H. Nash, senior curate of this church, to Miss Campbell, of Brighton. All the above band have rung upwards of 100 peals, the numbers being respectively: Treble, 106; 2nd, 109; 3rd, 110; 4th, 112; 5th, 116; 6th, 132; 7th, 163; Tenor, 303. This is thought to be the first time this has been done by a local band.

## ST. ALBANS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 10, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LITTLE .. .. Treble.	JESSE W. BREWER .. .. 6.
EDWARD HULL .. .. 2.	NEWMAN N. HILLS .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 8.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	WALTER BATTLE .. .. 9.
ARTHUR HULL .. .. 5.	ARTHUR HALLETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

This peal was rung on the home-coming of E. P. Debenham, Esq. from his wedding tour.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following;

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

WILLIAM BARKER .. .. Treble.	ALBERT ROBINSON .. .. 4.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	HARRY TOLL .. .. 5.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 3.	SAMUEL CONSTANT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL CONSTANT.

## Date Touches.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Saturday, April 3rd, at St. Mary's church, a date touch (1897 changes) in 1 hr. 5 mins. in the following methods: 457 Plain Bob (nine bobs and four singles), composed by C. E. Wilson; 360 Grandsire (eighteen bobs), 360 College Single (nine bobs), 360 Oxford Single (nine bobs), and 360 Canterbury Pleasure (nine bobs). On Saturday, April 10th, a date touch (1897 changes) in 1 hr. 3 mins. in the following methods: 217 Grandsire (twelve bobs and two singles), 360 College Single (nine bobs), 360 Oxford Single (nine bobs), 480 Canterbury Pleasure (twelve bobs and two singles), and 480 Plain Bob (twelve bobs and two singles). G. Somerville, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, April 7th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Bovington, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; J. Elderfield, 3; J. Parker, 4; G. Basden, 5; A. Crook, 6. On Sunday, April 11th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Bovington, 1; G. Basden, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; J. Parker, 4; C. Clarke, 5; A. Crook, 6. On Sunday, April 18th, 720 Oxford Bob. R. Bovington, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. Basden, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor, conducted by G. Basden. On Sunday, April 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by J. J. Parker. Also 720 Oxford Bob. G. Gutteridge, 1; A. Crook, 2; J. Elderfield, 3; A. Reade, 4; C. Clarke (conductor), 5; G. Alder, 6. On Sunday, May 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by J. Elderfield.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, May 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Lawrence's church, 1150 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Tucker, 1; F. Tubb, 2; C. Giles, 3; C. Stone, 4; A. Watmore, 5; A. Osborne, 6; W. Newell, 7; F. Hopgood (conductor), 8. On Monday, May 3rd, at St. Mary's church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Brown (first 6-score in any method), 1; C. Giles (conductor), 2; H. Tucker, 3; F. Hopwood, 4; A. Watmore, 5-6. Also a plain course of Grandsire Triples. A. Brown, 1; A. Watmore, 2; H. Tucker, 3; C. Giles, 4; F. Hopgood, 5-6; A. Osborne, 7-8.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES (Wilts).—On Sunday, May 2nd, at St. John's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. King, 1; W. Johnson, 2; C. Hampton, 3; W. Hollier, 4; R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. W. King, 1; W. Johnson, 2; C. Hampton, 3; R. Hampton, 4; C. Heginbotham, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Hillier (conductor) 1; W. Johnson, 2; W. King, 3; C. Hampton, 4; C. Heginbotham, 5; C. H. Hampton, 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. Another 168 in the same method. C. H. Hampton (conductor), 1; W. Johnson, 2; W. King, 3; C. Heginbotham, 4; C. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier, 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday morning, May 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Adams, 1; T. Chapman, 2; J. Chandler, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; T. Holmes, 6; H. Horwood, 7; H. Denney, 8. For evening service 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Chapman, 1; W. Horwood, 2; H. Argyle, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Devey, 5; J. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. Holmes, 8.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—On Monday evening, May 3rd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins., as a welcome touch to the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Peterborough on his first

visit to Ashby-de-la-Zouch. G. Hatton, jun., 1; W. Canner, 2; H. Hatton, 3; A. Hitchcock, 4; J. Curtis, 5; G. Hatton, 6; J. H. Dunmore, 7; H. Smith, 8. Conducted by J. H. Dunmore. It is G. Hatton, jun.'s first quarter-peal, and H. Hatton's first with a bob bell.

**LEICESTER.**—At St. Margaret's church, in honour of the marriage of Miss Barrow (daughter of Mr. J. Barrow, of Long Eaton), 1503 Grandsire Caters. J. Morris, 1; F. Cooke, 2; W. Willson, 3; G. Barrows, 4; W. Cooper, 5; J. F. Marlow, 6; C. Fowler (late of Oxford), 7; E. E. Smith, 8; J. Buttery (conductor), 9; C. Biddles, 10. On Saturday, May 1st, at St. James's Birstall, 240 Stedman Doubles. C. Fowler, 1; A. Smith, 2; E. E. Smith, 3; E. Smith, 4; W. Willson, 5. Also 120 with J. Morris, 3. First of Stedman by Messrs Morris and E. E. Smith. On May 5th, at St. Mark's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Cooke, 1; A. Ballard, 2; J. Morris, 3; C. Fowler, 4; W. Willson, 5; E. Smith, 6; E. E. Smith, 7; A. Royce, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Ballard, 1; A. Smith, 2; J. Morris, 3; F. Cooke, 4; C. Fowler, 5; E. E. Smith, 6; W. Willson, 7; A. Royce, 8. First with a bob bell by A. Smith. Also three courses of Bob Major. A. Smith, 1; A. Ballard, 2; F. Cooke, 3; J. Morris, 4; C. Fowler, 5; E. Smith, 6; E. E. Smith, 7; W. Willson, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**LLANDAFF.**—On Monday, April 26th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; J. Pitcher, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. Combes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Aldridge, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Balcombe, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; J. Pitcher, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Combes (conductor), 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Aldridge, 8. And 476 Grandsire Triples. J. H. Aldridge, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; W. Lloyd, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Combes, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. For Divine Service on Sunday, May 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Lloyd, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; R. Balcombe, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Combes (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. On Monday, May 3rd, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; W. Biss, 3; R. Balcombe, 4; J. Aldridge, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Combes (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; J. Harris, 4; W. Biss, 5; W. Combes (conductor), 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8.

**ST. FAGAN'S.**—On Saturday, May 1st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lloyd, 1; R. Balcombe, 2; C. Lloyd (conductor), 3; W. Biss, 4; W. Combes, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells. Another 720 in the same method. W. Lloyd, 1; J. Clutterbuck, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; T. Northey, 4; W. Biss (conductor), 5; W. Combes, 6. T. Northey hails from Penarth; the rest from Cardiff. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Lloyd, 1; E. Haines (first 720), 2; R. Balcombe, 3; W. Biss (conductor), 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; C. Lloyd, 6. Also another 6-score. J. Clutterbuck, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss (conductor), 4; J. Lewis, 5; E. Witts, 6.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**KIDDERMINSTER.**—On Sunday, April 18th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's peal. G. Salter, 1; N. Davies, 2; W. H. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Bennett, 4; J. Pagett, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; E. C. Hunt, 7; T. Wakeman, 8. On Sunday, April 25th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. J. Salter (conductor), 1; G. Salter, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; N. Davies, 4; J. Bennett, 5; J. Pagett, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Wakeman, 8. On Thursday, April 29th, at the residence of Mr. J. Pagett, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Davies, 1-2; J. Pagett (conductor), 3-4; T. J. Salter, 5-6. On Sunday, May 2nd, for morning service at St. Mary's church, 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Bennett, 1; N. Davies, 2; J. O. Bennett, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; T. Salter, 5; J. Pagett (conductor), 6; C. Hunt, 7. Recently, at St. Mary's church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Pagett, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; T. Salter, 3; T. Reynolds, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; E. Hunt, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. Messrs. Reynolds and Griffiths hail from Areley Kings, and it is G. Reynolds' first 504 in the method.

**NETHERTON (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday morning, April 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25½ mins. J. Prestidge, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; J. Smith, 3; W. Talbot (conductor), 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round, 6. In the evening 720 in the same method by the same band, rung silent. On Wednesday, April 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins, rung silent. J. Smith, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; W. Talbot, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 25 mins. H. Price, 1; W. Micklewright (conductor), 2; S. Hughes, 3; E. Hampton, 4; W. Talbot, 5; J. W. Smith, 6. S. Hughes hails from Coalbrookdale, and this is his first 720 in the method.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**OSWALDTWISTLE.**—On Sunday, April 4th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Single. J. Bentley, 1; J. Haworth, 2; I. Whalley, 3; W. Britcliffe, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 5th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Bentley, 1; J. Haworth, 2; I. Whalley, 3; C. Sharples, 4; H. Hayes, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by J. Bentley. H. Hayes belongs to the local band. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure standing as before. On Sunday evening, April 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bentley, 1; J. Haworth, 2; W. Britcliffe, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. After evening service on the occasion of the nineteenth anniversary of the opening of the bells, 720 Oxford Single standing as before. On Sunday, April 25th, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). J. Britcliffe, 1; J. Haworth, 2; J. Bentley, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).**—On Sunday, April 11th, for morning service, 216 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; G. Carter, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. For afternoon service two 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady (conductor), 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips, 5; A. Wright, 6. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, standing as above, conducted by A. Phillips. On Monday, April 12th, 1440 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heddy, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 14th, 720 Oxford Bob, standing as above. On Sunday, April 25th, for evening service, three courses of Stedman Doubles and a 6-score each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. W. Lawrence (conductor), 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heddy, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; G. Phillips, 6. On Monday, April 26th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heddy, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Also 144 College Single, standing as above.

**OXHEVY (Herts).**—On Wednesday, April 21st, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Parker, 1; P. H. Read, 2; W. Carpenter, 3; C. George, 4; H. Martin, 5; W. Norris, 6; G. V. Price (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Parker, 1; P. H. Read, 2; W. Carpenter, 3; C. George, 4; G. V. Price (conductor), 5; William Norris, 6; H. Martin, 7; J. Alexander, 8. On Monday, April 26th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Lance, 1; H. Parker, 2; W. Carpenter, 3; E. E. Huntley, 4; H. Martin, 5; C. George, 6; G. V. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Parker, 1; T. Glennerster, 2; W. Carpenter, 3; C. George, 4; G. V. Price (conductor), 5; E. E. Huntley, 6; H. Martin, 7; J. Alexander, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Parker, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 3; C. George, 4; H. Martin, 5; W. Norris, 6; G. V. Price, 7; F. Glennerster, 8. Also two courses of Bob Major. H. Parker, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; W. Norris, 5; G. V. Price, 6; F. Glennerster, 7; E. E. Huntley, 8. On Wednesday, April 28th, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Parker, 1; F. Glennerster, 2; W. Carpenter, 3; C. George, 4; W. Norris, 5; W. Norris, 6; G. V. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HORLEY (Yorks.).**—On Sunday, March 21st, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Violet. W. H. Giggles, 1; E. Brooke, 2; A. Townend, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, March 28th, 720 Oxford and 720 Violet. E. Carr, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, April 4th, 720 Oxford. E. Carr, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; G. Horner, 4; H. Rowley (conductor), 5; G. F. Pickles, 6. On Tuesday, April 6th, 720 Duke of York. E. Carr, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; G. Hunt (conductor), 3; E. Brooke, 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, April 11th, 720 New London Pleasure. E. Carr, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; E. Brooke, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Easter Sunday, for early celebration, 720 Violet. G. Horner, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. For evening service, 720 City Delight. G. E. Mellor, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt (conductor), 3; A. Townend, 4; R. Thickett, 5; W. Birchall, 6. On Sunday, April 24th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. G. E. Mellor, 1; Rev. C. Farrow (conductor), 2; A. Townend, 3; E. Brooke, 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; W. Birchall, 6. And 720 Oxford. E. Carr, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; Rev. C. Farrow (conductor), 3; A. Townend, 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; W. Birchall, 6. On Sunday, April 25th, 720 Symphony. E. Carr, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; E. Brooke, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, May 2nd, 720 Darton New Pleasure, and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. E. Carr, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles,



5; R. Brickett, 6. Rev. C. Farrow, Messrs. Mellor, Townend and Birchall hail from Darton.

#### SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

HILLINGDON.—On Friday, April 30th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, eight members attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but it was lost after ringing 2 hrs. ten mins. A. H. Taber, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; J. J. Pratt, 3; W. Foster, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; H. S. Reeves, 6; J. Basden (conductor), 7; H. Browning, 8. This was arranged for the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, of Eastleigh, Hants, whose father is Vicar of Hillingdon. Pratt and Reeves belong to the local band; the rest to Ealing.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. —, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; E. Harris, 4; J. Basden (conductor), 5; H. Browning, 6; A. Fryer, 7; H. Stemp, 8. For the annual band service, in the afternoon, a quarter-peal in the same method. H. Browning, 1; L. Copsey, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; E. J. Walsom, 5; H. G. Parsons, 6; A. Fryer, 7; E. Harris, 8. For evening service 900 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Naylor, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; E. Harris, 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; C. Hindes, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; H. Browning, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, April 5th, at St. John's church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Pallister, 1; W. Patton, 2; W. Lister, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; F. Teasdale, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; J. Baxter, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; W. Lister, 7; H. Taylor, 8. On Sunday morning, April 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, 1; W. Lister, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. Pilkington, 4; H. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. For evening service 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Lister, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. Pilkington, 4; H. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter, 6; F. Teasdale, 7; W. Porter (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, April 18th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Moncaster, 1; F. Teasdale, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. Pilkington, 4; H. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; —, Sedgely, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. For evening service 560 Bob Major. T. Scollick, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. Moncaster, 4; J. Baxter, 5; F. Teasdale, 6; —, Sedgely, 7; W. Porter (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, April 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Lister, 4; H. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; W. Porter, 7; J. Bolton, 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### (BATTLE BRANCH.)

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 16th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; W. Franks, 2; †G. Watson (conductor), 3; F. Mathis, 4; F. Lock, 5; \*F. Kennett, 6; C. Hyland, 7; J. Sinden, 8. \*First touch. †First touch as conductor. On Sunday morning, February 28th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. C. Carter, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; F. Mathis, 3; G. Watson, 4; C. Hyland, 5; W. Eastland, 6; W. Thomas, 7; J. Sinden, 8. On Tuesday, March 23rd, 556 Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Reeves' Variation of Holt's ten-part. W. Eldridge, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; F. Mathis, 3; †H. Harvey, 4; \*C. Carter, 5; C. Hyland, 6; W. Thomas, 7; J. Sinden, 8. †First touch. \*First touch with a bob bell. Messrs. Harvey, Kennett, and Watson belong to the Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea Guild. On Easter Day, for early celebration, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. with 7-8 covering. W. Eldridge, 1; W. Eastland, 2; W. Thomas, 3; F. Mathis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; J. Sinden, 7; W. Metcalf, 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—On Thursday, April 29th, seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. W. Trowles, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher (conductor of the first two), 3; T. Hammond, 4; C. Ballard, 5; G. Segar, 6. The remaining five were conducted by J. Hammond. Messrs. Collins and Pilcher hail from Braintree; the rest are local men.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, April 4th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, a 720 of London Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob. H. Little (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts (conductor), 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 8th, for practice, a 720 of Huddersfield Surprise (5th the observation) in 26 mins. H.

Little (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Morning Exercise. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Delight. H. Little (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 11th, for morning service, a 720 of London Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Little (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 18th, for early service at 6.30 a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for morning service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service a 720 of College Single. H. Little, 1; T. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; W. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts, 50th 720 of College Single. W. Cavill hails from Cheshunt, Herts, and T. Jordan from Chingford, Essex. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON (Hants).—On Saturday, May 8th, for practice on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Noakes, 1; A. Mussell, 2; Miss F. Whyley, 3; R. Applegath, 4; A. Evans, 5; A. Burgess, 6; W. Brambley (conductor), 7; Miss W. Whyley, 8.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, April 27th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Rumble, 1; W. Webb, 2; T. Talbot (first 500), 3; J. Talbot, 4; E. Bray, 6; W. States (conductor), 7; W. Groves, 8.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Thursday, April 29th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Rumble, 1; E. Bennett, 2; A. Boxall, 3; A. Winterton (first quarter-peal), 4; E. Matthews, 5; A. Clayton, 6; C. Bance, 7; A. Clark, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Thursday, April 29th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins. E. Mankelow, jun., 1; G. Smithers, 2; G. Head, 3; E. Mankelow, sen., 4; J. Muggridge, 5; S. Perkins, 6; H. Porter (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. This is E. Mankelow jun.'s first quarter-peal; G. Head's first in the method; and H. Porter's first quarter-peal as conductor. Rung in honour of J. Muggridge's birthday, he being the oldest member of the band. On Sunday, May 2nd, 210 Grandsire Triples. E. Mankelow, jun., 1; W. Pollard, 2; G. Smithers, 3; H. Ford, 4; W. Latter, 5; J. Muggridge, 6; G. Head (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. And 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; A. Welsh, 2; H. Card, 3; W. Pollard, 4; G. Head, 5; H. Ford, 6; W. Latter, 7; S. Perkins (conductor), 8. And 288 Treble Bob Major. W. Pollard, 1; H. Card, 2; H. Ford, 3; H. Porter, 4; E. Mankelow, sen., 5; G. Smithers, 6; S. Perkins, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, April 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Coast, 1; C. Millway, 2; W. Walker, 3; J. Grensted, 4; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 5; E. Day, 6. On Sunday, April 11th, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sedgely, 1; E. Allen, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; S. Beach, 6. On Sunday, April 18th, for early service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. For morning service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Coast, 1; the rest as before. Also 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sedgely, 1; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Moy, 2; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; the rest as before. And 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Sellon, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; S. Beach, 6. Walker hails from Upchurch; Allen from Borden.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, April 14th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty-four singles). J. Rose, 1; T. Davy, 2; D. Mays, 3; F. Potter, 4; G. Kemp, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6. Composed by A. Symonds, of Lavenham. On Wednesday, April 21st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Cullum, 1; J. Rose, 2; D. Mays, 3; F. Potter, 4; H. Collins, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

**PRESTON (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, March 20th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). A. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; T. Levett, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; T. King (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, April 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). T. Symonds, 1; A. Symonds (conductor), 2; A. Hollocks, 3; T. Levett, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. On Saturday, April 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). F. Symonds, 1; A. Symonds (conductor), 2; A. Hollocks, 3; T. Levett, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. On Sunday, April 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; W. Green, 4; A. Keeble, 5; R. Grimwood, 6. On Sunday, April 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1; F. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Symonds, 1; F. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. On Saturday, May 1st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Symonds, 1; F. Symonds, 2; A. Symonds (conductor), 3; C. Levett, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. On Sunday afternoon, May 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Symonds, 1; F. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; C. Levett, 4; T. Levett, 5; R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Symonds, 1; F. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; A. Symonds, 4; T. Levett, 5; R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. Messrs. Symonds (2), King, Smith, and Moore hail from Lavenham; Green and Keeble from Monks Eleigh; T. Levett and Grimwood from Hitcham; Hollocks (2), C. Levett and H. Symonds belong to Preston.

**COALEY (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday, May 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. Dean, T. Prout, G. Prout, C. East, T. Savage, and H. Fussell (conductor). And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. T. Prout (conductor), H. Fussell, 4.

**COLN ST. ALDWYN'S (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday, May 2nd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. T. Barnett, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; H. Roberts (conductor), 5; T. Smith, 6.

**COLCHESTER (Essex).**—On Monday, April 6th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Scott, 1; G. Rashbrook, 2; R. Stannard, 3; W. Howell, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Burch, 7; W. Schofield, 8. Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by R. Stannard. On Monday, April 12th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Scott, 1; G. Rashbrook (conductor), 2; W. Howell, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Schofield, 7; W. Burch, 8. Also 360 Bob Minor. W. Scott, 1; G. Rashbrook, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; W. Harvey, 4; W. Schofield (conductor), 5; R. Stannard, 6. On Monday, May 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Scott, 1; G. Rashbrook (conductor), 2; W. Howell, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Burch, 7; W. Schofield, 8.

**FARNWORTH (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday, April 27th, at the parish church for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. A. Wilkinson, 1; W. Patten, 2; J. Wilde, 3; J. Witter, 4; J. T. Lowe (conductor), 5; R. Johnson, 6. First 720 in any method by A. Wilkinson. First 720 of Minor with a bob bell by A. Wilkinson.

**FEERING (Essex).**—On Sunday afternoon, April 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hume, 1; D. Elliott (conductor), 2; E. Beckwith, 3; J. Sadler, 4; W. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman, 6. After service 720 Kent. G. Hume, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; J. Sadler, 3; D. Elliott (conductor), 4; W. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman, 6.

**FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).**—On Monday, March 22nd, at the parish church, for Confirmation Service, a 1056 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; W. Last, 2; J. Heffer, 3; C. Harper, 4; W. Flory (conductor), 5; J. Self, 6; H. C. Howlett, 7; A. E. Read, 8. And after service 1008 in the same method conducted by A. E. Read. On Sunday, April 11th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Ostler, 1; W. Last (first 720 in the method), 2; H. C. Howlett, 3; J. Self, 4; W. Flory (conductor), 5; A. E. Read, 6. On Sunday, April 25th, for morning service, a 448 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; J. Self, 3; W. Last, 4; A. E. Read, 5; W. Flory (conductor), 6; H. C. Howlett, 7; S. Smith (Cratfield), 8. On Sunday, May 2nd, for Divine Service, a 720 of Treble Bob Minor. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; W. Flory, 3; J. Self, 4; H. C. Howlett, 5; A. E. Read (conductor), 6. The following touches were rung on handbells for practice, on previous dates. A 720 of Bob Major. J. Heffer, 1-2; H. C. Howlett, 3; J. O'Neill, 4; E. Stannard, 5; W. Last, 6; W. Flory (conductor), 7-8. And 224 of Bob Major. J. Heffer, jun., 1-2; H. C. Howlett, 3-4; W. Flory (conductor), 5-6; J. Heffer, jun., 7-8. And 1024 of Bob Major. H. C. Howlett, 1-2; W. Flory (conductor), 3-4; J. O'Neill, 5; E. Stannard, 6; W. Last, 7-8. Longest length on handbells by all except

W. Flory. And 336 in the same method. W. Last, 1-2; H. C. Howlett, 3-4; W. Flory (conductor), 5-6; J. O'Neill, 7-8. And a 1008. H. C. Howlett, 1-2; W. Flory (conductor), 3-4; E. Stannard, 5; J. O'Neill, 6; W. Last, 7-8.

**LEYTONSTONE (Essex).**—On Wednesday, April 28th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. H. Gowers, 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Mardell, 3; G. Cornell, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; J. Marks, 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by Messrs. Gower, Miller, and Mardell.

**LOUGHTON (Essex).**—On Tuesday, April 27th, for practice at the church of St. John the Baptist, 336 Grandsire Triples. K. Fox, 1; \*G. Perry, 2; E. Bacon (conductor), 3; E. Wightman, 4; J. Rann, 5; \*J. Mardell, 6; W. Clark, 7; \*E. Fox, 8. \*First attempt on eight bells. On Tuesday, April 4th, 560 Double Norwich. G. Perry, 1; W. Doran, 2; E. Bacon, 3; E. Wightman, 4; G. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. And 352 Stedman Triples. W. Doran, 1; G. Perry, 2; E. Bacon (conductor), 3; W. Pye, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; E. Wightman, 7; W. Clark, 8. On handbells retained in hand, two courses of Stedman Triples. And two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Wightman, 1-2; E. Bacon, 3-4; W. Pye, 5-6; W. Doran, 7-8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, May 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. G. Brush, 1; H. W. Cotton, 2; R. A. Daniell, Esq., 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; W. E. Judd, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8. Composed by J. Sholicar, of Ormskirk. This is the first quarter-peal ever rang by a local band in connection with the above church.

**RINGSTEAD (Northamptonshire).**—On Sunday, May 9th, after evening service at the parish church, 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. W. Newman, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; T. Garratt, 3; J. Houghton, jun., 4; A. Tyler (conductor), 5; J. B. Martin, 6.

**ROYDON (Essex).**—On Sunday, April 25th, at St. Peter's church, for Divine Service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called different. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; W. Cavill, 3; I. Cavill (conductor), 4; A. Pearman, 5; A. King, 6. On Friday evening, April 30th, for practice, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; I. Cavill (conductor), 4; A. Pearman, 5; W. Littlechild, 6. And five more 6-scores, each called differently. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 4; W. Littlechild, 5; A. Pearman, 6. A 144 of Treble Bob Maximus was lapped on the handbells. W. Marrable, 1-2; I. Cavill (conductor), 3-4; J. Littlechild, 5-6; W. Littlechild, 7-8; S. King, 9-10; A. Pearman, 11-12.

**SOUTH KIRBY (Yorks).**—On Saturday, May 1st, 720 Oxford, 360 Violet, and 240 New London Pleasure. W. Senior, 1; F. Dyson, 2; J. Brewin, 3; G. Moxon (conductor), 4; A. Kilburn, 5; J. W. Moorhouse, 6. This musical ring of six has recently been overhauled by Taylor, of Loughborough, the go of them being all that can be desired.

**THRAPSTON (Northamptonshire).**—On Sunday, May 9th, for evening service at the parish church, by kind permission of the vicar, the Rev. S. Kingsford, a 432 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Newman, 1; A. Perkins, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; J. Garrett, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. And a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Houghton, sen., 1; W. Newman, 2; J. Garratt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; A. Tyler, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; J. Houghton, 8. And 448 Superlative Surprise Major. H. Stubbs, 1; J. B. Martin, 2; J. Houghton, jun., 3; A. Perkins, 4; A. Tyler, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; J. Garratt, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. S. Kingsford through this paper, for so kindly giving them the privilege to ring on his beautiful peal of bells for services. These are the first touches of Norwich and Superlative on the bells.

**WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).**—Recently, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. Smith, one of the band; 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 23 mins. S. Wharton, 1; J. Hale, 2; Dr. Redhead, 3; J. Rowland, 4; J. Fuller, 5; J. Pownall (conductor), 6; E. Hampson, 7.

**WOODFORD (Essex).**—On Monday, May 3rd, 360 Bob Minor. E. Fox, 1; K. Fox, 2; E. Wightman (conductor), 3; J. Kimberley, 4; J. Moule, 5; J. Mardell, 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Fox, 1; K. Fox, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; W. Miller, 5; E. Wightman, 6. And three courses of Kent Treble Bob standing as before.

**WAKEFIELD (Yorks).**—On Easter Monday, at the residence of Mr. W. King, The Graziers, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's bob-and-single variation), on handbells, but it was unfortunately lost after ringing over 3000 changes, in 1 hr. 35 mins. T. Mars, 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; J. W. Moorhouse (conductor), 5-6; Jas. Moorhouse, 7-8.

## Notices.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The spring quarterly meeting will be held at Mortimer (near Reading), to-day, Saturday, May 15th.—The towers of St. Mary (eight bells) and St. John (six bells) will be open for ringing after 2 p.m. Evensong at St. John's church, at 4.45 p.m.; preacher, Rev. C. Lovett-Cameron. Tea, kindly given by the vicar, at the vicarage, at 5.45 p.m.  
A. W. PIKE, *Organising Sec.*  
*Caversham, Oxon.*

**The Salop Guild.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Welshpool, to-day, Saturday, May 15th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.25 p.m.  
J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—The half-yearly meeting will take place at St. Nicholas church, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, May 15th. Particulars by circular.

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**The Yorkshire Association.**—The General Meeting will be held at Pontefract to-day, Saturday, May 15th. By kind permission of the respective Vicars, the rings of eight at the parish church, six at All Saints, and six at St. Luke's, Darrington, will be available from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tea in the National School at 5 p.m. Business meeting after, when the revised rules will be submitted for approval or otherwise. A half-day excursion will be run from Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Dewsbury, Wakefield, etc. The local hon. sec. is Mr. W. Pearson, Plumber, Horsefair, Pontefract  
BEN. T. COPELY, *Hon. Sec.*  
14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

**The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor Road, West Didsbury, on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Open invitation to all ringers, a good muster expected.  
WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme,  
*Manchester.*

**The Chester Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held at the schoolroom, Wallasey, on Saturday, May 22nd, at 6 o'clock. Tower open at 3. Members are requested to let the Hon. Sec. know how many will attend.  
HENRY WOOLCOTT, *Hon. Sec.*  
*Grange Mount, West Kirby.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—A committee meeting will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, at 5 p.m., at The Greyhound inn, Tong, to select judges, etc., for the coming contest on Whit-Monday. All stationed companies wishing to take part in the contest will kindly submit their names this day.  
GEORGE H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*  
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The South and West Middlesex Guild.**—A monthly meeting will be held (by kind permission) on Saturday, May 22nd, at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, Uxbridge. Ringing to commence at 5 o'clock sharp.  
J. BASDEN.  
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**The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—There will be a special meeting on Mon-

day evening, May 24th, for the transaction of important business, will members please attend.

A. HARDY, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Kay Road, Stockwell.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, May 29th. Full particulars by circular.  
REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon.*  
Aughton. W. BENTHAM, } *Secs.*

**Kent County Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual meeting will be held at Canterbury, on Whitsun-Monday, June 7th. The address at the service will be given by the Very Rev. the Dean. Applications for dinner tickets to be made to the Secretary. Conductors of peals during 1896 are requested to send figures or references at once to

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

*Canterbury.*

**The South and West Middlesex Guild.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 7th, at Ealing. The bells of St. Mary's and Christ Church being open for ringing at 10 a.m. Divine service at St. Mary's (parish church) at 12.30, preacher, Rev. W. E. Oliver, LL.D., Vicar of Ealing. Luncheon at 1.30, at 1s. 6d. each; followed by the meeting, when it is much wished that all members will make an effort to attend, very important business having to be got through. Tea will be provided about six o'clock. Members and friends who intend to be present are earnestly requested to let me know at their earliest, that proper arrangements can be made as to numbers, etc.

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**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual contest will be held at Wingfield, near Claycross, on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th. Further particulars in due course. E. JAMES,  
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Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield. *Hon. Sec.*

**The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival and meeting of the above will be held at Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. Service in the parish church about 11.30 a.m. Dinner to follow.  
THOS. BLACKBOURN, *Gen. Sec.*  
*Coombe Bissett, Salisbury.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT PENDLEBURY.**—This peal was arranged for T. Rushton and J. Broscoe's birthday peal. First peal on a bob bell by T. Rushton. The ringers wished them many happy returns. S. Wood hails from Ashton, H. Chapman from Pendleton, T. Marshall from Stockport, the rest are local men. T. Marshall was made a member of the Lancashire Association and T. Lingard a member of the Ashton-under-Lyne society before starting for the above. The ringers wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

**THE PEAL AT WEDNESBURY.**—This was the first peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd and tenor bells, and was rung at the first attempt, with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the memories of the late Joseph Wood, Henry Spittle, William Brittain, Joseph Lloyd, James Foster, jun., H. Lawton, Henry Malbourn and A. Malbourn, who in their day were all ringers at Wednesbury Parish Church, and on the 21st May, 1861, rang in the longest peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung on the bells of that church, viz.: 10,061 changes, in 5 hrs. and 55 mins. It was also to the memory of the late John Tinsley, who in his day was a ringer

at Darlaston Parish Church, and took part in the longest peal of Grandsire Major ever rung on the bells of that church, viz.: 7056 changes, in 4 hrs. and 40 mins., on the 28th February, 1870, which was conducted by Mr. William Johnson, of Darlaston. Mr. Tinsley also took part in the first peal upon the bells of St. Paul's, Wood Green, viz.: 5040 changes of Stedman Triples. The peal rung on the 1st instant, to the memory of the deceased ringers mentioned above, was composed by the late Mr. Noah Bennett, of Stourbridge, and was first rung on the church of St. Thomas, in that town, on March 30th, 1844, conducted by its composer. It has 174 bobs and 66 singles. The ringers tender their thanks to the Vicar for granting permission.

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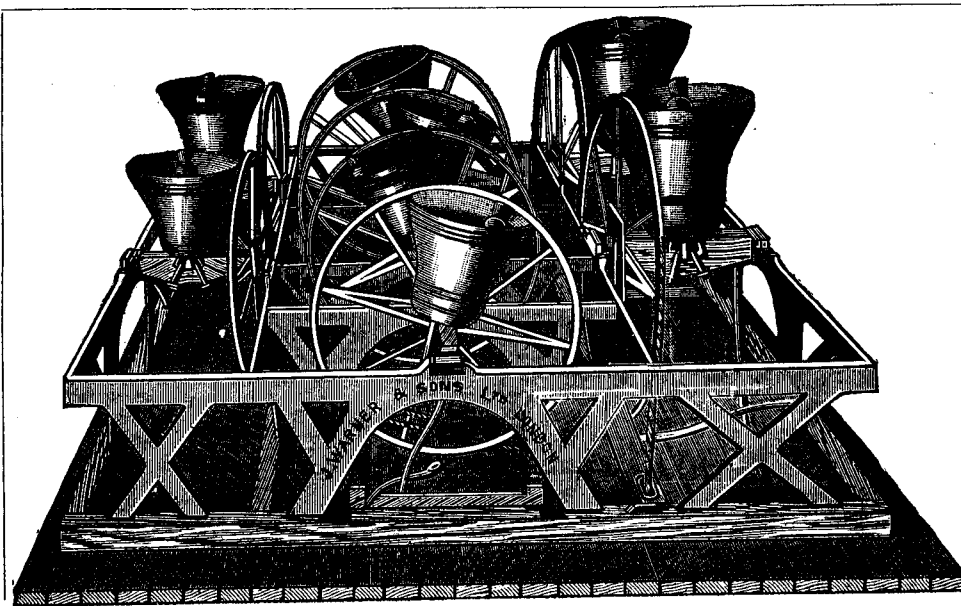
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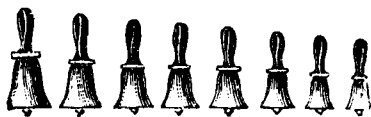
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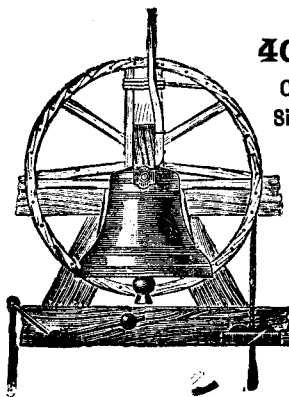
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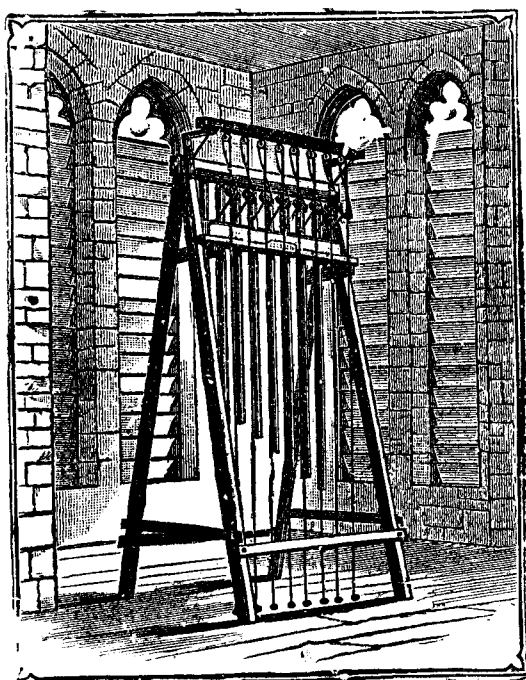
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## MR. GEORGE BOLLAND, OF TONG, YORKSHIRE.

Mr. BOLLAND, whose portrait we have pleasure in giving this week, is a native of Tong—one of those quaint old English villages which have been so favorite a theme for poets, and subject for painters, the number of which is gradually but surely disappearing before the high-pressure force of so-called modern progress. The village is situate about six miles from the busy town of Bradford, and is a favorite resort of pedestrians who love to ramble along its paths, literally covered as many of them are with the foliage of the stately trees which line them on either side. It is a peaceful little spot, where the weary worker can for a brief space isolate himself from the turmoil of the town, and enjoy a breath of fresh air amid tranquil surroundings.

Our friend GEORGE was born here in 1852, consequently he is now in his forty-fifth year, and follows the occupation of a farmer. He commenced to ring when sixteen years old, taking the place of one of the band who had removed from the village, and has continued an active member of the company ever since, of which he is now senior in length of service. From his youth up, Mr. BOLLAND was ever characterised by a geniality of manner, and a readiness to give advice and practical assistance to any ringer or band who asked for it. As an illustration of this, he at one time undertook the tuition of two companies, who met four times each week, and for more than six months he joined them at every practice, which entailed a walk of over four miles each time.

Mr. BOLLAND joined the Yorkshire Association in 1877, and as he had previously done in his own home circle, he speedily came to the front in the county organisation. On the death of Mr. James Crabtree, in 1883, he was unanimously elected to the position of Vice-President, which post he has held ever since; and we are well within the mark in saying that no member of that important committee enjoys greater respect than the subject of our memoir.

Notwithstanding the many demands which his occupation of farmer entails upon his time, Mr. BOLLAND has made for himself an excellent record as a ringer, both for quantity and quality—especially the latter. His peal-score with the Yorkshire Association is as follows: Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Major 35, conducted 8; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2; Minor methods 22, conducted 20; on handbells (Bob Major) 1. Total rung, 61; conducted 28.

Amongst the more noticeable of his performances are a silent peal rung at Dewsbury, when not a word was spoken from start to finish; a 10,440 in fifteen Minor methods (the longest length by the Association); and a 6000 in twenty-five Minor methods, both of which he conducted. He also formed one of a band which attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise at Calverley, which came to grief only a few leads from the finish. As a six-bell ringer Mr. BOLLAND has been for many years regarded in his county as one of the most brilliant exponents. Recently, as is well known, he has been to the front somewhat conspicuously as the champion of Minor ringing in opposition to the Central Council's definition of the constitution of a peal. From the tenacity with which Mr. BOLLAND has stuck to the six-bell ringers' side of the question, it might be imagined by those who

have not the privilege of personal acquaintance with him, that stubbornness forms a prominent trait in his character. But in this such persons will be greatly mistaken. Mr. BOLLAND is possessed of a mind always open to conviction, and considerate of the opinions of others; but what he thinks he says, and what he says he means—like the sturdy old Northerner that he is. And while on this point we cannot refrain from an expression of satisfaction that he is now one of the representatives of the Yorkshire Association on the Central Council, and there doubtless personal contact with him will soon convince the members of the Council of his honesty of purpose in the stand he has taken on the side of the six-bell ringers.

But while busy both as a ringer and in his every-day avocation as a farmer, Mr. BOLLAND has been in no wise negligent of his duties and opportunities as a citizen, and the respect in which he is held by his neighbours is amply demonstrated by the fact of his having filled the offices of parish councillor, overseer of the township, treasurer of the Tong Farmers' Association, and of the village reading-room. He has also been an active cricketer, and during his twenty years' membership of the Tong Manor Cricket Club, has generally appeared at the end of each season with the highest batting average.

It need only be added, that both in and out of the ringing world, Mr. BOLLAND is respected most by those who know him best. In him the Church has a loyal and devoted son; the Exercise an able and enthusiastic exponent; and his township a faithful and energetic citizen who endeavours to the utmost of his ability to promote the welfare of his fellow-man. For all three we wish for Mr. BOLLAND many years of health and usefulness, with the pleasing reflection to himself that he has gained the honour and esteem of those among whom he has lived and moved.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

"PONTEFRAC," we are told by a local historian, "is an ancient municipal and parliamentary borough, dating from the time of the Romans, has a fine situation on a hill near to the rivers Aire and Don, and is two or three miles from the Aire and Calder canal. By the Saxons this famous old borough was called 'Kirkby,' but after the Norman conquest it received its present name. William the Conqueror was pursuing the northern insurgents in 1070, and they, fearing to encounter his superior force, broke down the bridge spanning the Aire near this place, so as to hinder the advance of the offended Norman. Hence the supposition that the name is derived from *Pons fractus*—'the broken bridge.' Pontefract has a celebrated castle, which in its time was one of the most formidable feudal strongholds in Yorkshire. It was built originally by Ælfrie, a Saxon thane, and remained under the rule of his family until the Conquest, when the castle was reconstructed upon the massive lines of a Norman fortalice by Hildebert de Lacy, who gained feudal powers over this district as a reward for his services to the Conqueror. It may be truly said that no castle in England has been the scene of more momentous and stirring events than those which have transpired within the walls of this huge and gloomy fortress, from the tragic murder of Richard II. down to the surrender of the Royalists at the close of the Civil War. The garrison of Pontefract castle was the very last which held for King Charles, and as a retaliation for its obduracy the



MR. GEORGE BOLLAND.

*(Of Tong, Yorkshire.)*

Parliament ordered the grim old stronghold to be dismantled in 1649. Pontefract received its first charter of incorporation from Richard III. It returns one member to Parliament, and it is noteworthy that the first parliamentary election by ballot took place here on August 15th, 1872. The town has a Free Grammar School, founded by Edward VI., and a number of ancient and useful charities. It is a busy place, and among its industries may be mentioned iron and brass founding, the manufacture of earthenware, brick and tile making, malting, brewing, and tanning, rug manufacture, etc. Here also are made the famous and only genuine 'Pomfret cakes,' which have borne that name for generations, and for the production of which large quantities of liquorice are grown in the neighbourhood. The population in 1881 was 8798, and in 1891, 9702." Near to Pontefract also is the thriving and growing port of Goole. About three miles away is the town of Castleford, known to the Romans as *Legiolium*, in the upper division of the wapentake of Osgoldcross, which is traversed by the historic road known as Watling Street. And also in the near neighbourhood is the river port and town of Selby, known to the Romans as *Salebia*, with its fine old parish church—a remnant of a great Benedictine abbey founded by William the Conqueror in 1068.

It was in the midst of historic associations such as these that the Yorkshire Association held its general meeting on Saturday last, for the second time after a lapse of nine years. On the previous occasion—June 2nd, 1888—the Association numbered 595 members, and had £166 9s. 6d. to its credit in the bank. That progress has been made during those nine years is shown by the fact that the Association at the close of its last official year numbered 903, with a reserve fund invested of £204 5s. 3d.

The day opened cloudy and threatening, but fortunately the liquid elements refrained from descending, and towards noon old king Sol began to make his presence felt, to everybody's satisfaction. Thus the special trains which had been arranged from various parts of the county were well patronised, and there was a considerable influx of visitors during the afternoon, among them being about three hundred members of the Association.

Most extensive arrangements had been made by the local members for the reception of their visitors, both from a social and campanalogical point of view, which were highly appreciated, and as liberally taken advantage of. For ringing three peals of bells were available, a ring of eight in the parish church in the market-place, a ring of six at All Saints, and another new ring of six at St. Peter's, Darrington, about two miles distant from the centre of the town, to which latter place wagonettes had been chartered to convey ringers more speedily than was possible on foot.

As I neared Pontefract on Saturday, almost the first indication that I had reached my journey's end was the sound of the sweet-toned ring of six at All Saints. On alighting from the train I wended my way with all haste to the scene of operations, overcoming with difficulty a strong inclination to remain in the vicinity of All Saints, and enjoy myself for a brief space amid its pleasant, antiquated, and rural surroundings. But business was to be attended to first, so mounting the steep street, I plodded on, passing on my way the celebrated castle (or rather the ruins thereof) to which I have already alluded, ultimately reaching the market-place as the parish church bells were revolving to the tune of Kent Treble Bob Major. Here, amid the crowded stalls and all the paraphernalia of an open Saturday market, I found Mr. Snowdon and a group of other well-known members of the Association, not least conspicuous amongst whom was our ever-versatile friend Charlie Jackson, from Hull. Greetings over, I adjourned to The Crown and Anchor, where the local committee were busy with their arrangements. Here I had the unexpected pleasure of meeting the Grand Old Man of Yorkshire bellringers—W. H. Howard, of York, whom I was pleased to see looking quite hearty; brother Tom Hattersley of Sheffield; and quite a *posse* of energetic Yorkshiremen. As usual on these occasions, salutations were hearty and unstinted; but time was on the move, and consequently your humble scribe had to follow in its wake, I beat a retreat, and made my way speedily to the schoolroom, which I reached after a few minutes' sharp walking, under the guidance of friend Charlie. We went a devious path round corners, or narrow streets, and quite a maze of turnings till the school was reached, and on entering I was considerably surprised to see the splendid room in which tables had been

laid and tea in progress of providing for nearly 300 guests to sit down together. In a smaller room to the left, the official committee were meeting, transacting the general business of the Association, amongst which was the admission of several new members. The large room was by this time becoming gradually filled by the visitors, and for a short time there was no small amount of that bustle which seems inseparable from these large gatherings. All got seated, however, and after a few words of welcome from the worthy Vicar, grace was sung in a manner both harmonious and hearty, and instantly the good ladies, with several male assistants, were busily attending to the creature wants of those serving at the tables.

The business meeting which followed in an adjacent room was well attended. Mr. W. Snowdon (President) occupied the chair; supporting whom were the Rev. J. J. Christie, M.A., Vicar of Pontefract; R. D. Ryder, Esq., Churchwarden; Mr. Nicholls, of the Grammar School; Mr. W. H. Howard and Mr. George Bolland, vice-Presidents; Mr. T. Hattersley and Mr. J. H. Hardcastle, stewards; Mr. W. Stainthorpe, treasurer; Mr. B. T. Copley, Hon. Secretary; and several members of the committee. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and adopted, the chairman presented the revised rules (which had been previously printed and circulated). After a brief explanation of the alterations which had been made in them, he proposed, and Mr. Howard seconded, their adoption, which was carried unanimously. The Chairman next proposed, and Mr. Stainthorpe seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. J. J. Christie, Vicar, and the Wardens of the parish church, for the use of the bells and school, which was carried amid much applause.

The worthy Vicar replied to this vote in his characteristic and humorous fashion; although he apologised for himself that he was somewhat fagged after a very heavy week of church work in the town, an apology which from his speech which followed seemed to me rather paradoxical, for he was as lively and as witty in his sallies as if fresh from a well-earned rest. Addressing his fellow-ringers, he narrated his early attempts to learn to ring a bell, in company with a then newly-formed society of campanologists at College; but they were not successful, and the audience laughed heartily with him as he gave his reminiscences of that period in his life. During the few serious moments of his address he asked—what should we do without our bells? and why did people want bells? Why, because those bells had tongues, and those tongues spoke the feelings of the people. They told in muffled tones of times of sorrow, when grief had befallen the land or the community in which they swing. They spoke in jubilant strains when joy and gladness prevailed, and in all the varying seasons of life, they proclaimed the voice of church and people. Thus it was that they wanted their bells. Then with regard to the ringers, there could, he thought, be no better mode of fostering what might be termed a corporate feeling between good men than the joining together to ring the bells, when every man was dependent upon his fellow for the success of their endeavour. And so in an extended fashion did he regard the usefulness of their Associations which brought ringers together from various parts to meet, exchange views, and bind themselves in one brotherhood. He assured his hearers that he was delighted to meet the Association for a second time in old "Pomfret;" that the warmth of the welcome given them nine years ago was fully equalled that day. The Association, he contended, was based upon good lines, and would ever find a welcome in their town. He concluded a thoroughly exhilarating speech by stating that the Bishop of Beverley, who had been in Pontefract that morning, would have very much liked to be present with them, but on account of an important engagement at Sheffield, had been obliged to leave too early. However, the good Bishop sent his heartiest wishes to the members, and assured them that though absent in body he was with them in spirit.

After this came the selection of place for the next meeting; for this, three invitations were given—Birstall, Lightcliffe, and Horbury. The result of the second poll was a majority in favour of Lightcliffe. It was therefore agreed to hold the September meeting at that place. Cordial thanks were also given to the Birstall and Horbury branches for their invitations.

Mr. W. Abbishaw (Rothwell) moved, and Mr. H. Raistrick (Bradford) seconded a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. S. Hare,



M.A., vicar of All Saints, and the Rev. H. S. Atkinson, M.A., vicar of St. Luke's, Darrington, for the use of the bells, which was acknowledged by Mr. Poppleton, of All Saints.

The rev. the vicar of Sheffield, the Rev. E. S. Hare, M.A., and Mr. J. H. Smith, of Pontefract, were elected honorary members.

Mr. W. H. Howard then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Pontefract branches for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies who had assisted in serving tea, which was adopted amid cheers, and replied to be Mr. Spurr. A similar vote to the chairman concluded the business.

After this the schoolroom speedily emptied, some going back to the parish church, others (like myself) wending their way to All Saints, to have a ring on the sweet-toned six, and ramble amid the ruins of what has been a magnificent pile of quite cathedral proportions. The church evidently shared the fate of the adjoining castle in 1649, at the hands of the ruthless Parliamentarians. The present church appears to occupy the site of the transepts of the old church, with the massive tower in the centre, while the roofless walls of ruined choir and nave on either side bear mute but powerful testimony to the piety of ages past. It was with much reluctance that I tore myself from such surroundings, which alone would fully compensate a much longer journey than mine; but the "iron horse" was inexorable, and I jogged along to the station with a strong mental resolve to pay another visit to Pontefract, its ruined castle, and especially its church of All Saints, on the first available opportunity.

I should not be just were I to refrain from acknowledging the hearty welcome given by clergy, ringers, and laity of "Pomfret" to their visitors, who came from Beverley, Birstall, Bolton, Bradford, Cleckheaton, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Halifax, Heptonstall, Horbury, Huddersfield, Hull, Leeds, Lightcliffe, Lindley, Liversedge, Low Moor, Ossett, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Sandal, Selby, Sheffield, Snaith, Staniland, Tong, Wakefield, York, and several other places. And it is no disparagement to previous meetings and welcomes to add that this last one will rank amongst the most enjoyable that have been held by the Association.

#### STAPLESGROVE, SOMERSET.

The parish of Staplegrave was the scene on Sunday, May 9th, of a ceremony unique in the district, for the Mayor and Corporation of Taunton attended divine service at the church on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells after the erection of a new cage and the carrying out of various other repairs to the tower and belfry. We say unique, for never before have the corporate body of Taunton been in State attendance at a church outside the boundaries of the borough. There were, however, several reasons to justify the visit. First, the residence of the Mayor (Ald. W. Lock), Lewis House, is situated at Staplegrave. Then a large portion of the parish has recently been taken into the borough, and, lastly, the genial rector, the Rev. Stafford Tordiffe, is the Mayor's chaplain.

A new cage has been made and fixed, sundry repairs has been done to the masonry of the edifice, and the belfry. The total cost has been £117 os. 6d., and it is gratifying to state that the whole of this was raised previous to Sunday, the money coming from the following sources:—Collected by Mr. H. G. Turner and Mr. Charles Lewis, £40 7s. 6d.; by Mr. Villar and Mr. Lowe, £17 10s. 6d.; by Mr. Lane and Mr. Lillicrapp, £3 3s.; by Dr. Ellis and Col. Anderson, £19 13s. 6d.; by Mr. Luckes and Mr. Bond, £7 2s.; by Mr. Lane, £1 16s. 6d.; by the rector from house and land owners outside the parish, £18 16s.; contributed from offertory fund, £8 11s. 6d.

Early in the morning a flag floated from the summit of the tower, arches of evergreens had been erected at the entrance to the belfry. The church was crowded in every part, and even the aisles were thronged. The musical portion of the service was ably carried out under the direction of Miss Cox. The processional hymn was "When morning gilds the skies." The proper Psalms were the 47th and the 48th. The first lesson, 1 Kings, viii., was read by the rector, and the second, Rev. i., 20. et seq., by the Archdeacon, who also took the ante-Communion service. The other hymns sung before the sermon were "To Thee our God we fly" and "Come, let us join our cheerful songs." In the course of his address the Archdeacon said that

when they in England dedicated to the glory of God and the use of His Church a peal of bells, or a church or an organ, and especially a peal of bells or a church, they once more, as it were, showed forth that the Lord He was their God, that they were a Christian people, that religion was to be, should be, and was bound to be the centre of their life, as the church oftentimes was the centre of their village. To what practical use could they turn these houses of God? The words of the text told them. Might they not humbly claim that they were the tribes of the Lord, that they were God's people? When they saw the completion of sixty years of Her Majesty's reign they could not help thinking that God had done great things for them, whereof they rejoiced. They rejoiced with humble and thankful hearts, because they knew from whom it had all come. They must not imagine that all this blessing had been given to them for themselves alone, and their religion must not be solitary and selfish.

The closing hymn was "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," and the Archdeacon pronounced the Benediction.

The procession was then re-formed, and a return was made to the rectory amid the merry peals of the bells. At the rectory the Corporation, the officials and a number of prominent parishioners of Staplegrave were most liberally entertained by the Mayor, who thereby added another to the long list of hospitalities which have marked his Mayoralty.

Several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by the following members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of change-ringers: G. E. Harbour, J. Maddock, H. Poole, A. Doble, T. Double and E. Burgess. Ringing was well kept up during the day by the home band and ringers from several adjoining parishes.

#### ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, PEMBROKE.

The bells of the above ancient and historic church having got into a very dilapidated condition, the vicar and churchwardens suggested to the parishioners the idea of putting the bells and belfry in order as the Diamond Jubilee memorial for the parish. The scheme was warmly supported, and has been carried out from estimates submitted by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, at a cost of about £250. The work consisted of recasting one bell and adding two new ones to make a peal of eight; the whole of the oak frame to be removed and new erected.

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., a meeting was held in the schoolroom, Mr. Churchwarden Treweeks, in the absence of the vicar, in the chair, supported by Mr. Churchwarden Pratt, when it was decided to form a bell-ringers Guild. The vicar (the Rev. D. W. Jenkins, M.A., was elected President; Mr. Warlow, Treasurer; Mr. Boby, Secretary; Mr. Harwood, Conductor and Instructor. Mr. David Williams was given charge of the bell-chamber. Several names were enrolled, and the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, the 26th inst.

The Tenby ringers have kindly consented to ring on Saturday afternoon, May 22nd.

J. C. Froyne Esq., J.P., late chief constructor in H.M. Dockyard, and whose family have been associated with and have held office in the church for three generations, kindly presented the new treble bell at a cost of about £31.

#### WHITCHURCH, OXON.

On Saturday evening, the 8th instant, the Goring ringers visited this village, and rang 360 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Bob Minor, in which C. Pocock, of the local band, rang the 4th; a 720 of the last-named method being lost near the end. It is sometime since any change-ringing was done here, where formerly it used to flourish. Unfortunately first one and then the other of the ringers have left the village, and only two now remain—Messrs. Pocock and Bushnell. The visiting ringers were J. Bower, J. Alexander, J. Wedge, C. Tidbury, A. Spokes, W. Aldridge, G. Wilson (conductor).

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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of this Guild was held at Churchill, on Saturday, May 8th, and there was a good attendance of ringers, with the Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton vicarage, the President of the Deanery branch, the Rev. H. Barter (Shipton-under-Wychwood), the Revs. Canon Carter (Rural Dean), Warren Hastings, W. C. Carter, W. W. N. Barker; Mr. Walter Large, of Burford, and the hon. Secretary of the branch, Mr. J. F. Barlow. The following towers were represented:—Chipping Norton, Leafield, Enstone, Shipton-under-Wychwood, and Hook Norton.

Commencing about half-past two in the afternoon, the excellent ring of bells was kept going until half-past four. During this the Leafield and Enstone ringers brought round some well struck 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and the plain course of Stedman Doubles was rung several times. The members then attended evening service in the parish church, at which the Rev. Warren Hastings officiated, the Revs. Canon Carter and H. Barter reading the lessons. An address was given by the Master of the Guild. The service was brightened by the attendance of the choir, the organ being played by Mrs. Carter. The Master took as the subject of his sermon 1 Thes., v. 23: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

An adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a plentiful and appetising meat tea had been laid out by Mr. A. S. Epps, and this was heartily enjoyed. The usual business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. H. Barter. The Chairman mentioned that letters of apology, regretting inability to attend, had been received from the Revs. J. P. Malleson, G. A. Littledale, C. F. C. West, and C. S. Rowland. Mr. Barlow proposed, and the Rev. W. Hastings seconded, that the annual meeting of the branch be held at Chipping Norton, in November next, subject to permission from Rev. G. A. Littledale.—Carried unanimously.—Mr. Barlow proposed, and the Chairman seconded, that the following new members be admitted, viz., Mr. T. H. Burbidge, Chipping Norton, the auditor for the branch, and the Rev. A. W. Russell, of Hook Norton, both as honorary members, and the Hook Norton ringers as probationary members.

The Rev. Canon Carter next welcomed the members to the parish of Churchill. That had been the first warm day in May, and he thought they must have rather felt the heat when engaged in the tower. He had to propose a vote of thanks to the Master of the Guild for his presence and for the excellent address he had given. The speaker felt a great interest in the Guild, of which it happened that the Master was one brother, and the President of the branch another brother of his. The Master, in his address, had spoken very well on the analogies to be drawn from the use of the bells, and on that subject he would not attempt to follow, but he might say there was one lesson which he had learnt from the bells, and that was obedience. Whenever the peal of bells ceased he knew that he had to appear in church to conduct the service, and therefore he learnt obedience from them. The vote of thanks was heartily accorded.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thanked all present very much for the kind way in which they had received his name. It was a very great pleasure to him to come down amongst them, in the same way as he had to go to many other places in all parts of England, to address his brother bell-ringers. He did not wish to speak much of himself, or to magnify himself, but he might say he had done very much more ringing in the tower than any other clergyman in the world. If he was spared to ring two more peals he would have rung altogether 500 peals. Although Mr. Washbrook, perhaps the best ringer in the world, had rung more peals, viz., 520, yet he had never announced his 500th peal when completed, and therefore if the speaker rang the 500th he would be the first man who had ever announced it. He hoped the last peal would be one of Cambridge Surprise, on his own bells. That was the hardest method but one. The hardest, London Surprise, had been rung on his own bells in January last. There was one special work which he had taken in hand during the present year. One of the points in change-ringing was that a person never ought to feel that he had done enough. The band of which he was a member had rung about twenty methods, in there were one or two that they had

never even attempted. One of them was Superlative Royal, after that Cambridge Royal, and London Royal. The two former had been rung at Wakefield, but London Royal had never been commenced. It looked almost an impossible kind of method upon paper. He had been a ringer for forty years, and during that time had taken part in six long peals and two record peals, but he only accounted himself a beginner at Superlative Royal. If he lived, and could keep the Oxford men together, they would try to do it. The speaker here referred to the proposed addition to the Cathedral bells, for which he was raising a fund. The band held the record for ten bells, and for London Surprise on eight, but they had never rung on twelve, and it was a hope of his that they should get the two bells to make their peal complete. The only way in which this could be done in his opinion was the way in which he proposed, that was, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild to make a gift of the bells to the Cathedral authorities. The Guild numbered over 1,200 members, and he thought there should not be much difficulty in raising the requisite sum of £150. He urged upon the members of every tower to give something, however little, towards the fund. He might, of course, over-rate his own services as Master of the Guild, but he had always done his best, and as the request for funds for this object was in all probability the last he should make to the Guild, he hoped a good response would be made to the appeal. Being Master meant a very great honour, but it also meant that the Master was at the beck and call of every member of the Guild, so that instead of being the Master he was really the servant. If he could raise sufficient money to do it he should also like to have the old 6th bell re-cast, and then they would have made their peal very perfect indeed. The Master concluded by again thanking them for their kind reception.

The Chairman proposed that hearty thanks be given to Canon Carter for allowing them to meet at Churchill that day. He trusted their visit would mean the addition of another tower to the Guild. The progress which had been made at Leafield and Enstone showed what a great advantage it was to join the Guild, and how very soon the effect was apparent. No doubt when next they met the Hook Norton probationers would have advanced, and be ready to become qualified members. The bells of Churchill were really very beautiful ones to listen to since the new tenor bell had been hung. Special reference was made to the kindness of Mrs. Carter in playing the organ, to the choir, and to the Churchill ringers for preparing the bells, etc. Canon Carter briefly responded.

The Rev. Warren Hastings proposed a vote of thanks to the President of the branch for his attendance. Every body of men needed a head, and the better the head the better the body, and he was certain that in Mr. Barter they had a most excellent and industrious President. The Chairman, responding, said it was not only his duty but a great pleasure to him to be present with them. The meeting broke up with a vote of thanks to Mr. Barlow, the Secretary.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.—A monthly meeting of this branch of the above Guild was held at Lane End on Monday, April 19th, representatives from the following towers being present: Farnham, Burnham, Bray, Wingfield, Marlow, and Wycombe. Methods rung: Grandsire, Bob, Oxford Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. The bells, a ring of six, tenor 6 cwt. 6 qr., were in good going order. The Vicar kindly entertained the ringers to a substantial tea, for which they awarded to him a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks. A meeting was also held at Wingfield, May 8th, those present coming from Burnham, Bray, Farnham, Lane End, and Boyn Hill. The curate (Rev. —, Leslie) in the absence of the Vicar, entertained the ringers to a bountiful tea; a cordial vote of thanks being passed to him for his kind hospitality. It was determined to hold the next meeting at Farnham Royal on the 5th of June next.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 4th, at the parish church, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Waghorn, 1; E. Wightman, 2; J. Parker, 3; G. K. Pye, 4; E. Pye, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. And 224 in the same method. H. Randall, 1; A. Jacob, 2; A. Miller, 6, the rest as before. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

This Guild held its last Quarterly Meeting at Godalming, Surrey, on Saturday, May 8th. Owing to a delay in correspondence, the hour of the meeting could not be advertised, and this caused some inconvenience. Representatives attended from Yateley, Hawley, Basingstoke, Portsea, Gosport, Chiddingfold, Guildford, Shere, Godalming, Dorking, and Hursley.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, the Hon. Secretary, Rev. C. E. Matthews, presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the Master, the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey. Five honorary, 1 compounding, 2 unattached, and 25 performing members were duly elected. Three new bands were affiliated to the Guild, viz.: Ashted, Oakley, and Yorktown.

The Hon. Secretary reported that Mr. H. White had kindly audited the accounts, which were in a satisfactory state. On the motion of Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Steer, the balance-sheet was signed.

A letter was then read from the Master, relative to the date of the Annual Meeting at Romsey, and Monday, July 19th, was fixed. It was proposed by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. White—"That the Master be asked to preach the annual sermon."—Carried *nem. con.* A small committee (consisting of Messrs. White, Whiting, and Harper, the Master and the Hon. Secretary) was appointed to draw up the programme of the annual festival. This committee will meet at Eastleigh vicarage on Monday, June 28th, at 2.30 p.m.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. L. Burrows, Vicar of Godalming, for the use of the bells, which were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.

The church of this picturesque parish (from the latter of which those romantic forest glades cyclept "Burnham Beeches" have their title) formerly had a ring of five musical bells. Within recent years a treble was added, and now, chiefly, we believe, through the indefatigable exertions of Mr. G. Allder, the foreman of the Burnham company, they are to be increased by two more bells. Messrs. Taylor, we hear, have the work in hand, and hopes are entertained that a peal will be rung on the eight bells on June 22nd next. Several prominent ringers have been invited for that occasion.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE GORING (OXON) SOCIETY.—On Easter Monday last this society had its annual outing. Formerly it was had at Christmas, but not getting permission from Oxford, where it was intended to visit, it was postponed until Easter. At 8.45 a.m. a conveyance was in readiness, and at 10.0 the party found themselves at the parish church of Compton, Berks., where at the close of a short service they were welcomed by the Vicar. Here they rang some Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and were then invited to partake of refreshments at the vicarage, which were very welcome. Thanking the Vicar for his kind hospitality, the party departed for Hampstead Norris, where they were kindly met by some very old ringers. The bells were in very good order, though they had been hung by a firm not generally known as bellhangers. Doubles, Bob Minor, and Oxford Treble Bob being rung, and a short confabulation had with the local company, a departure was made for Yattendon, where the ringing was much enjoyed, the bells being light, and going (as Mr. Plain Speaker would say) "A 1." More ringing in the above-mentioned methods, together with a touch of Woodbine, and this place was left for Pangbourne (Berks.), where the bells were soon raised, and the ringing would have been successful had it not been for the continual entrance of visitors, but this could not be foreseen. This ended the ringing for the day, every one feeling that they had had sufficient. Through the medium of this journal the company desire to thank the authorities of the places visited for their kindness in so readily giving permission; and Mr. J. Nichols (of Pangbourne), who not being able to meet the party sent an efficient substitute in Mr. Preston. All the company returned home by the 9.19 p.m. train from Pangbourne.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th, 1897, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at two o'clock punctually.

(N.B.—Dean's Yard is a few steps from the west door of Westminster Abbey, and the Church House entrance is at the further end of Dean's Yard).

The Standing Committee will meet at 11.30 a.m. punctually at the Westminster Palace Hotel. Members of this Committee are particularly requested to attend. In consequence of the sparse attendance at the dinner following the last meeting in London, it has been decided to substitute a social gathering in the evening; for members and their friends, from 9 to 11 p.m., at a convenient hotel, which will be notified in due course. Notice of election of the following representatives has been received:

St. James' Society .. .. . E. P. O. Meara.  
W. Weatherstone.

## AGENDA.

1. Election of President and Secretary. (No nominations for these offices have yet been received.)
2. Election of Hon. Members (if desired.)
3. Appointment of Standing Committee.
4. To receive any further Report of Committee on Rail Fares.
5. To receive any further Report of the Committee on preparation of a Glossary of Technical Terms.
6. To receive any further Report of Committee on Peal Values.
7. To receive any further Report on the progress of the Bibliography.
8. To receive the Report of the Committee for Peal Collection and definition of points constituting "Authorship" and "Variation."
9. To consider the following motions:—

- (a) That the practice of using visible aids to memory in the conduction of peals is detrimental to the interests of the Art; and to recommend for the adoption of Societies a rule requiring all performances to be certified as conducted without such aid.
- (b) That an official letter be written to the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster, on behalf of the Council, calling attention to the condition of the Ringing-Chamber at Westminster Abbey, and the unringable state of the bells, requesting him to use his influence in the direction of Belfry Reform in this instance.
- (c) For a return of the condition of all rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in the country, to enable a tabulated statement of existing defects to be drawn up and submitted by the Council to Church authorities.
- (d) That the Council, recognising the insuperable objection taken by many six-bell ringers to the definition of a peal of Minor as carried at the meeting of 1892, and recognising the fact that on 5 and 6 bells no actually true peal of 5000 changes can be rung, and that, therefore, no strictly correct definition of such a peal can be logically formulated; do now decide to expunge the said definition from the standing resolutions, thus offering no opposition to the locally-varying construction of the term "peal" in regard to 5 and 6 bell performances.

The following subjects are also ripe for discussion, and may be introduced as questions if time permit:—

- (a) Whether the Council should not have recourse to longer meetings, and at least a two days' session in the case of the London meetings?
- (b) Whether the Council should pronounce upon a distinctive title to be applied to Thurstan's well-known Stedman Triples composition?
- (c) Whether the Council should pronounce upon the suggestion that the now well-known variation of Cambridge Surprise Major should be accepted as the recognised method?
- (d) Whether it is an offence against the laws governing Treble Bob composition to commence the calling with 1R or 2R?
- (e) How far, and under what conditions, any departure from the true and clear ringing of every change is permissible in the performance of a peal?
- (f) Whether the Council should not make some attempt to regulate the practice of Lent and Sunday peal-ringing.

NOTE:—It is to be borne in mind that motions on the agenda paper are in part the proposals of individual representatives, and that their insertion therefore, does not necessarily imply that they command any general support.

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SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1897.

THE Agenda paper of the next Central Council's meeting is now before the Exercise, and however the quality of its contents may be regarded, no one can object to its insufficiency if quantity is considered. The subjects for consideration this year appear to be most interesting. We may expect the first motion on the paper to be settled in a somewhat peremptory manner; the second one will doubtless be received with the greatest favor, and agreed to with acclamation. Whether any good will result from the Council's action in bringing before Dr. BRADLEY the condition of the Abbey tower is purely a matter of conjecture. Everyone will hope good will result; but the present fear is that the Council's representation will be met by the usual threadbare platitudes in such cases. The six-bell question is, we hope, done with altogether. Agreement upon it was impossible, and it has been properly put out of course. The subjects "ripe for discussion" may not be mentioned at this meeting, though it would be a fortunate thing to have them dealt with. The programme of business shows no dearth in particulars, but they cannot all be dealt with at one sitting. When a two-days' (or more) session is established—a worthy idea by the way—the business can be dealt with more efficiently and its volume be greater.

**The Metropolis.****THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 15, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.**

HENRY A. BARNETT.. ..Treble.	ARTHUR MILLER .. .. 5.
PERCY J. DARLINGTON .. 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. 6.
JOHN MILLER .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. DARLINGTON.. 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 4.	WALTER G. DARLINGTON..Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. DARLINGTON.

First peal as conductor.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 15, 1897, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.**

SAMUEL HAYES .. ..Treble.	E. ANDREWS .. .. 5.
ALBERT DEARDS .. .. 2.	ROWLAND FENN.. .. 6.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 3.	*ALFRED WHIGHT .. .. 7.
CALEB FENN .. .. 4.	ALBERT E. HARDY .. ..Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

\*First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung as a compliment to A. Whight on his forty-eighth birthday. This peal, a one-part in fourteen courses, is taken from the appendix 1895, page 97, and is now rung for the first time.

**The Provinces.****CREWE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD  
(THE CREWE SOCIETY.)***On Saturday, March 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four and ½ Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.**

GEORGE CHATFIELD* ..Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD .. .. 5.
ALBERT HARDING .. .. 2.	GEORGE HARDING .. .. 6.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. .. 7.
JOSEPH DAVIS† .. .. 4.	*JOHN DENTITH .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. F. HARTSHORNE.

\*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, May 12, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,*AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. WATSON, ST. ANDREW'S ROAD,  
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3-4.	JOHN DALE .. .. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—W. Watson. This composition in fourteen courses contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and the 6th the extent wrong. First peal in the method on handbells by all, and the first ever rang in the county.

**CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, May 13, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Fight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.**

FREDERICK BUTCHER ..Treble.	HARRY HUNTLEY .. .. 5.
ALBERT LONGLEY .. .. 2.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. 6.
EDWARD BRIDGER .. .. 3.	ROBERT KING .. .. 7.
FREDERICK WHIBLEY .. .. 4.	THOMAS BELTON .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WHIBLEY.

This is the first peal by the above Association by the local band, and was rung as a birthday compliment to T. Belton. It is also the first peal by E. Bridger and H. Huntley, the latter of whom only commenced ringing six months previously; also first peals: conductor by F. Whibley.

**ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 15, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.**

PERCY WRIGHT* .. ..Treble.	JOSEPH CURTIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 6.
GEORGE WRIGHT .. .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 7.
WALTER CANNER .. .. 4.	GEORGE THORNLEY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

\*First peal.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Thursday, May 13, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 26 cwt.**

GEORGE PITT .. ..Treble.	LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 5.
JOHN BENSTEAD .. .. 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN.. .. 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

**CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.****THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, May 15, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.**

JAMES BAKER .. ..Treble.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 2.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. STONESTREET. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. ..Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

This is the first peal in the Kent variation on the bells, and was rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. Baker, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Saturday, May 15, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor about 28 cwt. in D.**

FRED. G. MAY .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 3.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 9.
LIONEL LONGNEY .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. ..Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Bob Royal by all; also first peal by the Association, and rang at the first attempt.

**LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,  
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Sunday, May 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.**

ERNEST E. DAVIES .. ..Treble.	HERBERT SCRIVENS .. .. 5.
FRED. G. MAY .. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
HENRY MITCHEL .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HALE .. .. 4.	REUBEN GARDNER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

It was intended to ring a peal of Major, but one of the band being ill it was decided to ring a peal of Triples, Mr. Gardner kindly making up the band.



## KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

(THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.)

On Sunday, May 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F#.

GEORGE BARKER† .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN KNIGHT .. .. 5.
JOSEPH POMFRET .. .. 2.	HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 6.
HERBERT WARNER .. .. 3.	JABEZ WARNER .. .. 7.
FREDERICK HARVEY† .. .. 4.	†REGINALD H. DENNIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

†First peal. This is the first peal on the bells, which have been augmented to eight by Messrs. Warner and Sons, London, and the go of them is excellent.

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

On Tuesday, May 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN BROWN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS SHORT .. .. 5.
EDMUND ALDWORTH .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
WM. H. T. ADKINS .. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLLOWAY .. .. 7.
HENRY HOLIFIELD .. .. 4.	HENRY HYDE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 19, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK GLENNERSTER *Treble.	†HERBERT MARTIN .. .. 5.
WALTER CARPENTER* .. .. 2.	*WALTER NORRIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM NORRIS* .. .. 3.	†GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 7.
CHARLES GEORGE* .. .. 4.	*JAMES ALEXANDER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal ever rung by a band of local ringers in connection with St. Matthew's, Oxhey.

## Date Touches.

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

OTLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, May 9th, at the parish church of All Saints, for evening service, a date touch of 1897 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 1 hr. and 11 mins. C. Ralph, 1; F. Maston, 2; A. Holmes, 3; A. Snowball, 4; W. D. Clough, 5; J. Nelson, 6; J. Horner, 7; W. Waddington, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

CRETINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, April 28th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1897 changes, in six methods of Doubles, being 360 College single, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 April Day, 240 Old Doubles, 240 Plain Bob and 337 Grandsire. P. Ward, 1; E. Hicks, 2; W. Wightman, 3; G. Wightman (conductor), 4; S. Wightman, 5.

GUISELEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 4 mins. S. Brown, 1; J. Sunderland, 2; P. Mallinson, 3; J. Waite, 4; H. Demaine, 5; J. Yeadon, 6; T. Thompson (conductor), 7; F. Dixon (composer), 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

K (EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

WINGFIELD (Berks).—On Saturday, May 8th, on the occasion of a meeting being held, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. — Worsfold (Wingfield), 1; A. Day (Burnham), 2; Rev. — Nash (Lane End), 3; G. Bloomfield, 4; J. Wilkins (Boyn Hill), 5; G. Alder (Burnham, conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob. J. J. Parker, 1; C. Clark, 2; E. Bailey, 3; L. Read, 4; J. Wilkins (conductor), 5; W. Bailey, 6. A touch of Kent Treble Bob, a 6-score each of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire

Doubles and Minor were also rung. About twenty ringers were present from Burnham, Bray, Farnham, Lane End, and Boyn Hill. The curate (Rev. — Leslie), in the absence of the vicar, entertained the ringers to a substantial tea in the schoolroom. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried, thanking him for the same. The next meeting will be held at Farnham Royal on June 5th.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Sunday, March 14th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Carter, 1; A. Day, 2; J. Basden, 3; L. Read, 4; G. Clark, 5; G. Alder (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Mitchel (first attempt), 1; A. Day, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; G. Bloomfield (Bray, first 720 in the method), 4; L. Read, 5; G. Alder (conductor), 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 28th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 576 Kent. T. Redman (conductor), 1; R. Hartley, 2; F. Towns, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; J. R. Werring, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth, 8. On Tuesday, March 2nd, 720 Kent. T. Redman (conductor), 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; N. Townend, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6. On Sunday morning, March 21st, for Divine Service, 640 Kent. J. Werring, 1; R. Hartley, 2; F. Towns, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. R. Hartley (first 720 in the method), 1; D. Campbell, 2; J. Werring, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, April 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; J. Werring, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, April 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Campbell, 1; J. Werring, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Mouncey, 1; R. Hartley, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; N. Townend, 6. On Sunday morning, May 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Bentley (Oswaldtwistle), 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; D. Campbell, 2; F. Towns, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Saturday, May 8th, 720 Kent. J. Brown, 1; J. Mather, 2; T. Redman (conductor), 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; J. Walker, 6. On Sunday evening, May 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; F. Towns, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, April 11th, at the church of St. James, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. Pearce, 1; A. Doble, 2; H. Poole, 3; J. Maddock, 4; E. Burgess, 5; G. Yandell, 6. This 720 was non-conducted. Referees—Messrs. Thorn and Millard. On Thursday, May 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. Yandell, 1; A. Doble, 2; J. Maddock, 3; E. Burgess, 4; H. Poole, 5; W. Thorn, 6. This 720 was non-conducted. Referee—H. Hayward.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, January 26th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. F. Hollingworth, 1; L. Hollingworth, 2; G. Tomlin, 3; H. Snape, 4; C. Walden, 5; G. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 2nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 21 mins. L. Hollingworth, 1; G. Tunnicliff, 2; H. Snape, 3; C. Walden, 4; W. Earle, 5; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6. On Saturday, February 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. L. Hollingworth, 1; H. Snape, 2; C. Walden, 3; G. Tunnicliff, 4; W. Earle, 5; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 28th, for Divine Service, 392 Bob Triples. G. Tomlin, 1; L. Hollingworth, 2; H. Snape, 3; A. Lee, 4; C. Walden, 5; J. Warren, 6; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 7; W. Earle, 8. On Tuesday, March 2nd, for practice, 224 Bob Major. G. Tomlin, 1; H. Snape, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; C. Walden, 5; J. Warren, 6; W. Earle, 7; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, March 14th, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Triples. G. Tomlin, 1; H. Snape, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earle (conductor), 5; C. Walden, 6; J. Warren, 7; T. Hollingworth, 8. On Saturday, May 1st, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but came to grief after ringing 1771 changes, owing to the clapper of the 7th bell flying out. G. Tomlin, 1; L. Hollingworth, 2; A. Ward, 3; C. Draper, 4; W. Earle (conductor), 5; T. Hollingworth, 6; C. Hart, 7; S. Maskrey, 8. Messrs. Maskrey, Ward, Hart, and Draper hail from Derby; the rest belong to the local company.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, May 9th, for Divine Service, 1264 Bob Major in 49 mins. D. Farthing, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; G. Topliss, 3; S. Price, 4; J. Bell, 5; J. Hunt, 6; W. Thyng,

7; A. Knights (conductor), 8. For evening service 1259 Grandsire Caters in 49½ mins. J. Hunt, 1; A. Knights (conductor), 2; J. Bell, 3; D. Farthing, 4; W. Thyng, 5; S. Price, 6; G. Toplis, 7; G. Mee, 8; G. Farr, 9; G. Davies, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, April 6th, for practice at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins. J. Owens, 1; W. Hughes, 2; J. Hughes, 3; H. Brocklebank, 4; J. Grant, 5; J. Evans, 6; G. Newton (conductor), 7; C. Owens, 8. Longest touch as conductor. Longest touch with a bob bell by W. Hughes. On Thursday, April 22nd, for practice, 672 Grandsire Triples. C. Owens, 1; W. Hughes, 2; J. Owens, 3; H. Brocklebank, 4; J. Grant, 5; G. Newton, 6; J. Hughes (conductor), 7; W. Grimant, 8. On Sunday evening, April 18th, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. C. Owens, 1; H. Brocklebank, 2; J. Owens, 3; G. Newton, 4; J. Grant, 5; J. Evans, 6; J. Hughes (conductor), 7; W. Grimant, 8.

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—NORTHWICH BRANCH.

KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).—On Saturday, May 1st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Johnson (conductor), 1; W. Sutton, 2; A. Johnson, 3; S. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; T. Burrows, 2; F. Powell, 3; G. Greenall, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6. Messrs. Burrows, Powell, and Greenall belong to Grappenhall; Johnson, Bell, and Forster to Witton. This is believed to be the first touch of Treble Bob on the bells.

WITTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, May 7th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Sutton, 1; S. Johnson, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by Messrs. Sutton, G. Johnson, and A. Johnson.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, April 11th, at the church of St. Alfege, on the occasion of the church parade of Friendly Societies, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. Composed by J. P. Bradley, of West Ham. H. Hoskins, 1; W. Berry, 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; H. Skelt, 4; W. Bedwell, 5; W. Jeffries, 6; I. G. Shade, 7; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 8; H. Flanders, 9; J. Laws, 10.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEENE (Sussex).—On Thursday, April 29th, at St. Botolph's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Meetens, 1; J. Paice, 2; T. Greenyer (first with a bob bell), 3; B. Bassett, 4; G. Norris, 5; H. Evans, 6; E. Lindup (conductor), 7; F. Lindup, 8. On Sunday evening, May 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. T. Greenyer, 1; J. Paice, 2; W. Hillman, 3; E. Lindup, 4; B. Bassett, 5; C. Hills, 6; H. Meetens (conductor), 7; A. Arnell, 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, May 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 46 mins. S. Hayes, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. Hardy, 3; C. Fenn, 4; E. Andrews, 5; R. Fenn, 6; \*A. Whight, 7; T. Faulkner (conductor), 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method away from the treble.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, May 2nd, at St. Michael's church for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by S. Hammond. H. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Webb, 4; E. Watcher, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), standing as before, except F. Slade (conductor), 9. And 240 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Farrow, 4; H. Coote, 5; W. Hammond, 6. And for evening service 240 Grandsire Doubles. H. Gollins, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Farrow, 4; J. Gould (Great Bardfield, conductor), 5; W. Hammond, 6. On Sunday, May 16th, for morning service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. C. Pilcher, 1; H. Pilcher, 2; H. Collins, 3; W. Webb, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; W. Hammond, 6. And 240 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; E. Watcher, 5; W. Webb, 6. And for evening service, a 260 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Webb, 4; E. Watcher, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. C. Pilcher, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; W. Farrow, 4; H. Pilcher (conductor), 5; W. Hammond, 6. On Monday evening for practice, 240 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Watcher (conductor), 5; W. Hammond, 6.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, May 9th, at the parish church,

after service in the afternoon, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Bloomfield, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; A. Tarbun, 3; J. Tarbun, 4; E. Scotcher, 5; H. Brazier, 6; W. J. Piper, 7; F. Lemon, 8. And 168 in the same method.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, May 8th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 31 minutes. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; W. H. Doran, 3; I. Dear, 4; G. Dear, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. Rang as a birthday compliment to G. Dear, his brother ringers wishing him many returns. W. Doran hails from West Ham; A. J. Perkins from Romford; the rest belong to the local band.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Wednesday, April 28th, on handbells retained in hand, 1440 and 260 of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; E. Pye (conductor), 5-6; J. Dale, 7-8. On Sunday, May 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. Roughton, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; J. Dale, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 4th, for practice a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. M. Rolfe, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; W. Harris, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; A. Bradley, 5; H. Sharplington, 6. First 720 in the method by A. Bradley, who hails from Broomfield.

STISTED (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 13th, for practice at All Saints' church, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. \*W. Farrow, 1; \*H. Collins, 2; \*H. Pilcher, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; E. Radley, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method and hails from Baintree. And a 720 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. And two courses of Kent Treble Bob. H. Collins, 1; H. Pilcher, 2; E. Radley, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin, 6. First attempt at Treble Bob by Messrs. Collins and Pilcher.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, May 5th, at St. James' church, Clerkenwell, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Spenser, 1; S. Wade, 2; J. Parker (conductor), A. Preece, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; H. Newby, 6; F. Dench, 7; D. Stone, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. H. Stubbs, 1; S. Wade, 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; W. Ward, 4; J. Attwater, 5; H. Newby, 6; F. Dench, 7; A. Preece, 8. Also 384 Superlative Surprise Major. H. Dains, 1; S. Wade, 2; W. Ward, 3; H. Newby, 4; A. Preece, 5; H. Stubbs, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. Dench (conductor), 8.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.)

HITCHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Symonds, 1; H. Sewell, 2; T. King, 3; A. Symonds, 4; R. Grimwood (conductor), 5; W. Stiff, 6. For evening service 720 in the same method (fifteen bobs). T. King (conductor), 1; T. Levett, 2; A. Symonds, 3; W. Stiff, 4; F. Cook, 5; R. Grimwood, 6. Messrs. King and Symonds (2) hail from Lavenham; the rest belong to Hitcham.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). R. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; W. Green, 3; A. Symonds, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; A. Keeble (conductor), 6.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday morning, May 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, 336 Double Norwich. C. Horton, 1; W. Knight, 2; H. Pring, 3; F. Perrin, 4; F. Elles, 5; J. York, 6; W. Cave, 7; W. Hinton, 8. On Wednesday, May 5th, for practice, a long touch of Double Norwich Major. F. Price, 1; C. Millard, 2; C. Horton, 3; F. Perrin, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; F. Elles, 6; W. Cave, 7; W. Hinton (conductor), 8.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, April 8th, at the residence of Miss Poynder, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). Miss R. Poynder, 1-2; Miss A. Hart Smith, 3; Miss E. Lea, 4; S. Constant (conductor), 5-6. On Sunday evening, April 18th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 720 College Single. F. Parrott, 1; S. Lowe, 2; F. Lowe, 3; A. Robinson, 4; W. Dawson, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the first four ringers, and first as conductor. On Sunday morning, April 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Parrott, 1; S. Lowe, 2; A. Robinson, 3; H. Toll, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6.

BRISTOL.—On Easter Tuesday, at the church of St. Mary Redcliffe, 508 of Grandsire Triples. G. Staddon, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; G. Pearce, 3; H. Pring, 4; W. Emery, 5; H. Porch, 6; G. Daltry (conductor), 7; P. Cane, 8. On Wednesday, April 21st, being Proctor's Day, 504

of Triples. W. Knight, 1; W. J. Pickard, 2; G. Pearce, 3; C. H. Horton, 4; J. Richmond, 5; W. Emery, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; P. Cane, 8. On Thursday, April 22nd, at St. Peter's church, for Divine Service, a 504 of Triples. G. Staddon, 1; C. Horton, 2; W. J. Pickard, 3; J. Richmond, 4; P. Cane, 5; H. Porch (conductor), 6; W. Emery, 7; J. Viney, 8.

CLINT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, April 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. Barber (conductor), 1; T. Barber, 2; J. Barber, 3; R. Barrett, 4; A. Roberts, 5; W. Smith, 6. For evening service an attempt was made for a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, but came to grief in the last course. T. Barber, 1; J. Barber, 2; W. Smith, 3; A. Roberts, 4; W. Short, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—At the house of Mr. Barber, an attempt was made for Carter's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief in the third part. W. Short, 1-2; W. H. Smith, 3-4; W. Barber (conductor), 5-6; J. Barber, 7-8. R. Barrett hails from Gloucester; Smith from Kidderminster; Roberts from Stourbridge. Referee—A. Roberts.

DARLINGTON.—On Saturday, May 8th, at St. John's church, on the occasion of the in-coming of the Rev. H. E. Bilbrough as vicar of the above church, short touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the tower bells by the local company, assisted by Messrs. Lungley (2), and Smith of Holy Trinity church. Afterwards a course of Grandsire Triples and 252 Stedman Triples were rung on the handbells by Messrs. Lister, Porter, Lungley (2), Moncaster, and Baxter, in the presence of the vicar, who thanked the ringers for the welcome they had accorded him.

GREENSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, May 13th, for practice at the parish church, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. S. Burst, 1; A. Saunders, 1; J. Fluty, 3; G. Arnold, 4; W. Sillitoe, 3; W. Burst (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 16, for Divine Service, 720 Double Court, S. Burst, 1; D. Claydon, 1; W. Burst, 3; G. Arnold, 4; A. Saunders, 5; E. Bidgewell (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Burst, 1; E. Bidgewell, 2; D. Claydon, 3; G. Arnold, 4; A. Saunders, 5; W. Burst (conductor), 6.

GREAT TEY (Essex).—On Sunday, May 9th, at the church of St. Barnabas, 560 of Bob Major. O. Dyer, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; G. Galley, 3; F. Percival, 4; W. E. Ladham, 5; W. Galley, 6; E. Ridgewell, 7; E. Ladham (conductor), 8. And 1008 of Bob Major. O. Dyer, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; G. Galley, 3; F. Percival, 4; W. Rogers, 5; W. Galley, 6; W. E. Ladham, 7; E. Ladham (conductor), 8.

HALIFAX (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, May 9th, at All Souls' church, a 1260 of Bob Triples in 50 mins., in honour of the new churchwardens. A. Reynolds, 1; A. Stead, 2; J. S. Ambler, 3; S. W. Stewart, 4; S. H. C. Copping, 5; F. Salmon, 6; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 7; J. Scott, 8. \*Longest touch in any method.

MONKEDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Creasey, 1; W. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman (conductor), 3; E. Hicks, 4; A. Bullock, 5; S. Wightman, 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Hicks, 1; W. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman (conductor), 3; G. Thurlow, 4; J. Tarrant, 5; S. Wightman, 6. And after service a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Peck (first 720), 1; G. Wightman (conductor), 2; E. Hicks, 3; W. Wightman, 4; J. Tarrant, 5; S. Wightman, 6.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 4th, at St. Mary's church, 720 College Single, a six-part 720 (twelve bobs and ten singles). Composed by J. Fisher, of Ducklington, Oxon. In the evening 720 College Single, a six-part 720 (eighteen bobs and twenty-two singles). Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington, Oxon. On Sunday evening, April 11th, 720 Oxford Single, a six-part 720 (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). Composed by W. Wilcox, of Bidston, Cheshire. On Sunday morning, April 18th, 720 College Single, a two-part 720 (twelve bobs and twenty-two singles). Composed by C. E. Wilson. In the afternoon 720 Grandsire, a two-part 720 (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). Composed by C. Severn, of Killamarsh, Derbyshire. In the evening 720 Plain Bob, six divisions (six bobs and thirty singles). Composed by E. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent. On Sunday morning, April 25th, 720 College Single, a two-part 720 (thirty-four singles). Composed by C. E. Wilson. In the afternoon 720 Grandsire, a five-part 720 (twenty bobs and forty singles). Composed by J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks. In the evening 720 Oxford Single, a three-part 720 (three bobs and eighteen singles). Composed by C. E. Wilson. The following ringers took part in the above: Messrs. Somerville, Bell, Rodger, Wilson (conductor), Barker, Harrison, and Martin. Tenor 9 cwt.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, April 3rd, for practice at St. Paul's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley (conductor), 2; J. Pomfrey, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. Stout, 6. Rung in commemoration of the Jubilee of the incorporation of the borough of Warrington. On

Sunday evening, April 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; W. Brammer, 4; J. Pomfrey, 4; A. Oxley, 5; F. Stout (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 26th, for practice, 720 Grandsire (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; J. Pomfrey, 4; W. Brammer (conductor), 5; F. Stout, 6.

#### ST. ANDREW'S, RUGBY.

On Wednesday evening, May 5th, the members of the St. Andrew's Association rang complimentary touches for Mr. W. Brooke, who has been elected parishioners' warden in the place of Mr. Richard Over, resigned, and who had been that day admitted to office by the Archdeacon. During the evening, Messrs. Over and Brooke ascended to the ringing-chamber, and the latter was formally introduced to the members by Mr. Over, who, in a few appropriate words, said it had been his desire to encourage and help the ringers as much as possible, and he thoroughly appreciated the progress they had made in the art. He expressed his gratitude for the way in which they had always complied with the wishes of the churchwardens, and said he had no doubt they would find in Mr. Brooke a gentleman who would work with them equally well. Mr. J. George, on behalf of the association, assured Mr. Over that, while they much regretted his vacation of the office, they welcomed Mr. Brooke as a most worthy successor. Mr. Brooke, in thanking them for their kind reception, said he hoped at the end of his first twelve months of office, not only the ringers, but the parishioners generally, would find from the way in which he should endeavour to perform his duties, that there was no reason to regret his appointment as churchwarden. Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung, and the bells were fired in honour of both the old and new churchwardens.

#### DUNCHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.

CHANGE RINGING.—On Monday evening, May 3rd, by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Rigby Jubb, the members of the St. Andrew's Association, Rugby, drove over from Rugby and had their weekly practice in the tower of the parish church here. They were accompanied by Mr. Hardy, of Warwick, and under the direction of Mr. George, of Rugby, several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Minor were well struck upon the fine toned bells for which this church is noted. Afterwards a social half-hour was spent with the Dunchurch band in the club room at the Dun Cow Hotel, and touches were rung on the handbells by Messrs. George, Hardy, Lightfoot, Shotton, and others, the visit being altogether an enjoyable one. The Rugbeians are arranging similar visits to other churches in the neighbourhood during the summer, and hope to include Warwick in the round, from which place they have received a cordial invitation.

#### Correspondence.

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

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

#### PEAL-RINGING ON GOOD FRIDAY.

SIR,—I don't think that your correspondent, "F. L. E." quite grasps the point at issue. There may be different opinions as to what sounds most solemn and impressive for a day like Good Friday. I myself should prefer the tolling of the tenor alone as a call to the services, but that is only a matter of taste. The real question is this: Is it necessary or desirable to go for a peal on such a day? All change-ringers know well what a peal means to them, and can testify as to whether it is conducive to solemn thoughts and serious meditation on the great and awful event commemorated on Good Friday. Some may argue that, as a peal is the greatest thing in change-ringing, it ought to be performed on special occasions. According to this theory an open peal ought to be rung if possible on Easter Day and other great church festivals. But experience tells us that this is most undesirable, and not conducive to church going among the ringers; even if there were time for its performance between the services on such days. Short touches as a call to the services have been proved to be much better; however appropriate a peal may be on secular occasions of rejoicing. I must not trespass further on your space.

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## Notices.

**The Lancashire Association—Manchester Branch.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor Road, West Didsbury, to-day, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7. Open invitation to all ringers, a good muster expected. **WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.**

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Chester Guild—Wirral Branch.**—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held at the schoolroom, Wallasey, to-day, Saturday, May 22nd, at 6 o'clock. Tower open at 3.

**HENRY WOOLCOTT, Hon. Sec.**

Grange Mount, West Kirby.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—A committee meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, May 22nd, at 5 p.m., at The Greyhound inn, Tong, to select judges, etc., for the coming contest on Whit-Monday. All stationed companies wishing to take part in the contest will kindly submit their names this day.

**GEORGE H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.**

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The South and West Middlesex Guild.**—A monthly meeting will be held (by kind permission) to-day, Saturday, May 22nd, at S. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, Uxbridge. Ringing to commence at 5 o'clock sharp.

Hanwell, W.

**J. BASDEN.**

**The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—There will be a special meeting on Monday evening, May 24th, for the transaction of important business, will members please attend.

**A. HARDY, Hon. Sec.**

43, Kay Road, Stockwell.

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, May 29th. Full particulars by circular. **REV. W. T. BULPIT, Hon. Sec.**

Aughton.

**W. BENTHAM, Secs.**

**The Lancashire Association.**—A meeting of the Rossendale branch at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 29th. The bells will be ready for 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

Helmshore.

**J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec.**

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Woodlesford (six bells) instead of Tong, on Saturday, May 29th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The White Hart hotel. This alteration is by desire of the Tong society, owing to the practices of the various competing bands in the Heavy Woollen District Association (six bell challenge cup competition), to be held there on Whit-Monday, June 7th.

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

18, Orwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck, Leeds.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A general meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Thursday, 3rd June, 1897. The bells of St. Nicholas (10) and of Gorleston (6) will be open for the use of members during the day. Lunch will be served at 1 o'clock at Mr. Foulsham's hotel and restaurant in the Market place, at 2s. 3d. for hon. members and friends, and 1s. 3d. for company members. There will be a short service for members and their friends in St. Nicholas' Church at 5 p.m. Take excursion tickets for travelling by rail, if possible. The hon. secretary should be informed of the number intending to be present at luncheon by Friday, May 28th.

**H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.**

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be at Horsley, on Saturday, June 5th. Tea at 5.30 (free to members); meeting afterwards.

**T. ALLIBONE, Hon. Sec.**

**The Kent County Association.**—The Annual meeting will be held on Whitsun-Monday, June 7th, at Canterbury. Service in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. The address will be given by the Dean of Canterbury. Committee meeting at 12; dinner at Gaywood's restaurant, High Street, at 1.30 p.m.; business meeting after dinner. The following towers will be open during the day:—Cathedral (ten bells), St. Stephen's (eight), St. Dunstan's (six), St. Alphage (six), and Holy Cross (five). Applications for dinner tickets to be made to the Hon. Sec. Tickets of admission to the cathedral belfry will be sent with the dinner tickets.

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

Canterbury.

**The South and West Middlesex Guild.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 7th, at Ealing. The bells of St. Mary's and Christ Church being open for ringing at 10 a.m. Divine service at St. Mary's (parish church) at 12.30, preacher, Rev. W. E. Oliver, LL.D., Vicar of Ealing. Luncheon at 1.30, at 1s. 6d. each; followed by the meeting, when it is much wished that all members will make an effort to attend, very important business having to be got through. Tea will be provided about six o'clock. Members and friends who intend to be present are earnestly requested to let me know at their earliest, that proper arrangements can be made as to numbers, etc.

2, Oakland Road, Hanwell, W. **J. BASDEN.**

**The Middlesex Association.**—An important meeting of this association will take place at Ealing, on Whit-Monday, in conjunction with the South and West Middlesex Guild, the proposed arrangements for which will be seen by a reference to the notice relating to that guild. The Hon. Secretary requests that all members who can conveniently do so, will be in early attendance, and that those who wish to partake of luncheon will kindly communicate with him at once, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

**ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.**

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at Darlington, on Whit-Monday, June 7th. Particulars next week. **THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec.**

314, High Street West, Sunderland.

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Whit-Monday, June 7th, at Chelmsford. Divine service will take place in St. Mary's Church at 11.30 a.m. An address will be given by the Rev. Thos. C. Webster, rector of Rettendon. The business meeting will commence at the Central School at 12.30 p.m. Agenda: The officers of the association to be re-elected; election of new members; the presentation of the annual report and any business that may arise therefrom. Dinner will be served in the Boys' School at 1.30 p.m.; the price to members will be 1s.; tickets may be obtained of the Assistant Secretary, at the business meeting. The towers of the following places will be open for ringing: St. Mary's, Chelmsford (ten bells), Writtle (eight), Widford (eight), Boreham (six), Springfield (six), Broomfield (six). A brake will leave the Town Hall at 3 p.m. for Writtle and Broomfield; members intending to be

present must communicate their intention not later than Tuesday, June 1st, to me.

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

Gt. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual contest will be held at Wingfield, near Claycross, on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th. further particulars in due course. **E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.**

26, Park View, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual festival and meeting will be held at Romsey, on Monday, July 19th. Subscriptions for 1897 should be sent in as soon as possible. Members or bands wishing to visit any particular tower must inform the Hon. Sec. before June 28th.

**CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.**

Hursley, Winchester.

**The St. James's Society.**—The headquarters of this society have been transferred to The Shakespeare, Wych Street, Strand, W.C.

**R. A. DANIELL, Sec.**

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## NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT PAINSWICK.**—After several weeks of waiting for the use of those noted bells at Painswick, the St. Michael's Juniors were granted the use of them to attempt a peal. The peal chosen was one that had not previously been rung by the association, viz.: Bob Royal, nor by any member of the band, and is the first peal of Royal on the bells since the time of the noted Painswick Youths, and it is hoped that before long something will be accomplished on the twelve. Very great credit is due to Messrs. Hale and Scrivens for the way they look after the bells and the ringing chamber. The band wish to thank the Vicar for granting the use of the bells.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. H. G. Rowe's address is now Manor House, Flamsteadbury, Redbourne, Herts.—Mr. T. Groombridge, of Sevenoaks, has moved to the following address: Glenmore House, Bethel Road, Sevenoaks.

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## Compositions.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

13,065.					
2 3 1 4 5 6	4	5	16		
3 1 5 6 2 4				1 4 5 6 16	
5 1 4 6 2 3	-				
4 1 5 3 2 6	-	-			
5 1 6 3 2 4	-				
6 1 5 4 2 3	-	-			
6 1 3 5 2 4	-				
6 1 4 3 2 5	-				
4 1 6 5 2 3	-	-			
4 1 3 6 2 5	-	-			
3 1 4 5 2 6	-	-			
3 1 6 4 2 5	-				
3 1 5 4 2 6	s				
5 1 3 6 2 4	-	-			
3 1 4 6 2 5	-	-			
4 1 3 5 2 6	-	-			
3 1 6 5 2 4	-				
6 1 3 4 2 5	-	-			
6 1 5 3 2 4	-				
6 1 4 5 2 3	-				
4 1 6 3 2 5	-	-			
4 1 5 6 2 3	-	-			
5 1 4 3 2 6	-	-			
5 1 6 4 2 3	-				
5 1 3 4 2 6	s				

Four times repeated; calling the first course of each part 4, 5, 16, and commencing the 4th part from the 20th course-end of the 3rd part produces 314562. The following four courses complete the 3rd part:

3 1 4 5 6 2	4	5	16
4 1 2 6 3 5	-	-	
2 1 4 5 3 6	-	-	
2 1 6 4 3 5	-		
2 1 5 4 3 6	s		

Round with bobs at 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16.

This peal contains the 120 courses complete (12,960 changes) in the tittums position. If the second course is called 5, 16, the part-end is brought up, and the peal reduced to 10,689, which can be further reduced to 10,041 by omitting three sets of three consecutive bobs at 16. If the first two parts are reduced in the above manner the peal would be 8313, which can be reduced to 8097 by omitting one set of three consecutive bobs at 16.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By WILLIAM H. BARBER, *Clent.*

5000.					
2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H		
3 2 6 5 4	2		2		
3 6 5 2 4		I	2		
4 3 2 6 5	2	I	2		
2 3 6 4 5		2	I		
2 6 4 3 5		I	2		
3 4 6 2 5		2	2		
4 3 5 2 6	2		2		
4 5 2 3 6		I	2		
2 5 3 4 6		2	I		
2 3 4 5 6		I	2		

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By EDGAR WIGHTMAN, *Woodford, Essex.*

5248.					
2 3 4 5 6	W	B	M	H	
2 3 5 6 4	-	-			
5 2 3 6 4		-			
3 5 2 6 4		-			
2 6 3 5 4	-	-			
3 2 6 5 4		-			
6 3 2 5 4		-			
2 5 6 3 4	-	-			
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		-			
6 4 2 3 5		-			
2 3 6 4 5	-	-			
6 2 3 4 5		-			
3 6 2 4 5		-			
2 4 3 6 5	-	-			
3 2 4 6 5		-			
4 3 2 6 5		-			
2 6 4 3 5	-	-			
4 2 6 3 5		-			
3 4 2 5 6	-	-			
3 2 4 5 6		s			

Repeated.

By omitting the three bobs bracketed the peal will be reduced to 5024. In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place at a course-end.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE F. ALEXANDER, *Bungay.*

5184.					
2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H	
2 3 5 6 4	-				
3 2 6 7 5 8 4		s			
6 3 2		-			
6 2 3		s			
5 2 3 6 4		-			
5 2 6 4 3	-	-			
2 5 4 7 6 8 3		s			
4 2 5		-			
4 5 2		s			
6 5 2 4 3		-			
6 5 4 3 2	-	-			
5 6 3 7 4 8 2		s			
3 5 6		-			
3 6 5		s			
5 3 6		-			
2 4 5 3 6 7 8	-	-			

Twice repeated.

Contains the 6th at home at the course-end only three times, and 5-6 only once in the whole peal.

## A 1/4-PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By G. ASTBURY, *Flixton, Manchester.*

1260.					
2 3 1 4 5 6	3	6	7	8	12
3 4 1 6 2 5	-	-	-		
6 4 1 2 3 5	-	-	-		
1 2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-		

Four times repeated.

In this quarter-peal the 6th comes home with the 7th the right way every third time the 7th comes home.

## A JUBILEE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

3130.

21346587
12435678
21436587
24163857
24618375
26481735
26847153
28674513
28765431
27856341
72583614
72856341
27583614
25738164
52371846
52738164
25371846
23517486
32154768
32517486
23154768
21345678
12346587
21435678
12436587
14263857

The annexed twenty-six changes must be rung as the first lead; then follow:

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

This touch to be rung on June 20, 21 or 22, 1897, in honour of our Queen's Jubilee, as it contains as many changes as she has reigned weeks.

## A 1/4 PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. BARRETT, *Stepney.*

1260.

2 3 4 5 6 7
6 7 2 4 5 3 2
3 4 6 5 7 2 I
6 7 3 4 2 5 3
5 4 6 2 7 3 I
4 2 5 3 6 7 5s
6 7 4 5 3 2 2
2 5 6 3 7 4 I

Five times repeated.

Has of 4-6s, 7-4s, 6-7s, fourteen each; and Queens and Tittums, all the right way. A variation of the above may be had by bobs at 2, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1s, 3, 1, with the same qualities.

## A 1/4 PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. HEASMAN, *Edenbridge.*

1260.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7	B	W	R
3 5 4 2	-	-	
5 2 4 3	-	-	
2 4 3 5	s	-	
4 5 3 2	-	-	
5 2 3 4	-	-	
3 2 4 5	*s		s

Three times repeated; omitting \*s in second and fourth parts. Contains the twenty-four 6-7s. This quarter-peal can be varied by starting from either of the courses, and following the calling in rotation from your starting course; 7th the observation.

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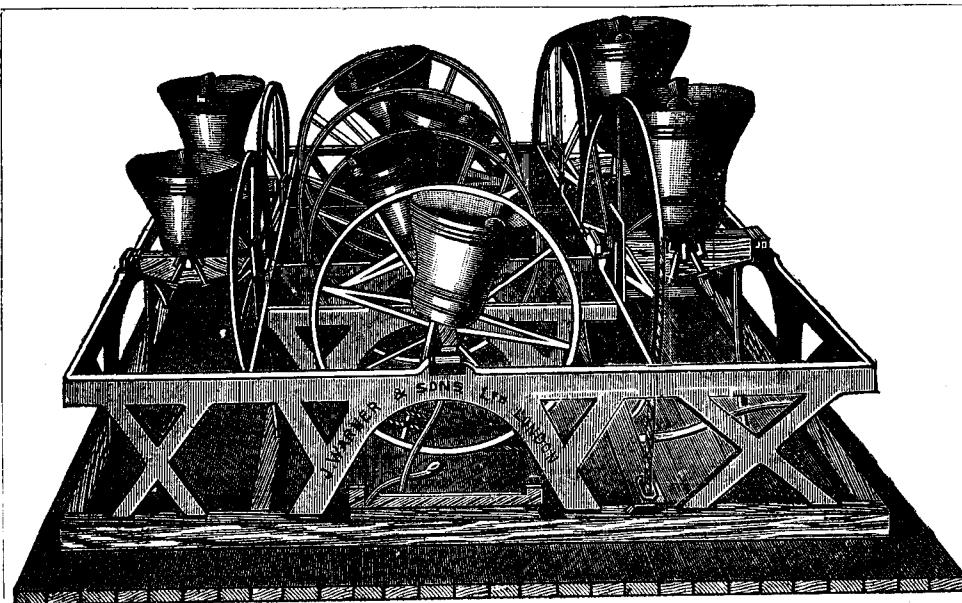
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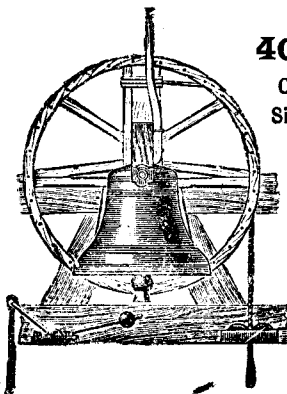
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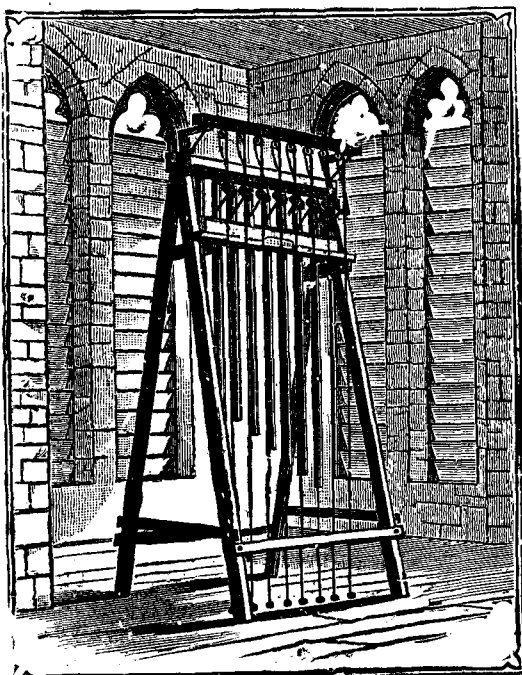
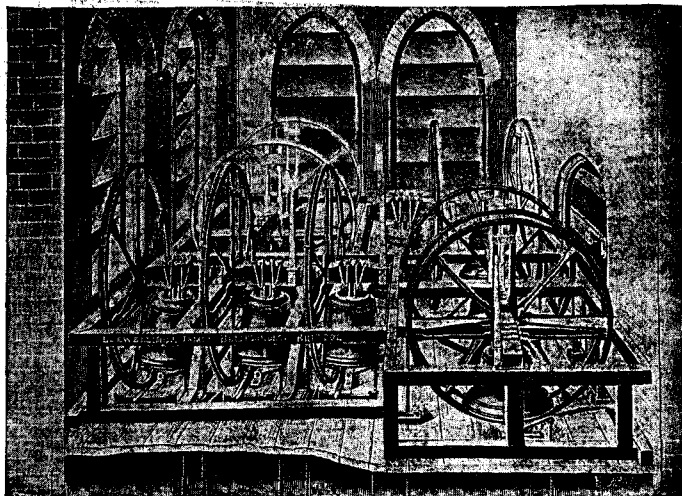
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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of this Guild held their spring meeting at Mortimer on Saturday, when upwards of 100 persons were entertained at the Vicarage by the Rev. C. Lovett Cameron. During the afternoon three courses of Stedman Triples and 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung on the eight bells of St. Mary's Church, but owing to illness in the vicinity of St. John's, where evensong was afterwards held, the belfry there (containing six bells) was only used for a short time before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar and the Rev. G. G. Skipwith (curate). Amongst those who also attended were the Revs. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), J. B. Burne (Wasing), and R. H. Hart Davis (Dunsden), General Secretary, Messrs. A. W. Pike (Assistant Hon. Sec.), T. Newman, H. Simmonds, J. Hands, and H. Smith (Caversham), W. Newell, E. K. Deacon, F. Hopgood, H. Tucker, A. Whatmore, G. Bodington, E. Reeves, and C. Giles (Reading), J. Ford (Sonning), H. Davis (Mortimer), J. Truss and C. Green (Marlow), Mr. H. White and Miss A. White (Basingstoke), Messrs. C. Chapman, J. Day (Tilehurst), G. Bloomfield (Bray), W. E. E. Taylor (Clewer), and J. Fisher (Shinfield). The towers of Theale, Englefield, and Aldermaston were also represented. The organ was played by Mr. J. Mallitt Jones, organist of St. Mary's, Mortimer, who composed the music to the hymn "Ring forth, holy bells," which was sung previous to the sermon. The Vicar preached, his text being 2 Kings, iii. 15: "Now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him." In the course of his remarks Mr. Cameron pointed out that the earliest bells ever mentioned in history were the little golden bells intermixed with pomegranates, spoken of in Exodus xxviii. as ornaments worn on the high priest's robes. Bells were afterwards used by the Greeks and Romans, and there was little doubt that the bells at Whitby, mentioned by St. Bede, was only one out of many that sounded in England early in the 7th century. Three hundred years later bells were cast among other places at Canterbury, where St. Dunstan drew up rules for their proper use. This he ventured to assert was the object of Guilds such as that which their Master had resuscitated in this Diocese. It was worthy of note that the oldest of the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, which they were asked by their Master to complete by the addition of two to the existing ten, came originally from the Abbey of Osney, suppressed in the 16th century. Thus by their offertory that day they linked themselves to a generation of pious men of bygone centuries, who were the pioneers in the art of bell-founding. Mr. Cameron proceeded to speak of the value of the art of bellringing and to show that it appealed to the higher senses implanted in men.

Before the closing hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," was sung, a collection was made towards the casting of two new bells at the Cathedral Church at Oxford, and £1 9s. 6½d. was realised.

After the service the company proceeded to the Vicarage and were entertained at tea by the Rev. C. Lovett Cameron. In addressing the gathering subsequently, the Master (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) said he was sure they all enjoyed the sound of the Mortimer bells once more. Whether they tried the eight or the six they found them bells of good quality, and they were indebted to Mr. Cameron for allowing them to come and use them. The members knew what the Guild had undertaken to do. They were going to put two extra bells in the Cathedral tower at Oxford, and so have 12 bells there. For 16 years they had been working away with eight and ten bells, and they had worked hard to make their mark in the annals of ringing. Mr. Robinson then alluded to the rivalry between the London and provincial Guilds, and observed that they had heard something about a record being contemplated by the London ringers. If

the London ringers rang ten thousand, he hoped the Oxford Guild, when they had the extra bells, would ring eleven thousand. He hoped all the branches of the Guild would respond to his request, so that the bells might be completed. What they wished to do was to put two more trebles and re-cast the sixth, which was inferior to the others. He had had the honour of being Master of the Guild since it was formed 16 years ago, and it had meant a great deal of work and sacrifice. Whenever he had been called upon he had gone, whether it had been to ring, to speak or to preach. All that he had done had been at his own expense. Some persons had an idea that the expenses came out of the Guild fund, but they did not. He therefore thought he had a claim upon their support to the appeal he had made. All those who had subscribed to the work might feel that what they had done was in safe keeping, as the bells would be well looked after, and he hoped the authorities would be willing to have their bells rung. They hoped to be able to get their first peal of Cinques before the end of the long vacation, or at any rate before the end of the year. The Master then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. Lovett Cameron for his sermon, and for entertaining the members, and included in the vote the organist and choir.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis seconded, and remarked that this year being a Jubilee year he had no doubt the services of the members of the Guild would be required more than ever, in order to add to national rejoicings. They must not forget to thank Mr. A. W. Pike, the local hon. Secretary, on whom a great amount of work devolved. His duties, however, that afternoon had been lessened through the kindness of Mr. Cameron, who had been so kind to them in every way. The annual festival would be held this year at Banbury, in July, and they hoped to have a very successful gathering.

The vote having been carried with enthusiasm, the Rev. C. L. Cameron briefly replied, and wished the Guild every success and prosperity.

Ringing was resumed at St. Mary's, touches of Grandsire Triples and a 480 Stedman Triples, being rung. The following took part in the latter: Alice White, 1; A. W. Pike (conductor), 2; H. White, 3; J. Tucker, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; A. Watmore, 6; C. Chapman, 7; H. Simmons, 8.

## ST. MARY'S, KIDLINGTON, OXFORD.

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS.—The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Reading will dedicate the peal of eight bells of this church, on Thursday, June 3rd, 1897. A course of Grandsire Triples will be rung in an interval during the service. The sermon will be preached by the Bishop. After the service eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will attempt a peal of Stedman Triples, under the direction of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Guild.

## ST. MARY'S, PEMBROKE.

The new peal of eight bells at this church was rung for the first time on Saturday, May 22nd. The donor of the treble—J. C. Froyne, Esq., J.P., opened the chimes by a few pulls at his bell, when the Tenby ringers took up the chorus and rang the following: about 50 of Grandsire Triples, the plain course, a short touch (three bobs), a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, and a few call changes; conducted by W. H. Thomas. J. Buffery, Messrs. Carr's bellhanger, took part. The Vicar and Churchwardens provided a knife-and-fork tea, and the Mayor of Pembroke refreshed the visitors after they had finished.

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## ST. MARY'S, RYE, SUSSEX.

A service for the re-dedication of the church bells recently rung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, was held on Thursday evening, the 20th instant, and was attended by a goodly number of the congregation, including the mayor and other members of the council in their robes of office.

The Dedication Service commenced at 6 p.m., and being followed by a confirmation service, which did not conclude until 9 p.m., very little time was left for ringing. Several members of the Sussex County Association from Battle and Hastings had been invited to carry out the ringing arrangements, and they made use of the time at their disposal to the best advantage, as will be seen below. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese read the Dedication Service and preached a splendid sermon referring to bells. A few well struck rounds were rung during the interval appointed in the service, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples as the congregation were leaving the church.

The following touches were also rung during the evening : for the confirmation service :—210 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Quaife, 1; F. Mathis, 2; C. Tribe, 3; S. Saker (conductor), 4; F. Lock, 5; J. Livermore, 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. After the confirmation service :—350 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Quaife, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; C. Tribe, 3; F. Mathis, 4; F. Lock, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. H. Swain, 8.

At this point the Hastings contingent had to make a rush for the last train, leaving the cyclist section from Battle and Stone to assist the members of the Rye band (who have but recently commence to learn change-ringing) which they did with the following result. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. C. Tribe, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; J. Mathis, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; E. Curd (Rye), 6; G. Henley (Rye), 7; W. Sands (Rye), 8. 216 Grandsire Minor. J. Henley (Rye, first touch), 1; C. Tribe, 2; W. Thomas, 3; J. Mathis, 4; F. Mathis, 5; W. Franks, 6; G. Henley, 7; W. Sands, 8. 108 Grandsire Minor with G. Henley, 1; W. Sands, 7; W. Henley, 8. A few rounds were then rung in which Rev. G. P. Berry, S. E. Reed, C. Rogers, L. A. Vidler, all of Rye, took part and the bells were then lowered in peal.

Mr. C. Tribe, of Stone, and the Battle contingent, started their homeward journey on their iron steeds at 11 p.m., finishing a most enjoyable ride of fifteen miles at 1 a.m.

Reference to these bells was made in a recent number of "THE BELL NEWS."

## WHISTON, NORTHANTS.

Recently the Earls Barton ringers visited Whiston, and rung some touches of Doubles upon the pretty ring of five bells in the church of St. Mary. The ringers were much pleased with their tone and go. They have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, at the expense of the Rector—the Hon. and Rev. L. C. R. Irby. The tenor is a beautiful bell, cast by Watts of Leicester, 1638; weight about 14 cwt. The Rector was extremely gratified with the way the visitors managed his bells, and desired them to come to Whiston again.

## WHO WILL HELP IN A GOOD CAUSE?

A change-ringer has offered two trebles, with fittings, to make a ring of eight at Nayland, Suffolk. But the frames and fittings of the old six are worn out, and it will cost £135 to make good. The village can raise about £85 only; any donation will be thankfully received by "the churchwardens, Nayland, Colchester" or by F. Rees, of the same place.

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## NO JUBILEE BELLS AT HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

We regret to learn that there is no prospect of the inhabitants of Hornchurch increasing their ring of six to eight bells as a memento of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. When we recently referred to the question, and pointed out that in the event of an augmentation care should be taken to retain the present ring of six intact, hopes were entertained that the proposal would have been carried out. We now understand that after enquiries as to the probable cost of the work, it is considered, as the intended restoration of the fabric is still incomplete from want of funds, quite useless to attempt to raise the amount that would be required. Mr. Gardener, Churchwarden of the parish, is reported to have said at a recent parish meeting, that "it had been suggested that two more bells should be added to the peal in the church. It might be said that if the church could not afford to have six bells rung, it was not much use having eight." According to the last number of the Hornchurch parish magazine, the ringers were paid £13 for the year, besides an additional £1 5s. for ringing at a confirmation service. This speaks well for the Church in an old-fashioned country village like Hornchurch. We wish that every country band of ringers—those who practise the true science of change-ringing—stood on an equal footing. There are hundreds of six-bell towers in which talented bands of ringers meet to practise the art regularly who, if two extra bells could be added to their peal, would not ask for or even expect any additional emolument; in many cases ringers would fulfil their duties without thought of remuneration, and there are plenty of ringers who already do so. We cannot think that the question of pay would have arisen at Hornchurch. In many places the ringers themselves would start the ball rolling by setting to work in collecting subscriptions for the purpose. With a population of nearly 4000, there might not be any serious obstacle to success in taking such a step at Hornchurch.

## WATFORD, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday afternoon, 15th May, the members of the St. Andrew's Association of Rugby, paid a visit to the church here, and by kind permission of the vicar (the Rev. E. F. Norman) and the churchwardens, rang several touches of Grandsire Doubles upon the bells, under the direction of Mr. J. George. The visitors were entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs. Norman, the tables being arranged upon the lawn at the Vicarage, where some touches of Doubles and Triples were rung upon the handbells. On behalf of the association, Mr. George cordially thanked the Vicar for his kindness, and also for his efforts in getting the bell-ropes—which were in an imperfect state—put in order for the visitors. After a little more ringing in the church tower the Rugbeians returned home, having had a very pleasant outing.

## KINGSTON, SOMERSET.

**THE BELLS.**—The church bells have recently been thoroughly overhauled and re-hung, and the work has given the most complete satisfaction. On Saturday, May 1st, a band of change-ringers from Taunton, members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, went over to Kingston to test the "go" of the bells. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 minutes, the ringers standing as follows :—J. Maddock (conductor), 1; H. Pearce, 2; A. Doble, 3; F. Millard, 4; H. J. Poole, 5; G. Yendell, 6. The "go" of the bells was everything that could be wished.

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER.—The ringers of St. Margaret's parish church met for a special practice on April 24th. After ringing for 2 hrs. they were joined by a number of friends, and all repairing to the club-house spent a very convivial evening together. A smoking concert was held at which Mr. J. Tulett presided, and as usual under his presidency a merry evening was spent. A pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation to Mr. W. Baker, the leader of the band, who was made the recipient of a handsome gold pendant. The Hon. Sec. (Mr. J. P. Kidd) was requested to make the presentation, and in a neat speech alluded to Mr. Baker's abilities as a ringer, and his untiring energy as their leader. He also referred to the peal recently rung at St. Margaret's, and commented upon the anxiety and strain it must have been to Mr. Baker during the time he was so ably conducting that peal. In asking him to accept the gift, the Hon. Secretary said he hoped that he (Mr. Baker) would be spared for many years to lead them, and that when he looked at their small offering, it would remind him of the regard they had for him, and also serve as a lasting memento of the efficient way in which he conducted the first peal ever rung in the city of Rochester. In returning thanks Mr. Baker spoke of the good feeling existing among their band, and hoped he should be with them for many years, and take part in ringing many peals in their ancient belfry.

## ALMOST A DIAMOND RINGER.

Reporters upon provincial journals often find subjects upon which they have to write of a very varied nature. It is not so much their professional duties as reporters which they have to discharge—proceedings in police and county courts, shows, garden parties, weddings, funerals and all kinds of recreation (except change-ringing), that is so much a tax upon them, but there are such innumerable items of general information the real facts of which have to be picked up, the accuracy of which the scribe—unless he be a human machine packed with knowledge of everything—has to rely upon the source from which it comes. There is also a great rush to get everything into print, hence there is a little excuse when a slip of the pen happens. The *Essex Weekly News* recently had a par with the above heading. The *Essex County Chronicle*, which is published "just over the way" in the same town, is responsible for the following:—

SCHILLER wrote "The song of the bell." Somebody is wanted now to write the "Song of the bellringer." I mean, of course, the one at Witham, whose achievement, if it be voluntary, is something to marvel at, and, if it be compulsory, something to excite pity and indignation. Here is the record, taken from print:—

Mr. Sayer, cooper, of Witham, has been a bellringer for nearly sixty years, and would have rung the bells at Witham parish for the whole of that period, had not the steeple been under repair for a time.

Fancy being on the rope for sixty years continuously! It is, as Domine Sampson would have said, p-r-o-d-i-g-i-o-u-s!

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' one-part, in 47 mins. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; L. Payne, 2; H. Stringer, 3; W. J. Alliss, 4; A. W. Groves, 5; H. Markwell, 6; H. Reeves, 7; G. Payne, 8. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob, arranged for H. Reeves.

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## Correspondence.

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

## THE PEAL AT BANGOR.

SIR,—Please allow me to explain two points, on which your correspondent "J. R. Jerram" has mistaken me. In the first place, I was quite aware that the main point at issue was peal-ringing on Good Friday, but my remarks were properly directed to the general question of Good Friday ringing, because the former correspondence in your columns tended to disapprove ringing of any kind on that day. Secondly, my former letter had no reference to ringing for services. I agree with "J. R. Jerram" in preferring the tolling of the tenor as a call to the services, but I most strongly advocate the ringing of a muffled peal (in the wider sense of the word), at some time during the day, to commemorate the Saviour's Death, just as the bells are rung open at Easter to commemorate His Resurrection. For instance the bells of Bath Abbey are rung muffled on Good Friday night, producing an immensely solemn effect.  
F. L. E.

## ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

SIR,—After a lapse of two months, exception has been taken by a prominent Bristol ringer to a remark reported to have been made at this society's annual dinner. Mr. Pickard did not claim for the Guild (as inadvertently reported by me), the distinction of being the best in the County. In proposing the toast, "The Rector and Churchwardens," he reminded all present that he had been elected a member quite recently, and could therefore without being egotistical congratulate the Rector and Wardens upon having the most capable band of ringers in the city of Bristol.  
CHARLES H. HORTON.

Rupert Chambers, Quay Street, Bristol.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Manser (conductor), 1; J. Tite (first 720 in the method), 2; E. Coleman, 3; J. Coleman, 4; A. Hammond, 5; G. Websdale, 6. J. Tite hails from Banham.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 1897 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 12 mins. A. Knights, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis (conductor), 5; S. Price, 6; W. J. Thyng, 7; J. Hunt, 8; G. Davies, 9; G. Mee, 10. This touch contains all the 6-5s and 5-6s in the titmuss position, tenor 24½ cwt.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northamptonshire).—On Monday, March 15th, for practice, 432 Double Norwich. J. Mawby, 1; W. Pettitt, 2; W. Newman, 3; A. Tyler, 4; A. Perkins, 5; T. R. Hensher, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. 416 Double Norwich. J. Houghton, jun., 1; J. Garratt, 2; W. Newman, 3; A. Tyler (conductor), 4; W. Pettitt, 5; T. R. Hensher, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Perkins, 8. On Monday, March 22nd, 224 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Houghton, sen., 1; W. Pettitt, 2; A. Tyler, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; T. R. Hensher (first in method), 6; J. Garratt, 7; J. B. Martin, 8. 448 Superlative Surprise. J. Houghton, sen., 1; W. Newman, 2; A. Tyler (conductor), 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. Garratt, 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. On Saturday, April 3rd, 640 Double Norwich. J. Mawby, 1; W. Newman, 2; W. Gilbert, 3; J. Houghton, jun., 4; F. Gilbert, 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6; H. Stubbs, 7; W. Pettitt, 8. On Monday, April 5th, 576 Bob Major. J. Allen, 1; W. Newman, 2; J. Mawby, 3; J. Garratt, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; T. R. Hensher, 8. On Tuesday, April 27th, 416 Double Norwich. J. Allen, 1; J. Houghton, jun., 2; W. Pettitt, 3; W. Newman, 4; A. Perkins, 5; J. Garratt, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. On Thursday, May 13th, 544 Double Norwich. J. Allen, 1; W. Pettitt, 2; W. Newman, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Perkins, 8. 576 Bob Major. J. Allen, 1; W. Pettitt, 2; W. Newman, 3; J. Garratt, 4; A. Perkins, 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. On Sunday, May 16th, for evening service, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Houghton, sen., 1; W. Newman, 2; C. Newman (first in method), 3; J. B. Martin, 4; A. Perkins, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Garratt, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. 416 Double Norwich. W. Perkins, 1; J. Houghton, jun., 2; W. Newman, 3; C. Newman, 4; A. Tyler, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. B. Martin, 8. 504 Stedman Triples. J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 1; C. Newman 2; J. Garratt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; A. Tyler, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; W. Newman, 8.



## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the above was held at Liverpool on Saturday, May 15th, and was attended by a fairly representative gathering of members from Garston, Southport, Aughton, Waterfoot, Pendleton, Bolton, and the local companies. The business meeting was held in the schools of St. Nicholas, and was presided over by the President (Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.) who in opening the proceedings expressed regret that the meeting could not have been held at Garston, as was arranged by the committee. The book of rules and diagrams of six-bell methods was now practically through the press, and he hoped would be in the hands of the members shortly.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Redford) having given his report, the question of dividing the Liverpool diocesan branch was discussed, it being proposed that a separate branch be formed with Wigan as the centre. After a short discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. James and the local secretary (Mr. Coley), and it was suggested that they issue a circular to the various towers in the district asking for the members' opinions as to the best means of dividing the branch.

On the proposition of Mr. H. W. Jackson (Bolton), seconded by Mr. Hill (Southport), the meeting was brought to a close with votes of thanks to the local Secretary, and the authorities for the use of bells and schoolroom.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY.—On Saturday last, the Norbury band (one of the latest acquisitions to the above Guild, were visited by Messrs. J. S. Wilde, T. Bradley, and W. Wild, who hail from Hyde, and who are also members of the same Guild. It is not yet twelve months ago since Mr. J. S. Wilde visited Norbury, and gave the local ringers their first real lesson in the art. From that time practice has gone assiduously, and it must have been a great pleasure to the tutor to find that the seed so courteously sown twelve months ago is now bearing fruit. The visit of the Hyde ringers to Norbury on Saturday last was therefore particularly pleasant. The first item was a nicely-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Ferneley, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; T. Bradley, 4; W. Wild, 5; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent in 20 mins. S. Ferneley, 1; W. Wild, 2; S. Rutter, 3; T. Bradley, 4; A. Ferneley, 5; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 6. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, and the three Hyde friends arrived home in good time, having had an enjoyable outing.

## GRENDON, NORTHANTS.

As the result of a movement set on foot by the Rev. C. Brooke (vicar), Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, have been entrusted with the re-hanging of the bells, £52 15s. having been subscribed towards the cost by the parishioners. The tenor weighs 14 cwt. and bears the date 1761. Others are dated 1613. The dedicatory service took place on May 6th, the Bishop of Leicester officiating, the other clergy present being the Revs. L. Wickham, of Emberton; Dr. Cohen, Hannington; R. R. Cobbold, Earls Barton, and C. Brooke, Vicar of Grendon. The Bishop offered prayers, and a short peal was then rung. Rev. L. Wickham read the first lesson (Joshua vi., 1—20) and the second was read by the Rev. R. R. Cobbold (Rev. viii.), followed by the prayers by the Vicar. After the hymn "Now at length our bells are mounted" the Bishop announced his text, "The voice saith, cry."—After the service a public tea was well attended at the school-room, and another service was held in the Church at 7.30, conducted by the Rev. C. Brooke, M.A.

## Obituary.

## JOSEPH HAYES.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Hayes, the father of two well-known London ringers, viz.: Samuel Hayes and John Murray Hayes, which event took place at his residence at Bocking, Essex, on Friday, the 21st instant, in the 80th year of his age. The funeral takes place this day, Saturday, May 29th, at Bocking. Next week we shall again revert to the deceased veteran, and publish his portrait.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th, 1897, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at two o'clock punctually. (N.B.—Dean's Yard is a few steps from the west door of Westminster Abbey, and the Church House entrance is at the further end of Dean's Yard).

The Standing Committee will meet at 11.30 a.m. punctually at the Westminster Palace Hotel. Members of this Committee are particularly requested to attend. In consequence of the sparse attendance at the dinner following the last meeting in London, it has been decided to substitute a social gathering in the evening; for members and their friends, from 9 to 11 p.m., at a convenient hotel, which will be notified in due course.

## AGENDA.

1. Election of President and Secretary. Nominations received for President: A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq.; for Secretary: REV. H. EARLE BULWER.
2. Election of Hon. Members (if desired.)
3. Appointment of Standing Committee.
4. To receive any further Report of Committee on Rail Fares.
5. To receive any further Report of the Committee on preparation of a Glossary of Technical Terms.
6. To receive any further Report of Committee on Peal Values.
7. To receive any further Report on the progress of the Bibliography.
8. To receive the Report of the Committee for Peal Collection and definition of points constituting "Authorship" and "Variation."
9. To consider the following motions:—

- (a) That the practice of using visible aids to memory in the conduction of peals is detrimental to the interests of the Art; and to recommend for the adoption of Societies a rule requiring all performances to be certified as conducted without such aid.
- (b) That an official letter be written to the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster, on behalf of the Council, calling attention to the condition of the Ringing-Chamber at Westminster Abbey, and the unringable state of the bells, requesting him to use his influence in the direction of Belfry Reform in this instance.
- (c) For a return of the condition of all rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in the country, to enable a tabulated statement of existing defects to be drawn up and submitted by the Council to Church authorities.
- (d) That the Council, recognising the insuperable objection taken by many six-bell ringers to the definition of a peal of Minor as carried at the meeting of 1892, and recognising the fact that on 5 and 6 bells no actually true peal of 5000 changes can be rung, and that, therefore, no strictly correct definition of such a peal can be logically formulated; do now decide to expunge the said definition from the standing resolutions, thus offering no opposition to the locally-varying construction of the term "peal" in regard to 5 and 6 bell performances.

The following subjects are also ripe for discussion, and may be introduced as questions if time permit:—

- (a) Whether the Council should not have recourse to longer meetings, and at least a two days' session in the case of the London meetings?
- (b) Whether the Council should pronounce upon a distinctive title to be applied to Thurstan's well-known Stedman Triples composition?
- (c) Whether the Council should pronounce upon the suggestion that the now well-known variation of Cambridge Surprise Major should be accepted as the recognised method?
- (d) Whether it is an offence against the laws governing Treble Bob composition to commence the calling with 1R or 2R?
- (e) How far, and under what conditions, any departure from the true and clear ringing of every change is permissible in the performance of a peal?
- (f) Whether the Council should not make some attempt to regulate the practice of Lent and Sunday peal-ringing.

NOTE:—It is to be borne in mind that motions on the agenda paper are in part the proposals of individual representatives, and that their insertion therefore, does not necessarily imply that they command any general support.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1897.

ACCORDING to what may be termed an appeal to all lovers of our Church bells, the village church of Nayland, in the county of Suffolk, can have its present ring of six augmented to eight, if the small sum of £50 can be procured. An inhabitant of the parish, a change-ringer, whose munificent offer is greatly to be commended and, let us hope, imitated, offers to present the two new bells, with their fittings. But it is found necessary to repair the frame at a cost of £135, towards which the parish can only find a little over £80, leaving something like £50 to be obtained before such a desirable addition can be made. The writer of the paragraph on another page—a gentleman, by the way, of great prominence in the Exercise—would be glad to receive financial help towards the end in view from any of his ringing brethren. Unfortunately it is too true that the majority of ringers are unable to render assistance of such a kind. Some there are, however, able to do so; and those, we are glad to say, have never refrained from promoting by their purse any praiseworthy object. We hope we shall not be doing wrong in recommending this case to them.



**The Metropolis.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, May 12, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 6.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. 3.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 7.
THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 4.	HARRY WARENETT .. .. Tenor.

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

Mr. W. Taylor, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Leiston.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

*On Thursday, May 13, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT J. SKELT .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. 2.	JOHN HACK .. .. 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. GROVES .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER and  
Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

\*First peal in the method. Mr. W. Taylor, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Leiston. The last peal of Bob Major on the bells was rung on March 22nd, 1829.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,***On Thursday, May 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS, CRAYFORD, KENT,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HACK* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR PEILL .. .. 6.
JOHN TURNER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD and  
Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

\*First peal in the method and first attempt. Mr. W. Taylor, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Leiston.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE RISE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY WADE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. 5.
ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 2.	HENRY STUBBS .. .. 6.
HENRY WOOD .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. 4.	JAMES HANNINGTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal in the method with a bob bell by H. Stubbs; and first peal by S. Wade, who is only sixteen years of age.

**The Provinces.**

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,**  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN .. .. Treble.	*FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 2.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. 6.
ERNEST POPPY .. .. 3.	JAMES BETTS .. .. 7.
DAVID RUTH .. .. 4.	JAMES SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

\*First peal in the method.

**KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.**

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2.	ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. 6.
NOAH DAVIS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 4.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and  
Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

First peal in the method on the bells by the Association, and by all the band except Mr. Roberts.

**QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.**  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 5.
FRED. G. MAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	HENRY MITCHELL .. .. 7.
ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Messrs. Scrivens and Hale belong to Painswick.

**BUXTED, SUSSEX.**

(THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, BRIGHTON.)

*On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

J. FREEMAN .. .. Treble.	H. STALHAM .. .. 5.
P. ALLFREY* .. .. 2.	A. ALLFREY .. .. 6.
H. GRIFFITHS† .. .. 3.	W. ALLFREY .. .. 7.
W. HILL .. .. 4.	F. HILL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by P. ALLFREY.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal and first attempt. The members wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Wratten for having everything in readiness.

**CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.***On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of the following:

New London, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs.

WALTER CORDINGLEY .. Treble.	ARTHUR WHEATER .. .. 4.
FRANKLIN GRIMSHAW .. 2.	PETER GRIMSHAW .. .. 5.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 3.	CHARLES PRATT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES PRATT.

First 5040 by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor.

**BARNET, HERTS.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.

CHARLES H. MARTIN .. Treble.	*JOHN SUMPTER .. .. 5.
ALFRED D. CHIDWICK† .. 2.	ARTHUR MILLER .. .. 6.
FRANK A. MILNE, ESQ. .. 3.	†ALFRED H. BELTON .. 7.
JOHN MILLER .. .. 4.	*EDWARD DOLTON .. .. Tenor.
	*WALTER DOLTON .. ..

Conducted by C. H. MARTIN.

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

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. WATSON, ST. ANDREW'S ROAD,  
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. 3-4.	JOHN DALE .. .. 7-8.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.  
Umpire—W. Watson. The composition will be found in Snowdon's *Treble Bob*, part 2, page 47, reverse variation.

## The Provinces.

## KELVEDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars, Woodbine, New London, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY ELLIOTT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 4.
ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. .. 2.	HENRY EVERS .. .. 5.
DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ELLIOTT.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elliott; it is also a noteworthy fact that Mr. H. Elliott has been a ringer at this church for over thirty years, and was able to ring the tenor (21 cwt.) when only fourteen years of age.

## NEWARK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES SOCIETY, LINCOLN.

On Thursday, May 20, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM .. .. Treble.	JOHN W. WATSON .. .. 6.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE CHESTER .. .. 7.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 3.	GEORGE BEMROSE .. .. 8.
ROBERT E. CLARKE .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. .. 9.
JOSEPH B. FENTON .. .. 5.	JAMES R. MACKMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. N. DAVIS and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

## THRAPSTON, NORTH HANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in Ft.

JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 5.
ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. 2.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 3.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 4.	RRV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

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

A note to this peal elsewhere.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL HALL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FAIREY .. .. 5.
ALFRED ARNOLD .. .. 2.	†EDGAR H. HAXLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN MACKAY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR O. STEWART .. .. 7.
ARTHUR MOORE .. .. 4.	*ABRAHAM G. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR H. HAXLEY.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal rung upon the bells for upwards of 100 years, and was rung at the second attempt, the first attempt being lost after ringing three hours through the 7th slipping wheel.

## SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES H. WATTS .. Treble.	THOMAS BARNES .. .. 5.
JOHN LLOYD .. .. 2.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 6.
ALBERT LITTLE .. .. 3.	THOMAS J. BRATTON .. .. 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 4.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

## CAVERSHAM, OXON.

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

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, May 23, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

HARRY SIMMONDS .. Treble.	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 5.
EDWIN J. MENDAY .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 6.
ALBERT CULLUM .. .. 3.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, of Lincoln, and

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

This peal was rung on the occasion of annual hospital parade, and also a birthday compliment to H. Simmonds, the steeplekeeper, the band wishing him many happy returns.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PRTER,

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

PARKER'S TEN-PART No. 4.

Tenor 23 cwt.

FARRINGTON JONES .. Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 5.
HENRY A. HALL .. .. 2.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. HALL .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 4.	ISAAC PURSER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rang to celebrate the Queen's birthday, also as a birthday compliment to the eldest sister of the brothers Hall. First peal in the method by all the band, and first by the Society, also the first in the County of Stafford.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

On Monday, May 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

WILLIAM BARKER .. Treble.	FRANK SMITH .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	FRANK HULL .. .. 6.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. 3.	HARRY TYSOE .. .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 4.	CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

First peal on eight bells by ringer of treble, and first peal of Treble Bob by ringers of 4, 5, 6, 7. This is the first peal in the method by entirely a Bedford company.

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

On Monday, May 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN TUCKER .. .. Treble.	JOHNSON E. HERN .. .. 6.
JAMES POTTER .. .. 2.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 7.
FRANK TUBB .. .. 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 8.
HARRY TUCKER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 9.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 5.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. SHAW and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

First peal in the method ever rung in Reading. First peal of Treble Bob Royal by all, and rung at the first attempt. This peal is a two-part composition taken from Snowdon's Treatise, and was first rung at Sheffield in 1834.

# **BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** (THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 26, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## **A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;** HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 3.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 7.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. 4.	FRANK A. SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

## **Date Touches.**

### **THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, May 11th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins., being two 720s and 457 each called differently. W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; G. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6.

## **Miscellaneous.**

### **THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CHECKENDON (Oxon).—On Sunday afternoon, May 9th, six members from Goring paid a visit to the parish church, and by permission of the Rev. C. J. Abbey, rung at intervals during the afternoon several 360s in several methods, and at 5.20 started for a 720 of Bob Minor which was successfully brought round. The bells are a nice ring of six and go very well. J. Bower, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; J. Wedge, 3; J. Parsons, 4; J. Alexander, 5; G. Wilson (conductor), 6.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, May 11th, for practice at St. Laurence's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Tubbs, 1; J. E. Hern, 2; A. Osborne, 3; C. Giles, 4; W. Newell, 5; F. Hopgood (conductor), 6. Rung on the back six. Tenor 24 cwt. On Sunday morning, May 16th, at St. Giles' church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. L. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. E. Reeves, jun., 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. W. Higgs (first touch of Stedman), 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8.

CHIPPING NORTON.—On May 17th, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Bowen, 1; A. Newman, 2; W. Gibbs, 3; J. Hodgkins, 4; J. F. Barlow, 5; E. A. Jarvis, 6; A. Joyner, 7; E. W. Arkell, 8. Conducted by J. F. Barlow.

YATTENDON (Oxon).—On Monday, May 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. V. Rowe, 1; S. Chapman, 2; E. Holloway, 3; W. Lucas, 4; W. Bunce, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6.

### **THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 25th, for Divine Service, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Shuttle (Chigwell, Essex), 1; T. Harford, 2; G. Durling (conductor), 3; P. F. Harman, 4; E. Dunn, 5; G. Simpson, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday morning, May 2nd, for Divine Service, 236 Kent Treble Bob Major. P. F. Harman, 1; T. Durling, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; F. S. Bayley, 4; J. Hack, 5; H. P. Harman, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; T. Harford, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. T. Harford, 1; T. Durling, 2; G. Durling, 3; J. Hack, 4; F. S. Bayley, 5; P. F. Harman, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, May 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor with the tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery (first 720 in the method), 3; T. P. Richards, 4; E. Dunn, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6; G. Durling, 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday morning, May 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 3; E. Dunn, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; P. F. Harman, 7; W. James, 8. For evening service 672 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; P. F. Harman, 5; F. Saunders, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; T. Harford, 8.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, at St. Margaret's church, 960 Treble Bob Major. W. Ashbee, 1; E. Rayner, 2; G. Chantler, 3; J. Kidd, 4; A. Osborne, 5; O. Sullivan, 6; W. Baker (conductor), 7; J. Tulett, 8. This is the longest touch in the method on the bells.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Saturday, May 15th, at St. Leonard's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. \*C. Willmore, 1; P. Crunden, 2; \*T.

Richards, 3; S. Binfield (conductor), 4; H. Petts, 5; A. Manning, 6; S. Gower, 7; B. Baker, 8. Also a plain course with W. Fright (who rang at Her Majesty's Coronation), 1; the rest as above. \*First 500.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, May 16th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. G. Smithers, 1; A. Welsh, 2; G. Head, 3; W. Pollard, 4; W. Latter, 5; H. Porter, 5; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

BOXLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 18th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. A. Arnold, 1; W. Holmwood, 2; W. Hope, 3; S. Jeffery, 4; W. Kilpatrick, 5; G. Pound (conductor), 6. This 720 contains thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles.

### **THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday morning, May 2nd, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Lance, 1; F. Glennerster, 2; W. Carpenter, 3; C. George, 4; H. Martin, 5; W. Norris, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8. For evening service 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Parker, 1; F. Glennerster, 2; W. Carpenter, 3; C. George, 4; William Norris, 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8. On Sunday morning, May 9th, for Divine Service, 1036 Grandsire Triples. P. H. Read, 1; F. Glennerster, 2; W. Carpenter, 3; William Norris, 4; H. Martin, 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8. For evening service 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. F. Glennerster, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; William Norris, 5; J. Alexander, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; P. H. Read, 8. On Wednesday, May 12th, on handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples. C. George, 1-2; H. Martin, 3-4; G. N. Price (conductor), 5-6; William Norris, 7-8.

### **THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—Recently 360 Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. W. Stanley, 1; G. Howchin, 2; F. Brittain, 3; A. Warnes, 4; F. H. Knights (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, May 10th, at the church of St. Mary-at-Coslany, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. W. Stanley, 1; G. Howchin, 2; J. Armiger Trollope, 3; C. E. Borrett, 4; A. Warnes (conductor), 5; F. H. Knights, 6. First 360 of Oxford Treble Bob by H. W. Stanley.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 6th, at St. Margaret's church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Jessie Wallis to Dr. Sylvester, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Wilson (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; E. Wigg, 4; E. Bailey, 5; T. D. Bell, 6; C. Sansom, 7; T. G. Staulkey, 8. Also 960 in the same method. A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson, 3; E. Wigg, 4; E. Bailey, 5; T. D. Bell, 6; T. G. Staulkey, 7; J. Button, 8. And 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 40 mins. J. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. J. Button, 3; E. Wigg, 4; C. Sansom, 5; T. D. Bell, 6; T. G. Staulkey, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in E flat. This is the longest length of Double Norwich by all. The above-named ringers are all resident members of the local company.

WELLS (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 8th, for practice at the parish church, 1344 Bob Major. W. Flaxman, 1; J. Skinner, 2; W. C. Hendry, 3; W. Savory, 4; Jas. Skinner, 5; F. Stone, 6; T. W. Wright, 7; H. Ellis, 8. Conducted by Jas. Skinner. Tenor 18 cwt. This is the longest touch rung by the Wells company with the exception of the conductor.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday morning, May 9th, 600 Bob Minor. W. Hensley, 1; J. Tite, 2; R. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; A. Mann, 5; J. Woods, 6. Also a 300. R. Haylett, 2; G. Haylett, 3; the rest as before. On Friday, May 7th, a 720 (thirty-two bobs and two singles). W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; G. Haylett, 2; W. Ringer, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 14th, a 720. A. Newson, 1; J. Sage, 2; G. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. A. Newson hails from East Harling.

### **SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

LICHFIELD.—On Monday, May 3rd, at the Cathedral, 377 Grandsire Caters. A. Taylor, 1; A. Bowler, 2; F. Sedgwick, 3; W. Dempster, 4; E. Gallimore, 5; J. Key, 6; H. Meacham, 7; W. Fearneyhough, 8; F. J. Cope (conductor), 9; J. H. Gallimore, 10. On Monday, April 19th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Taylor, 1; A. Bowler, 2; F. Sedgwick, 3; H. Meacham, 4; F. J. Cope (conductor), 5; C. Barrett, 6; W. Fearneyhough, 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Madeline Hilda Stevens, eldest daughter of the people's warden, with Mr. A. V. Cresser, of Stoke-on-Trent. On Sunday, May 16th, the first 500 of Holt's Original. G. Griffiths (longest touch), 1; H. Meacham, 2; T. Meredith, 3; F. Edwards, 4; J. Pratt (conductor), 5; J. C. Adams, 6; W. Fearneyhough, 7; F. J. Cope, 8.

Messrs. Griffiths and Meredith hail from Barton-under-Needwood; Adams and Edwards from Bloxwich; Pratt from Tamworth. St. Mary's bells are in a very bad condition, and it is hoped that they will be rebung during the year.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**PENARTH.**—On Sunday, April 11th, for morning service at St. Augustin's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Clutterbuck (Llandaff), 6. First in the method and first attempt by J. Clutterbuck. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; A. Rowley, 3; D. Thomas (conductor), 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Northey, 6. On Sunday, April 18th, for morning service, 720 Kent. J. Jones, 1; J. Vinnicombe, 2; D. Thomas, 3; T. Northey, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; J. Cox (first in the method as conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain bob, conducted by D. Thomas. F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; the rest as before. On Sunday, April 25th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; W. B. Biss (conductor), 3; T. Northey, 4; A. Rowley, 5; J. Clutterbuck (first in the method), 6. This is J. Vinnicombe's 350th 720. On Tuesday, April 27th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. B. Biss, 1; R. Balcombe, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. First with a bob bell by R. C. Balcombe. Also 240 New London Pleasure. R. C. Balcombe (first attempt), 1; the rest standing as before. On Tuesday, May 4th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; F. Bartlett, 3; T. Northey, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6. First in the method and first attempt by R. C. Balcombe. On Sunday May 9th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Thomas (conductor), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; T. Northey, 6. On Tuesday, May 11th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). D. Thomas (conductor), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; R. C. Balcombe, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; G. Watkins (Barry), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). G. Watkins, 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; F. Bartlett, 3; W. B. Biss (conductor), 4; D. Thomas, 5; T. Northey, 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**BATTLE (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, May 4th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; \*G. Watson, 3; \*H. A. Harvey, 4; F. Lock, 5; J. Livermore, 6; C. J. Hyland, 7; \*J. Sinden, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

**HORLEY (Surrey).**—On Sunday, May 16th, a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Shipway's ten-part variation), but after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins., the conductor called "stand," owing to a change-course at the ninth part-end. F. Voice, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; F. Wickens, 6; S. Kenward (conductor), 7; T. Post, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**WHITLEY.**—The following touches have been rung at St. Paul's church: A 720 Double Oxford. W. Charlton, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; J. Barber, 3; T. Teasdale, 4; J. Hern, 5; T. Gofton, 6. Two 720s Double Court Bob, two 720s Kent Treble Bob, three 720s Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent, two 720s Bob Minor, two 720s College Single. 720 Oxford Bob, two 720s Double Court Bob, and a 720 Oxford, rung by W. Charlton, R. S. Story, T. Teasdale, J. Hern, H. Ross, W. Thompson, and T. Gofton. And 720 Double Oxford. A. Tully, 1; T. Teasdale, 2; J. Barber, 3; E. Keen, 4; J. Hern, 5; H. Ross, 6. Also two 720s of Kent Treble Bob.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WINCHESTER.**—On Saturday, May 8th, at the Cathedral, meeting short for Stedman Caters, the following rang 700 Grandsire Triples. W. Payne, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. J. Choet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Lebbon, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Also 504 with E. G. Lampard, 1; W. Payne, 8; the rest as before. On Wednesday, May 12th, 420 Stedman Triples. W. Lebbon, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. J. Choet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, May 16th, at the church of St. Stephen's, Westminster, for divine service in the evening, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Langford, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; H. P. Ellis, 4; W. J. Sorrell, 5; S. E. Andrews, 6; F. Buck, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8.

**SPITALFIELDS (Middlesex).**—On Wednesday, May 19th, for practice, at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Hall, 1; W. Webb, 2;

W. Truss, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Taffender, 5; J. Bradley, 6; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 7; J. Bonney, 8; tenor 33 cwt. Also three courses of Grandsire Triples. — 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Combe, 3; W. Truss, 4; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 5; J. Waghorn, 6; E. Hall, 7; J. Bradley, 8.

**WHITECHAPEL.**—On Thursday, April 15th, at the Bell Foundry, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. Composed by J. Bradley, of West Ham. W. Cooter, 1-2; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 3-4; M. A. Wood, 5-6; A. Hughes, 7-8. On Saturday, the 17th, at St. Mary Matfelon, 1105 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Hughes, 1; M. A. Wood, 2; S. E. Joyce, 3; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 4; E. Wallage, 5; J. Scoles, 6; E. Clayton, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. And on Tuesday, April 27th, on handbells, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins., taken from Holt's Original. W. Cooter, 1-2; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 3-4; M. A. Wood, 5-6; A. Hughes, 7-8; tenor 16 size in B flat. And on Saturday, May 1st, at St. Mary's, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 34 mins. A. Hughes, 1; M. A. Wood, 2; F. C. Newman, 3; W. Truss, 4; E. Wallage, 5; W. H. Passmore, 6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7; E. Clayton, 8; tenor 20 cwt. in E.

**ALDGATE.**—On Friday, May 7th, at the church of St. Botolph, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, were rung to commemorate the 47th birthday of Mr. J. H. Monday, of Bethnal Green, by Messrs. Bernardin, Hughes, Bonney, Newman, Passmore, Williamson, Truss, Wallage, Clayton, Hall, Barkus (conductor), and Kennedy. After which the bells were fired and an adjournment made to the meeting house, where a few songs were indulged in; a pleasant evening coming to a close shortly before 12 o'clock. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

**CHEAM (Surrey).**—On Tuesday, May 11th, at St. Dunstan's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 25 mins. G. Pedrick, 1; F. Northfield, 2; C. E. Spence, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; W. Canning, 5; C. G. Gomme (conductor), 6.

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

**BIRMINGHAM.**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, May 13th, at The Globe tavern, Granville Street, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 43 mins. W. Bryant, 1-2; W. A. Hancox, 3-4; R. J. Hunt, 5-6; C. H. Watts, 7-8; W. Short, 9-10. Witness—T. Wakeman.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

**HARBORNE (Staffordshire).**—On Monday, May 3rd, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, 1008 Darlaston Bob Triples in 35 mins. A. Walker, 1; T. Hyland, 2; T. Collinson, 3; J. Jennings, 4; J. Jones, 5; J. T. Perry (composer and conductor), 6; \*A. Flowers, 7; H. Grosvenor, 8. \*First touch with a bob bell. This touch contains the twenty-four 6-7s, and was rung as a birthday compliment to A. Walker, who attained his twenty-first birthday on the above date, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday, May 9th, several ringers from Gloucester visited this place and rang for evening service several touches in the following methods: Five courses of Bob Royal. After service three courses of Stedman Triples, 478 Grandsire Caters and 280 Grandsire Triples. F. G. May, J. Austin, W. T. Bennett, W. T. Pegler, A. E. Pegler, E. E. Davis, H. Mitchell, R. Barrett, G. Miles, W. Hale, H. Scriven, H. Doughty and some of the local members taking part. Conducted by F. G. May and J. Austin.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).**—On Sunday, May 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, at the parish church, 360 of Grandsire Minor and a touch of Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 360 Oxford Bob and 108 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 5th, 180 of Oxford Bob. G. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 7th, a 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. A. Wright (first 120 in the method), 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; A. Smith, 6. Also on handbells a plain course of Grandsire Triples. W. Lawrence, 1-2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. Heady, 7-8. On Sunday, May 9th, for morning service, a 260 of Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Monday,

May 10th, for practice, short touches of Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob Minor and 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Baker taking part in each, who paid a visit on that day to Little Munden. And a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillip, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And 126 Stedman Doubles. W. Lawrence (conductor), 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillip, 4; A. Smith, 5; H. Carter, 6. On Sunday, May 16th, for morning service, touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Phillip, 3; W. Lawrence (conductor), 4; A. Smith, 5; A. Wright, 6. For evening service 2 course of Stedman and 108 of Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawisnce, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday, April 4th, 720 Violet. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; H. Moston, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth (350th 720), 6. On Tuesday, April 6th, 720 Plain Bob. S. Horsfall, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; C. R. Greenall, 3; H. Moston (300th 720), 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 11th, 720 each of London Scholars Pleasure and City Delight. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, April 18th, 720 Killamarsh. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. Spence, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Wednesday, April 21st, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Robson Chorley to Miss Margaret Owen, 720 each of College Exercise and College Pleasure. R. G. Lewis, 1; T. Burrows, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. And 720 Superlative Surprise, being the first in the method by all the band. J. Mainwaring, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob. F. Spence (conductor), 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; T. Burrows, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, April 25th, 720 each of New London Pleasure and Braintree. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, May 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. J. Prestidge, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; W. Talbot, 4; J. Smith, 5; R. Round, 6. Also 720 Duke of York, in 28 mins. J. Smith, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; W. Talbot, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round, 6. The above were both rung silent with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Eliza Danks, who had had the cleaning of the church for over forty years.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Monday, May 17th, at St. James's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. King, 1; W. Hollier, 2; C. R. Hampton, 3; T. Raddon, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. Also another 360. W. King, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; T. Raddon, 3; C. H. Hampton, 4; W. Hollier, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. W. King, 1; W. Hollier, 2; — Hadley, 3; T. Raddon, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; S. Hillier, 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. And 336 in the same method. A. Draper, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; W. King, 3; W. Hollier, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier, 6; W. McCaffrey, 7; R. Phillips, 8.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—On Monday, May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. \*A. Draper, 1; \*W. Hollier, 2; \*T. Raddon, 3; W. McCaffrey, 4; \*C. H. Hampton, 5; \*S. Hillier, 6; F. Price (conductor, Bristol), 7; \*R. Phillips, 8. And 336 in the same method. A. Draper, 1; W. Hollier, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; F. Price, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier, 6; T. Raddon, 7; R. Phillips, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

##### (SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 15th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). T. Levett, 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; C. Levett, 4; W. Hollocks, 5; R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. And 720 New London Pleasure (nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; R. Grimwood, 4; T. Levett, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. Messrs. Symonds (2) hail from Lavenham; T. Levett and R. Grimwood from Hitcham; Hollocks (2). and C. Lovett from Preston.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 16th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1; H. C. Sewell, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Grimwood, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. For afternoon service a 720 Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. C. Sewell, 1; R. Grimwood, 2; G. Rice

(first 720 in the method), 3; A. Symonds, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6.

GLEMSFORD (SUFFOLK).—On Sunday, May 16th, at the parish church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. C. Sewell, 1; R. Gowers, 2; A. Symonds, 3; A. Papworth, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Grimwood (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. For evening service a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1; H. C. Sewell, 2; R. Grimwood, 3; G. Rice, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Messrs. Brett, Gowers and Papworth hail from Stanstead; Rice from Cavendish; Symonds from Lavenham; Sewell and Grimwood from Hitcham.

BARNET (Herts.).—On March 22nd, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Dolton, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; J. Sumpter (conductor), 4; I. Attwater, 5; F. A. Milne, Esq., 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. Also 210 in the same method. W. F. Dolton, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; F. A. Milne (conductor), 3; I. Attwater, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; A. E. Dolton, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, 8. On May 3rd, for practice, 336 Bob Major. A. Miller, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; F. A. Milne, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; J. Kentish, jun., 6; H. W. Newby, 7; A. H. Belton (conductor), 8. On May 9th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor, 68 covering. W. F. Dolton, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; F. A. Milne, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; J. Stevens, 5; E. Dolton, 6; A. H. Belton (conductor), 7; A. T. King, 8. On May 10th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. F. Dolton, 1; A. Chidwick, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; J. Sumpter (conductor), 4; I. Attwood, 5; F. A. Milne, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, 8. Also 180 Bob Major, 68 covering. A. W. J. Bowers, 1; I. Attwater, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; F. A. Milne, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; W. F. Dolton, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, 8. On May 16th, for evening service, 506 Grandsire Triples. F. A. Milne, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; I. Attwater, 3; J. Sumpter (conductor), 4; W. H. Pasmore, 5; G. E. Symonds, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; E. H. Symonds, 8.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Thursday, May 13th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 360 Grandsire Doubles on the front five. V. Sear, 1; F. Hedges, 2; N. Alderman, 3; E. Marks, 4; R. Sear, 5; W. Cramwell, 6; J. Atkins, 7; A. G. Crane, 8. And a 120, conducted by N. Alderman.

HATHEROP (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; T. Smith, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchener, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6.

LONG CRENDON (Bucks).—On Friday, May 7th, at the parish church, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples. A. Warner, 1; E. Cadle, 2; G. Mortimore, 3; G. Cadle, 4; D. Warner, 5; C. Brice (conductor), 6; G. Webb, 7; A. Mortimer, 8. On Saturday, May 8th, 1772 Grandsire Triples, with the same band except H. R. Newton, conductor, on the 5th. Also a 504 with J. Warner on the treble, conducted by C. Brice. On Sunday, May 9th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing half the peal. A. Warner, 1; E. Cadle, 2; G. Mortimore, 3; G. Cadle, 4; H. R. Newton (conductor), 5; C. Brice, 6; G. Webb, 7; A. Mortimer, 8.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, April 25th for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Tarlton, 1; W. Butler, 2; J. Butler, 3; T. Clough, 5; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 16th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (twelve bobs and fourteen singles). T. Day, 1; F. Knowles, 3; the rest as before. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

SNAITH (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, April 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). R. Pocklington, 1; G. Holmes, 2; E. Pick, 3; J. Norton, 4; R. Holmes, 5; J. Bullock (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 9th, in memory of the late Dr. Perkins, muffled touches were rung both morning and evening. In the morning 720 Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and eighteen singles). And in the evening 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). The ringers were Messrs. Pocklington, Holmes (2), Pick, Norton, and Bullock.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, May 16th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 168 Stedman Triples. \*A. J. Burchell (conductor), 1; S. Phipps, 2; W. Symes, 3; W. Gale, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; J. Poole, 6; F. Howell, 7; W. Jefferies, 8. On Monday, May 17th, for practice, 252 Stedman Triples. A. Burchell, 1; S. Phipps, 2; W. Symes, 3; W. Gale, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; J. Poole, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; W. Jefferies, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Gale and Jefferies. \*First touch as conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, May 9th, at St. Mary's church, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. F. A. Nunn, 1; F. Rumens, 2; W. Pye, 3; W. B. Manning, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; J. H. Wilkins, 6; E. Pye, 7; H. Scarlett, 8; A. G. Freeman, 9; F. G. Newman (conductor), 10.



## Notices.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Woodlesford (six bells) instead of Tong, on Saturday, May 29th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The White Hart hotel. This alteration is by desire of the Tong society, owing to the practices of the various competing bands in the Heavy Woollen District Association (six bell challenge cup competition), to be held there on Whit-Monday, June 7th. R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
18, Orwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck, Leeds.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—A general meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Thursday, 3rd June, 1897. The bells of S. Nicholas (10) and of Gorleston (6) will be open for the use of members during the day. Lunch will be served at 1 o'clock at Mr. Foulsham's hotel and restaurant in the Market place, at 2s. 3d. for hon. members and friends, and 1s. 3d. for company members. There will be a short service for members and their friends in S. Nicholas' Church at 5 p.m. Take excursion tickets for travelling by rail, if possible. H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.  
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be at Horsley, on Saturday, June 5th. Tea at 5.30 (free to members); meeting afterwards. T. ALLIBONE, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Having had no reply from Healy the next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, instead of Healy, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers invited. E. B. SHAW, Branch Sec.  
14, Thomas Street, Leesfield.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Crewe Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Tarporley, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting at 5 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend if possible. 58, Rigg Street, Crewe. R. LANGFORD, Sec.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday next, June 5th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Moreton, Kingsley. REV. J. W. ALSTON, Hon. Sec.  
W. TWIGG, Secs.

**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Annual Meeting at Northampton, on Whit-Monday. By special permission the bells of the churches of All Saints (eight), St. Giles (ten), St. Peter (eight), and St. Edmund (eight), will be at liberty for ringing from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 3.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Divine service at St. Giles' church, with sermon by the Rev. E. C. Channer, M.A., vicar of Ravensthorpe, at 1 p.m. Luncheon and business meeting at The Peacock Hotel, Market Square, at 2 p.m. This hotel will be the Association Head Quarters for the day. Wellington. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

**The South and West Middlesex Guild.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 7th, at Ealing. The bells of St. Mary's and Christ Church being open for ringing at 10 a.m. Divine service at St. Mary's (parish church) at 12.30, preacher, Rev. W. E. Oliver, LL.D., Vicar of Ealing. Luncheon at 1.30, at 1s. 6d. each; followed by the meeting, when it is much wished that all members will make an effort to

attend, very important business having to be got through. Tea will be provided about six o'clock. Members and friends who intend to be present are earnestly requested to let me know at their earliest, that proper arrangements can be made as to numbers, etc. 2, Oakland Road, Hanwell, W. J. BASDEN.

**The Middlesex Association.**—An important meeting of this association will take place at Ealing, on Whit-Monday, in conjunction with the South and West Middlesex Guild, the proposed arrangements for which will be seen by a reference to the notice relating to that guild. The Hon. Secretary requests that all members who can conveniently do so, will be in early attendance, and that those who wish to partake of luncheon will kindly communicate with him at once, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made. ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.  
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Kent County Association.**—The Annual meeting will be held on Whitsun-Monday, June 7th, at Canterbury. Service in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. The address will be given by the Dean of Canterbury. Committee meeting at 12; dinner at Gaywood's restaurant, High Street, at 1.30 p.m.; business meeting after dinner. The following towers will be open during the day:—Cathedral (ten bells), St. Stephen's (eight), St. Dunstan's (six), St. Alphege (six), and Holy Cross (five). Applications for dinner tickets to be made to the Hon. Sec. Tickets of admission to the cathedral belfry will be sent with the dinner tickets. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.  
Canterbury.

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Whit-Monday, June 7th, at Chelmsford. Divine service will take place in St. Mary's Church at 11.30 a.m. An address will be given by the Rev. Thos. C. Webster, rector of Rettendon. The business meeting will commence at the Central School at 12.30 p.m. Agenda: The officers of the association to be re-elected; election of new members; the presentation of the annual report and any business that may arise therefrom. Dinner will be served in the Boys' School at 1.30 p.m.; the price to members will be 1s.; tickets may be obtained of the Assistant Secretary, at the business meeting. The towers of the following places will be open for ringing: St. Mary's, Chelmsford (ten bells), Writtle (eight), Widford (eight), Boreham (six), Springfield (six), Broomfield (six). A brake will leave the Town Hall at 3 p.m. for Writtle and Broomfield; members intending to be present must communicate their intention not later than Tuesday, June 1st, to me, HENRY T. W. EYRE, Ass. Sec.,  
St. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A general meeting will be held at Darlington, on Whit-Monday, June 7th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (except between the hours of 11 and 3), St. John's and Holy Trinity churches, also of Hurworth church, three-and-a-half miles distant, will be open for the use of members during the day. Dinner will be served at The King's Head hotel at 2.30 prompt. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The committee will meet at the hotel half an hour before dinner. Those intending to dine must notify the same not later than June 4th to THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec.  
314, High Street West, Sunderland.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The annual six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Whit-Monday, when the

Association's cup and other prizes will be awarded for the best 720 of Violet. Draw at 10 a.m., start at 10.30. Mixed companies allowed to compete if members.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hgn. Sec.  
19, Albert Street, Bailey Carr.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual contest will take place at Wingfield, on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th, for the Association silver cup. Draw to take place at 12 o'clock, contest to commence at 12.30. Peal of six, tenor 19 cwt. Clay Cross station Midland Railway, tower five minutes walk from station. Local secretary, Mr. T. Allibone. E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.  
26, Park View, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Quarterly Meeting, Newnham-on-Severn, Saturday, June 12th, 1897. Divine service at the parish church, with address by the vicar, 5.30 p.m.; meat tea, 6 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head; business meeting after tea. Sixpence will be allowed to each member who sends a 1s. postal order on or before Wednesday, 9th, to REV. C. H. JOBERNS, St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

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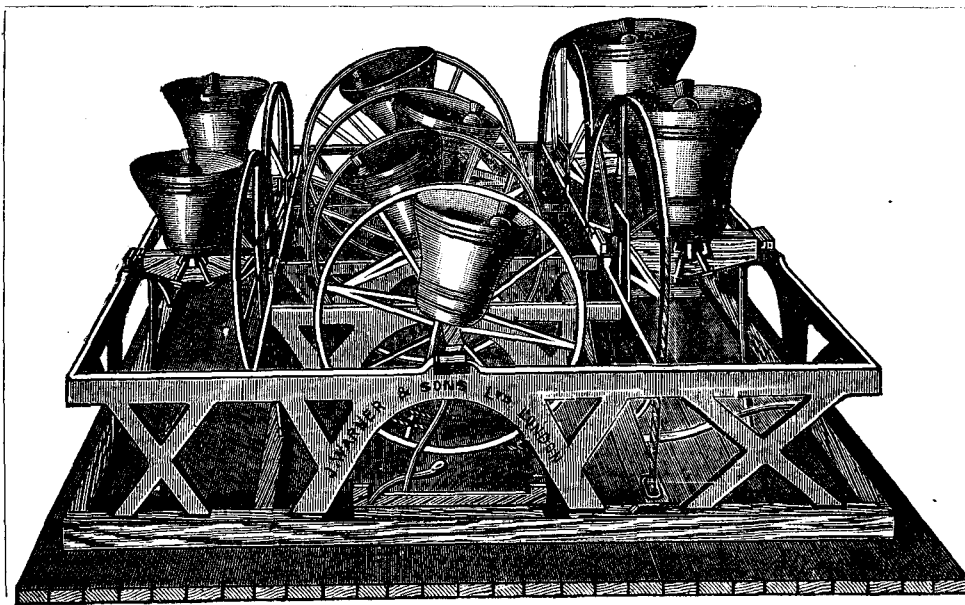
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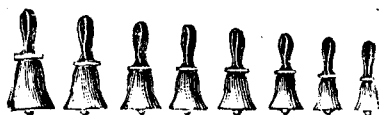
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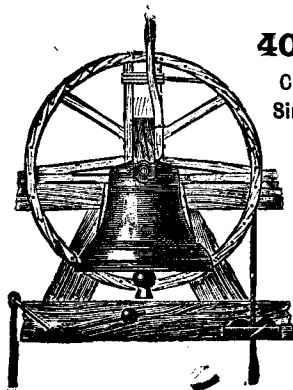
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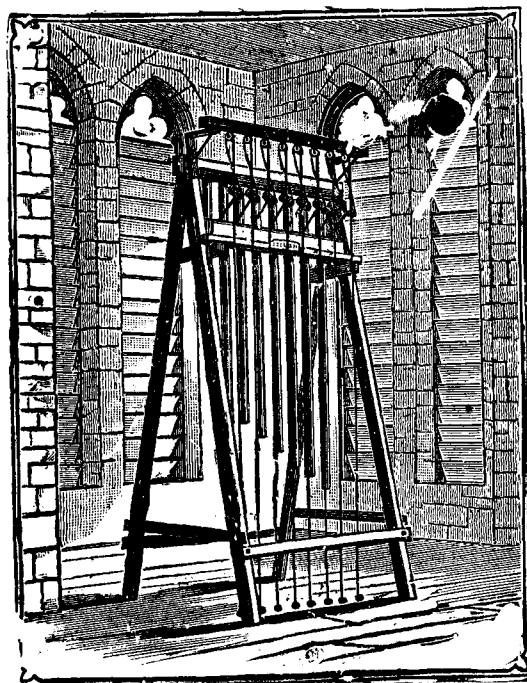
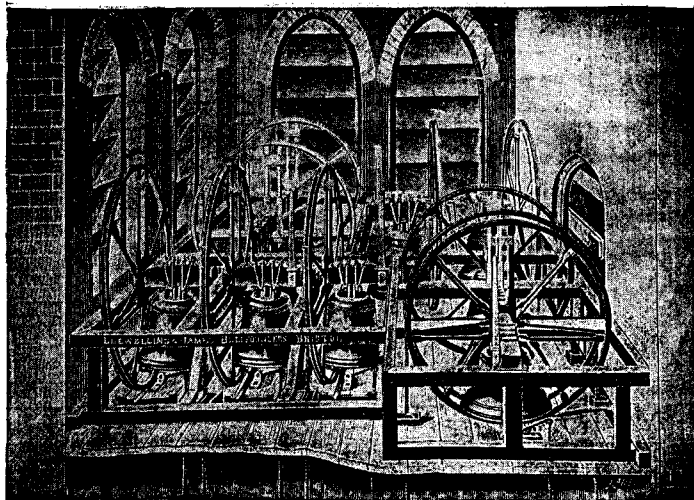
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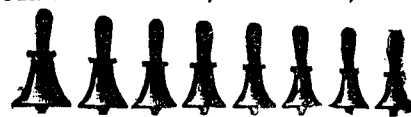
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## THE LATE MR. JOSEPH HAYES, OF BOCKING.

WE announced last week the demise of an old country ringer in the person of JOSEPH HAYES, of Bocking, Essex, father of the brothers Samuel and John Murray Hayes—two well-known metropolitan ringers. The old gentleman had passed the time allotted by the Psalmist as the duration of man's pilgrimage here below; and his feeble condition, especially after he had finally taken to his bed, prepared his family and friends for the last dread call, which they knew could not be far off.

The funeral took place on Saturday last, the remains being carried to their last resting-place by the undermentioned eight ringers: Messrs. C. Bearman, W. Moore, S. Sargent, F. Warren, F. Radley, G. Melbourne, E. Carter, F. Rudkin. At its close the following 720s were rung with the bells deeply muffled. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. A 720 of Kent. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; H. Hammond (conductor), 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; E. Carter, 6. On Sunday the bells were rung deeply muffled both for the morning and afternoon services, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob being rung for the morning service, in which Mr. Grimwade took part. Messrs. Rudkin and Hammond belong to Braintree; other ringers, not included in the above, were present from neighbouring parishes to pay their last tributes of respect to the deceased.

At the afternoon service the curate (Rev. R. G. W. Gardiner) preached from Hebrews xi. part of 5th verse: "Enoch was translated that he should not see death." This sermon, though containing no pointed allusion to the departed, was evidently intended as a funeral discourse. We regret that our space prevents the insertion of it in full; to cull extracts from it would be mutilation.

The late JOSEPH HAYES was born at Bocking, in Essex, on July 5th, 1818, and was therefore at the time of his death in his 79th year. Although he had not been able to do any ringing for some years past, he loved to listen to his old friends the bells, especially when the "hammering" would bear criticism. He commenced his ringing career in 1836, and was the last surviving member of the old Bocking company, which body was under the leadership of the grandfather of the present Mr. Ezra Carter (of London, though a native of Bocking). This company of six-bell ringers were at this time and for many years afterwards considered second to none in the county; the members of it were pronounced by experts to be most excellent strikers—a qualification which is the highest warrant for good ringing—and the methods rung, although not approaching numerically those of our Stansted friends, or of the late six-bell company at Braintree, were in their day held to be somewhat above the ordinary, being Plain Bob, Single and Double College Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, New London, Morning Exercise, and Cambridge Surprise. About the year 1846-7, this Bocking company encountered a serious check. The tenor became so badly cracked that ringing had to cease altogether; the 5th was also ultimately fractured by unskilful chiming; and it was not until 1855 that a complete restoration of the bells was made. This was however, satisfactorily carried out. On Whit-Sunday, 1885, special sermons were preached in

the church on behalf of the bells restoration fund, and the collections at the morning and afternoon services realised £150.

The departed veteran never rang anything beyond a 720; the members of his company (or at least some of them) not thinking it possible to ring anything like seven 720s at one standing; indeed if they did by chance ring two without stopping they were under the impression that a wonderful feat had been done. They had no "BELL NEWS" in those days to show them what was being done about the country. When the writer of this notice (a member of the Bocking company) had rang (away from home) his first peal, he had hard work to make his Bocking friends believe that it was possible to stand the required period, 3 hrs., although he showed them the report of the achievement, taken from that once noted paper—*Bell's Life in London*; but when they heard that the second son of JOSEPH HAYES had rang the tenor in the famous 15,000 of Treble Eight at Bethnal Green, they were forced to believe that not only three but upwards of nine hours was possible for men to stand under bells.

MR JOSEPH HAYES kept no record of the number of 720s he had rung, but he kept a list of the churches he had rung in. These were his own parish church of Bocking, Braintree, Boreham, Chipping Hill, Witham, Coggeshall, Widford, Halstead, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Stisted, and Wethersfield. By the kind invitation of the donor of the bells, he was present at the opening of the fine peal at Harlow with the rest of the Bocking company. In Suffolk he had rung at Nayland, Stokeby-Nayland, and Polsted; also in Kent when on a visit to his sons at Gravesend, at Northfleet, Gravesend, and Milton, in which tower last-named there is a tablet recording a 720 of Cambridge by the following: William Loft, William C. Middleton (Gravesend), Samuel Hayes, John M. Hayes, Joseph Hayes, and Henry Bearman (Bocking).

This notice of a worthy old veteran of the Exercise may fittingly be concluded by expressing a hope that the grand ring of six bells at Bocking, tenor 19 cwt. in E., will be augmented to eight in commemoration of the long ministration (52 years) of the Rev. Henry Carrington, Dean and Rector; also as a memento of the long reign of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen.

## ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Festival of this Guild was held on Monday, at Bradford-on-Avon. There was a large attendance of members, bands of ringers being present from St. Thomas' and St. Edmund's (Salisbury), Bradford, Horningsham, Mildenhall, Devizes, All Cannings, Great Bedwyn, Maideu Newton, Bromham, Keevil, Coombe Bissett, Longbridge Deverill, Trowbridge, Calne, Warminster, Westbury, Dinton, Ebbesborne Wake, Downton, Evershot, and Seend. Altogether about 140 ringers were present. Letters wishing the Guild every success were received from Earl Nelson and Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, who were prevented from attending by other engagements. At 11.30 a service was held at Trinity Church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. T. J. Woodall, vicar of Britford. The preacher took as his text Romans x. 18, "Their sound went into all the earth."

Immediately after the service the annual meeting of the Guild was held in the parish schoolroom, Newtown. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill) presided.

The Chairman, before proceeding to the business of the meet-



THE LATE MR. JOSEPH HAYES.

*(Of Rocking, Essex.)*

ing, expressed his pleasure at being back amongst them again. He was not able to attend their last festival, and he wished to thank them for their very kind expression of feeling, which the Secretary had duly conveyed to him. He hoped that the Guild had grown bigger in his absence. He was very glad to see such a large number present, and he thought there was every prospect of a successful meeting. The election of officers for the year was then proceeded with. The Rev. M. Hankey proposed the re-election of the Rev. A. D. Hill as Master of the Guild. The Rev. C. W. Hony seconded the proposition, which was carried by acclamation, and the Rev. A. D. Hill briefly expressed his thanks for the honour which had again been conferred on him. Capt. Wiltshire proposed the re-election of Mr. W. Pinckney as treasurer. Mr. J. Judd seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously. The election of a general secretary and an assistant secretary was the next business. Capt. Wiltshire, who held the latter office, said it was possible that he would not be in a position to carry the duties on through the whole of the ensuing year, and he should like to have someone appointed in his place. The Secretary (Mr. T. Blackburn) also said he felt bound to resign his office, as he had not the time to do justice to the work. He acknowledged with gratitude the help he had received from Captain Wiltshire, who had done the greater part of the work, but he (Mr. Blackburn) thought it would be better for the Guild if they appointed another general secretary. The Rev. M. Hankey said he had heard no complaints about the way the work had been done, and he hoped Mr. Blackburn would continue to carry on the duties. The Rev. C. W. Hony expressed a hope that Captain Wiltshire would continue in his office, because he thought he would do more for the Guild in half a year, if he were unable to remain longer, than others would be able to do in a year. The Chairman said he thought the feeling of the meeting had been very distinctly expressed. He knew that the labours of the secretaries were very hard and that they had taken a great deal of pains to carry them out. They had just inaugurated a system of district secretaries which ought to lighten the labours of the general and assistant secretaries, and he was sure that they would all be very sorry if they had to change horses whilst crossing a stream. He felt that he should be expressing the feeling of the whole of the assembly if he asked Mr. Blackburn and Captain Wiltshire to continue in their office as long as they possibly could. Mr. Blackburn said he would continue in his office this year with the assistance of Captain Wiltshire, but he would not be able to do so next year. Captain Wiltshire, who was heartily received, said it had given him much pleasure to work with Mr. Blackburn, to whom he thought they owed a deep debt of gratitude from a change-ringer's point of view, and he did not know that he could do better than stay with him as long as possible. At the same time he thought that the man who was secretary or assistant-secretary to their Guild should be a ringer and know a good deal about it, much more than he did, although he hoped to learn more than he knew about it at present. He was well aware of his many sins of omission and commission, but if they asked him to stay with them as long as he could, he should be pleased to do so.

The Rev. C. W. Hony was re-elected secretary for Wilts, the Rev. F. H. Fisher was chosen secretary for Dorset, and Mr. Grist (of Bournemouth) assistant-secretary for the latter county. The Rev. E. G. Bond, Mr. F. Rigden, Mr. S. Macey, Mr. J. Judd, and Mr. A. Smith were re-elected members of the special committee, and the Rev. W. J. Birkbeck was chosen in succession to the Rev. J. D. Morrice. Mr. J. E. Wiltshire (of Seend) was added to the list of instructors; Mr. J. R. Jerram was re-elected inspector of belfries, and was also appointed auditor, in the place of Mr. Gifford; and the Rev. A. D. Hill and Mr. Blackburn were chosen as representatives on the Central Council. Some discussion took place on the question of the town at which next year's festival should be held. Mr. Powney proposed, and Mr. Smith seconded, that it should be held at Salisbury. The Rev. J. F. Welsh moved that Sherborne should be chosen, and Mr. Wilson seconded the amendment. On being put to the vote, Sherborne was chosen by a large majority. This concluded the business.

The annual report stated that at a special meeting of the Committee held in September last, a scheme for the sub-division of the diocese into districts corresponding in name and area to the deaneries, each

with its District Secretary, was approved, and although at present the scheme was hardly in working order, yet it was hoped that when firmly established, it would assist to arouse fresh interest and sympathy in the work of the Guild. Compared with last year there was a decrease of one in the number of honorary members, but the ringing members had risen from 191 to 308, a very satisfactory addition for one year, while sixteen new life ringing members had been added to the list. There was a balance in hand of £16 13s. 7d., being £2 11s. more in hand than last year. In conclusion the Committee trusted that each and every member, especially those in office, would during the current year heartily work together for the welfare of the Guild, thus endeavouring to secure for it the respect, recognition, and practical sympathy it so justly deserved.

The annual dinner took place at the Town Hall. The Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill presided, and was supported by the Vicar of Bradford (Rev. S. G. Collisson), the Rev. M. Hankey, the Rev. T. J. Woodall, the Rev. C. W. Hony, the Rev. M. D. Wardrop, the Rev. W. Noel, Captain Wiltshire, Mr. R. L. Wilcox, and Mr. T. Blackburn. After dinner, which was supplied by Mr. Harman, of The New Bear inn, Bradford,

The Chairman, in proposing "The Queen and all the Members of the Royal Family," said they had first of all to consider the one great event of the year. The Diamond Jubilee year was a great one for bellringers, and therefore they, of all people in the world, should show their loyalty. They would on the Jubilee day be the noisiest people, not with their own tongues, but with the tongues of the bells, which, throughout the length and breadth of England would sound out in a great and joyful jubilation in honour of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. He was perfectly certain that in ringing for her Jubilee they would do so with a hearty goodwill, because they would be appreciating the dignity and greatness of Her rule, the simplicity and purity of her character, and the great blessings which God had showered upon them and the whole of the realm in sparing to them so long such a beneficent and honourable life. The toast was heartily received, and the National Anthem was sung.

The Chairman, in proposing the next toast, said he wished to ask them to show their thankfulness to some who had been concerned in their festival. It was an excellent thing that they, as bellringers, should meet together, and first of all to attend a service in church. They were officers and servants of the Church, and it was well that there should be in the forefront of their meeting that service, which linked them altogether. He therefore asked them to give their hearty thanks to the Rev. T. J. Woodall for his sermon, and to the Vicar of Bradford, who had arranged for the service so capably, and who had made every convenience for their meeting together in the beautiful church of Bradford. He asked them to drink the health of Mr. Woodall and Mr. Collisson with all gratitude, and he also included in the toast the Rev. W. Noel, the curate at Bradford.

The Rev. S. G. Collisson, in response, said he should first of all like to thank the preacher for the excellent sermon he had delivered. He assured them that it gave him much pleasure to see them all there and to make arrangements for a service in the church. It was quite a treat to hear them joining so heartily in the service, especially in the singing of the National Anthem, in which he noticed that the first and second verses were much better known than the third. He was not a ringer himself, though he wished he was, but he had always taken a deep interest in bells, as was shown by the fact that the bells in Trinity Church had been restored by Mr. Blackburn, and they now had one of the best peals and frames in the whole of the diocese.

The Rev. S. G. Collisson then proposed "The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers." He said it was a great work to bring men together as officers of the church, as they were. He trusted that when they met together they met as men to help forward the Church's work. In conclusion, he wished health and prosperity in every way to the Guild of Bellringers.

The Rev. A. D. Hill responded. After thanking the Vicar of Bradford for his kind remarks, he said he felt bound to associate with himself in the toast the names of Mr. Blackburn and Captain Wiltshire, their secretaries, because so very much of the success of a meeting depended upon their forethought and arrangements. He felt that their Guild had really done and was doing a great work. He felt confident that the churches which they entered that day in order to ring the bells would be entered with feelings of reverence and respect, and he was sure that the tradition of a ringer as one who did not go inside of a church

unless he was going to be paid for it was a thing of the past. They were all looking forward to a year in which bellringers would be very much to the fore. Mr. Woodall, in his admirable sermon that morning, had told them that one of the uses to which bells were put by the ancient Greeks was to hang them round the necks of malefactors. It was just possible, therefore, to have too much of a good thing. It reminded him of a verse which he once heard, he was not sure that he had not quoted it once before. It was not in English, but its meaning was more or less as follows:—

Disturbers of the human race,  
Who set the bells a clanging;  
If ropes were in their proper place,  
Round your necks they'd be hanging.

The words were written by a Frenchman and not an Englishman. He was certain that in no country in the world were bells rung with the same effect and precision, and with the same delightful result, as here in England. It was an entirely English method, and he thought afforded them an opportunity of showing to the world that they were proud of being Englishmen and English Churchmen. They, as bellringers, felt especially proud of having the duty put upon them this year of voicing the gratitude and thanksgiving of the nation, and he hoped that they would rise to their opportunities with earnestness and sincerity. In the name of the Guild he thanked Mr. Collison for drinking their health.

The company then separated. During the afternoon the Devizes amateur bellringers rang a quarter-peal on the bells of Trinity Church, and most of the belfries in the towns and villages of the district were visited by bands of ringers.

### An Australian Letter.

4, Lang Street, Clifton Hill, Melbourne.

DEAR SIR,—I am sending you a review of the doings of The Victorian Association of Change-Ringers for the past quarter ending March. January 3rd: A quarter peal of Stedman Triples, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, in 47 mins. A. Barnes, 1; M. O'Shea, 2; J. P. Nolan, 3; J. Murray, 4; J. C. Nolan (conductor), 5; J. Freeman, 6; W. Coppock, 7; J. Sheehan, 8. January 13th: Tried for a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's Cathedral, and rang 1344 changes in 59 mins., when 2nd and 4th changed course. E. Bryning, 1; W. Shenton, 2; J. P. Nolan, 3; J. C. Nolan, 4; J. Murray, 5; W. Coppock, 6; A. Barnes (composer and conductor), 7; M. O'Shea, 8. January 25th: rang 1386 Grandsire Triples, at St. Patrick's, three parts taken from "Clavis," in 53½ mins. E. O'Shea, 1; M. O'Shea, 2; J. P. Nolan, 3; W. Shenton, 4; J. C. Nolan, 5; A. Barnes, 6; J. L. Murray (conductor), 7; J. Sheehan, 8. February 7th: rang 1344 Grandsire Triples, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, in 48½ mins. E. O'Shea, 1; M. O'Shea, 2; J. P. Nolan, 3; A. Barnes (composer and conductor), 4; J. C. Nolan, 5; J. Freeman, 6; W. Coppock, 7; J. Sheehan, 8. February 22nd: rang a quarter peal, 1260 changes, Grandsire Triples, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, in 48 mins. M. O'Shea, 1; J. C. Nolan, 2; J. P. Nolan, 3; J. Murray, 4; A. Barnes (conductor), 5; T. Biddle, 6; W. Coppock, 7; W. Hiles, 8. March 7th: A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Patrick's, in 46 mins., composed by H. Franks, London, taken from "THE BELL NEWS," December 26th, 1896. A. Barnes, 1; W. Shenton, 2; J. P. Nolan, 3; J. Murray (conductor), 4; J. C. Nolan, 5; J. Freeman, 6; W. Coppock, 7; J. Sheehan, 8. March 21st: 1414 Grandsire Triples, at St. Paul's, in 54 mins. J. Clarke, 1; J. P. Nolan, 2; J. Murray, 3; J. C. Nolan, 4; A. Barnes (composer and conductor), 5; M. O'Shea, 6; J. Freeman, 7; J. Sheehan, 8. March 27th: tried for A. Barnes' peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, rang 2716 changes in 1 hour 48 mins., had to stop, the seventh man being exhausted, bell going very bad. W. Shenton, 1; J. P. Nolan, 2; J. Murray, 3; J. C. Nolan, 4; A. Barnes (conductor), 5; M. O'Shea, 6; J. Freeman, 7; I. Davis and J. Sheehan, 8.

Best wishes to all brother-strings in the old country, and wish them every success in ringing Diamond Jubilee Peals.

J. W. COPPOCK,

Hon. Sec. Victorian Association of Change-Ringers.

### PRESENTATION TO A RINGER AT ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, May 22nd, the Rev. R. F. Tompkins and the ringers of St. Nicholas, met in the bell-chamber to present to Mr. H. Chandler, of Warnham, a splendid 14-day clock, in a beautiful oak case, striking every half-hour, on the occasion of his marriage, which took place a few weeks back. The Rev. R. F. Tompkins, on behalf of the ringers, in a few kind words said he had a very pleasing duty to perform. On presenting the clock to Mr. Chandler he said it gave him great pleasure to meet him and the Arundel ringers together, to show their esteem and good friendship toward him for the kind way in which he had come to help the Arundel band on so many occasions, hoping that he might be spared to spend many more hours with the Arundel ringers in the belfry.

Mr. Chandler, on receiving the handsome present, thanked the ringers very much, as it took him quite by surprise. He hoped that he might be spared to ring more peals with them.

After the presentation had taken place, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 200 changes a change-course occurred, and "stand" had to be called. H. Searle, 1; H. Lee, 2; F. Luxford, 3; J. Netly, 4; D. Baker, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; C. Blackman, 7; G. Balchin, 8.

### THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S 500 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples ... ..	52	8
Grandsire Caters ... ..	27	1*
Stedman Triples ... ..	200	69
Stedman Caters ... ..	57	28†
Stedman Cinques ... ..	1	—
Union Triples ... ..	1	—
College Single Triples ... ..	1	—
Bob Major ... ..	2	—
Duffield Major ... ..	1	—
Double Oxford Major ... ..	1	—
Double Norwich Major ... ..	71	5‡
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	2	—
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	12	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	9	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ... ..	1	—
Duffield Royal ... ..	1	—
Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	40	6
Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	9	1
London Surprise Major ... ..	12	3§
	500	123

\* Including a Peal of 13247 changes.

† Including a 12041 and a 15041 (record).

‡ Including a 10080 and a 12096.

§ Including a 11328 (record).

### MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

On Monday, May 24th, the ringers assembled in the belfry to witness the unveiling of a tablet by Mrs. Ratcliff, of Stanford Hall, recording a peal which was rung on Easter Day—Kent Treble Bob Minor, which is supposed to be the first ever rung in the district. Mrs. Ratcliff expressed a few kind remarks to the ringers on having rung a record peal. At the conclusion several touches of Kent Treble Bob were rung, and also a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). A. Matthews, 1; W. Perrin, 2; \*H. Whittle (conductor), 3; J. Yates, 4; G. Doughty, 5; E. Reader, 6. \*First 720 as conductor. On Thursday, May 20th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. F. Tyler, 1; H. Whittle (conductor), 2; W. Pervin, 3; J. Yates, 4; J. Grundy, 5; G. Doughty, 6.

KELSALE (Suffolk).—On Friday, May 15th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Major. W. Watling, 1; A. Kerridge, 2; J. Coleman, 3; W. Drew, 4; E. Page, 5; G. Thompson, 6; F. Thompson (conductor), 7; G. Hardy, 8. The above was rung to celebrate the wedding of W. Drew, who was married that day.

HAVE "THE BELL NEWS" regularly from your bookseller. Go in for the handbells!

## CURRENT TOPICS.

Another Christian festival approaches—that of Whitsuntide. We are now fairly well into summer, and the country is speedily assuming its leafy and floral garb. Truly a delightful place after all, this old England of ours, though so much fault is found with it sometimes. Foreigners, some of them, call it “perfidious Albion” and other names, but it still keeps its place: “a right little, tight little island,” as the song says. We have only got to look into history, accurate and trustworthy history I mean, to find out that *Albion perfide* has been the saviour of many of the nations, and a friend to all, not excepting the island of Paddy, even.

Whitsuntide is here, and the ringers' Parliament is about to meet once more. This time a very wise step has been taken in having the assembly at the Church House. In consequence some attention will be attracted towards it; clerical visitors will become aware that church bellringers have an organisation hardly second to any other in the Church. And then again the meeting will be near to Westminster Abbey. If I may take so great a liberty, I would suggest that an invitation be sent to the Dean and Canons to attend; it may not be accepted, but it could be given. If the President or the Honorary Secretary, or a few of the clerical members of the Council would wait on Canon Wilberforce, and ask him to honor the assembly with his presence, I think it would be a very good thing indeed.

Every effort should now be made to effect some radical change for the better in the belfry of Westminster Abbey. If no response be made to the representations of the Council, the question should not be abandoned. By no means. The Bishop of London is a prelate of large sympathies, whose influence could I believe easily be enlisted in the cause. He is practical and large-hearted; he knows something of the aims of ringers and ringing; and has before now presided over an Annual Meeting of an important ringing Association. The only difficulty I see in this is getting the Abbey authorities to move; there will be no want of money if they mean business; the necessary funds will be promised in a week, I feel sure.

There is an old and very comfortable saying that the end justifies the means. I should be among the last to accept towards this object any of that commodity which is known as “dirty money,” viz., the proceeds of gambling—whether with horses or asses—and such like. There are hundreds of good and reverent churchpeople who without the slightest hesitation would subscribe if they knew it was intended. All that is wanted is to move the powers that be.

I am not one of those in the know with reference to “C.C.” business, so that very likely the point to which I am about to refer may have been settled already. Looking over the business paper, I don't see anything about the place for next year's meeting. If this has yet to be settled, the “C.C.” would do well to take into consideration whether they could not visit some neighbourhood where ringing concerns want a little fillip,—or a little encouragement, or may be a wake-up. Our Welsh brethren would be all the better for the encouraging influence of the Central Council, and I think the people down in the west could very well do with a little waking-up.

The hands of the long peal ringers would appear to have lost their cunning. Several attempts have been announced of late, but their announcement is all we have had. These long peal gentlemen are wise in their generation. They never publish failures. They don't believe in letting the world know that “after so-and-so, etcetera, etcetera, it came to grief.” And I glory in them. Nothing appears to me so *infra dignitatem* as to publish one's failures. The failures of many ringers, I dare say, exceed their successes over one hundred per cent. But sensible men, men with a little wholesome pride in them, hang off circulating accounts of the former.

About the last attempt at Cornhill I have heard something.

One of the band, a very safe ringer, sustained an accident to one of his fingers a few hours before. This compelled him when ringing to keep the injured finger in a straight position, and keeping it thus for four mortal hours, caused a swelling of the sinews of hand and wrist, and in consequence the fatal word “stand” had to be pronounced. Four hours lost! Unfortunate, very; but not so bad as getting into the last course, and then—“grief.” The gentlemen of this band will appear again.

I have been shown several letters from ringers in various parts of the country intimating their successes in promoting a larger circulation of “THE BELL NEWS.” Among them this week are Mr. Symonds, of Preston (Suffolk), Mr. Haigh (Retford), and several others. My old friend George, of Rugby, writes to say he is doing all he can in the cause; and in his last note he laconically adds: “Extending papers; now six; will be more shortly.” Bravo George.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## FINEDON PARISH CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

During the heavy thunderstorm that passed over the district about mid-day on Friday week, the Parish Church of Finedon (Northants) was struck by a very vivid flash of lightning, which caused considerable damage to the spire, rendering it unsafe. Eye-witnesses state that about half-past twelve o'clock the steeple appeared to be surrounded by lightning, which lasted for about a minute and then was lost in the trees a little removed from the church. It was not until the storm had abated that a visit was made to the sacred edifice, and it was at once seen that the spire had been struck. The lightning had evidently caught the steeple about thirty yards below the weathercock, and went round the stone-work in cork-screw fashion. In the first place a large gap had been made in the side, and the lightning proceeding downwards opened the masonry, and just below the top windows threw out another large portion of stone. At this point the lightning was attracted to the pipe leading to the stove in the interior of the building, and no doubt it ran down this and finished up with burning the matting surrounding the stove. Outside in the churchyard there were several large pieces of masonry, and visitors to the spot picked some up for the purpose of keeping as relics. The steeple was considerably shaken, and for forty feet from the top it is out of the perpendicular, and appears to be very unsafe. In fact when a representative of the *Northampton Daily Chronicle* visited the spot the next morning, the high wind that prevailed appeared likely to further widen the breach, as several portions of stone-work fell at intervals.

The church is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and is a very elegant and spacious structure in the late decorated style, and consists of a nave and side aisles, south porch, north and south transepts, chancel and vestry, erected in 1846, and a beautiful tower, surmounted by a spire, containing six bells and a clock.

## IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.

Taking advantage of the fine evening on Monday, May 31st, Wellingborough parish church ringers, with several of their junior members, and Mr. Tompkins, of Finedon belfry, visited Irchester, with the object of having a turn on the ring of five in the tower of St. Katherine, but serious illness near the church necessitated the bells being kept silent. Mr. Perceval, the steeple-keeper and clock-keeper (which post he has held about thirty years), was good enough to show them over the church and bell-chamber. There is a project to completely rehang these bells and add a treble, when funds can be raised. Recently about £12 has been spent on repairing the belfry steps. By invitation of Mr. Craddock, the senior member of the Irchester company, all afterwards adjourned to his residence, where they were most kindly entertained, and enlivened the time with handbell music, consisting of tunes, touches of Triples and Minor by the visitors, and a 6-score of Doubles in which Messrs. Bailey and Pettitt, of Irchester, took part. The local company, including Mr. Craddock, also did a very pretty piece of lapping, which was much appreciated. Mr. Craddock has rung Irchester tenor for many years, and his father before him.



## UNVEILING OF TWO PEAL-BOARDS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEDFORD.

On Thursday evening, May 27th, the ringers of St. Peter's assembled in the ringing-chamber to witness the unveiling of two peal-boards by the rector, the Rev. W. Hart Smith, M.A., and Rural Dean. The company included the Churchwardens (Messrs. H. H. Fraser and J. Watford), Mr. Jos. Miller and a good number of ladies. The peal-boards record six peals of 5040 each (three on each peal-board), rang at different dates since the opening of the bells over two years ago.

The rector in an interesting speech expressed the pleasure it gave him to come and perform the unveiling ceremony.

Mr. Jos. Miller spoke in high terms of the way the ringers had advanced in the Art of change-ringing since the opening of the peal of six.

On the proposition of Mr. S. Constant, seconded by Mr. Harry Toll, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the rector for his presence amongst them.

The St. Peter's company then rang a short touch on the tower bells, followed by 180 Bob Minor on the handbells, in which three of the ladies (who are learning the Art), took part. Miss Lee, 1; Miss Poynder, 2; Miss A. Hart Smith, 3; H. Toll, 4; S. Constant (conductor), 5-6.

It might be here mentioned that a party of young ladies have been learning change-ringing on the handbells for some time under the training of Mr. S. Constant, several 720s having been rang and reported in "THE BELL NEWS" of previous dates, and they are about commencing practising on the tower bells, when it is hoped the ladies alone will soon score a 720. A hope was expressed by the ringers to the rector that two new trebles would be soon placed in the tower. Mr. J. Mills said he would use every means he could to get them, one of which has been already very kindly promised.

The ladies then had their first practice on the bells in rounds, after which the ringers lowered them in peal, and a very interesting meeting was brought to a close.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Rossendale branch of this Association was held on Saturday, May 29th, at St. Saviour's, Bacup. Unfortunately the weather prevented ringers from a distance attending, but by half-past five it was possible to ring a 12-score of Bob Minor. The bells once started, ringers came up rapidly, and with the exception of half-an-hour for the business meeting, were continually going in various methods up till nine o'clock. Among the methods was a 576 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, which was rung very well indeed, and was the first in the method by members of this branch. A 12-score of London Surprise Minor was successfully brought round. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Newchurch; and the Secretary was requested to send reports of meetings to "THE BELL NEWS." These items, and the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar, the local ringers, and chairman (J. B. Taylor) were the topics of the business meeting.

**PRESTON BRANCH.**—On a recent Saturday a meeting of the members of this branch was held at the parish church, Chorley, when about twenty ringers from various towers were present. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and was continued until about 9 p.m. During the afternoon several touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor were rung by mixed bands; also the following: 720 Bob Minor. J. Smith, J. Mather, J. Harrison, J. Brown, J. Walker, J. Scholey. A 720 of Plain Bob. J. H. Gartside, J. Marsden, J. Harrison, J. Mather, S. Walker, J. Vogwill. The first 720 was conducted by J. Scholey, the other by J. H. Gartside. A 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, J. Walker, J. Harrison, J. Brown (conductor), J. Calderbank, T. Strickland, J. Scholey, J. Mather. Another 504 in the same method. J. Mather, J. Brown, J. Harrison, W. Slater, J. Calderbank, J. Scholey, J. Walker, H. Adams. Conducted by J. Walker. The business meeting was held in the belfry, at which Mr. J. H. Gartside presided. The minutes of the last meeting being passed, three new members were admitted, and votes of thanks passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the chairman for presiding. The next meeting was fixed for July 3rd at Hoghton church.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th, 1897, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at two o'clock punctually. (N.B.—Dean's Yard is a few steps from the west door of Westminster Abbey, and the Church House entrance is at the further end of Dean's Yard).

The Standing Committee will meet at 11.30 a.m. punctually at the Westminster Palace Hotel. Members of this Committee are particularly requested to attend. In consequence of the sparse attendance at the dinner following the last meeting in London, it has been decided to substitute a social muster in the evening; and Mr. Heywood invites members and their ringing friends to a "pipe and glass" gathering at the "Inns of Court Hotel," (Lincoln's Inn Fields Entrance), at 9 p.m. Notification of towers open for ringing will be given at the close of the business meeting.

### AGENDA.

1. Election of President and Secretary. Nominations received for President: A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq.; for Secretary: REV. H. EARLE BULWER.
2. Election of Hon. Members (if desired.)
3. Appointment of Standing Committee.
4. To receive any further Report of Committee on Rail Fares.
5. To receive any further Report of the Committee on preparation of a Glossary of Technical Terms.
6. To receive any further Report of Committee on Peal Values.
7. To receive any further Report on the progress of the Bibliography.
8. To receive the Report of the Committee for Peal Collection and definition of points constituting "Authorship" and "Variation."
9. To consider the following motions:—
  - (a) That the practice of using visible aids to memory in the conduction of peals is detrimental to the interests of the Art; and to recommend for the adoption of Societies a rule requiring all performances to be certified as conducted without such aid.
  - (b) That an official letter be written to the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster, on behalf of the Council, calling attention to the condition of the Ringing-Chamber at Westminster Abbey, and the unringable state of the bells, requesting him to use his influence in the direction of Belfry Reform in this instance.
  - (c) For a return of the condition of all rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in the country, to enable a tabulated statement of existing defects to be drawn up and submitted by the Council to Church authorities.
  - (d) That the Council, recognising the insuperable objection taken by many six-bell ringers to the definition of a peal of Minor as carried at the meeting of 1892, and recognising also the fact that on 5 and 6 bells no actually true peal of 5000 changes can be rung, and that, therefore, no strictly correct definition of such a peal can be logically formulated; do now decide to expunge the said definition from the standing resolutions, thus offering no opposition to the locally-varying construction of the term "peal" in regard to 5 and 6 bell performances.

The following subjects are also ripe for discussion, and may be introduced as questions if time permit:—

- (a) Whether the Council should not have recourse to longer meetings, and at least a two days' session in the case of the London meetings?
- (b) Whether the Council should pronounce upon a distinctive title to be applied to Thurstan's well-known Stedman Triples composition?
- (c) Whether the Council should pronounce upon the suggestion that the now well-known variation of Cambridge Surprise Major should be accepted as the recognised method?
- (d) Whether it is an offence against the laws governing Treble Bob composition to commence the calling with 1R or 2R?
- (e) How far, and under what conditions, any departure from the true and clear ringing of every change is permissible in the performance of a peal?
- (f) Whether the Council should not make some attempt to regulate the practice of Lent and Sunday peal-ringing.

**NOTE:**—It is to be borne in mind that motions on the agenda paper are in part the proposals of individual representatives, and that their insertion therefore, does not necessarily imply that they command any general support.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1897.

THE meeting of the Central Council next Tuesday partakes somewhat of a new departure from previous ones. There is a fine exhibition of topics ready for discussion, but the time at disposal will not allow beyond one-half of the number being even mentioned, much less adjudicated upon. But this is better than having a dearth of material.

The new feature is the abandonment of the usual dinner after the business meeting. But the President has hit upon a *quid pro quo* which we venture to believe will be looked upon with favour. What may be termed, perhaps, a *conversazione*, possessing convivial qualities, will be held later in the evening, and we shall be surprised if this invention of Mr. Heywood's is not well patronised. The hour of commencement of this social meeting is not very early in the evening, it is true, but metropolitan ringers are accustomed to Parliamentary hours; the principal society hardly ever commencing their business meetings until ten o'clock p.m.

A glance at the list of representatives leads to the

belief that some new blood will be infused into the Council's deliberations; though it is gratifying to see also the names of well-known members of the Exercise, who have done good service, and who have constantly and continually worked to gain for ringing its proper estimation among Churchmen. We should say there is not the least shadow of a doubt that the principal officers of the Council will be re-elected with positive unanimity. These gentlemen have the welfare of the Council at heart, and it is really impossible to tell what it would be without them.

#### LATE NOTICE.

##### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 7th, at Plymouth. Tea at Borough Arms, Bedford Street, 4.15 p.m. Meeting at 4.45 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's immediately following tea. An excursion train will run from North and East Devon to Plymouth, returning from Plymouth the same evening. Arrangements have been made for ringing at St. Andrew's, Plymouth (ten bells); Charles and Dockyard (8 bells); and Stoke (6 bells).  
W. E. PITFIELD CHAPPLE, *Hon. Sec.*

#### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, May 29 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

##### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE FARDON .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS .. 5.
FRANK BUCK .. .. 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 7.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

##### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb,

EDWARD LUCAS .. .. Treble.	E. ANDREWS .. .. 5.
ALBERT DEARDS .. .. 2.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. 6.
CALEB FENN .. .. 3.	ERNEST CLAYTON .. 7.
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Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.  
It was intended to ring Double Norwich, but meeting short, the above was rung instead.

#### The Provinces.

##### UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED WARD .. .. Treble.	HORACE HOWLETT .. 5.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. 2.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 6.
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On Tuesday, May 25, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs. in F.

WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 5.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. 2.	HERBERT PORTER .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 3.	STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 7.
PERCIVAL J. BROOKER .. 4.	GEORGE HEAD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN PERKINS.

This is the first peal of Stedman by all the ringers, and by a local band. Also first in the method on the bells by the above Association. This is S. Perkins's first peal in the method as conductor.

##### FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 28, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
WILLIAM DYE .. .. 2.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 6.
HAWKINS ENGLISH .. .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	ARTHUR WOODS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM DYE.

W. Dye hails from Winesham; H. English from Coddensham; the brothers Wightman from Creetingham, the rest are local men.

##### NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	JOHN JAY, SEN. .. .. 5.
JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 2.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	FREDK. R. DEARING .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of Triples on the bells. F. R. Dearing belongs to the local band, the rest hail from Brighton.

##### WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

##### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1897, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

FARRINGTON JONES .. Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 6.
HENRY A. HALL .. .. 2.	GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 7.
ROBERT PICKERING .. 3.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. 8.
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Composed by JAMES GEORGE and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rank as a birthday compliment to H. A. Hall.

##### HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor about 16 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES .. Treble.	BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 6.
HENRY TUCKER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN TUCKER .. .. 4.	MAURICE STEER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 500th peal and 200th peal of Stedman Triples. A list of these performances will be found upon another page.

### Date Touches.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, May 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. H. Sholicar, 1; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 2; H. J. Ellis, 3; W. J. Taylor, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; J. R. Park, 6; A. Halton, 7; T. Martland, 8.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, May 26th, a date touch, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins., being 457 Plain Bob, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. Arranged by J. S. Wilde. This is the longest touch on the bells and by all the band.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, May 23rd, for morning service at the parish church, a date touch of 1897 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. S. Everson, 1; E. Everson, 2; F. French, 3; H. Castle, 4; H. Alford, 5; J. Saxby (conductor), 6; G. Cullum, 7; C. Culmer, 8.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FULHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, May 23rd, for Divine Service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Tann (conductor), 1; H. Matthews, 2; R. Whiting, 3; D. Ruth, 4; F. Surridge, 5; C. Baker, 6; C. Tann, 7; F. Borrett, 8.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLUN (Salop).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, May 13th, in the Cottage Room, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Davies, 1; W. Roberts, 2; W. H. Fussell (Slough), 3-4; W. Mead, 5; J. G. Buchanan, Esq. (conductor), 6. Another 720 was attempted, but failed in the 6th part. J. Roberts, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; the rest as before.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Monday, May 24th, at St. Martin's church, on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday, 1092 Grandsire Triples, containing seventy-eight treble leads, in 36 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; H. Pederick, 2; H. Kenten, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; T. Everett, 8. Considering the dilapidated condition of the frame, this touch was exceedingly well struck. Visitors however are requested to note that owing to want of repair, practice is still suspended.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING (Northants).—Recently at the parish church 1056 Bob Major. C. Newman, 1; W. Newman, 2; A. Robinson, 3; E. Underwood, 4; J. D. Matthews, 5; J. Julian, 6; W. Perkins, 7; W. R. Hensher (conductor), 8. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Toseland, 1; C. Newman (conductor), 2; E. Underwood, 3; A. Robinson, 4; J. Julian, 5; W. R. Hensher, 6. Also 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Robinson, 1; E. Underwood, 2; J. Julian, 3; W. R. Hensher (conductor), 4; T. R. Hensher, 5; C. Newman, 6; J. D. Matthews, 7; J. Spence, 8. And 658 Grandsire Triples standing as before, with W. R. Hensher (conductor). A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original. G. Toseland, 1; W. R. Hensher (conductor), 2; A. Robinson, 3; J. Julian, 4; E. Underwood, 5; C. Newman, 6; T. R. Hensher, 7; J. Spence, 8. And 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Newman, 1; A. Tyler, 2; E. Underwood, 3; W. R. Hensher, 4; J. J. Julian, 5; J. D. Matthews, 6; W. Perkins, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. On handbells 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Worfor, 1; A. Robinson, 2; E. Underwood, 3; C. Newman, 4; J. D. Matthews, 5-6; W. R. Hensher (conductor), 7-8. And 720 Bob Minor. C. Newman, 1-2; W. R. Hensher, 3-4; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 5-6. Also 384 Bob Major. W. Roughton, 1; C. Newman, 2; E. Underwood, 3; W. R. Hensher, 4; J. Julian, 5; A. Robinson, 6; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 7-8. And a course of Stedman Triples. J. D. Matthews, 1-2; E. Underwood, 3; A. Robinson, 4; J. Julian, 5; C. Newman, 6; W. R. Hensher, 7-8. On Saturday, May 22nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 3 hrs. 10 mins., "stand" was called owing to a change-course. A. Robinson, 1; W. Newman, 2; E. Underwood, 3; W. R. Hensher, 4; J. Julian, 5; C. Newman, 6; W. Perkins, 7; J. D. Matthews, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, May 2nd,

previous to Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 6-7s, in 43 mins. S. Shoesmith, 1; H. Jones (Ringmer), 2; W. Trusler, 3; J. Rickman, 4; R. Dawe, 5; A. Turner, 6; J. Goldsmith (composer and conductor), 7; J. Steadman, 8. On Sunday, May 9th, 360 Bob Minor. S. Shoesmith, A. Turner, R. Pelling, W. Trusler, R. Dawe, and J. Goldsmith (conductor). Also two courses in the same method. On Monday, May 17th, 504 Stedman Triples in 17 mins. H. Rann, 1; A. Turner, 2; E. Merritt, 3; K. Hart, 4; G. King, 5; R. Dawe, 6; J. Goldsmith (conductor), 7; J. Steadman, 8.

RINGMER (Sussex).—On Tuesday, May 18th, for practice, 252 Stedman Triples. A. Rooke, 1; F. Banks, 2; T. Miller, 3; J. Goldsmith (conductor), 3; H. Jones, 5; A. Turner, 6; C. Painter, 7; F. Gates, 8. On Tuesday, May 25th, for practice, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. Taylor, 1; A. Rooke (longest length with a bob bell), 2; F. Banks, 3; A. Turner, 4; H. Jones, 5; J. Goldsmith (conductor), 6; C. Painter, 7; W. Hemsley, 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples. T. Miller, 3; F. Gates, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, April 12th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Milhams, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Harper, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; W. Clifford, 2; G. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Catton, 1; H. Milhams, 2; G. Hayes, 3; W. Clifford, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; M. Digby, 6. On Monday, May 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; F. Ring, 2; G. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 16th, 720 London Surprise. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Harry Catton, who passed away after a short illness on Wednesday, May 12th; and after being laid to rest by his fellow-ringers on Monday, May 17th, the usual whole pull and stand was rung, concluding with a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, May 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Bedwell, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; E. H. Nixon, 3; E. Wightman, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett, 7; J. Town, 8.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCHILL (Oxon).—On Saturday, May 8th, on the occasion of the spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Turner, 1; W. Longshaw, 2; W. Large, 3; J. F. Barlow, 4; A. Joyner, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor rung on these bells for over thirty years.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, May 23rd, for Divine Service, 447 London Surprise Major. H. Simmonds, 1; E. J. Menday, 2; A. Cullum, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Menday, 1; J. F. Tarrant, 2; G. Newman (Romsey), 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; A. Cullum, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; H. Simmonds, 7; T. Newman, 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On May 9th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Bovington, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; G. Basden (conductor), 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6. For evening service 720 College Single, conducted by J. J. Parker. On May 16th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor for morning service. J. Bovington, 1; G. Basden, 2; J. Elderfield (conductor), 3; J. J. Parker, 4; G. Bloomfield (Bray), 5; J. Parker, 6. On May 23rd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by J. Elderfield. On May 24th, being the Queen's birthday, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by C. Clarke. And 720 Court Bob, conducted by J. J. Parker. On May 30th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bovington, 1; C. Clarke, 2; J. Elderfield (conductor), 3; J. Parker, 4; G. Basden, 5; A. Crook, 6. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor, conducted by G. Basden.

FULMER (Bucks).—On May 28th, 720 College Single. J. Bovington, 1; R. Flaxman, 2; J. Elderfield, 3; J. J. Parker (conductor), 4; C. Clarke, 5; A. Crook, 6. Also 360 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, and various 120s of Doubles, in which T. Toombs, W. and J. Bateman, G. Guttridge and others took part.

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

STAMFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, May 24th, at St. Martin's church, 420 Grandsire Doubles. E. Gale, 1; G. Betts, 2; G. Slaughter, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; J.

Smith, 6. At St. Mary's church in the evening an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 1700 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., through the rope of the 7th breaking. G. Slaughter, 1; E. Popple, 2; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 3; R. S. Cox, 4; R. Wyche, 5; C. Harper, 6; F. Dennison, 7; G. Betts, 8. At St. Michael's church, 720 Oxford Bob. R. Wyche, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; F. Dennison, 5; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 6.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, May 22nd, at the church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, two touches of Bob Major, 1392 and 352. J. Scholes, 1; M. Wood, 2; E. Hall, 3; Y. Green, 4; J. Dart, 5; E. Clayton, 6; S. Joyce, 7; H. Springall (conductor), 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Monday, May 24th, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Abrahams, 1; H. Street, 2; \*F. W. Butler, 3; E. D. Lillywhite, 4; H. P. Abrahams, 5; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6; F. C. Perrin, 7; W. Joyce, 8. \*First quarter-peal. F. C. Perrin hails from Harlow.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, May 23rd, for Divine Service, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. C. Pilcher, 1; H. Pilcher, 2; H. Collins, 3; W. Farrow, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; W. Hammond, 6. For evening service several more 6-scores and touches of Bob Minor. On Monday, May 24th, at 6 a.m. in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, the bells were rung at intervals during the day. Touches of Grandsire, Bob Minor and Canterbury Pleasure were brought round, and in the evening the bells were fired and the Queen's change rung.

STIATED (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, May 23rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. \*H. Collins, 1; \*H. Pilcher, 2; Ed. Chaplin, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. \*First attempt for a 720 in the method, and hails from Braintree.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, April 22nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. Hudson, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' 1400th 720. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Hudson (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Hudson, 1; H. Little (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 25th, for morning service, 720 Durham Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Worcester Surprise. H. Little (first 720 in the method), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, April 20th, for practice, 720 Double Oxford Bob (eighteen singles three bobs), composed by the late Mr. H. Prior, of Stansted. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; H. J. Tucker, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' fiftieth 720 Double Oxford Bob. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. H. J. Tucker (conductor), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts, 6. Mr. T. Hudson hails from Sunderland and the brothers Tucker from Bishops Stortford. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday, May 6th, at St. Andrew's church, on the occasion of the seventeenth anniversary of the wedding-day of Mr. J. Hawkes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Smith, 1; J. Hawkes, 2; A. Honor (first quarter-peal), 3; A. J. Le Clercq, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; A. Headey, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8. On Thursday, May 20th, several members of the Alton band visited the belfry for combined practice, when the following touches were successfully brought round. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. Rev. F. A. Whyley, 1; \*Miss F. Whyley, 2; \*Miss W. Whyley, 3; \*A. Evans, 4; H. Garfath (composer and conductor), 5; F. A. Barnett, 6; A. Burgess, 7; \*F. Noakes, 8. \*First quarter-peal on tower bells. Also 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; A. Le Clercq, 2; W. Bramley, 3; H. Garfath (conductor), 4; A. Burgess, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. A. Evans, 1; Miss W. Whyley, 2; Miss F. Whyley (conductor), 3; H. Garfath, 4; J. Hawkes, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8. The Rev. F. and the Misses Whyley, Messrs. Burgess, Bramley, Evans, and Noakes hail from Alton. On Monday, May 24th, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. A. E. Smith, 1; A. Smith, 2; A. Le Clercq, 3; H. Garfath (conductor), 4; J. Hawkes, 5; G. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GREENWICH.—On Saturday, May 22nd, at the church of St. Alfege, on the occasion of the opening of the Blackwall Tunnel by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, after an unsuccessful attempt for Thurstans' peal of Stedman, a 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; \*W. Berry, 3; \*J. J. Lamb, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; J. Waghorn, junr., 6; \*H. Flanders, 7; F. W. Thornton, 8. \*Longest length of Treble Bob. And on Monday, May 24th, after Confirmation Service, a 704 of Kent Treble Bob Major. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; W. Berry, 3; J. J. Lamb, 4; E. E. Richards, 5; H. Hoskins, 6; H. Flanders, 7; F. W. Thornton, 8.

#### EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WRANGLE (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, April 19th, at the church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, two 720s of Bob Minor. E. Rawlinson, 1; J. Phillips, 2; H. Staffurth, 3; A. Barber, 4; E. Clayton, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. E. Rawlinson, 1; E. Mason, 2; J. Phillips, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; A. Barber (conductor), 5; E. Clayton, 6. Another 720 in the same method. E. Rawlinson, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; H. Staffurth, 3; A. Barber, 4; E. Clayton, 5; J. Phillips, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRIESTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, April 18th, at the parish church of St. James, 120 St. Simon's and 120 Plain Bob. E. Clayton, 1; A. Barber, 2; H. Staffurth, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; J. Sharpe (conductor), 5.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday evening, May 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Nuttall (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Hunt, 2; W. J. Thyng, 3; J. H. Bell, 4; G. Toplis, 5; G. M. Farr, 6; A. Knights (conductor), 7; G. Mee, 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," and contains the twenty-four 6-7s all the right way.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, April 29th, at St. Paul's church, a 576 of Treble Bob Major. H. Toll, 1; W. Barker (first touch in the method), 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Tysoe, 6; W. Shimmans, 7; I. Hills, 8. On Sunday, May 2nd, a course of Treble Bob Royal. F. Smith, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; I. Hills, 7; F. Hull, 8; H. Sharp, 9; C. W. Clarke, 10. And a course of Bob Royal. And a 305 of Grandsire Caters. E. Tingey (first touch in the method), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Sharp, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Chasty, 8; F. Hull, 9; J. Sear, 10. On Sunday, May 9th, a 324 Grandsire Caters. F. Ball, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Barker, 3; F. Hull, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Chasty (conductor), 8; F. Smith, 9; J. Sear, 10. On Sunday, May 16th, a 384 of Superlative Surprise Major. W. Barker, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Tysoe, 7; H. Sharp, 8. On Friday, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Double Court. F. Ball, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Hull, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. R. Lilley, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On Tuesday, May 4th, a 720 of Double Court. E. Tingey (first 720 in the method), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Barker, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. Chasty, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On Tuesday, May 11th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Tysoe, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Barker, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. Chasty, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On Tuesday, May 11th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Tysoe, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Barker, 3; A. Robinson, 4; C. Chasty, 5; F. Hull, 6. On Tuesday, May 25th, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. E. Tingey (first 720 in the method), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Barker (first 720 in the method), 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; F. Hull, 6.

CLIFTON (Bedfordshire).—On Saturday, May 1st, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Sharp, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; F. Hull, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6.

SANDY (Beds).—On Saturday, May 1st, at the parish church, a 720 of Double Court. S. Constant (conductor), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; I. Hills, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Fox, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; F. Hull, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Saturday, May 22nd, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal in the method (Thurstans'). H. Sharp, 1; W. Barker, 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; A. Tyler, 5; F. Hull, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. R. Lilley, 8. This is the longest length in the method on the bells.

ADDINGHAM (Yorks).—On Sunday, May 16th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Mosley (Kilwick), 1; S. Tillotson



(Kilwick), 2; J. Mumford (Pateley Bridge), 3; C. Low (Kilwick), 4; J. Summersall (Pateley Bridge), 5; J. Hill (conductor, Kilwick), 6.

**BUNGAY (Suffolk).**—On Monday, May 24th, on the occasion of the Queen's birthday, the flag floated from the steeple, and the bells were rung at intervals during the day. A touch of 1386 Grandsire Triples was brought round in the morning by the following: W. Spalding, 1; J. Folkard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; G. Alexander, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; F. Baker, 8. Several other touches were brought round by the same band. On handbells, at the meeting house, three courses of Grandsire Caters. J. Folkard, 1-2; E. Lincoln, 3-4; G. Alexander, 5-6; W. Felgate, 7-8; R. Baker, 9-10.

**COLCHESTER (Essex).** On Sunday, May 16th, for morning service at St. Peter's Church, 336 Bob Major. W. Scott, 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Rashbrook, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; F. Rudkin, 6; W. Schofield (conductor), 7; W. Burch, 8. Also three leads of Kent Treble Bob. W. Harvey, 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Rashbrook, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; F. Rudkin, 6; W. Schofield, 7; W. Burch, 8. Also a course in same method, R. Stannard, 3; the rest as before. For evening service a course of Double Norwich (first on the bells). W. Harvey, 1; W. Howell, 2; R. Stannard, 3; G. Rashbrook, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; D. Elliott, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; J. Newman, 8. And 576 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Howell, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; R. Stannard, 3; G. Rashbrook, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6; W. Ladhams, 7; J. Newman, 8. Also a course of Bob Major. W. Schofield, 7; W. Burch, 8; the rest as before. On handbells, 720 Bob Minor, non-conducted. G. Rashbrook, 1-2; D. Elliott, 3-4; E. Beckwith, 5-6. And 240 Cambridge Surprise Minor. J. Newman, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; G. Rashbrook, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. Messrs. Beckwith, Elliott and Newman hail from Coggeshall, Rudkin from Braintree, Ladhams from Great Tey, the rest are local men.

**CAERLEON (Monmouthshire).**—On Wednesday, May 12th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. L. Stafford, 1; E. Davies, 2; F. Attwell, 3; R. Le Vesconte, 4; G. Condict, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. G. Condict, 4; J. Cox, 3; F. Attwell, 6; the rest as before. Rung on the back six. Tenor 7½ cwt.

**CHARING (Kent).**—On May 24th, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, 720 Grandsire Minor, being six 6-scores called differently. P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Good, 3; W. Spice (conductor), 4; H. Ward, 5; J. Clifford, 6. Also later in the day the bells were fired, and a 6-score of Doubles rang, W. Hadlow (Lenthams), and F. Cacket and J. Willis taking part.

**FAR HEADINGLEY (Yorks).**—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Chad's church, 1036 Bob Major. R. Dickinson, 1; G. Morris, 2; A. Naylor, 3; D. Swift, 4; L. Stokoe, 5; J. Walker, 6; W. Baines (conductor), 7; W. Child, 8. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's birthday. On Saturday, May 22nd, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Simpson to Miss Bray, 1040 Bob Major standing as above. On Sunday evening, May 23rd, for Divine Service, 912 Bob Major standing as above. The last two touches were conducted by W. Child.

**FULHAM.**—On Sunday morning, May 23rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. A. Ough, 1; W. Meaton, 2; W. Elson, 3; H. G. Owen, 4; G. Meaton, 5; H. Adams, 6; C. Charge, 7; J. Nicholls, 8; J. Aldridge (composer and conductor), 9; S. How, 10. †Longest touch in the method.

**MILDENHALL (Suffolk).**—On Monday, May 24th, at St. Mary's church, 360 Bob Minor with 6-8 behind. H. Turner, 1; T. Soames, 2; H. Turner, 3; A. Turner, 4; G. Turner, 5; F. Barton, 6; C. Carpenter, 7; C. Manson, 8. Also 504 Bob Triples. J. Locke, 2; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 4; A. Turner, 6; the rest as before. Conducted by H. Turner. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs.

**SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).**—On Monday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Haines, 1; J. Bragg, 2; W. Wall, 3; G. Skuce, 4; G. Martineau (conductor), 5; F. Rowley, 6; S. Bragg, 7; J. Tarplee, 8. First quarter-peal ever rung by a local band, and first quarter-peal by all except Messrs. Wall and Martineau.

**WERT HAM (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, May 23rd, before Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, four 120s of Grandsire Doubles. A. Waits, 1; E. Clayton, 2; J. Waits, 3; W. H. Dallimore (conductor), 4; W. Truss, 5; W. Living, 6. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Whight, 1; E. Lucas, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; W. Truss, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; T. Faulkner (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Waits, 1; E. Lucas, 2; W. Truss, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; T. Faulkner, 5; E. Clayton (conductor), 6.

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

### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I think it would be interesting to ringers generally, if Mr. Bradney, Shifnal, would kindly forward to "THE BELL NEWS," for publication, a copy of the peal tablet, recording the first peal of Stedman Triples rung there. I would also ask, where, and on what date, was the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in London? The following is the copy of a tablet in Longney Parish Church, and I have heard that it was one of the first rung in a village:—

"On Sunday, 16th January, 1831, was rung on these bells, Mr. Cooper's New Peal of Stedman Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 36 minutes, by the following band. W. Longney, jun., Treble; W. Michael Soule, 2; John Longney, 3; Daniel Merrett, 4; Samuel Sims, 5; William Longney, sen., 6; Richard Guidling, 7; John Prosser, Tenor. Conducted by William Longney, sen."

Croome, Worcester.

L. LONGNEY.

## Obituary.

### HARRY VOYCE.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. Harry Voyce, which event occurred on Saturday, May 22nd, at the age of 26. Deceased was for many years a ringer at Foy, Herefordshire, and member of the choir. The interment took place on Tuesday, the 25th, when the choir attended, the service being fully choral. The sacred edifice, which was draped in black, was filled by many sorrowing friends who came to show their regard, for the deceased was loved by all who knew him. The prayers at the graveside were most impressively read by the Vicar, the Rev. C. T. Wilton, M.A., and the writer hopes that the brightness of the service in the quiet country churchyard made many who were present realise that their late friend was taken to a still brighter service in the heavenly mansions. The coffin was covered with wreaths and crosses sent by relatives and ringers of the Hereford Guild, of which deceased was a member. In the evening 1200 of Grandsire Doubles were rung in 45 mins. with the bells deeply muffled by the following: E. Evans, 1; W. Clarke, 2; C. Sadler, 3; C. Davis, 4; A. J. Llewellyn (conductor), 5; J. Watts, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

**LLANBADARN FAWR (Montgomeryshire).**—The ringers of the parish church have been receiving a course of lessons during the past week in the art of change-ringing by Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, who for eight years acted in a similar capacity for the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers. Handbells have been used in the belfry to further the practice with good results, the method adopted being known as "Grandsire." The preliminary work was confined to "Doubles," or changes on five bells with the tenor covering, which is the basis of eight bell ringing. The following is a summary of the ringing successfully performed, with the names of those who took part:—Thursday, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles on handbells by E. Simon, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2-3; John Davies, 4; S. Walters, 5; and E. G. Thomas, 6. Friday:—Another 6-score (the extent of changes on five bells) was rung on handbells by W. H. Fussell, 1-2; S. Walters, 3; J. Davies, 4; G. Richards, 5; S. Hughes, 6; and a half peal on the tower bells by the same band with Mr. E. Simon (foreman) at the treble. Saturday evening was looked forward to with the hope of being able to score a tower bell peal, which was accomplished after two failures by Messrs. Simon, Walters, Fussell (conductor), Davies, Richards and Hughes, and was a source of pleasure to the band after their week of hard practice. On Sunday morning a full peal of 120 changes Grandsire Doubles was rung for the service, and a half-peal also by the same band, when the eight bells were brought into use, Messrs. George Gardner and E. G. Thomas ringing the 4th and tenor. The two last-named men are able to ring 6-scores on handbells and will make promising tower bell hands. It is to be hoped that the Llanbadarn Society will continue their study and practice of such an interesting art, so that we may soon hear of the first real Welsh team of pealmen. It is due to Mr. Walters that the services of Mr. Fussell were obtained.—*Montgomery County Times.*

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## NEW BELLS FOR STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

The Vicar of Stockton presided over a meeting of church officers, held in the vestibule of the Parish Church, on Thursday evening. He explained that the meeting was called to consider the project emanating from Mr. G. J. Clarkson for increasing the peal of bells from six to ten. Mr. Clarkson had described the present peal as "inadequate both in number and weight of metal for the principal church of a large town," and he gave a list of sixteen towns and villages in Durham and North Yorkshire, none of which had so light a peal as Stockton, whose town bell weighs only 10 cwt. The object being one in which the whole town and neighbourhood would feel an interest, what would be a more fitting memorial of the long and beneficent reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty? Mr. Clarkson had ascertained that the six bells now in the tower could not be changed into a peal of eight without alteration, but they could fittingly become the first six of a peal of ten. The cost of four additional bells, together with the necessary fittings and alterations and extension of the bell frame, would be £722. Towards this sum Mr. Clarkson was willing to give the price of the first additional bell, amounting to £63, on the condition that the cost of the second bell, amounting to £78 15s., was subscribed exclusively amongst those officially connected with the church, including the Vicar, churchwardens, curates, sidesmen, choir, and organist, and also the ringers, who would surrender the usual salary for one year, amounting to £18. In conclusion, the Vicar remarked that the clergy were willing to do their part in the scheme, and he was aware that a committee was being formed of townsmen generally in furtherance of the project, and he felt sure it would be taken up warmly if the church officers felt able to accept the condition. Mr. Wass, speaking for himself and his fellow-warden, said they agreed that an effort ought to be made to meet Mr. Clarkson's condition, and they were willing to do their part. Mr. Parkinson said the idea seemed very popular in the town, and a gentleman holding a high position in the Corporation, but not an attender of the parish church, had informed him that he would not only subscribe, but also would undertake to canvass a district in the town. The subscription list was then opened for the second bell, and almost the whole amount subscribed, the remainder being contributed afterwards by sidesmen absent from the meeting. The following are the subscriptions:—The Vicar, £10; Rev. M. J. G. King, £2 10s.; Rev. M. S. Ware, £2 10s.; Mr. G. H. Wass, £10; Mr. F. Robson, £10; Mr. Leng, £5; Mr. Parkinson, £5; Mr. D. Kidd, £2 2s.; Mr. Wood, £1 1s.; Mr. R. J. Talintyre, £5; The Bellringers, £18; Mr. J. Chapman, 10s. 6d.; Mr. W. H. Harrison, 10s. 6d.; Mr. W. Pargeter, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Lackenby, 5s.; Mr. T. Godfrey, 10s. 6d.; Mr. R. Weatherell, £2 2s.; Mr. W. Watson, Prov. terrace, £2 2s.; Mr. T. Brown, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Kirtley, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Wilson, 5s.; Mr. Jenkins, 5s.; Mr. Kendall, 10s. 6d.; Mr. H. J. Close, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Rutherford, £1 1s.; Mr. G. R. Toogood, 5s.; total subscription, £18 12s. Every sidesman of the Parish Church, without exception, has contributed to the above list.

The *Darlington and Stockton Times* of May 22nd, has the following:—"An effort is being made to signalise this Jubilee year by the addition of new bells to the Stockton parish church peal. The idea is a good one, for the bells in the parish church are beloved by all people. Mr. G. J. Clarkson, an enthusiastic and talented campanologist, has most generously proffered to defray the cost of over £60 for one new bell, and the church officials have agreed to raise the funds for another. All that is now wanted is to raise funds for two other bells and the fittings; and surely there ought to be no difficulty in procuring £200 or £300 for such a purpose in such a memorable jubilee year."

## OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday evening, May 26th, the rector of Oldswinford (Rev. A. B. Timbrell), gave his ringers their annual supper. The Rev. C. Moore, the newly-appointed curate, and Mr. A. E. Parsons, their late instructor, were among the guests. After enjoying a substantial meal, digested by a stroll round the lovely garden, the usual business was duly transacted. Messrs. W. Whitehouse and J. G. Orford were unanimously re-elected leader and secretary respectively. Messrs. H. Skelding and W. Nutting were enrolled as full ringing members, and Mr. A. Roberts as a honorary member.

The Rector, after dwelling at length on the year's progress, presented Mr. Parsons on behalf of the churchwardens and ringers, with a handsome marble timepiece as a memento of their esteem and appreciation for the admirable tuition given to the ringers. He had known him for years and on the appointment of instructor to the ringers in January, 1896, he felt thankful and assured that he would raise the ringing standard at Oldswinford. During the twelve months he came among them no band he ventured to assert had made more satisfactory progress, and had the present before them been a hundred times its value he would not have thought it too good. He hoped Mr. Parsons' connection with himself and ringers would last for many years.

Mr. Parsons, in acknowledging and accepting the timepiece, said he could not find words to thank them for their kindness. Coming to teach them what he could in ringing had been a source of pleasure to him, and whenever he should look upon the present he would be immediately reminded of the pleasant evenings spent in the belfry and of the spirit which had prompted them to give it. On a brass plate at the base of the timepiece the following inscription is engraved:—"Presented to A. E. Parsons by the Rector, Churchwardens and Bellringers of St. Mary's, Oldswinford, May, 1897."

The Rev. C. Moore then said how pleased he was to be with them, and hoped to know more of them in the belfry.

## THE DIDSBURY DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

This Committee have decided to inaugurate the Jubilee rejoicings at Didsbury, Lancashire, by a Bellringing Contest on Saturday, the 19th June. The contest will be confined to the following local churches, viz.:—Birch, Stockport Parish Church, St. George's Stockport, Hazel Grove, Cheadle, Northenden, Bowdon, Stretford, Christ Church Didsbury, and Didsbury Parish Church. The contest will be held at the Didsbury Parish Church, and it is proposed that each company of six men shall ring a peal of 720 changes. The prizes consist of six handsome silver medals for the winners and six bronze ones for the runners up.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, BURNLEY.—On Saturday, May 29th, the members of this society had their annual outing, the place chosen being the "North Round." Accompanied by their wives they made a start from the church gates shortly after 6 a.m. The weather looked very nice just about now, but unfortunately did not continue. Whalley was reached about 7 a.m., and the early hour prevented us from having a pull on the old bells. Several of the company had a stroll through the churchyard, and examined with interest the ancient building. We then proceeded on to Brungerley Bridge (a very pretty little spot on the Ribble), where an elegant breakfast was served by Mrs. Holt, and was done justice to, as only ringers can. After breakfast Mr. T. Mouncey called upon Mr. Dick Ashworth to make a present of a very nice writing desk to the conductor for his services to the belfry and ringing in general. Mr. Ashworth, in making the presentation, alluded to the manner in which he had always worked along with Mr. Redman, and trusted that he would look upon this desk as a slight token of the esteem in which he was held by the ringers. Mr. Redman, in replying, said he hoped in return to retain the confidence reposed in him by the company. Afterwards a few of the company journeyed to Waddington, and rang a 720 of Kent upon the musical ring of six there. We then had a row upon the river, and I do not know whether the inhabitants appreciated their performance in this direction or not, but at all events we enjoyed ourselves. We then went on through Sawley to Gisburn, where another substantial meal had been provided, and had a pull on the bells at the parish church, which go very badly. A start was then made for home, all being very thankful to the wardens, and also to Mr. T. Mouncey for looking after our comfort during the day.

T. R.

## Notices.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be at Horsley, to-day, Saturday, June 5th. Tea at 5.30 (free to members); meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—Having had no reply from Healy the next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, instead of Healy, to-day, Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers invited.

E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

14, Thomas Street, Leesfield.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Crewe Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Tarporley, to-day, Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting at 5 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend if possible.

58, Rigg Street, Crewe. R. LANGFORD, *Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley, to-day, Saturday, June 5th.

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**The Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Annual Meeting at Northampton, on Whit-Monday. By special permission the bells of the churches of All Saints (eight), St. Giles (ten), St. Peter (eight), and St. Edmund (eight), will be at liberty for ringing from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 3.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Divine service at St. Giles' church, with sermon by the Rev. E. C. Channer, M.A., vicar of Ravensthorpe, at 1 p.m. Luncheon and business meeting at The Peacock Hotel, Market Square, at 2 p.m. This hotel will be the Association Head Quarters for the day.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The South and West Middlesex Guild.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 7th, at Ealing. The bells of St. Mary's and Christ Church being open for ringing at 10 a.m. Divine service at St. Mary's (parish church) at 12.30, preacher, Rev. W. E. Oliver, LL.D., Vicar of Ealing. Luncheon at 1.30, at 1s. 6d. each; followed by the meeting, when it is much wished that all members will make an effort to attend, very important business having to be got through. Tea will be provided about six o'clock. Members and friends who intend to be present are earnestly requested to let me know at their earliest, that proper arrangements can be made as to numbers, etc.

2, Oakland Road, Hanwell, W. J. BASDEN.

**The Middlesex Association.**—An important meeting of this association will take place at Ealing, on Whit-Monday, in conjunction with the South and West Middlesex Guild, the proposed arrangements for which will be seen by a reference to the notice relating to that guild. The Hon. Secretary requests that all members who can conveniently do so, will be in early attendance, and that those who wish to partake of luncheon will kindly communicate with him at once, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**The Kent County Association.**—The Annual meeting will be held on Whitsun-Monday, June 7th, at Canterbury. Service in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. The address will be

given by the Dean of Canterbury. Committee meeting at 12; dinner at Gaywood's restaurant, High Street, at 1.30 p.m.; business meeting after dinner. The following towers will be open during the day:—Cathedral (ten bells), St. Stephen's (eight), St. Dunstan's (six), St. Alphege (six), and Holy Cross (five). Applications for dinner tickets to be made to the Hon. Sec. Tickets of admission to the cathedral belfry will be sent with the dinner tickets.

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

Canterbury.

**The Essex Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Whit-Monday, June 7th, at Chelmsford. Divine service will take place in St. Mary's Church at 11.30 a.m. An address will be given by the Rev. Thos. C. Webster, rector of Rettendon. The business meeting will commence at the Central School at 12.30 p.m. Agenda: The officers of the association to be re-elected; election of new members; the presentation of the annual report and any business that may arise therefrom. Dinner will be served in the Boys' School at 1.30 p.m.; the price to members will be 1s.; tickets may be obtained of the Assistant Secretary, at the business meeting. The towers of the following places will be open for ringing: St. Mary's, Chelmsford (ten bells), Writtle (eight), Widford (eight), Boreham (six), Springfield (six), Broomfield (six). A brake will leave the Town Hall at 3 p.m. for Writtle and Broomfield.

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

Gt. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—A general meeting will be held at Darlington, on Whit-Monday, June 7th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (except between the hours of 11 and 3), St. John's and Holy Trinity churches, also of Hurworth church, three-and-a-half miles distant, will be open for the use of members during the day. Dinner will be served at The King's Head hotel at 2.30 prompt. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The committee will meet at the hotel half an hour before dinner.

THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*

314, High Street West, Sunderland.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association,** Yorkshire.—The annual six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Whit-Monday, when the Association's cup and other prizes will be awarded for the best 720 of Violet. Draw at 10 a.m., start at 10.30. Mixed companies allowed to compete if members.

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

19, Albert Street, Bailly Carr.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The annual contest will take place at Wingfield, on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th, for the Association silver cup. Draw to take place at 12 o'clock, contest to commence at 12.30. Peal of six, tenor 19 cwt. Clay Cross station Midland Railway, tower five minutes' walk from station. Local secretary, Mr. T. Allibone.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

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**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Quarterly Meeting, Newnham-on-Severn, Saturday, June 12th, 1897. Divine service at the parish church, with address by the vicar, 5.30 p.m.; meat tea, 6 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head; business meeting after tea. Sixpence will be allowed to each member who sends a 1s. postal order on or before Wednesday, 9th, to

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**The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 12th. Particulars by post-card.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

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**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Oxhey and Bushey, on Saturday, June 19th. Further particulars next week.

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

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual festival and meeting will be held at Romsey, on Monday, July 19th. Subscriptions for 1897 should be sent in as soon as possible. Members or bands wishing to visit any particular tower must inform the Hon. Sec. before June 28th.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

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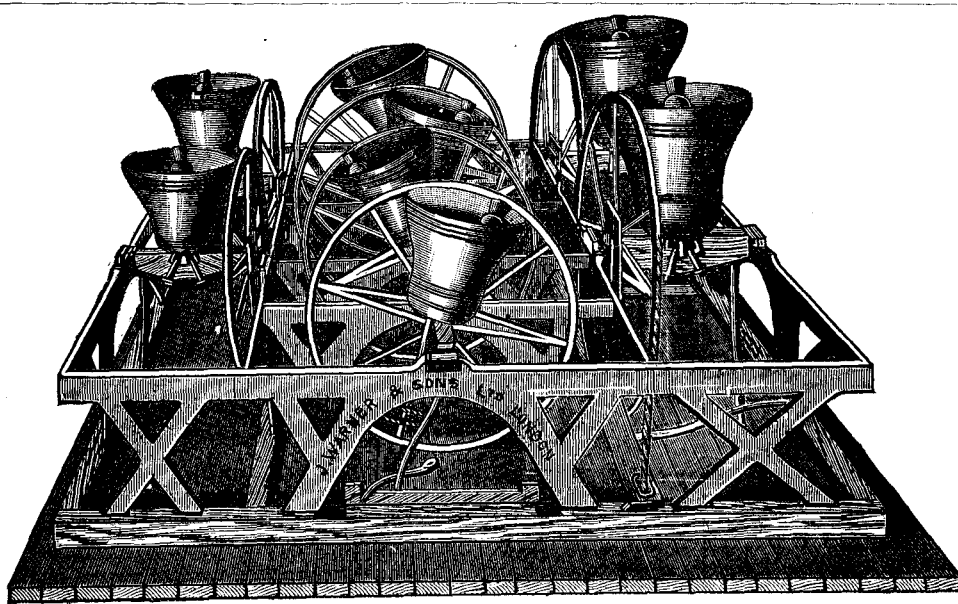
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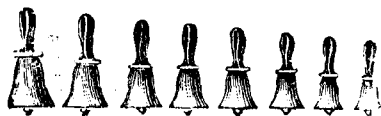
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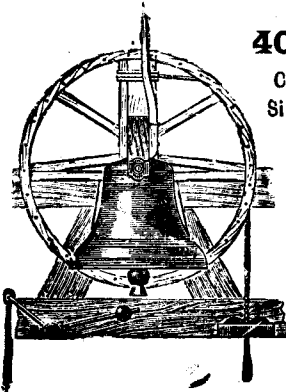
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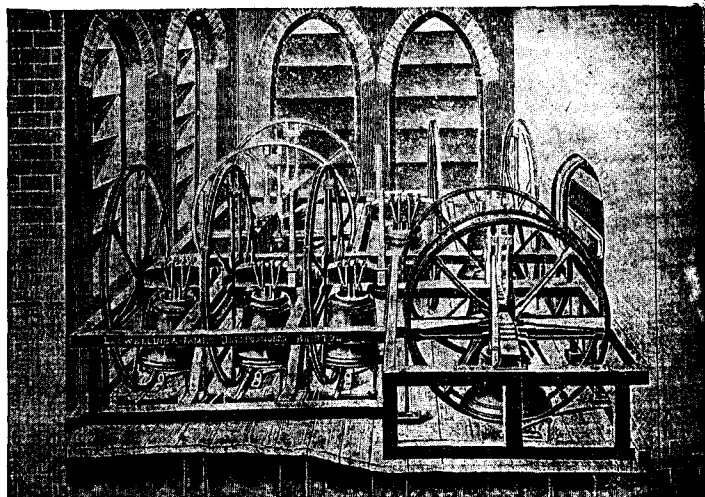
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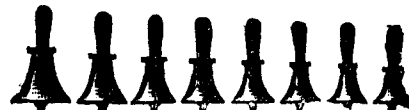
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## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday last, a general meeting in connection with this Association was held at Darlington. During the morning the following touches were rung on the local church bells:—St. Cuthbert's:—336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major; 296 Kent Treble Bob Major; 210 and 168 Grandsire Triples. St. John's:—504 Stedman Triples; 296 and 240 Kent Treble Bob Major; 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major; and 168 Grandsire Triples. Holy Trinity:—720 Bob Minor; 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor; 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The ringers also paid a visit to Hurworth Church during the afternoon.

Over fifty members sat down to dinner at the King's Head Hotel, when Mr. R. S. Story, of Whitley, the president of the Association, occupied the chair, being supported by the Rev. W. P. Wright (Stokesley), Mr. G. J. Clarkson (Stockton), Mr. T. Clark (Masham), Mr. C. L. Routledge (Newcastle), and Mr. T. Hudson (Sunderland, the hon. secretary. The vice-chair was filled by Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough.

After the repast, the Chairman proposed the toast of "The Queen," and made appropriate reference to the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee celebrations. In no particular art, he remarked, had there been such great advancement as ringing, which was now more popular and more scientifically carried out than at any period during the 60 years' reign of her Majesty. On Diamond Jubilee Day the ringers would not be behind the rest of the community in exhibiting their loyalty, and would contribute their share to the rejoicings from the various towers. The toast was musically honoured. He then proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the two dioceses," and mentioned that both the Vicars of St. Cuthbert's and of St. John's regretted that they were unable to be present.

The Rev. W. P. Wright responded.

Mr. G. J. Clarkson, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicars of Darlington and the Rector of Hurworth, for having allowed them the use of their churches, said he would like to make a suggestion to the people of Darlington, which would, no doubt, be well received at this particular period. It would be an immense advantage if the two inferior trebles at St. Cuthbert's were replaced by two new bells equal to the back six, which were very good. The alteration would cost very little, and the improvement would be very marked indeed. In taking this step they would only be taking an example from what, he believed, was going to be a successful movement in connection with the Stockton Parish Church bells. When they got the four bells they desired at Stockton, he thought they could then claim to have the premier bells in the county of Durham.

The election of new members followed. During the proceedings a capitally-rendered plain course of Grandsire Caters was given on handbells by several of the company.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29th, the annual meeting of this Guild was held at Ormskirk, and there was a large attendance of members from various parts, viz.: Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, Hindley, Upholland, Wigan, etc., besides the local company. The meeting derived considerable interest from its being the 400th anniversary of the tenor bell, originally the third bell of Burseough Priory. A number of touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor, Grandsire\* and Stedman Triples were rung, in which the old bell played a distinguished part, its tone seemingly mellowed by age. In the spacious bell-chamber it is the centre bell, and the other seven bells raise their lips around it like lusty juveniles answering to the calls of an aged patriarch.

A shortened service was held at 5.30 p.m., at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Woodrowe) gave a forcible and pungent sermon,

addressing the ringers as "fellow-workers." The Vicar of Ormskirk has just returned from the Holy Land, and his description of the bells at Jerusalem excited particular attention.

An excellent cold collation was afterwards enjoyed at The Plough hotel, provided by Mrs. Hale. At the close Mr. W. Bentham (ringing secretary), read the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £21 10s. 3d. The accounts were passed, and all the officers unanimously re-elected. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit regretted the unavoidable absence of the hon. treasurer, Mr. Martin, also of their friend Mr. Hutton. He congratulated their chairman, Mr. Woodrowe on his safe return from the Holy Land, and felicitated him upon his approaching marriage. Next Mr. Bulpit spoke about the old bell and the art of ringing, and urged a varied study and practice of methods.

Mr. George Lea then read a paper which he had prepared on the history of the Ormskirk bells, dealing particularly with the tenor bell. Addresses were also given by the Rev. J. E. Woodrowe and several of the visitors present. Several new members were elected; the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant and interesting meeting to a close.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Lincoln District held a meeting at Timberland on Saturday last, 5th June, which was sparsely attended, the only visitors being members from Lincoln and two from Washingborough. Taking advantage of the delightful summer weather, the Lincoln contingent (St. Peter-at-Arches society) chose the old-fashioned mode of transit, namely, by coach. Starting in the early afternoon, the drive of fifteen miles through the picturesque Lincolnshire scenery, and the various villages which every now and then appeared to break the delightful charm of nature's work, Timberland was reached in a couple of hours. The welcome greetings were soon over, and at the invitation of the Rev. C. G. Wheat, the ringers attended a special service. Soon after five the company sat down to an excellent tea in the schoolroom, generously provided by the ringers of Timberland, to which, it need scarcely be mentioned, full justice was done, owing no doubt to the effect of the long drive and the fresh country air. A short business meeting was held after tea under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Lindoff. The election of a new committee was discussed, but as the meeting was so poorly represented the matter was left over until the old committee met, which the District Secretary announced would probably be held in Lincoln sometime in the present month. Brant Broughton was the place selected for the September meeting to be held. A hearty vote of thanks to the Timberland Society for their kindness in providing the tea, to the ladies who attended to the visitors' wants, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, which was responded to by Mr. Feneley, concluded the meeting. An adjournment was then made to the belfry, where ringing in the various Minor methods was indulged in until the hour arrived for bidding one another good bye.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

The usual monthly meeting and tea was held on Saturday, May 22nd, at Wallasey. The chair was taken by the Rev. Dr. Cogswell, who in welcoming the ringers to his church, made some happy remarks on the objects and advantages of the Guild. Ringing was indulged in until 9 o'clock in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Canterbury Pleasure, by mixed companies. The next monthly meeting and tea will be at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, on Saturday, June 26th, at 6 o'clock. The tower will be open to ringers after 4 o'clock. Members who propose to attend should send in their names through their leaders to the hon. sec., Mr. H. Wooleott, Grange Mount, West Kirby.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this association was held at Horsley on Saturday, June 5th. Members were present from Alfreton, Ripley, Swanwick, South Normanton, Tibshelf and North Wingfield. The Vicar (Rev. A. G. Waddy), generously provided a splendid tea for the members present, to which 33 sat down on the vicarage lawn under a beautiful chestnut tree, the weather being very hot this was very much appreciated.

The business meeting was held on the same spot after tea. The Vicar being unanimously voted to the chair, the rev. gentleman gave the association a hearty welcome to Horsley, stating that this was the first meeting of the kind ever held in the village but trusted it would not be the last.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, seven new members belonging to Alfreton paid their entrance fees, this being another tower added to the association. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for providing the tea, and for the use of the bells, also to the ladies who so kindly assisted at the tea tables, to which the rev. gentleman suitably responded. The members then dispersed, some to the belfry, others to look over the beautiful old church and churchyard, everything being kept in splendid order, both inside the church and out. Great credit is due to all who are interested in keeping this God's house in such splendid order. Also to the tower-keeper for keeping the beautiful peal of five bells in such good going order, one and all being unanimous in their praise, tenor about 15 cwt. in F sharp. The bells were kept going till nearly 9 p.m., one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## OPENING OF A NEW RING OF BELLS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S, REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, May 1st, the bells at the above church were dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop F. Cramer-Roberts, Vicar of Blackburn. They are a peal of eight, tenor 12cwt. 8lbs., and are the work of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. After the dedication the tenor was rung a few pulls by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and President of the Lancashire Association; then a plain course of Grandsire Triples by a selected band from the Chester Diocesan Guild, the Lancashire Association, and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom for over 100 ringers from different churches in the district, and the bells were kept going up till about 9 p.m. in Stedman, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Plain Bob, the general expression of the ringers being that these bells are the best-toned peal within a long radius, and the go of them excellent, reflecting great credit on the founders.

## 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. LONGNEY.

Sir,—I notice in your issue of the 5th inst. a letter from Mr. Longney in which he seems to imply that I was the author of the paragraph in "Notes to Peals" in your paper of 29th ult., relative to the peal of Grandsire rung at Shifnal, on May 22nd, and as he asks for information I may say that I am a very young hand at ringing, and am in no way responsible for that paragraph, at the same time I shall be pleased at any time to give any information I can that you may think interesting or beneficial to young readers generally, and for that purpose I append the following: In the parish church of Shifnal, on April 20th, 1774 (four years after the present bells were hung) there was rung a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 10 minutes; tenor 19½ cwt. in E, by the following:—

R. Amies, Treble; J. Perry, 2; E. Richards, 3; H. Pidgeon, 4; J. Downing, 5; T. Sandford, 6; A. Peake, 7; J. Smyth, tenor.

Pressure of business prevents me giving more at present, but I shall be glad to give you several interesting particulars at some later date if you wish to have them.

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## ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD.—UNVEILING A PEAL TABLET.

On Thursday evening, June 3rd, a very interesting ceremony took place in the above belfry, by the unveiling a peal tablet by the Vicar, the Rev. Lambert Woodard, in the presence of Mr. churchwarden Bull, J.P. and most of the St. Paul's company. The tablet was presented by Mr. Walter Hunt, a gentleman who was staying in Bedford for a short time. The Vicar in his opening remarks said how very pleased he was to unveil the tablet so kindly given by Mr. Hunt, and was sorry that that gentleman was not present, but he hoped some one would write to Mr. Hunt, expressing their best thanks for the gift. He also said how very pleased he was with the good ringing done upon the beautiful bells of St. Paul's, and hoped that this year being the Diamond Jubilee of our beloved Queen, that the ringers would make it a record year so that they could have some more tablets to unveil, though they were getting a very nice lot already. He was also very pleased that bellringing and also belfry reform, like others sciences, had made great progress during her Majesty's long reign, and wondered what the old ringers were like and what order the ringing-chamber was in sixty years ago.

Mr. Bull said he could indorse all that the Vicar had said, and in reference to the remarks by the Vicar about the ringers sixty years ago, he had some slight recollection when he was a boy of seeing a plentiful supply of beer and smoking in the belfry, but was very pleased that that had all passed away.

Mr. Hills asked the members to accord the Vicar and the esteemed churchwarden, Mr. Bull, a very hearty vote of thanks for their kindness in coming into the belfry to unveil the tablet. He attributed the progress of change-ringing at St. Paul's in a great measure to the action of the Vicar in allowing them to ring the bells for the Sunday services, for they were very much handicapped for week-night ringing by the large public hall being just opposite the church. Mr. Bull had been an excellent friend to them, for he had not only given one bell but had also taken the lion's share in collecting the funds for the others. It is needless to say the vote was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar in returning thanks remarked that what Mr. Hills had said about Mr. Bull was quite true, he had collected most of the money. Mr. Bull in thanking the ringers said he hoped this would be a record year at St. Paul's for ringing, and if the ringers rang a peal early upon Jubilee morning he would present them with a tablet.

Mr. Chasty suggested that the Vicar should write a letter to Mr. Hunt, Mr. Bull fell in with that view, and thought they might sign it jointly. The following is written upon the tablet:—

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—On Monday, January 4th, 1897, was rung in this tower in 3 hrs. and 37 mins., a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5147 changes. Harry Toll, Treble; Samuel J. Cullip, 2; Charles Chasty, 3; Harry Tysoe, 4; William Lightfoot, 5; Frederick Keech, 6; James N. Frossell, 7; Isaac Hills, 8; Charles W. Clarke, 9; Frank Hull, 10. This peal, now rung for the first time, contains the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, composed and conducted by C. W. Clarke.—Also on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 1897, in 3 hrs. and 36 mins., a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5003 changes. Samuel Cullip, Treble; Charles Chsatty, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Hon. Sec.), 3; Frank Smith, 6; Thomas R. Hensher, 5; Herbert Sharp, 6; Isaac Hills, 7; Frank Hull, 8; Charles W. Clarke, 9; Walter Charles Hunt, tenor. This peal was rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent wrong in the tittums and the inverted home positions, Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by C. W. Clarke. This tablet was presented by W. C. Hunt, as a memento of his visit to Bedford.

## Obituary.

The death is announced of Mr. E. Watts, for many years vergar and steeplekeeper at the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London. Members of the College Youths will ring a muffled peal at the above church on the 15th inst., at 8 o'clock p.m.

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## THE CHEERFULNESS OF GRAVEDIGGERS.

[FROM *The Manchester Telegraph*.]

The following extract has been sent to us for insertion, in the hope that it may entertain our readers. We are afraid some of them may think it too grave a subject:—

Whence comes the notion that those who prepare the last home for the remains of poor mortality are naturally a merry race of men? To the ordinary mind the digging of graves would appear to be a rather lugubrious occupation, and not likely to tend to the encouragement of mirth. Yet the idea has undoubtedly long existed. It has found casual expression in the writings of two great novelists, one English and the other American.

Hawthorne, in one of his American notebooks, mentions that in the course of a walk he passed a village graveyard which lay contiguous to the street, and in which a man was digging a grave. One wayfarer after another turned aside to look into the open trench, and to chat with the digger. "I heard him laugh," adds Hawthorne, "with the traditional mirthfulness of men of that occupation." The author of "The Scarlet Letter" was a great lover of traditional lore of all kinds, and especially of that which touched even in the remotest degree on the border land between the two worlds. The contrast between the digger's occupation and his traditional cheerfulness was one which appealed keenly to Hawthorne's sensitive mind. It is to be wished that he had pursued the subject, or had even given a hint as to the genesis and history of the tradition, which are still to seek. On this side of the Atlantic the same idea has found expression in one of the subsidiary tales in "Pickwick." All good Pickwickians will remember the moving history of Gabriel Grub. As the jolly party sat round the blazing fire at the Dingley Dell farmhouse on Christmas Eve, while the snow fell fast outside, Mr. Wardle—most jovial of old-fashioned hosts—edified Mr. Pickwick and his friends with the story of the goblins who stole a sexton—to wit, Gabriel Grub. Gabriel was an ill-conditioned, cross-grained, surly fellow; and this moroseness is carefully mentioned by Mr. Wardle as being quite contrary to all precedent. As a sexton he should have been a cheerful, mirthful man, as would become one in constant contact with the emblems and relics of mortality. "Your undertakers," said the narrator, "are the merriest fellows in the world; and I once had the honour of being on intimate terms with a mute, who in private life, and off duty, was as comical and jocose a little fellow as ever chirped out a devil-may-care song, without a hitch in his memory, or drained off the contents of a good stiff glass without stopping for breath." However, Gabriel Grub was an exceptional character, and Mr. Wardle's veracious narrative showed how the sexton's reformation was effected.

In Mr. Charles Booth's last volume, crammed with facts and figures on the conditions of life among the poor in London, we find little support for the theory of "traditional mirthfulness." Mr. Booth describes metropolitan grave-diggers as a rough set of men, having the reputation of being hard drinkers. "This propensity," he continues, with natural charity, "is no doubt aggravated, and to some extent extenuated by the unpleasantness of their task." The pay is miserable—only sixpence an hour, and it is hardly possible to imagine much cheerfulness resulting from so meagre a wage. Yet the careful observer notes that the roughest of these workers, callous though he may be, still clings to a few threads of euphemism to cover the nature of his task. Grave and coffin are not known to his vocabulary; he digs a "hole," and puts the "box" into it—"casket" he leaves to Mr. Mould and his sable tribe. Traditions do not flourish in a city atmosphere. The traditional cheerfulness of sextons is associated with the functionaries of quiet country villages; and one reason for the association may, perhaps, be found in the fact that so many cases of longevity have been noticed among gravediggers. Death has often seemed to turn a blind eye towards his humble acolytes, who, while continually preparing last resting-places for others, appear themselves to be forgotten by the dark shadow. In not a few instances the sexton has outlived a whole parish. In Peterborough Cathedral there used to be a monumental inscription to the memory of a worthy named Scarlet, once the sexton there, who lived so long—so ran the inscription—as to bury all the inhabitants of the place twice over. Another remarkable instance of longevity is the following: In 1789 died Frances Barton, of Horsley, Derby-

shire, at the great age of 107. She had practised as a midwife for 80 years. Her husband had been sexton of the parish for 70 years; and the folk used to say that she had twice brought into the world, and he had twice buried, or taken out of the world, the whole parish! Another ancient sexton once showed a touch of the cheerful humour one would expect from a man of his profession. He flourished in the last century, and was 55 years gravedigger in Clerkenwell. On one occasion he had to appear as a witness in one of the law courts at Westminster. At the outset of his examination he was asked who he was, to which he replied, "I am gravedigger to the parish of St. James's, Clerkenwell, at your honour's service." It is to be hoped that the judge or barrister who interrogated him appreciated this grimly-cheerful show of respect. The worthy man died in the parish which he had so long served, in the year 1758, at the age of 90.

The cheerfulest of all gravediggers in literature is the argufying clown who is discovered, with his fellow, in the fifth act of "Hamlet," digging Ophelia's grave. It may be that from him, and his representatives on the stage, is derived the notion of a sexton's "traditional mirthfulness." Until early in the present century, the part of first gravedigger in "Hamlet" was always associated with comic "business." It was long customary for the actor who played this part to doff, as he worked, a number of waistcoats—seven or eight—one after the other, to the accompaniment of much farcical gesture and "business." A Frenchman named Simond, who visited this country in 1811, graphically describes the scene in the "Journal" of his tour, as it was played at Covent Garden in Kemble's time. The two clowns begin to break the ground for a grave, then the chief gravedigger "takes off his coat, folds it carefully, and puts it by in a safe corner; then, taking up his pick-axe, spits in his hand, gives a stroke or two, talks, stops, strips off his waistcoat, still talking, folds it with great deliberation and nicety, and puts it with the coat, then an under-waistcoat, still talking, another, and another. I counted seven or eight, each folded and unfolded very leisurely in a manner always different, and with gestures faithfully copied from nature. The British public enjoys this scene excessively, and the pantomimic variations a good actor knows how to introduce in it are sure to be vehemently applauded." It is pretty certain that this custom, which has been abolished for many years past, dated from the original performance of the play, when Richard Burbage, first of a long line of Hamlets, "created" the part of the melancholy Dane. And the constant association of the stage gravedigger with comic "business" would undoubtedly help to perpetuate the tradition to which Hawthorne testified. On the other hand it is of course possible that the idea existed before Shakespeare's time, and that the dramatist in endowing his clown with cheerful humour, and the actor in adding his farcical performances were simply acting, in accordance with the eternal fitness of things. The latter is the more plausible theory.

Professed humourists, as everyone knows, are melancholy men; and why should not the reverse be true? Why should not the occupation which is lugubrious and melancholy, by a natural reaction produce cheerfulness and humour? Melancholy and joy are inseparably associated:—

"Aye, in the very temple of Delight,  
Veil'd melancholy has her sovran shrine,"

COALEY (Gloucestershire).—On Ascension Day, before Divine Service, 120 Stedman's Slow Course. W. Dean, T. Prout (conductor), G. Prout, C. East, T. Savage, S. Smith.

PENDLEBURY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, May 25th, for practice at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Cottrill, 1; T. Lingard (conductor), 2; J. Hindley, 3; J. Dillon, 4; J. Briscoe, 5; J. Chapman, 6; T. Rushton, 7; J. Hindley, 8.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, May 23rd, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 1008 Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original. S. Ansell, 1; W. Ward (conductor), 2; S. Wade, 3; J. Parker, 4; A. Preece, 5; J. Miller, 6; A. Miller, 7; J. Hitch, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, May 25th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble-Bob Minor. A. Miller, 1; S. Wade, 2; J. Miller, 3; W. Ward, 4; H. Newby, 5; J. Parker (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method.



## CURRENT TOPICS.

"Smaller by degrees and beautifully less" becomes the time previous to the Diamond Jubilee pageant. Any one visiting the City of London and its environs just now will find the place in a total whirl, and the people in a very high condition—of excitement. They are, emphatically, on the rush; the courtesies of the pavement and roadway are abolished for the nonce, a kind of semi-lunacy appears to have set in; the cockney jargon *par excellence* may be heard everywhere, and at any time during the twenty-four hours the gamblers—for the Jubilee has undoubtedly affected the *genius loci*—are beginning to faint (they never pray), I mean the seat-gamblers. Exception may be taken to the word; but I hold that the enterprise (save the mark) of those who went in for "seat-letting" for the show, is a gamble of the most direct sort. And now these people are beginning to croak a bit. A glance down the advertisement columns of the dailies this morning (Wednesday), at once attests the frustration of their hopes, and exhibits their disappointment. They have abated their prices for seats to view the procession: a common chair of the Windsor pattern, minus any kind of garniture, can now be rented for a few minutes for the small sum of four guineas! A standing place of a few cubic inches—one-half the price!

Napoleon I. said among other things that we were a nation of shopkeepers. He meant that in everything in which we were concerned we looked principally to that which used to be called "the main chance." In his estimation patriotism with us played second fiddle to money-making. I think his opinion became somewhat qualified when reading of the operations of the British armies in the Peninsula; but there was some ground for the libel. And is it not the same, or worse, now? We are apt, very, to sneer at Americans about the almighty dollar. Let us look at home, and extract the beam from our own optic. This seat-letting is a gross, sensual and — (something else) process of money-making, at the expense of patriotism. Some future compiler of a popular history, when referring to our Queen's Diamond Jubilee, will pen some strong and drastic sarcasm on these "shopkeepers" of to-day.

I am rejoiced to see that the Central Council took my advice with respect to the next place of meeting. I suggested the West of England, and lo! the Council has selected the largest city therein—Bristol. I have heard that Bristol, for its size, has more bells than any other city in the world, not excepting London even. This statement may have a little elasticity, perhaps, but the fact remains that the city of Bristol has a great number of bells. They are not all in good order, unfortunately, but the Council's visit may lead to some restoration being done among them. It may be asked by some innocent people, "How?" Well let us see.

Bristolians are very quick to notice the signs of the times. They are a shrewd folk; taking as much pride in their ancient city and its appurtenances, as a bigoted London Tory "citizen and cordwainer." The western metropolis is not without its legends and its glories. If Queen's Square could articulate, it could tell us a thing or two, so could Bristol Bridge, and other localities. In Bristol is the manufactory belonging to those great public benefactors, Messrs. Wills & Co., whose "Golden Virginia" is the joy, comfort and solace of the whole universe. This is the very tobacco which Sir Walter Raleigh first introduced into this country when returning from his last buccaneering expedition. You know the story, most of you, and have seen the picture of Walter's first pipe in his sanctum. How when he sent his footman for a tankard of nut brown something, the same servant on returning was horrified to see his master smoking, and thinking him on fire, threw the contents of the tankard over him. I do not know whether any ancestor of the present Messrs. Wills owned the ship in which Raleigh introduced "the fragrant" into this country, but it is very likely, the firm being a very old one. I have read somewhere that they occupied the same business premises for about one thousand years, more or less, and have recently been compelled to erect new premises. Those among

you who have not read the above particulars in the history of your country till now, will be much obliged to me for relating them. You will not forget that Bristol tobacco is the very best article of the kind made. The old city has been famous for this manufacture from Raleigh's time; and Bristol tobacco is still the best. Thackeray said so.

Tobacco is not the only solace to man which the good city provides. There is a great firm of merchants and manufacturers in Bristol bearing an honoured name, that of "Fry;" their manufacture is Cocoa, of an high-class quality and merit. They employ a vast number of people, whom I am told they deal with in a most liberal manner. Bristol cocoa is of the best, none better. Messrs. Fry's "concentrated" is Olympian nectar, fit for the gods. Try it on a cold morning, fortified with the favorite beverage of the renowned Stiggins.

Once upon a time, the same as now, Bristol enjoyed the services of a law-officer called "the Recorder." At the period to which I am alluding—just before the first Reform Bill—this officer was Sir Charles Wetherell, K.C. (who was also his Majesty's Attorney-General), a man obnoxious to many of the citizens through his hatred to Reform, and from other causes. In almost every publication dealing with the time in which Sir Charles is mentioned, we are told that he was negligent and careless in his apparel. One writer of the day wonders how his clothes hung on to him at all. He was a clever counsel, but while exercising his powers as an advocate in the courts, those present always had a fear that his garments would suddenly disappear. Readers of "Greville's Memoirs" will remember what is therein said of Sir Charles Wetherell. In the exciting period of the Reform Bill, riots occurred in different parts of the country, and the Bristol riots—unfortunately for the city—claimed the precedence in point of violence and destruction of property. A record of this fact still exists in Queen's Square already mentioned. The mob sought the Recorder, Sir Charles, whom if they had found they would have murdered. The legend runs that he escaped from them by the aid of female attire; but some—evidently the wags of the day—have recorded that the only disguise he adopted for safety in flight was a pair of braces.

"How," the innocent reader again asks, "does all this affect the matter before us?" Well, these digressions from the object in view must only be regarded as a sort of preface, or introduction, or index, or table of contents, or erratum, or dedication, or anything else the reader pleases. I know that every literary work has one or the other of these things, and the reader, who has paid his money, can choose which of them he listeth. But I am sure that if a copy of this week's "B.N." can be distributed extensively among Bristol Churchmen they will commence thinking. And when they have begun this process, it will only want a little artifice to turn their thoughts into aspirations, and then to convey these into the proper channel. There are many ringers in Bristol, and all of them but one man (I won't mention his name) take in this paper. The Master of the Diocesan Association is a resident; and there is also a well-known firm of bell founders. There is likewise some fossilized body which calls itself the "St. Stephen's Ringers." And most important, the city will soon have its resident Bishop. All these agencies ought to effect something before the Council meets next year, in the way of bell-restoration. But sitting still will not be of any use. The power of the local press—a mighty engine in Bristol—must be invoked to create interest, and once the emotions of Bristol folk are aroused, all difficulties are over. Will our Bristol friends in the meantime consider what can be done?

My last paragraph this week shall have another reference to the approaching Jubilee festivities. Surely every ring of bells in the world will be rung on that day. Churchwardens will in many cases see that the ringers' fees are increased somewhat for the occasion. At the same time they must see that the ringers get the increase in full, and not allow it to be manipulated by any intermediary. I know a warden who will invite his ringers to a bountiful repast when the bells are "down" for the day. Why should such hospitality be singular? Why indeed?

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## Notices.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. — Quarterly Meeting, Newnham-on-Savern, to-day, Saturday, June 12th. Divine service at the parish church, with address by the vicar, 5.30 p.m.; meat tea, 6 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head; business meeting after tea.

REV. C. H. JOBERNS.  
St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on to-day, Saturday, June 12th. Particulars by post-card. HENRY COLBY, Branch Sec.  
3, Rumbold Place, Liverpool.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Bath Deanery.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Keynsham Parish Church, on Monday next, June 14th, at 7.30 p.m. A conveyance will leave the general post office, Bath, at 6 p.m. Bristol ringers are invited. J. FUSSELL, Hon. Local Sec.  
9, Cottage Place, Larkhall, Bath.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The next ringing meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15th, at the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, at 8 p.m. The bells will be half-muffled in respect to the late Mr. E. Watts, who, for many years was steeple-keeper at this church. W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Hertfordshire Association.—A district meeting will be held at Oxhey and Bushey, on Saturday, June 19th. The tower of Oxhey church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock; business meeting to follow, and at its conclusion the members will proceed to Bushey, where the tower of the parish church will be available for ringing during the evening. Members and visitors intending to be present will kindly send word to me by Wednesday, June 16th. E. P. DEBENHAM,  
St. Albans. Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Worsley, on Saturday, June 26. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts' Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. John's schoolroom, Bromsgrove, on Saturday, June 26th, at 6 o'clock prompt. The Rev. E. V. Hall, vicar, has kindly consented to preside. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, to which all are cordially invited. The tower will be opened and the bells, which have just been re-hung, placed at the disposal of the members. Tea will be provided for all members sending in their names to me not later than Tuesday, June 22nd. JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.  
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual festival and meeting will be held at Romsey, on Monday, July 19th. Subscriptions for 1897 should be sent in as soon as possible. Members or bands wishing to visit any particular tower must inform the Hon. Sec. before June 28th.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.  
Hursley, Winchester.

DEAR READER of "THE BELL NEWS."—Will you please obtain another permanent weekly subscriber to this paper? Do not be offended if we ask you to try—at once.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BECCLES.—This is the first peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells. The only previous peal on the ten was one of Plain Bob Royal, on May 24th, 1837, upon the anniversary of the birthday of the (then) Princess Victoria, a month before she was called to the throne. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Hopson for his great kindness and generosity on this and two previous occasions. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 8th and 9th hail from Ipswich; 4th, 5th and 6th from Norwich; 7th from Eye; and tenor from Diss.

THE PEAL AT BEDFORD.—First peal on ten bells by ringers of 3 and 4. A. Tyler hails from Irthlingborough; T. Hensher from Wellingborough; A. H. Martin from Higham Ferrers; H. Chapman (late of St. Paul's, Bedford) from Pendleton, Lancashire; the remainder to St. Paul's, Bedford. This is the longest peal in the method by all, also by the association, and also the longest peal yet rung in Bedfordshire. A 10,097 was started for, but one of the band becoming ill, the conductor brought the bells round after nearly four hours of grand striking.

THE PEAL AT CIRENCESTER.—Following the peal of Bob Royal so recently rung by the St. Michael's Juniors, they felt they ought not to stop until they had rang a peal of Maximus in the same method. Permission was given for the use of the ring of twelve at Cirencester Parish Church, and the attempt was made on Whit-Monday, which was successfully brought round after ringing three hours and thirty-three minutes. This peal of Maximus is believed to be the first peal of Plain Bob Maximus ever rung in the county, and is the first by the association and by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the Juniors previous to starting, owing to one of the selected band failing to show up. Although there has been several peals rung on these bells since the re-hanging by Messrs. Taylor and Son, it is the first time the tenor has been turned in for a peal, and it goes to show that the way they carry out their work is most satisfactory. Great credit is due to Mr. H. Midwinter for the efficient manner he carries out the duty of tower-keeper.

THE PEAL AT DEBENHAM.—This peal was rung to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the 16,608 changes rung at Debenham on June 6th, 1892. W. Flory and H. Howlett hail from Framlingham; W. G. Crickmer from Earl Soham; D. Collins from Worlingworth; J. Motts from Ipswich; W. Grimes, sen. and W. A. Grimes, jun., belong to Debenham. Thanking the Rev. W. A. Duke for the use of the bells, also W. Grimes, steeple-keeper, for having the bells in readiness.

THE PEAL AT FRAMSDEN.—This is the first peal of Major ever rung in which a father and six sons took part. All of this band originated from Cretingham, this is also the first time this family have rung together. The calling of the peal may be found in the association report, 1895.

THE PEAL AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH.—This peal is a one-part, and contains the 6th at home at nine course-ends. It was J. R. Mawby's first peal and first attempt, and he was made a member of the association previous to starting. Martin hails from Higham Ferrers; W. Perkins from Finedon; C. Newman (late of Irthlingborough) from Kettering.

THE PEAL AT REDDISH (Lancashire).—This is the first peal on the bells. The ringers of

the 1st, 5th and 6th are from St. George's, Heaviley, Stockport, who are the instructors for the new band, the others are from St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne. They wish to thank (through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS") the rector, the Rev. E. Oldfield, and the churchwardens, for their permission, also the tower-keeper, Mr. Smithson, for having everything in readiness.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Latter has removed from 67, Goods Station Road, Tunbridge Wells, to 4, South View Road, High Brooms, near Tunbridge Wells.

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WANTED by a young man, light employment; age 23; change-ringer in four methods. Address, A. B. C., care of editor.

WANTED, Situation as Sexton (understands duties), or any place of trust. Good change-ringer in all Standard Methods. Married; age 32; good testimonials. Member of Kent County Association and College Youths. Address, B. Y., care of Editor.

WANTED situation as Under Gardener, where two or more are kept; age 21; four-and-half years in last situation; good character and change-ringer. Address—F. Whiteman, Wooburn Town, near Maidenhead, Berks.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1897.

THOUGH the reports of the Whit-Monday meetings have not yet come to hand, the effect of the holiday season has shewn itself in the number of peals rung, and which are recorded upon succeeding pages of this number. Twenty-three peals, several of them of great merit if the methods are considered, on eight, ten, and twelve bells, is the highest number recorded lately, showing that advantage was taken of the day's holiday. We shall next week publish the proceedings at the meeting of the Central Council, though the whole report will we expect be too great to appear in one number. As we intimated last week, the President's invitation was accepted to the full, the "pipe-and-glass" meeting being most extensively attended, and Mr. Heywood's hospitality on the occasion being very much appreciated.

It has been suggested to us by a very influential supporter that we should, like any other journal, enjoy the luxury of a Jubilee number, to be of proportions large enough to publish at one issue an account of the whole of

the ringing for the Jubilee festival. We have acceded to this wish. Further particulars concerning this enlarged number will be found in our next issue, and in such an undertaking we hope to have the cordial co-operation and support of our ringing brethren.

### AN INVITATION.

Any ringers visiting the city of York during the next Gala, on the 16th, 17th and 18th insts., will be made welcome at the Minster, at mid-day or after five o'clock, as soon as the service is over.

W. H. HOWARD.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 7, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD.

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lbs.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	*WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB* .. 2.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON ..
HARRY HOSKINS .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 4.	*JOSEPH LAW .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

\*First peal in the method. This is but the second peal of Stedman on these bells, the first being the opening peal by the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1875. G. Williams hails from Brighton (and was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal); J. W. Whiting from Fareham, Hants: Messrs. Shade, Lamb, Hoskins and Thornton from Greenwich, the rest are local men.

### The Provinces.

#### REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 29, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 8 lbs.

TOM MARSHALL .. Treble.	JOHN W. BAILEY .. 5.
BENJAMIN THORPE .. 2.	ANDREW SIDEBOTHAM .. 6.
JAMES BOOTH .. 3.	SAMUEL WOOD .. 7.
JAMES WOOD .. 4.	SAMUEL BOOTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

#### SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY).

On Friday, June 4, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK CLAYTON .. Treble.	EDWARD BOYLIN .. 5.
JOSEPH KITTEREDGE* .. 2.	EDWARD BRYANT .. 6.
THOMAS A. COLE* .. 3.	JAMES DOWLER .. 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 4.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by THOS. A. COLE.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor; and the first peal of Major on the bells.

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

On Saturday, June 5th, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED. G. MAY .. Treble.	SIDNEY E. ROMANS .. 5.
ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 2.	ERNEST BISHOP .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 4.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The above was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. A. T. Brunson, who is a member of the above society.

#### COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. 5.
CHARLES NORFOLK .. 2.	JAMES NICHOLLS .. 6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

This peal was arranged for Mr. J. Nicholls, of Fulham, who wished to ring a peal on the bells of his native town. First peal of Major by W. Keeble.

#### PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5th, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN W. WHITING .. Treble.	GEORGE PAICE .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 2.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. 3.	KEITH HART .. 7.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of Major on the bells. J. W. Whiting hails from Fareham; I. G. Shade from Greenwich; G. Paice from Crawley; Goldsmith from Lewes, and the remainder from St. Peter's, Brighton.

#### TONBRIDGE, KENT.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 5, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD .. Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. 2.	THOMAS CARD .. 6.
JAMES MAYNARD .. 3.	*ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 7.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. 4.	JOSEPH SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.

\*First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells since the tenor has been recast.

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

On Monday, June 7, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

KEITH HART .. Treble.	HARRY WESTON .. 5.
ROBERT S. CHERIMAN .. 2.	ALFRED TURNER .. 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. 3.	*CHARLES PAINTER .. 7.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 4.	JAMES NEWLAND FROSSELL .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON and Conducted by KEITH HART.

\*First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

## DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

WILLIAM BARKER .. .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 5.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 2.	FRANK HULL .. .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 7.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL WOODS and Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

This peal contains the sixth its extent in 5-6, and the fifth its extent right. J. George hails from Rugby, the remainder belong to St. Paul's, Bedford.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM A. GRIMES .. 2.	DAVID COLLINS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FLORY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 7.
HORACE HOWLETT .. .. 4.	HENRY W. BALDREY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

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

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JOHN J. MAWBY .. .. Treble.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 5.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 2.	ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. 6.
CLIFTON NEWMAN .. .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES GARRATT.

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

## AUGHTON, NEAR ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHOLICAR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MARSH .. .. Treble.	EDMUND PRESCOTT .. .. 5.
THOMAS JENKINSON .. 2.	JAMES R. PARK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH .. 3.	WILLIAM BENTHAM .. .. 7.
EDWARD CAUNCE .. .. 4.	CHARLES SHARPLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BENTHAM.

E. Prescott hails from Hindley, the rest belong to Aughton.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5723 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BARKER (age 16). 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 8.
ANDERSON TYLER .. .. 4.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 9.
THOMAS HENSHER .. .. 5.	FRANK HULL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

## CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, June 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

HERBERT MIDWINTER .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. JONES .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 8.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 3.	FRED. G. MAY .. .. 9.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 10.
LIONEL LONGNEY .. .. 5.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 11.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. 6.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

## BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	FREDK. DAY .. .. 7.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 8.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 9.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 5.	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 7, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE KING .. .. 5.
ROBERT S. CHERRIMAN .. 2.	JOHN SPARKES GOLDSMITH 6.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 3.	ALFRED TURNER .. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells.]

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 7, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

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

## GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

CHARLES WASKETT† .. Treble.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	ALFRED TARBUN .. 6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This composition, in fourteen courses, has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th place, and the 6th her extent wrong.



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

On Monday, June 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

REUBEN SAWYER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE FOXELL .. .. 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES† .. 2.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 7.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 8.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 9.
JOHN TUCKER .. .. 5.	*E. BRUCE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal. †First peal on ten bells. This peal was rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Prince Christian to open the Royal Counties Show, and is now rung for the first time.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM OSTLER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 2.	HORACE HOWLETT .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 3.	SAMUEL GARNHAM .. .. 7.
JOHN SELF .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

First peal with a bob bell by W. Groom. Messrs. Ostler, Self, Howlett and Garnham hail from Framlingham, the rest belong to the local company.

## APPLETON, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

RICHARD BENNETT .. .. Treble.	FRANK TUBB .. .. 6.
RICHARD WHITE .. .. 2.	HARRY WALTERS .. .. 7.
JAMES TRINDER .. .. 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. .. 8.
STEDMAN WHITE .. .. 4.	FREDERICK WHITE .. .. 9.
HENRY WOODWARD .. .. 5.	THOMAS BARNETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

WALTER PERKINS .. .. Treble.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 5.
HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and was arranged for H. Chapman.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WALTER PERKINS* .. .. Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 5.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 6.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

\*First peal in the method. H. Chapman hails from Pendleton, Manchester; J. R. Sharman from Crawley; for whom this peal was arranged. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Garratt, Pettitt and Houghton hail from Irlthingborough; Perkins from Finedon.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Monday, May 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1897 changes in the following methods, in 1 hr. 11 mins.: 720 and 457 Plain Bob, and 720 College Single. J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Monday, May 31st, a date touch was rung in honour of the Queen's Birthday, being 240 each of Craven Delight, Merchants' Delight, Woodbine, Violet, Kent, Oxford and 217 College Treble Bob. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotton, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, May 5th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25½ mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Saturday, May 8th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Sunday morning, May 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Saturday, May 22nd, for practice, 720 Oxford in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; T. Bradley, 4; W. Wild, 5; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent in 25½ mins. S. Fernley, 1; W. Wild, 2; S. Rutter, 3; T. Bradley, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 6. Messrs. J. S. Wilde, Bradley, and W. Wild hail from Hyde. On Sunday morning, May 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob in 27 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Monday, May 24th, for practice, 720 Kent in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Sunday morning, May 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; A. Fernley, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley (conductor), 4; S. Rutter, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. J. Fernley, 1; A. Fernley, 2; S. Fernley, 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; S. Rutter (conductor), 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Monday, May 31st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. A. Markwell (Stockport), 1; S. Rutter, 2; J. Dean, 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; A. Fernley, 5; S. Fernley (conductor), 6.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On May 2nd, 720 each of Violet and Woodbine. J. Mainwaring, 1; C. Greenall, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. May 4th, 720 City Delight. J. Mainwaring, 1; S. Horsfall, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; T. Burrows, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. May 6th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Burrows, 1; F. Spence (conductor), 2; H. Moston, 3; J. E. Ashcroft, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. Booth, 6. Also 720 College Exercise. H. Moston, 1; T. Burrows, 2; F. Spence (conductor), 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. Booth, 6.

STRETTON (Cheshire).—On May 8th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. On May 9th, for Divine service, 720 each of London and Bocking Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. May 11th, 720 Imperial. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. May 16th, 720 College Pleasure. F. Spence (conductor), 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; J. Booth, 6; rest as before. May 20th, 720 each of Duke of York and College Exercise. H. Moston, 1; T. Burrows, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. Booth, 6. May 25th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; F. Spence, 3; J. E. Ashcroft, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; T. Burrows (conductor), 6. May 27th, 720 London Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. Booth, 6. May 29th, an attempt was made for a 5040 in seven methods, but came to grief through the breaking of a rope after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs. 17 mins., made up of 720 each of London, College Exercise, College Pleasure, City Delight, Duke of York and 600 Woodbine Treble Bob, by J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. May 30th, 720 London Scholars'

Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, May 30th, at St. Wilfrid's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; S. Johnson, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, June 2nd, 1440 in the following methods, in 55 mins.: 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; S. Johnson, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with W. Hind (first away from the tenor) ringing the treble.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, May 23rd, for Divine Service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. E. Emery, 1; T. Lincoln, 2; E. W. Davis, 3; G. W. Sorrell, 4; A. Head, 5; R. Wood, 6; F. G. Radley, 7; W. Lincoln, 8. On Monday, May 24th, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Lincoln, 1; W. E. Emery, 2; F. G. Radley, 3; G. W. Sorrell, 4; R. Wood, 5; T. Lincoln, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; C. Scillitoe, 8. Afterwards the bells were fired sixty times in succession. On Saturday, May 29th, to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osborne from their honeymoon, 616 Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original. W. Rowland, jun., 1; W. E. Emery, 2; T. Lincoln, 3; A. Head, 4; R. Wood, 5; T. G. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, March 30th, for Divine at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, 832 Cambridge Surprise Major. H. R. Newton, 1; F. Buck, 2; A. P. Heywood, Esq., 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; S. E. Andrews, 6; C. T. P. Brice, 7; J. N. Ox-borrow (conductor), 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOBERTON (Hants).—On Monday, April 19th, at St. Peter's church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Griffin, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; E. Newman, 3; J. Warren, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Chappell, 6; A. Millard, 7; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 8.

CURDRIDGE (Hants).—On Saturday, May 22nd, a meeting was arranged at the parish church, where there is an excellent peal of eight recently opened, when members from the following towers met the local band: Fareham, Wickham, Shedfield, and Swanmore. During the short time they had at their disposal, a 92 and 576 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung. H. Griffin, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; F. Hill, 3; J. Warren, 4; R. Fuge, 5; G. Chappell, 6; G. Grafham, 7; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Cummins, 1; W. Cooper, 2; F. Hill, 3; G. Chappell, 4; R. Fuge, 5; A. Millard, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Grafham, 8. First touch on eight bells by Messrs. Cummins and Cooper. Afterwards the vicar came into the tower and gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, and who although not a ringer himself, said the bells sounded very pleasant at the vicarage. The vicar was duly thanked for the use of the bells, tenor 26 cwt. in D.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—On Tuesday, May 25th, for combined practice, members from Wickham, Swanmore, and Shedfield met at the parish church and rang 720 Bob Minor. W. Churcher, 1; S. Cummins, 2; W. Cooper, 3; G. Plaskett, 4; G. Chappell, 5; A. Millard (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Cooper, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Langford, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Carpenter, 6. And 360 Oxford Single Bob. J. Pearce, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. Plaskett, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. Chappell (conductor), 5; A. Millard, 6.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Saturday, May 22nd, on the occasion of a meeting for combined practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. †Rev. F. Knight, 1; †P. Clarke, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; C. Giles, 4; M. Steer, 5; H. White, 6. †First touch of Minor. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. \*C. Pearce, 1; F. Wilson, 2; C. Giles, 3; F. Francis, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; †M. Steer, 6; H. White, 7; Rev. F. Knight, 8. Also another touch of Triples with P. Clarke (first attempt at Triples), 1. \*First touch of Minor. †First touch of Triples with a bob bell.

HAVANT (Hants).—On Monday, March 29th, at the parish church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 35 mins. C. Mockford, 1; H. Shirley, 2; J. Staples, 3; Rev. W. H. Gordon, 4; T. Pullen, 5; A. Langtry, 6; G. Instrall (conductor), 7; W. Kill, 8. First half-peal by the ringers of 4, 5, 6 and tenor. On Monday, May 3rd, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 48 mins. W. Stevens, 1; E. Newman, 2; J. Harriss, 3; Rev. W. H. Gordon, 4; J. Harper, 5; W. Batts, 6; G. Instrall (conductor), 7; A. Langtry, 8. Also 504 in the same method. J. Smith, 1; E. Newman, 2; H. Shir-

ley, 3; Rev. W. H. Gordon, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Harper, 6; G. Instrall, 7; J. Staples, 8. Messrs. Harper, Newman and Harriss belong to the Portsea band, W. Watts to Hambleton.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, May 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Sutton, 1; Alice White, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; F. Wilson, 4; H. Lawes, 5; A. Pye, 6; H. White, 7; F. Eatwell, 8. And 420 in the same method. E. Sutton, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; H. Lawes, 3; J. Ballard, 4; F. Wilson, 5; A. Pye (conductor), 6; H. White, 7; F. Eatwell, 8. Messrs. Pye and Eatwell hail from Mortimer.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 6th, for morning service at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Marsh, 1; J. Eastham, 2; C. Sharples, 3; E. Caunce, 4; W. Bentham, 5; T. Jenkinson, 6; W. Fairclough (conductor), 7; H. J. Morley, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Marsh, 1; J. Eastham, 2; W. Fairclough, 3; E. Caunce, 4; W. Bentham, 5; E. Prescott (conductor), 6; J. R. Park, 7; T. Jenkinson, 8. E. Prescott hails from Hindley.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MORTIMER (Berks).—On Sunday, May 23rd, for evening service at St. Mary's church, 420 Grandsire Triples. H. Cox, 1; F. Eatwell, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; W. Jerram, 5; A. Pye (conductor), 6; K. Mason, 7; A. Davis, 8. On Saturday, May 29th, 420 Grandsire Triples. H. Austin, 1; W. Jerram, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; A. Pye (conductor), 5; F. Eatwell, 6; K. Mason, 7; H. Cox, 8.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORSLEY (Derbyshire).—On Monday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. T. Whitton, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. Aldridge, 3; W. Peat, 4; H. George (conductor), 5. H. George hails from Ripley; the rest are local men.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, June 5th, 1736 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. S. Reeves, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; J. W. Smith, 3; H. Salisbury, 4; W. R. Small, 5; W. Micklewright (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; J. Godfrey, 8.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 6th, 720 College Single in 27 mins. H. Price, 1; E. Hampton, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Talbot, 4; J. W. Smith, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Lewis, 1; J. W. Smith (conductor), 2; W. Micklewright, 3; H. Salisbury, 4; W. Talbot, 5; J. Smith, 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob in 25½ mins. H. Price, 1; W. Micklewright (conductor), 2; W. Talbot, 3; H. Salisbury, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. W. Smith, 6.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday, June 7th, a touch of Grandsire Triples. H. Goodman, 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. Smith, 3; G. James, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; H. Salisbury, 6; J. W. Smith, 7; J. Godfrey, 8.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

LAVERNHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 29th, on handbells in the tower, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Symonds (conductor), 1-2; T. King, 3-4; F. Symonds (first 720 double-handed), 5-6.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 29th, 720 New London Pleasure (nine bobs). H. Symonds, 2; F. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; A. Symonds (conductor), 4; T. King, 5; R. Grimwood, 6.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorks).—Recently for practice 720 College Exercise. O. Sadler, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; W. Allwood (first in the method), 3; T. Sadler, 4; W. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 London Scholars. A. Woofenden, 1; S. Walker, 2; W. Allwood, 3; T. Whitworth, 4; W. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 25th, for practice, 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Primrose, College Treble, College New Treble, Violet, and 120 Arnold's Victory. W. Allwood, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; W. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. And 240 each of College Exercise and London Scholars. A. Woofenden, 1; S. Walker, 2; W. Allwood, 3; T. Sadler, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. First 720 of London Scholars by W. Allwood.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Friday, May 28th, before Confir-

mation service at the church of All Hallows, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples in 47 mins. W. Gibson, 1; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 2; \*E. Iverson, 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; \*W. Dickinson, 5; J. Waghorn, sen., 6; C. Button, 7; W. Martin, 8. After service 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Waghorn, jun., 1; E. Iverson, 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; W. Gibson, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. Waghorn, sen. (conductor), 6; C. A. Button, 7; W. Martin, 8. \*Longest length of Bob Triples.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Saturday evening, May 8th, at St. Peter's church, 720 College Single. W. Barker, 1; W. Davison, 2; C. Chasty, 3; A. Robinson, 4; H. Toll, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob standing as before. On Sunday evening, May 16th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Parrott, 1; S. Lowe, 2; F. Lowe, 3; A. Robinson, 4; S. Constant (conductor), 5; M. Davison, 6. And 360 College Single. F. Parrott, 1; S. Lowe, 2; A. Robinson, 3; F. Lowe, 4; W. Davison, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Double Court. F. Parrott, 1; S. Lowe, 2; F. Lowe, 3; H. Toll, 4; S. Constant (conductor), 5; A. Robinson, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. F. Parrott, 1; S. Constant (conductor), 2; S. Lowe, 3; F. Lowe, 4; A. Robinson, 5; H. Toll, 6. On Sunday evening, May 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Parrott, 1; F. Lowe, 2; S. Constant (conductor), 3; S. Lowe, 4; H. Toll, 5; A. Robinson, 6.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Sunday, May 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 360 Bob Minor (six bobs and six singles). For evening service 720 Plain Bob (four bobs and twenty-six singles). J. Shipp, 1; R. Leonard, 2; F. Charlton, 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; C. Walker, 6. On Monday, May 24th, on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday, 720 Plain Bob (ten bobs and fourteen singles). On Sunday, May 30th, 360 Oxford Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs). And 360 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs and twelve singles). W. McLean, 1; W. Johnson, 3; the rest as before. J. Shipp hails from Evenwood; F. Charlton from South Church, Bishop Auckland.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Monday, June 7th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt for Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins. S. Churton, 1; T. Allen, 2; A. Brindley, 3; T. Austin, 4; J. Austin (late of Stoke, but now of Manchester), 5; H. Page (conductor), 6; E. Davis, 7; W. Grice, 8.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, May 2nd, for evening service, 384 Bob Major. J. J. Allen, 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. E. Oakley, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; F. Edwards, 6; C. F. Winney, 7; E. E. Huntley, 8. On Wednesday, May 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original). J. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; W. Thorn, 6; F. Edwards, 7; T. Hussey, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to S. Noakes, Esq. On Sunday, May 9th, for evening service, 376 Grandsire Triples. J. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; E. E. Huntley, 3; W. E. Oakley, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. G. Wiltshire, 6; F. Edwards (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. G. Whitehead. On Saturday, May 15th, 96 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; F. Edwards, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. E. Oakley, 7; E. E. Huntley, 8. And a course of Stedman Triples. W. E. Oakley, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; F. A. Smith, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; W. Thorn, 8. Also 416 Bob Major. W. E. Oakley, 1; F. A. Smith, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; A. J. Porter, 4; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7; F. Edwards, 8. On Sunday, May 23rd, for evening service, 378 Grandsire Triples. E. E. Huntley, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; F. Smith, 6; F. Edwards (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. On Sunday, May 30th, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. E. Huntley, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards (conductor), 6; F. A. Smith, 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. W. Thorn, 6; F. Edwards (conductor), 8; the rest as before.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CRATFIELD.—On Sunday, May 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob

Minor. H. W. Stanley, 1; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 2; F. R. Borrett, 3; F. H. Knights, 4; F. J. Howchin, 5; S. Smith, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

LAXFIELD.—On Sunday, May 23rd, at All Saints' church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. W. Stanley, 1; F. Lambert, 2; F. R. Borrett, 3; F. J. Howchin, 4; F. H. Knights, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—At Christ Church, on Sunday, May 2nd, for morning service, 720 York Surprise. 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, May 3rd, for practice, 720 Coventry Surprise. A. L. Hardman, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 9th, for morning service, 720 Superlative Surprise. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 10th, for practice, 720 Craven Delight (first in the method by the whole of the band, and rung at the first attempt). A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 14th, 720 Craven Delight. J. B. Taylor, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 16th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 College Single. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 17th, for practice, 720 Craven Delight. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 5; E. J. Cockroft, 6. On Monday, May 24th, 720 Woodbine. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 28th, 720 Violet. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. Brierley, 6. On Sunday, May 30th, for morning service, 720 Merchants' Delight. G. Shotten, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Tuesday, May 4th, at the parish church, 720 College Single. J. Bentley, 1; J. Haworth, 2; W. Britcliffe, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. First in the method by all, and is believed to be the first in the method on the bells. On Sunday, May 16th, 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Britcliffe, 1; I. Whalley, 2; J. Bentley, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 30th, 720 Oxford Single. J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden, 3; C. Sharples, 4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5; I. Whalley, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, May 12th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, May 17th, 720 Oxford Single. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Wednesday, May 26th, 720 College Single. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. First in the method on handbells by all.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On April 17th, at the parish church, 720 Violet. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6; and 720 New London, standing as above. On April 21st, 720 Duke of York; on April 24th, 720 Violet and 720 New London; on April 25th, 720 Woodbine; on May 3rd, 720 Kent (15 Bobs), standing as above; and 720 Plain Bob (18 bobs and 18 singles). R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5; T. Seed, 6. May 5th, 720 College Pleasure. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6 (first in the method by all). On May 9th, 720 College Pleasure, standing as above. On May 16th, 720 Kent. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Kenyon, 2; F. Timbrell, 3; T. Seed, 4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5; E. Timbrell, 6. On May 19th, 720 Duke of York. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On May 22nd, 720 College Pleasure; on May 23rd, 720 New London and 720 Woodbine, standing as above; and 720 Plain Bob. E. Timbrell, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; F. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On May 26th, 720 Plain Bob (21 bobs and 12 singles). R. Kenyon, 1;

J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5; E. Timbrell, 6. On May 30th, 720 Plain Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; F. Timbrell, 3; J. Kenyon, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Timbrell (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—May 4th, 720 Plain Bob (42 singles); May 6th, 720 Plain Bob (42 singles); May 10th, 720 Plain Bob (22 singles); May 11th, 720 Plain Bob (30 bobs and 2 singles); May 13th, 720 Plain Bob (28 bobs and 18 singles); May 29th, 720 Plain Bob (32 bobs and 6 singles); and 720 with 32 bobs and 2 singles. F. Timbrell, 1-2; E. Timbrell, 3-4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5-6.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASH-NEXT-SANDWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, May 29th, several ringers from Deal visited this place and rang on the back six 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). A. Denne, 1; G. Denne, 2; S. Mockett, 3; H. Denne, 4; E. Newman, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, May 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 336 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the 2nd left out. E. Dyson, 1; T. Philpott, 3; W. Spice, 4; J. Dyson, 5; W. Hobbs (conductor), 6; T. Tabrett, 7; A. Williams, 8. On Tuesday, May 11th, for practice, 720 in the same method, standing as before. On Tuesday, May 25th, a plain course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Dyson, 1; E. Dyson, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; W. Spice, 5; W. Hobbs, 6; T. Tabrett, 7; C. Pearson, 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Monday, May 24th, on Her Majesty the Queen's birthday, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, on the back six (thirty singles and three bobs). H. Reader, 1; J. Town, 2; E. Dunn, 3; R. Humphrey, 4; J. Hack (conductor), 5; G. Durling, 6. On Sunday, May 30th, for morning service, 720 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; T. Harford, 2; J. Town, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; E. Dunn, 7; J. Hack (first touch of Major as conductor), 8.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 7th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty singles and three bobs). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Reader, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack (composer and conductor), 5; H. Brown, 6. On Sunday, March 21st, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. Hack, 1; H. Reader, 2; A. Killick, 3; J. Town, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Harwood (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Reader, 2; A. Killick, 3; J. Town, 4; J. Hack, 5; H. Brown (conductor), 6. On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; G. Harwood, 2; H. Reader (conductor), 3; H. Brown, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack, 6. For evening service another 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Reader, 2; H. Brown, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Town, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Saturday, May 1st, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the above Association, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Reader (first in the method), 1; W. Bedwell, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; W. Ingham, 4; W. J. Jeffries (first in the method), 5; J. Hack (first in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Lawes, 1; G. Harwood, 2; W. J. Jeffries, 3; J. Town, 4; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 5; W. Bedwell, 6. On Sunday, May 2nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; H. Reader (conductor), 3; G. Harwood, 4; A. Killick, 5; E. Stone, 6. For evening service, 720 in the same method (twenty bobs and ten singles). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Reader, 2; H. Brown, 3; J. Town, 4; G. Harwood, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 11th, on the occasion of the wedding of H. G. De Satge, Esq., and Miss Laura Smith, daughter of the Governor of Western Australia 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. Another 720 (fourteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; H. Reader (conductor), 3; J. Hack, 4; A. Killick, 5; G. Harwood, 6. On Ascension Day, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; H. Reader, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Town, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and twelve singles). F. Keech, 1; H. Reader (conductor), 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Brown, 4; G. Harwood, 5; J. Hack, 6.

CHARING (Kent).—Recently 216 Grandsire Minor. P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; W. Spice, 6; all local band. May 1st (after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Minor), 720 Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles). R. Paine, 1; Ricks Paine, 2; W. Spice, 3; A. Gower, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabret (conductor), 6; 1, 2 and 4 from Mersham, 6 from Ashford. Also 108 Grandsire Minor. R. Paine, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Ward, 4; A. Gower, 5; T. Tabret, 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. P. Edwards, 1; Ricks Paine, 2; W. Spice, 3; A. Gower, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; T. Tabret, 6. Also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Paine, 8; Ricks Paine, 2; A. Gower, 3; W. Spice, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabret (conductor), 6. Sunday, May 2nd, for morning service, 120 Plain Bob Doubles. P.

Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; M. Marden (conductor), 5; M. Woolley, 6. Two 120s Grandsire Doubles. J. Willis (first 120, age 13), 1; E. Archer, 2; H. Ward, 3; M. Woolley, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; P. Edwards, 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. M. Marden, 1; F. Cachett, 2; H. Goodwin, 3; H. Ward, 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; E. Archer, 6. For evening service, two 120s Plain Bob Doubles. M. Woolley, 1; W. Spice, 2; M. Marden (conductor), 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; E. Archer, 6. Also two 120s Grandsire Doubles. J. Willis, 1; W. Spice, 2; W. Good, 3; E. Archer, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; H. Ward, 6. May 13th, 120 Grandsire Minor. P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. May 20th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Spice (conductor), 3; W. Hadlow, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; J. Clifford, 6. Also 120 Plain Bob. E. Archer, 1; W. Hadlow, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6. W. Hadlow hails from Lenham.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.—On Saturday, June 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Davis, jun., 1; A. Hudd, 2; W. Davis, sen., 3; C. Goodenough, 4; G. Temple, 5; J. Fussell, 6; H. W. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Smith-Flower, 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of W. Lanham (a ringer at this church) and Miss Sainsbury, of Lower Weston, Bath. First quarter-peal by W. Davis, jun., and the first with a bob bell by A. Hudd.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 16th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 559 Grandsire Triples. H. Searle, 1; F. Luxford, 2; M. Lee, 3; J. Netly, 4; D. Baker, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Blackman, 8. On Sunday, May 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Searle, 1; H. Lee, 2; D. Baker, 3; J. Netly, 4; G. Balchin, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; C. Blackman, 7; G. Weller, 8. For evening service 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Searle, 1; F. Luxford, 2; J. Netly, 3; C. Hills, 4; G. Balchin, 5; C. Blackman, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Weller, 8. H. Chandler hails from Warnham; Hills from Angmering; the rest are local men.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, May 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eight bobs and two singles). F. Marshall, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; W. Goodge, 3; F. Maycock, 4; J. Maycock, 5; J. J. Cook, 6. On Sunday morning, May 30th, for Divine Service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (forty-two bobs and fourteen singles). J. Maycock, 1; F. Marshall, 5; the rest as above. Composed and Conducted by T. Millington.

FROCESTER (Gloucestershire).—For evensong on Sunday, May 23rd, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. W. Dean, T. Prout, G. Prout, C. East, T. Savage, H. Fussell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late M. C. Millard, a former ringer of the parish. Conducted by H. Fussell.

LICHFIELD.—On Saturday, May 29th, at the cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Cope, jun., 1; A. Bowler, 2; W. Dempster, 3; J. Key, 4; E. Gallimore, 5; C. Barrett, 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; J. Gallimore, 8. Also 843 Grandsire Caters. W. Miller, 1; E. Gallimore, 2; W. Dempster, 3; J. O. Lancashire, 4; W. Cooper, 5; J. Needham, 6; H. Meacham, 7; C. Barrett, 8; F. J. Cope (conductor), 9; J. Gallimore, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. in D. Messrs. Cooper, Lancashire, Miller, and Needham hail from Leicester.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—Recently, at the church of St. Margaret, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. F. Martin, 1; T. Worsfold, 2; C. Taylor, 3; J. Taylor, 4; F. Knight, 5; J. Worsfold (conductor), 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. F. Martin, 1; T. Worsfold, 2; J. Akehurst, 3; T. Fairs, 4; C. Taylor, 5; J. Worsfold (conductor), 6. F. Martin, T. Worsfold, F. Knight and J. Worsfold hail from Rusper.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Whit-Sunday several members of the St. Michael's Juniors visited this place and rang three courses of Grandsire Triples. E. Davis (Gloster), 1; Dr. Walker, 2; J. Austin (Gloster), 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; S. Baker, 5; J. Poole, 6; E. Bishop (Swindon), 7; W. J. Sevier (Eastleigh), 8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters, a course of Grandsire Cinques and three courses of Plain Bob Maximus. H. Scriven, 1; F. Bond, 2; E. Bishop, 3; J. Austin (conductor), 4; F. E. Hart, 5; W. T. Bennett, 6; W. Hale, 7; F. G. May, 8; E. E. Davis, 9; W. J. Sevier, 10; R. A. Barrett, 11; A. E. Pegler, 12. The Maximus was a practice before starting for the Peal at Cirencester the next day.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Monday, May 31st, for practice at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Abrahams, 1; H. Street, 2; E. D. Lillywhite, 3; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 4; F. C. Perrin, 5; H. P. Abrahams, 6; E. E. Pratchett, 7; R. K. Knight, 8. E. E. Pratchett hails from Hendon; F. C. Perrin from Harlow, Essex.

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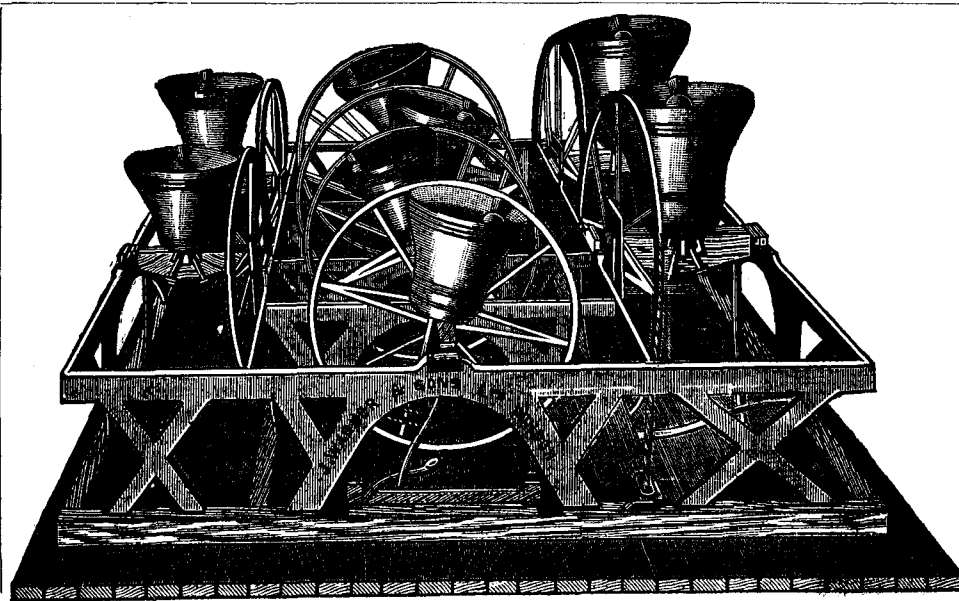
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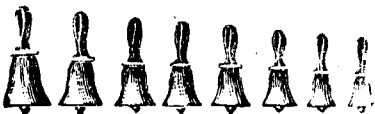
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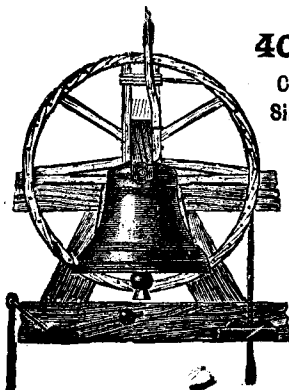
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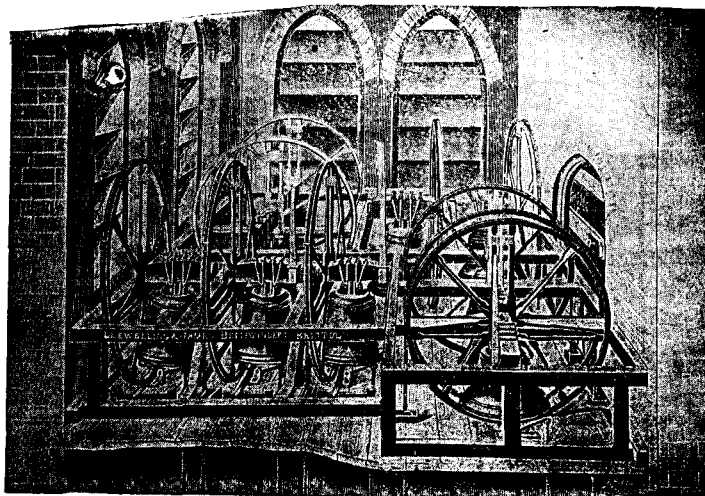
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held on Whit-Tuesday at the Church House, Westminster, under the presidency of Mr. Percival Heywood. The following representatives attended:—Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. Burkin, Cockerill, Newton, and Smith. Royal Cumberland Society: Messrs. Dains and Parker. Norwich Association: Messrs. Catchpole, Trollope, and Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. Oxford Guild: Revs. F. E. Robinson and G. F. Coleridge, Messrs. Cocks and Washbrook. Essex Association: Rev. T. L. Papillon, Messrs. Pitstow and Newnan. Devonshire Guild: Rev. Maitland Kelly. South Lincolnshire Association: Rev. H. L. James. Kent County Association: Revs. E. W. Carpenter and F. J. Helmore, Messrs. Thornton and Haigh. Middlesex Association: Mr. Waghorn, sen. Leeds and District Association: Mr. Binns. Midland Counties' Association: Messrs. Heywood, Taylor, Wakley, and Griffin. Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. Walmsley and Dillon. Gloucester and Bristol Association: Rev. H. A. Cockey, and Mr. Phillott. Worcestershire Association: Mr. Grove. Surrey Association: Mr. Jones. Winchester Guild: Revs. C. Matthews and R. C. M. Harvey, and Mr. Whiting. Lancashire Association: Rev. H. J. Elsee and Mr. Ridyard. Sussex Association: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Messrs. Attree, Williams, and Saker. Stafford Association: Mr. S. Reeves. Yorkshire Association: Mr. Bolland. St. James' Society: Messrs. W. Weatherstone and E. O'Meara. Durham and Newcastle Association: Messrs. Story, Lees and Hudson. Honorary Members: Messrs. Pettit, Mitchell, and Carter.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer having been temporarily voted to the chair, on the motion of Mr. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. Dains, Mr. Heywood was elected President.

Mr. Heywood, having taken the chair, said: I am exceedingly obliged to the proposer and seconder and the gentlemen present for the kind way in which they have elected me to this office. I am not going to waste your time in elaborating my thoughts, but I may say that I will do my best to justify the confidence which you have again placed in me.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer was then elected as Hon. Secretary on the motion of Mr. G. F. Attree, seconded by Mr. Catchpole.

Mr. Bulwer said in acknowledgement; I am very much obliged, gentlemen, for this mark of continued confidence which you have been pleased to give me, and I can only assure you of the very great pleasure it is to undertake the secretarial duties of your Council. I have to thank all Secretaries of Associations, as well as the other representatives of the societies, for the assistance they have accorded me in the past, and I hope will accord me in the future. Before I sit down perhaps I may mention that I have on the table printed copies of the Council rules. Those representatives who are not in possession of them, can secure them on application.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. W. D. Smith, the following gentlemen were elected as Honorary Members of the Council: Mr. Pettit, Mr. F. E. Ward, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. F. W. Rees, Mr. Dawe, Mr. J. Carter, and the Rev. J. H. Pilkington.

The Standing Committee was elected on the motion of the Rev. Maitland Kelly, seconded by Mr. S. Reeves: Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Mr. Suowdon, Mr. Dains, Mr. Rees, Mr. Dawe, Mr. Hattersley, Mr. Lockwood, Mr. Washbrook, Mr. Attree, Mr. Strange, with the President and Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary then read the Financial Statement,

showing a balance in hand of upwards of £50, which was passed on the motion of Mr. H. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. W. Walmsley.

The President said: I think we owe a debt of gratitude to our Hon. Secretary for the exceedingly economic way in which he has managed our funds. I may add that we are extremely anxious to have a sufficient balance to meet the increasing demands of our Committee work. We have no desire to become a rich body, but we think that whenever Committee-work comes before us, we should have funds to undertake it.

## LETTERS OF APOLOGY.

The Hon. Secretary having read letters of apology from those who were unable to attend,

## RAILWAY FARES COMMITTEE.

The President said the next question was the Report from the Railway Fares Committee.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said: In reference to the final answer from the Railway Clearing House to our application, I may say that it was suggested to form a deputation. I wrote a letter to the authorities, and received an answer from the Secretary stating that the attendance of a deputation would not be required. At the request of the Committee, I asked that I might attend at the next meeting, and lay the matter before the Committee, and the only answer I received was a letter which I read at the last meeting. The Committee did not see their way to grant the application for a reduction of railway fares by one half. I may mention that although we asked for a single fare charge, instead of a return fare charge, what we really wanted was a reduction of some sort. We were not particular about sticking to the single fare, but would have been satisfied with a single fare and a quarter. No notice was taken of a further application, however. Such, then, was the result of the application last year. Our efforts have been a failure, and worse than a failure, because I am sorry to say that since last year some of the Societies, to whom reductions had been granted without the consent of the Clearing House Committee have had those reductions taken off again. I do not know that we can do any more in the matter, but if anybody has anything to say, or any suggestion to make, I shall be ready to do what is in my power, unless it is your wish that I should make room for a more able person.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore: It has been suggested to me that ringers throughout the country should be moved to introduce a monster petition, and that every individual member should be pressed to sign it, so that the railway companies may come to a better understanding than they seem to have at present of what an important body the bellringers of England are.

The President: Perhaps if Mr. Cockey is kind enough to continue his work, and the other gentlemen who form the Committee have no objection to retain office, they will bear in mind what Mr. Helmore has said. There is a desire that the matter should not lapse, and that the Committee should take active steps against the railway companies. For the present they might act as a Watch Committee. There is a little doubt that in time we shall have what we want, seeing that we are a more important body than the musicians to whom the required privilege is already granted. (laughter) Our application will certainly not be acceded to without continuous pressure.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon: I think the only course in this case is to keep pegging away, and then there will be a chance of getting what we want.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey: May I ask the gentlemen present if they think the idea of a monster petition is advisable. If it is, I shall be glad to take action.

Mr. Story: I may say that we have already put before the Clearing House the total numbers of our Associations. I suppose what is now proposed will come almost to the same thing. I do not think a few additional signatures will alter the effect of our application.

Mr. Griffin: As a member of the old Committee on Railway Fares, I would like to suggest that it should be re-elected. The only way to keep the matter before the Railway Companies is to send up some other petition. Personally I think it would be a very good idea to get signatures to the petition, and send them up. There are already individual members of Associations connected with the Council who have applied, but I think the Council should take steps as a whole.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey: If each individual Association were to take action by addressing the Companies, and if a petition were to be sent in at the same time, it might lead to a better result.

The President: I think you might very well leave the Committee to weigh the various suggestions.

The Committee, consisting of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. Story, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Attree, were re-elected on the motion of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, seconded by Mr. Hudson.

#### GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS.

The Hon. Secretary: I have to report to the Council that progress is being made with the preparation of the first draft of the Glossary. The work has been attended with some little difficulty. The progress made has not been very rapid, but it is going on. The Committee have had the first draft before them, but it is uncertain when we shall be able to lay anything in a definite form before the Council for approval. There is really, however, no violent hurry. It is better to take careful action than to hurry or slur the work over. I hope the Council will entrust the Committee with power to carry on the matter, and to take what steps are necessary for the publication of the Glossary. I think that by the time we have completed the Glossary it will be a valuable work, but it is a question whether the Council's finances are sufficient to bear the strain and responsibility of publishing, or whether the Committee should try to get some firm of publishers to take the matter into their own hands. It will be a matter for future consideration, and at present I only ask that the Council will allow the work to go on.

On the motion of Mr. Story, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Committee, consisting of the President, the Hon. Secretary, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. Dains, Mr. N. J. Pitstow and Mr. Snowdon, were re-elected.

#### PEAL VALUES COMMITTEE.

Mr. Attree said: I have no report, but I think that those who were present at the last meeting will remember that it was left to me personally to make slight alterations, and to consider certain points that were then brought forward. I have acted in accordance with my instructions, and have formed the following short report.

To the members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Gentlemen,—At the last meeting of the Council held at Brighton on Easter-Tuesday, 1896, it was delegated to me to consider various suggestions made by members present concerning the schedule of values of peals upon a varying number of bells, and in all the practised methods. I have carefully weighed the proposals, and beg to report as follows:

##### 1. As to length of compositions rung:—

I would suggest that the schedule should be based upon peals of 5000 changes, that lengths of between 7000 and 10,000 changes should score as two peals, 10,000 and under 12,000 as three peals, and so on in the same ratio.

##### 2. As to the weight of metal:—

I feel convinced that except in a few special cases, the question of whether the tenor weighs 10, 20 or even 30 cwt., adds little or no additional value to a performance. Ringers who are in the habit of ringing heavy bells would find it difficult to strike light ones well, and would obtain less satisfaction therefrom than by obtaining a peal upon the ring of bells with a heavy tenor.

3. As to the quality of the composition rung and the correctness of the striking throughout the performance:—

These questions, I do not think, can be taken into consider-

ation in fixing the schedule of values, but must be left in the first instance to the good sense of the conductor to choose only musical compositions, and otherwise to the honour of the band that only true and complete performances be allowed to be published as peals. I now propose that for peals of 5000 changes the schedule of values be fixed as under:—

#### SCHEDULE OF POINTS.

*All Plain Methods.*—Triples 7, Major 8, Caters 9, Royal 10, Cinques 11, Maximus 12 points.

*All Double Methods.*—Double Norwich, Oxford, Duffield, etc., Major, 16, Royal 18, Maximus 20 points.

*In Stedman's Principle.*—Triples 24, Caters 24, Cinques 28 points.

*Alliance.*—Major 10, Royal 12, Maximus 14 points.

*Treble Bob Methods.*—Major 12, Royal 14, Maximus 16 points.

*Surprise Methods.*—London 50, Cambridge 40, New Cumberland and Oxford Surprise 30, Superlative 25, Champion, Forward, Birmingham and Loughborough 20 points.

*Peals on Six Bells.*—In one plain method 3, in two plain methods 4, in three plain methods 5, in four plain methods 6, in five plain methods 7, in six plain methods 8, in seven plain methods 9. In seven double methods 15, in seven Treble Bob methods, 15. In seven Surprise methods 25 points.

The President: I am sure we are all very much indebted to Mr. Attree for his trouble, and also to the Committee for taking so much pains in this matter. I would suggest to the Council that this report should appear in due course in our proceedings, and I would like to ask whether it would not be better to let the matter rest until the year has gone by. We could then consider the points mentioned in the report, and at the next meeting finally ratify or amend the conclusions of the Committee. We have the utmost confidence in Mr. Attree in this matter, but we can hardly venture to decide on a report with so many figures in it until it is printed.

Mr. Attree: The analysis for 1896 has been kept over for the final decision of the Council as to whether they would like the new proposal to be carried out.

The President: Yes, Mr. Attree is so well acquainted with the figures that we can trust him in the matter. At the same time we cannot very well adopt the report, so perhaps someone will propose the re-election of the Committee.

Mr. Attree: There would be no harm in the Committee being re-elected.

The Rev. H. Law James: May I ask what objection there is to Double Norwich Court Bob Caters.

Mr. Attree: I think that methods of that description ought not to be rung (laughter).

The Rev. H. Law James: May I ask why not? This Double Norwich is far better than the music that you can otherwise get on nine bells. It is a perfectly good method.

Mr. Attree: It may be so, but any rate, Double Norwich ought to be on even bells only.

Rev. H. Law James: It can be rung.

Mr. Attree: I should give the Caters the same number of points as the Major.

The President: I do not think we should enter into discussion of the details of the question now. But I have no doubt Mr. Attree will bear Mr. James's suggestion in mind.

On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, it was then resolved that the Committee, consisting of Mr. Attree, Dr. Carpenter, Mr. Dains, Mr. Washbrook, Mr. E. B. James, Mr. Carter, and the President, be re-elected, and that Mr. Attree be asked to make use of the table now formulated for the calculation of the past year's points.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary: I have a report from Mr. Strange on the progress of the Bibliography, but it does not contain anything bearing on the work, and therefore I do not think it is necessary to take up the time of the meeting on the subject. The Report is simply to the effect that Mr. Strange is going on with the work, and that there is a good deal of information to hand. I have great pleasure in proposing that Mr. Strange be re-elected to carry on the work.

On the motion of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Dains, Mr. Strange was re-elected.

[To be continued.]



### RE-DEDICATION OF THE BELLS AT BROMSGROVE PARISH CHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The bells at Bromsgrove parish church, which have been thoroughly renovated at a cost of nearly £250, were re-dedicated to the service of God on Saturday afternoon. For some time it had been apparent that the ring was not in good order, in fact so dilapidated was the frame on which the bells were suspended that it was considered hardly safe to ring them. At the commencement of the jubilee year the project of placing the bells in a thorough state repair was brought forward by the Vicar and churchwardens, and after a preliminary meeting on the subject, Mr. Edmund Hartland, the senior churchwarden, generously undertook to pay the cost of a complete renovation of the bells, subject to the proviso that the chimes should also be restored during the year by the public of Bromsgrove. It is needless to say that Mr. Hartland's splendid gift was unanimously accepted, and as speedily as possible the task of restoration was placed in the hands of Mr. James Barwell, bell founder, &c., of Great Hampton street, Birmingham, by whom the work has been very successfully carried out under the supervision of a local committee. The bells have been entirely dismantled and fitted with new and modern fittings, the old oak frame or cage has been removed and replaced by a new one of smaller and more rigid construction, the floor has been taken up and removed, while the huge oak main beams carrying the strain and weight of the bells have been re-arranged and supplemented by steel joists. The tone of the old eighth bell was never considered quite satisfactory, and this has therefore been re-cast by the founders, who have also re-tuned the whole ring, with the result that Bromsgrove now possesses an evenly-balanced and well-tuned ring of ten worthy of its noble parish church. There was only a small congregation at the dedication service, which followed the usual form for the dedication of church bells. The officiating clergy were the Ven. Archdeacon Walters and the Rev. E. Vine Hall (vicar), while there were also present the two curates—the Revs. J. W. Isherwood and J. L. Findlay. Prior to the singing of the final hymn, Archdeacon Walters delivered a short address. He said while their choral associations had done so much to render reverent the musical portions of their services, at the same time there had always been a feeling that the same sense of reverence should extend to the whole of the church, part of which was the belfry and the bells. That feeling was especially evident when they considered the important part the bells formed in their church life, and in their social life, and how they seemed to give forth their sounds in their moments of happiness and in their hours of sadness; how at one time they proclaimed the joy of a nation, while at another moment they told that some one had passed away into another world. It was well that their churchwardens should extend their care to the belfry. In that church the belfry had been considered they had received a great gift, a generous gift, a munificent gift to the church and to that house of God. By the aid of that gift the bells in that church, which had been hindered from use by time alone, had been renovated, and now their sounds would be able to reach the ears of all the inhabitants of Bromsgrove. It might be that there were many parishioners who were hindered from coming to the house of God by sickness or other necessity, and who would know by the sound of those bells that the voice of prayer was going up, and that there was joy with the communion of the saints. The bells of the Church of England told them of the history of the past. In past years there were bells connected with nearly every institution, but most of the others had passed away, and given place to other and more modern things. The bells of the Church of England lived to-day, however, and there was something in their tones which told them of the past. He trusted those bells would ring out merry peals to the inhabitants of Bromsgrove, both in their sadness and in their joy, and to the members of the church he hoped the ringing of the bells would act as an example in the matter of co-operation and pulling together. The ringers then rang a short peal, and during the singing of "In Sinai's dreary waste," a collection was made in aid of the new chimes, which will be completed during July.

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### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association held their quarterly meeting at Newnham-on-Severn, on Saturday, 12th June, and the gathering was a very pleasant, if not a very numerous one. Newnham is not very accessible to the ringers who dwell in the Bristol or Swindon districts, and the meeting came rather close upon Whitsuntide. But for these circumstances, in all probability a much larger number would have been present, especially as the weather was of the good old-fashioned summer type. The bells went uncommonly well, and at half-past five divine service was held in the beautiful parish church, the form used being one which has recently been compiled and approved by the Bishop of the Diocese, and an admirable address being given by the Rev. W. G. Baillie, vicar of Newnham. At the conclusion of the service some of the members unfortunately had to rush off to the station for their train, whilst the remainder, about twenty or so, adjourned to Shankland's restaurant, where they sat down to an excellent meat tea, the Vicar occupying the chair. A business meeting ensued, and then followed some more ringing by such of the members as were not obliged to catch the 7.34 train to get to their distant homes.

### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual contest for the Association Silver Cup took place at North Wingfield, on Whit-Tuesday. Upwards of 70 ringers were present from Gresley, Ashover, Tibshelf, South Normanton, North Wingfield, Clay Cross, Chesterfield, Treeton, Anston, Killamarsh, Eckington, Staveley and Norton. The last five towns took part in the contest, the draw took place at 12 o'clock prompt. The judges, Mr. Squire Mitchell and Mr. Thomas Dixon sat in the rectory, Mr. Hopkinson taking charge of the keys to the tower. All five bands were successful in ringing their 720 of Duke of York, which was the method chosen by the committee. The result was declared by the secretary at the Blue Bell Inn, about 5 o'clock, viz. Killamarsh, 240 faults; Norton, 275; Staveley, 283; Eckington, 284; Anston, 377; the last-named company having had no previous practice on the bells, which are a heavy peal, tenor 19 cwt. The secretary, with a few complimentary remarks, presented the cup to Killamarsh. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to heartily thank the Rector for so kindly providing a free tea for all, not forgetting the young ladies who attended to their wants at the tables, and last, but not least, the local secretary, Mr. T. Allibone, who has done the lion's share towards making the meeting a success.

### ANOTHER VETERAN.

Tarvin possesses a notability in the person of Mr. William Darlington, sen., an octogenarian who was one of the bellringers at the parish church on the occasion of Her Majesty's accession to the throne sixty years ago. Mr. Darlington rang on the Jubilee Day in 1887, and if health permits he will again show his loyalty by ringing one of the bells in the church tower on June 22nd next. He will be photographed in the belfry holding the rope, and the churchwardens will send a copy of the picture to the Queen. Mr. Darlington, though in his 84th year, is hale and hearty. He works upon the farm, and is a regular worshipper at the parish church. He has witnessed the ceremony of the induction of four vicars of Tarvin, and in the old coaching days he was for many years landlord of the Bull's Head Inn. A coach then ran daily between Manchester, Tarvin, and Chester.

**AN EXAMPLE TO BE FOLLOWED.**—We have received the following: "Mr. Editor—I have got one permanent subscriber promised to 'THE BELL NEWS,' but shall not stop at that, but try for another.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Ware, Herts."

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### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The eighteenth annual gathering of this Association took place on Whitsun-Monday, June 7th, at Canterbury. It was anticipated that the meeting would be largely attended; ringers, like other members of the community, being attracted to Canterbury this year on account of the restoration of parts of the Cathedral in commemoration of the 13th centenary of the foundation of English Christianity; and a part of that restoration, to wit, the rehanging of the bells, being an especial attraction. Over two hundred members made their pilgrimage to the ancient and loyal city. Unfortunately, when they came to handle the ropes in the Cathedral tower, they found change-ringing almost impossible, the bells not being properly hung yet, but only just put in, as it was said, "to jingle for the Jubilee." In spite, however, of the bad go of the Cathedral bells, the meeting was in many respects a thoroughly enjoyable one; and most, if not all present, were thoroughly pleased with their day's outing. The bells of St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6), St. Alphege (6), and Holy Cross (5), were open to ringers, and were kept going by various bands throughout the day. The secretary had also gained permission for members to ring at Whitstable (6) and Bekesbourne (6) in the afternoon. A large congregation, in which the male element strongly preponderated—ringers of course—attended the usual morning service at the Cathedral. The *Te Deum* and *Benedictus* were sung to Walmisley's setting in D, and the anthem was the first part of Spohr's beautiful setting of the 84th Psalm—"How lovely are Thy dwellings fair," the singing of which was evidently a treat to many. The Dean (Dr. Farrar) gave an interesting and instructive address on the subject of bells and ringers, at the conclusion of which the Whitsuntide hymn—"When God of old came down from heaven," the offertory in aid of the Association's recently-started fund for belfry repairs amounted to £3 os. 8d. At 11.30 a meeting of the Central Committee was held in the Cathedral Library. At 1.30 a goodly company assembled in the Foresters' Hall, High Street, for the dinner. The Dean of Canterbury presided, and was supported by the Revs. Canon Hichens (Rector of St. Stephen's), E. W. Carpenter (Vicar of Milton-next-Sittingbourne), T. G. Crosse (Rector of St. Alphege), F. J. O. Helmore (Precentor of the Cathedral; Hon. Sec.), A. L. Brine (Bearsted; Hon. Sec. Maidstone District), J. Dixon, Esq. (Rodmersham), W. Latter (Hon. Sec. Tonbridge District), A. Osborne (Hon. Sec. Rochester District), and others. At the conclusion of dinner, grace having been said, the Dean proposed the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" in brief but felicitous terms, pointing out some of the national blessings for which they ought to be thankful owing to the Queen's long reign, the sixtieth year of which they were all about to celebrate. The whole company rose and sang the first verse of the National Anthem. Before reading the annual report the Hon. Secretary remarked that they were all under a deep obligation to the Dean for his kindness in addressing them at the service that morning, and in the midst of all his work, attendance on royal princes, the House of Parliament, archbishops and bishops, and all manner of big people, condescending to preside that day at a meeting of humble ringers. He explained that he did not know the Cathedral bells would not be properly hung before that meeting, until it was too late to make other arrangements. He only hoped that most of the members thought with him that in the year when they celebrated the thirteenth centenary of the founding of the Cathedral, Canterbury was the proper place for them to meet, and that in all other ways the day would be for them a thoroughly enjoyable one. The report stated that the Association was still showing signs of gradual growth, bands in union being 64, as against 63 the year before, and the total number of members being 767, the largest number they had as yet upon their books. The number of honorary members was still decreasing, which was not altogether a healthy sign, arguing as it did a lack of interest on the part of a class of the community among whom it was essential for its progress that the work of the Association should be appreciated, and also a want of energy on the part of practising members, whose business it was to press the claims of the Association upon the clergy, churchwardens, and other influential people in their various parishes.

Reference was made to the death of the late Archbishop, and to the fact that Archbishop Temple had, like his two immediate predecessors, accepted the office of president. The peals rung during 1896 came in for scant notice owing to the practice introduced by several conductors of using visible aids to memory in the calling of a peal, which seriously detracted from the value of the peals so rung. It was hoped that, public attention being called to this practice, the Association conductors would leave to call-change companies the monopoly in the way of figured cards and slips of paper.

Mr. J. Dixon next proposed the toast of The Archbishop and Clergy, together with a vote of thanks to the Dean for his address.

The Dean, in replying, said that the Hon. Secretary had spoken of his condescension in presiding at a meeting of ringers. On the contrary, he regarded it as a high honour, for it always gave him pleasure to meet large bodies of his fellow-countrymen, and not least a gathering of working men. On Archbishop Tait's monument there was the very striking sentence, that the one desire of his life was to make the Church of England the church of the people. This was also the wish of the very eminent man who succeeded him (Archbishop Benson), and he was sure the present Archbishop was of the same mind, and would take an interest in this as in every other association which had for its object the improvement and elevation of working men.

The Dean then vacated the chair, which was taken by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and the regular business of the annual meeting was gone through. This was of a very brief and formal character, a proposal to alter the last rule, which would probably have given rise to a lengthy discussion, not being moved owing to the absence of both proposer and seconder. The Hon. Secretary proposed, and Mr. T. Groombridge seconded, a resolution that the guidance of the Central Council be followed in the matter of using visible aids to memory in the calling of peals. This was carried, and the company dispersed, many to the afternoon service in the Cathedral, some to the neighbouring towers, in most of which ringing was kept up by different bands till the evening. The weather kept fine throughout the day, a matter of considerable importance to the members and the thousands of others in the enjoyment of the Whitsuntide bank-holiday.

### Ringers' Outings.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On Saturday, May 31st, the members of this band had one of their summer outings, the place chosen being St. Giles' and All Saints, Orsett. On arriving at Grays, at 3.30 p.m. they proceeded to Orsett by wagonette, where a substantial tea was provided by the proprietor of The Crown inn, and done ample justice to by the visitors, after which they proceeded to the church, where they were met by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Whittington, who received them most cordially, and showed them over the church, pointing out all the ancient tombs, brasses and other objects of interest. Afterwards the company adjourned to the belfry, where they were met by the conductor (Mr. Keeling) and the local ringers, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the two mixed companies. Later, the handbells were brought into requisition, and several touches were rung on them by the visitors. A start was then made for home, after bidding farewell to the Rector and local ringers, who had given them such a hearty welcome. A four-mile walk brought them again to Grays station, from which they took the 9.57 train home, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the tower and bells on this occasion. J. W.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

No less than three correspondents—i.e. three letters, to the Editor this week about my remarks of last. One of these writers is horrified at the allusions to Sir Charles Wetherell (to him I shall not waste time in replying); another says I have not half-exhausted the lore of Bristol city (this week's gossip may satisfy this gentleman, and others); the third letter is important, and has been handed to me to deal with. Here it is in full:—

SIR.—The remarks of "Plain Speaker" are always interesting, sometimes amusing, and rarely inaccurate. I must, however, protest against the term "fossilized" being applied to "a body which calls itself the St. Stephen's Ringers." It is true that there is in Bristol a large and influential body of gentlemen known as "The Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers," and it is true that it is an old Guild, for its charter, which had been promised by Queen Elizabeth, was granted by James I. in 1620; but it is not true that it is "fossilized," as I understand the word. Within the last twenty years they have expended many thousands of pounds in making St. Stephen's church the most beautiful in Bristol, Redcliffe excepted; and if those gentlemen are not operative ringers, they did something at any rate for the encouragement of change-ringing in 1891, when, at a cost of £450, they gave two new bells, re-hung the eight old bells, re-floored and wainscotted the belfry, and furnished it with seats. As a guarantee that I know what I am writing about, I will simply add that I am the Rector of St. Stephen's parish.—June 14th.

I thank the rev. gentleman for his courtesy while making his protest. I had forgotten the facts which he mentions. I therefore take it all back—i.e. the objectionable word—and apologise. I find I must not "call" without the ms.—in other words must not speak only from book.

An Irish jury, on a trial of a prisoner for murder, was asked the following question by the clerk of assize:—"How say you, gentlemen, is the prisoner at the bar guilty or not guilty?" And the answer of the foreman was: "Not guilty; but we hope he won't do it any more." A feeling akin to that experienced by the prisoner, I suppose, pervades your humble servant after the Rector's critique.

There remains nevertheless an impression that this "Antient Society"—this large and influential body of gentlemen (a very correct description)—are the custodians of funds which ought by right to belong to ringers of church bells *de facto*. There has been a lot said about this. Is it not reasonable to suppose that when this corporation was founded, the selection of its title was on account of the members being church bell ringers? What on earth was the reason of such a name else? They were ringers, beyond a doubt. Admitted that the title only says "ringers," not "church bell ringers." What other kind of ringers could they be? We have heard of the process called "ringing a pig," though I take this to be a misnomer, because the act of driving a nail into a pig's nose so that he may be less destructive, is not ringing—it is nailing. Then again, there is "ringing the bull," but this is metaphor, for there is no bull in the operation. I hope it will not be argued that these merchant venturers of the past got their title from the practice of such ignoble pursuits. No; they were brother-strings, of course.

Well, we can now change the subject. I hope that what I am going to relate will be regarded as fact, because a highly respectable voucher can be produced for its truth. Close to one of Bristol's churches—St. Peter's, I think—is a building which used to be called "The Mint." At the time I am referring to part of this building was used as an asylum for the insane and lunatic. The head-keeper of this establishment—a Mr. George Fowler (you see I have everything pat)—had many friends in all parts of the country who visited him at various times. It was impossible but that some of these visitors should come into contact with the inmates now and then, and sometimes hold apparently rational converse. A poor inmate once asked a visitor from what part of England he came, and on being told from the Cheviot Hills neighbourhood, he asked, "Do you know, sir, how the Cheviot Hills came to be where they are?" The answer was of course in the negative. "Then I will inform you," said the poor inmate, and related the following remarkable story, which to make clear I have put into ship-shape a bit.

Very many years ago, these hills—the Cheviots—were being carried round the world on the back of "the old gentleman" (as the relator called him, meaning by that definition the ghostly enemy of man, in short, Satan himself). At the close of a long day's journey, desiring a brief rest, he deposited his load on the ground for a time, and departing to the nearest inn, called for refreshment. This was supplied him in the shape of a pot of porter in its native pewter, with some bread, cheese and onions. Whether he called for tobacco afterwards is not known, but he had an immense liking for that compound known as "Scotch," of which he partook liberally and to such an extent that the stock of the establishment was soon exhausted. He got quite skittish in fact, and contented with himself, and therefore when he essayed to lift his load to proceed on his journey, he threw it down again in disgust, and in most unparliamentary language declared his determination to take the hills no further. "And that," said the poor lunatic, "is how the Cheviot Hills came to be where they are."

This story may satisfy the correspondent who wrote that I had not exhausted the lore of Bristol city. Plenty of material of the kind is to be had. I write the following in fear and trembling, because I know any mistake soon redounds with gusto upon one's devoted head. It is many years since I visited Bristol, so that I may err in relating the ancient gossip of the place. There is, or used to be, a thoroughfare called "The Pithay," pronounced "Pity." The legend goes that once upon a time a venerable lady had some business to see to in this thoroughfare. On her journey she to her great discomfiture, totally forgot the name of the street, and in plaintive tones informed a policeman of her trouble. The answer of the man in blue was "Oh dear, what a pity!" "The very place I want," rejoined the old lady.

Then there is the episode of Chatterton, the boy poet. How and what he did at Redcliffe. But no sportive pen must tackle such a theme. The subject is of too great moment to be talked of in a few gossiping paragraphs. Some day I may deal with it; but it requires handling with care. I hope however, it will be agreed that I have done Bristol very well, and that it can now be left till next Whitsuntide. Just one thing more may be said. The Editor, who has called a peal at All Saints' Church, Bristol, tells me his father saw the trades' procession from the tower of that church on the day of the coronation of that lovely specimen of majesty, George IV. And again, Bristol has, or used to have, an enviable reputation for a symmetrical aromatic insect called by some a "Norfolk Howard," by others a "B. flat," but I think the first letter of its name spells "bug." But I expect science has taken its occupation away.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## RINGING CONTEST.

The Cumberland Association met at St. Michael's Church, Workington, on Saturday, June 5th, to compete for a shield kindly given by the Rev. Canon Rawnsley, Vicar of Crosthwaite, for the encouragement of change-ringing in Cumberland, which is a long way behind other counties in change ringing, and wants encouragement. Mr. Jubb, of Dinting, near Manchester, acted as Judge. After the ringing they all met for tea, which was presided over by the Rev. Campbell, Vicar of St. Michael's, Workington. Mr. Judd gave his decision; the peal chosen being a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with the following result:

	Mins.	Faults.	Av. per Min.	Conductor, J. Saunderson
Workington rang	23	458	19	
Keswick	19	316	16	" S. Hogarth
Cleator Moor	18	411	23	" J. D. Baxter
Carlisle	28	658	23	" F. Gibson
Cockermouth	7	217	31	" J. Tickle

Workington was the only team who rang the full peal.

[We will communicate with our correspondent if he will send his address.—Ed.]

TIDENHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, June 7th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Williams, 1; J. Prickett, 2; J. Morley, 3; A. Rowley, 4; W. Biss (conductor), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. Messrs. Clutterbuck, Biss, and Rowley hails from Cardiff; Watkins from Barry; the rest from Chepstow.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1897.

BEFORE the next number of "THE BELL NEWS" appears, the minds and the hearts of millions of Her Majesty's subjects will be centred in the Metropolis, in which one of the most unique, patriotic and triumphant celebrations ever witnessed in the history of the world will be carried out. A most reliable and painstaking authority remarks: "For sixty years Queen Victoria has reigned over an Empire the greatest the world has ever seen, in a manner which, apart from aught else, will render her reign memorable for all time. Hampered to a certain extent by the exigences of party politics, Her Majesty has succeeded in steering the ship of State safely through many dangers, which, though hidden from her subjects, were not the less real, and even occasionally critical. Carefully refraining from obtruding her personality, she nevertheless concerned herself intimately in the affairs of the nation, and her prudent, far-seeing counsel could always be availed of by her chief ministers. The Empire has had the advantage of the services of many able, distin-

guished and patriotic men during the Queen's reign, but it may well be doubted if the greatest of them all contributed a tithe of the service which the Queen unobtrusively but most effectively has, during her reign, rendered to the State. Her subjects have had regretfully on too many occasions to mourn with Her Majesty in days of personal and national sorrow. We greet our Queen now with jubilation and rejoicing."

And who among the populace will be so dead to all sense of patriotism as not to feel a thrill when in front of our great metropolitan cathedral next Tuesday the words of that petition known to the whole universe as "The National Anthem" is sung by thousands upon thousands of voices in unison? We say, but with the most loyal feelings, that it is not the personality of the monarch alone which will cause a true Briton to feel for the moment that among the nations of the earth his is especially favored. There is nothing hyperbolic or extravagant in the belief that upon the might, majesty, and power of the Empire of Great Britain the sun never sets. Upon such occasions as this such a conviction is apt to strike us with more force than usual.

It is some consolation to know that in the keeping of this event we shall as ringers take an important part. What would the proceedings of the day be without the voices of the bells, wielded by patriotic hands and arms in a manner only known to Britishers of every clime? A small matter this, perhaps, in the opinion of some people. There is no bellringing like that of the English ringing Exercise, nothing approaching it. Let this fact not be lost sight of or forgotten next Tuesday; our feelings of patriotism will be in no degree lessened by the knowledge that our ringing is the best.

In another column will be found an announcement of an enlarged number of this paper to be published next week. Our readers will, we think, be of opinion that the list of contents therein mentioned, and the extra pages, with the portrait, will be well worth the extra penny. We hope to be able to insert all ringing done for the festivity of Tuesday, but to do this it is necessary that every touch for insertion must come to hand not later than Wednesday morning. In fact it is necessary that every other communication, with the exception of peal reports, should reach us on that day. A friend writes as follows: "I think you could get a nice list for the Jubilee number if you asked in your next issue for the ringers who have rung on all the Queen's birthdays, and whether they have been regular ringers all the time, also if they have rung previous to 1837." We shall be pleased to fall in with this, or with any other practical suggestion that any of our friends like to make. We think some effort ought to be made by our readers to ensure the success of this number. To ensure copies, orders should be given to the news agents without delay.

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### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, June 9, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

REV. MAITLAND KELLY .. Treble.	ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. 5.
HENRY LANGDON, SEN. .. 2.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 6.
FRANK GODFREY .. 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 7.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK S. BAYLEY.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, June 10, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, STRATFORD-LE-BOW,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and  
Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

The conductor hails from Worsley, near Manchester.

### The Provinces.

#### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

HENRY WHITTLE† .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.
WALTER WEST .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 6.
THOMAS START .. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. .. 7.
JOHN GRUNDY* .. .. 4.	ISRAEL LOVETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES and Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.  
\*First peal. †First peal of Triples. Messrs. Whittle and Reader hail from Stan-  
ford; West from Whitwick; Lovett from Sibley; the rest belong to Loughborough.

#### SHARNBROOK.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

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

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4.
WILLIAM BARKER* .. .. 2.	HARRY TOLL .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.	FRANK HULL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

\*First peal in seven methods away from the treble, and first attempt. The ringers  
wish to thank the rector for the use of the bells, and also Mr. J. Dickens, the steeple-  
keeper, for having everything in readiness.

#### COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
GEORGE RASHBROOK .. .. 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DYER .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

This peal, which contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th only in 6ths place at the course-  
ends, was arranged for Mr. Rashbrook, of Colchester, and also as a birthday com-  
pliment to E. W. Beckwith.



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

On Saturday, June 12, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. HIGGS* .. Treble.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 5.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 2.	JOHN TUCKER .. .. 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 3.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 7.
ERNEST BRUCE* .. .. 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal with a working bell. This peal has the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. It was composed in the morning and rung in the evening.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JOHN B. MARTIN .. Treble.	ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 2.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 6.
ALFRED CROSS .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
ANDERSON TYLER .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and was arranged for Messrs. Cross and Chapman, who hail from Manchester. A Cross was made a member of the Association previous to starting.

## GLOWICK, NEAR OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, June 14, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR .. Treble.	EDWIN B. SHAW .. .. 5.
FRED. COCKS .. .. 2.	GEORGE HOYLE .. .. 6.
ALBERT CLEGG .. .. 3.	SAMUEL STOTT .. .. 7.
FRED. CROSSLAND .. .. 4.	HENRY W. KIRTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, of Mottram, and

Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

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

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 5.
ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. 2.	ALFRED CROSS .. .. 6.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 4.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This peal was taken from the Peal Appendix for 1895, being the third peal on page 79. Messrs. Chapman and Cross hail from Manchester; Clarke from Bedford.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Treble Bob rang at Irthlingborough on Saturday, June 5th, was a 5024, not 5120 as reported.

## Date Touches.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Thursday, June 3rd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1897 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Woods, 1; J. Shone, 2; J. Ollerhead, 3; T. Hughes, 4; F. Jones, 5; C. Gittins, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; C. Smith, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HELMSHORE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. On Friday, June 4th, for practice, 720 Woodbine, and

240 each of London and Cambridge Surprise Minor. On Sunday, June 6th, 720 Oxford. On Tuesday, June 8th, 720 London Surprise and 720 Kent. J. Entwistle took the treble in the Oxford, and the 3rd in the Kent, and the remainder was as follows: H. Steff, 1; T. Brandwood, 2; R. Wallwork, 3; J. Banks, 4; T. Wallwork, 5; J. H. Banks (conductor), 6. The 720s of London and Woodbine were the first in these methods.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 6th, for Divine Service at Margaret's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. T. Faulkner (conductor), 1; A. Deards, 2; C. Fenn, 3; E. Lucas, 4; R. Fenn, 5; S. Hayes, 6; A. Whight, 7; E. A. Davies, Esq., 8.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Sunday, for service, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, sen., 4; J. Sadler, 5; J. Nicholls, jun., 6; E. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8. Also a course of Double Norwich. J. Nicholls, jun., 2; C. Norfolk, 6; the rest as before. And 464 Bob Major.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Saturday, June 5th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 2700 changes in 1 hr. 35 mins., it came to grief. W. Pye (conductor), 1; G. Pye, 2; A. Edwards, 3; C. Waskett, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Piper, 6; E. Pye, 7; H. Brazier, 8. On handbells retained in hand 504 Stedman Triples. And a course of Double Norwich. G. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; A. Edwards, 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Perkins (first quarter-peal), 1; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 2; G. Pye, 3; W. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; J. Dale, 6; E. Pye, 7; H. Dawkins, 8. On Sunday morning, June 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Roughton, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. Pye, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; J. Dale, 6.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 30th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. B. Manning, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; W. Pye (conductor), 4; G. Pye, 5; J. Wilkins, 6; E. Pye, 7; W. R. Pinsent, 8; F. Nunn, 9; T. Watson, 10. After service 514 Stedman Caters. W. Pye (conductor), 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; W. B. Manning, 4; G. Pye, 5; J. H. Wilkins, 6; E. Pye, 7; A. Freeman, 8; H. Scarlett, 9; R. Knight, 10.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, June 6th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Tarbun, 1; A. Edwards, 2; G. W. Sorrell, 3; W. Prior, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; E. Pye, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples in which J. Tarbun, A. Shuttleworth and A. Speller took part. On Monday, June 7th, the following attempted a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 4100 changes in 2 hours and 35 mins. A. Tarbun, 1; A. Edwards, 2; W. Keeble, 3; W. Prior, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; E. Pye, 6; C. H. Howard, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. And on handbells retained in hand, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; C. H. Howard, 7-8.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. W. Sorrell, 1; W. Pye (conductor), 2; E. W. Davis, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; E. Pye, 7; W. Emery, 8. Also 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Strutt, 1; A. Edwards, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; G. W. Sorrell, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; W. Lincoln, 6; E. Pye, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, with G. W. Emery, 1; E. W. Davis, 3; the rest as before.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Monday, May 24th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. W. Hobbs, 1; W. Hills, 2; E. Dixon, 3; C. Young, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. First 720 of Grandsire by Messrs. Hills, Dixon, and Young, and first 720 of Grandsire on the bells. Tabrett hails from Ashford; Godwin from Charing; the rest belong to the local band.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On May 6th, 720 Kent Tceble Bob. J. Grensted, 1; E. Allen, 2; C. Millway, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; G. Kite, 6. On May 8th, 720 Double Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On May 9th, for evening service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sedg, 1; C. Millway, 2; S. Beach (first in the method), 3; J. Grensted, 4; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 5; H. Wood, 6. On May 13th 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hollands, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; C. Millway, 6. On May, 16th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob

(eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hollands, 1; H. Coast, 2; G. Coast, 3; T. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; J. Grensted, 5; S. Beach, 6. On May 20th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hollands (first 720 in the method on the treble), 1; G. Coast, 2; C. Millway (conductor), 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; J. Grensted, 5; S. Beach, 6. On May 23rd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). S. Beach, 1; E. Allen, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway (conductor), 5; E. Day, 6. On May 30th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hollands, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; T. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; S. Beach, 6.

CHIDDINGSTONE (Kent).—On Wednesday, June 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Taylor's bob-and-single variation), in 48 mins. T. Belton, 1; F. Butcher, 2; E. Bridge, 3; F. Whibley, 4; A. Longley, 5; G. Edwards (conductor), 6; R. King, 7; H. Denton, 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service at the church of St. Peter, eight members started for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (in honour of J. Muggridge, the oldest member, who was married that day), but was lost after ringing over 1000 changes. G. Head, 1; G. Smithers (conductor), 2; A. Webb, 3; W. Pollard, 4; P. Brooker, 5; H. Porter, 6; H. Card, 7; E. Mankelow, sen., 8. And 336 of Stedman Triples. H. Porter, 1; A. Webb, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; P. Brooker, 4; W. Latter, 5; G. Head, 6; H. Card (conductor), 7; G. Smithers, 8. For evening service, 336 Double Norwich. J. Muggridge, 1; A. Welsh, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Pollard, 4; W. Latter, 5; H. Card, 6; H. Porter, 7; S. Perkins (conductor), 8. And 210 of Oxford Bob Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; H. Card, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins, 4; A. Welsh, 5; G. Smithers, 6; H. Porter (conductor), 7; W. Latter, 8. On Thursday, June 10th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') 1260 changes, in 47 mins. E. Mankelow, 1; G. Head, 2; R. Pelling, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Pollard, 5; W. Latter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; W. Latter, 8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—May 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Lane, 1; R. Munn, 2; G. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; F. Ring, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. May 29th, 720 London Surprise. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; F. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. May 30th, 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. June 6th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lane, 1; H. Milhams, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; W. Clifford, 2; G. Hayes, 3; A. Cornford, 4; F. Ring, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. June 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor; 720 Bob Minor; 720 Kent; 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. June 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Milhams, 1; M. Digby, 2; G. Hayes, 3; W. Clifford, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Ring, 6.

CANTERBURY.—On Monday, June 7th, at St. Dunstan's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 25 mins. W. Weatherstone, (Lewisham; conductor), 1; G. Smithers (Tunbridge Wells), 2; W. Ingham (Chislehurst), 3; W. T. Hyland (Upchurch), 4; W. H. Card (Tunbridge Wells), 5; W. J. Walker (Upchurch), 6.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

BARNET.—On Monday, April 5th, at St. John's church, 560 Bob Major. J. Stevens, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; J. Sumpter, 3; F. A. Milne, 4; J. Attwater, 5; A. Dolton, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; C. H. Martin (conductor), 8. On Monday, May 17th, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. F. Dolton, 1; S. Wade, 2; F. A. Milne, 3; W. J. Dell, 4; A. H. Belton, 5; A. Miller, 6; C. H. Martin (conductor), 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8.

EDGWARE (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, May 11th, six members of the Finchley band paid a visit to the parish church and rang several touches of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and College Single Minor, in which the following took part; Messrs. W. H. Tubb, E. H. Tubb, W. Webb, F. Sparks, G. J. Miles, and F. Carroway. Also two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, in which four of the local band took part, viz. Messrs. J. Knights, H. Harwood, J. Rowley and A. Woodman.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 25th, at St. Mary's Church, for divine service in the evening, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 9th, for evening service, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. H. Tubb, 3; E. H. Tubb, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 13th, 720 of College Single Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; F. Sparks, 3; E. H. Tubb, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 16th, for

morning service, 360 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; G. Miles, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. And for service in the evening, 360 of Plain Bob. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; E. H. Tubb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also after evening service a 720 of Oxford Bob. W. Mulley, 1; E. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; W. H. Tubb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 23rd, for evening service, 360 of College Single. W. Mulley, 1; F. Sparks, 2; W. Webb, 3; E. H. Tubb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. C. Carroway, 6. On Monday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Oxford Bob. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; F. Carroway, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6.

HENDON.—On Wednesday, May 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Tubb, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; F. Carroway (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Sunday, May 9th, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, May 12th, 120 Stedman Doubles. H. J. Martin, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 19th, 360 Cambridge Surprise. Standing same as before. On Monday, May 24th, at 5 a.m., in honour of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen's Birthday, 360 Grandsire Doubles. F. Turvey, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt (conductor), 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Kirby, 6; and 360 Bob Minor. C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, June 6th, after evening service, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs). F. Turvey, 1; C. Crampton, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; J. Barrett, 4; R. Bevan, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. Messrs. Bevan and Smith hail from Haverstock Hill.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, May 11th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Knowles (first 720), 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; N. Townend, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Mouncey, 6. On Sunday, May 16th, for morning service, 720 Oxford. R. Hartley, 1; N. Townend, 2; T. Redman (conductor), 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; F. Towns, 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; D. Campbell, 2; F. Towns, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 18th, 720 Woodbine. H. Heyworth, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, May 23rd, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service 384 Kent Treble Bob. R. Hartley, 1; T. Redman (conductor), 2; D. Heys, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; F. Towns, 7; T. Mouncey, 8. On Saturday, May 29th, 720 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; F. Towns, 3; N. Townend, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 30th, for evening service, 720 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 1st, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; N. Townend, 4; R. Ashworth (conductor), 5; T. Mouncey, 6. On Sunday, June 6th, for morning service, 360 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth (conductor), 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Mouncey, 6. For evening service 720 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Redman (conductor), 3; N. Townend, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Mouncey, 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, June 7th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1856 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Wightman, 1; J. Durrant, 2; S. Wightman, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman, 5; H. W. Baldry, 6; G. Wightman (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8. Longest in the method by the 5th and 6th men.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday evening, May 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. J. Harrison, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; J. Ward, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. Bailey (conductor), 7; A. Makins, 8. On Sunday evening, May 23rd, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major in 45 mins. J. Harrison, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; J. Ward, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; A. Ward, 7; F. Bradley (conductor), 8. Messrs. A. Ward and Bradley hail from Derby. On Sunday morning, May 30th, 336 Plain Bob

Major. J. Harrison, 1; J. Hexter, 2; J. Bailey, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. Foxon, 5; F. Wicks, 6; J. Ward, 7; W. Hexter (conductor), 8.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STANTON HARCOURT (Oxon).—On Monday, June 7th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Tubbs, 1; A. Pimm, 2; H. Walters, 3; F. White (conductor), 4; R. White, 5; J. Monk, 6.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Wednesday, June 2nd, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. Bertram Long, son of the Rev. David Long, Rector of Broadway, Dorset, with Mabel Maud, daughter of Lieutenant-General R. P. Radcliffe, Colonel Commandant Royal Artillery, of Balmore, Caversham. As the bridal party left the church the bells pealed out merrily to a well-struck 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Simmonds, 1; E. J. Menday, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; H. W. Smith, 5; J. Hands, 6; G. Essex, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. This touch was followed by rounds queens and firing. At 4.40 a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung, conducted by W. E. Menday, which concluded the afternoon's ringing.

#### THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Tuesday, May 18th, at St. Michael's church, 360 Grandsire Minor. G. Tipton, 1; J. Owen, 2; R. Smith, 3; G. Taylor, 4; A. Fullick, 5; W. Taylor (conductor), 6. Longest length by the first three ringers. Also 270 of Minor. G. Tipton, 1; Rev. C. Chinner, 2; J. Owen, 3; R. Smith, 4; A. Fullick, 5; G. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 21st, at St. Alkmund's church, 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Tipton, 1; W. Espley, 2; G. Scarratt, 3; G. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; R. Chant, 8. On Tuesday, May 25th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. G. Tipton, 1; J. Owen, 2; R. Smith, 3; G. Taylor, 4; A. Fullick, 5; W. Taylor (conductor), 6. First 720 by the first three ringers. On Friday, June 4th, at St. Alkmund's church, 420 Grandsire Major. G. Scarratt, 1; G. Taylor, 2; F. Taylor, 3; W. Taylor, 4; H. Jones, 5; A. Fullick, 6; C. F. Vickers, 7; G. Byolin (conductor), 8. On Whit-Sunday, June 6th, at 7 a.m., 350 Darlaston Bob Triples. W. Owen, 1; A. Espley, 2; G. Taylor, 3; F. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; G. Scarratt, 8. At St. Mary's church, 210 Grandsire Triples. T. Price, 1; W. Owen, 2; A. Bennett, 3; W. Taylor (conductor), 4; G. Scarratt, 5; A. Fullick, 6; A. Espley, 7; J. Wynn, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Espley, 1; G. Taylor, 2; F. Taylor, 3; W. Taylor, 4; A. Espley, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Also 420 Darlaston Bob Triples. G. Scarratt, 1; A. Espley, 2; G. Taylor, 3; W. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. First touch in the method on the bells. Also several touches of Grandsire Triples. J. Lewis, 1; W. Owen, 2; F. Taylor, 3; G. Taylor, 4; G. Byolin, 5; T. Price (aged 73, conductor), 6; A. Fullick, 7; J. Wall, 8.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Wednesday, June 2nd, an attempt was made to ring Holt's six-part peal of Bob Triples, which was unsuccessful after ringing 3920 changes in 2 hrs. 14 mins. F. Glennerster, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; G. Price (conductor), 5; W. Norris, 6; Wm. Norris, 7; J. Alexander, 8. This peal was attempted on the occasion of the marriage of Dr. W. W. Shackleton, churchwarden of Oxhey.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Wednesday, May 20th, 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Carter, 1; A. Laurence, 2; J. Heady (conductor), 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. Laurence, 5; G. Phillips, 6. On Sunday, May 23rd, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Minor (twenty bobs and eighteen singles). H. Carter, 1; A. Laurence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Laurence (conductor), 6. For evening service 144 Bob Minor. R. Dennis, 1; H. Warner, 2; A. Phillips, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Laurence (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, 1; H. Warner, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. Laurence (conductor), 6. After service 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. Dennis, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Laurence, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. Laurence (conductor), 5; A. Wright, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Carter, 1; A. Laurence, 2; W. Laurence (conductor), 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; R. Dennis, 6. Also two touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor. The above touches were rung after service, to give Mr. Dennis a touch, who hails from Knebworth; Warner belongs to Bennington. On Monday, May 24th, for practice, 144 College Single. G. Carter, 1; A. Laurence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Laurence (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Laurence, 5; A. Wright, 6. On Wednesday, May 26th, 360 Oxford Bob and a touch of College Single. G. Carter, 1; A. Laurence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Laurence, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Carter, 1; A. Laurence, 2; J. Heady, 3; W. Laurence (conductor), 4; A. Smith, 5; A.

Phillips, 6. On Monday, May 31st, 360 College Single and 120 Kent Treble Bob. A. Lawrence, 1; G. Carter, 2; J. Hardy, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Laurence (conductor), 6. First 360 of College Single by all and first 120 of Treble Bob on the bells by a local band. On Monday, June 7th, 720 Grandsire Minor and 120 Stedman Doubles. H. Carter, 1; G. Carter, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Laurence (conductor), 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, June 6th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 840 Grandsire Triples. J. Edwards, 1; F. Harding, 2; R. Langford, 3; J. Davies, 4; W. Hartshorne, 5; J. Gayton, 6; R. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Harding, 8. J. Gayton hails from Bangor. The above was rung as a farewell touch to Mr. J. Davies, who is leaving Crewe for Derby, the ringers wishing him every success in his new capacity.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

HOGHTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, June 6th, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, jun., 1; A. Thomson, 2; T. Calderbank, 3; J. Harrison, 4; J. Smith, sen., 5; J. Brown (conductor), 6; J. Scholey, 7; M. Adams, 8. Messrs. Calderbank and Harrison belong to Hoghton; the rest belong to the Blackburn company. This quarter-peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Richard Jackson, of Hoghton.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 13th, for High Celebration at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Norris, 1; C. Weller, 2; C. Hill, 3; H. Harvey, 4; G. Watson (conductor), 5; F. Kennett, 6; G. Taylor, 7; A. Denman, 8. For evening service 434 Grandsire Triples. T. Willard, 1; C. Weller, 2; S. Watson, 3; H. Harvey, 4; G. Watson (conductor), 5; F. Kennett, 6; G. Taylor, 7; H. Denman, 8.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, June 9th, at the Cathedral, 504 and 252 of Stedman Triples. W. J. Sevier, 1; G. Smith, 2; A. Pye, 3; C. J. Choquet, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Lebbon, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8. Also 280 Grandsire Triples. C. J. Choquet, 1; G. Smith, 2; A. Pye, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Lebbon, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. J. Sevier, 8. Newman hails from Romsey and Pye from Portsmouth.

CURDRIDGE (Hants).—On Saturday, June 12th, at St. Peter's Church, the following members attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples on these melodious bells, tenor 26 cwt. which they opened in March, but in consequence of the excessive heat, it had to be abandoned after ringing about 200 changes. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; W. Lebbon, 3; R. Hasted, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. H. George (conductor), 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 7; W. Payne, 8. There is a very promising young hand attached to the church, who can already ring Grandsire Triples on handbells, having been instructed by Mr. W. H. George.

BIRMINGHAM.—Recently at Bishop Ryder's church, 787 Grandsire Triples. W. Ellis, 1; W. Short, 2; J. Porter, 3; T. Wakeman, 4; R. Hackley, 5; W. Hancox (conductor), 6; A. Hackley, 7; J. Hodson, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Harford, daughter of Mr. Brown, a late churchwarden.

BLETCHINGLEY (Bucks).—On Saturday, June 12th, at St. Mary's church, 480 Grandsire Doubles. V. Sear (conductor), 1; F. Hedges, 2; A. Atkins, 3; E. Marks, 4; R. Sear, 5; A. Crane, 6.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, June 6th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. E. Williams, 2; R. Thompson (conductor), 3; H. Morgan, 4; G. Watkins, 5; J. Morley, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; A. Couldrick, 8. On Monday, June 7th, 602 Grandsire Triples. J. Prickett, 1; R. Thompson, 2; W. Biss, 3; H. Morgan, 4; A. Rowley, 5; J. Morley, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; E. Williams, 8. Also 448 Bob Major. E. Williams, 1; R. Thompson (conductor), 2; J. Prickett, 3; W. Biss, 4; A. Rowley, 5; J. Morley, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; G. Watkins, 8.

HEENE (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, June 6th, for Divine Service at St. Botolph's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. T. Greenyer, 1; H. Evans, 2; H. Meetens, 3; J. Paice, 4; W. Hillman, 5; B. Bassett, 6; C. Lindup (conductor), 7; A. Arnell, 8.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 1st, for practice, 1385 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. T. Newnham (longest length), 1; A.

Dean, 2; W. Otway, 3; H. Wood, 4; G. Scowen, 5; E. Dunk, 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; W. Crockford, 8; E. Hull, 9; H. Elliott, 10.

**PATELEY BRIDGE (Yorks).**—On Tuesday, June 1st, for practice at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. \*G. Mason, 1; \*S. Summersall, 2; J. Mumford, 3; S. Bastnett, 4; \*O. Marshall, 5; †J. Summersall (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. As this is the first 720 that has been rung on these bells by a local band since the bells were presented to the church some four years ago by W. Harker, Esq., of Harefield, the ringers feel that they have established a record. It is only fair to state that up to twelve months ago the company were handicapped by members leaving the town, thus rendering progress impossible. \*First 720. †First 720 as conductor.

**SEELY OAK (Worcestershire).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—Recently at the house of Mr. E. Bryant, 720 Stedman Minor (seventy bobs). W. H. Barber, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; B. Witchell (conductor), 5-6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob conducted by W. H. Barber. This is supposed to be the first 720 of Stedman Minor yet rang on handbells. Also 360, 720, and 1006 Stedman Caters. W. H. Barber, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; R. Hunt, 5-6; B. Witchell (conductor), 7-8; E. Bryant, 9-10.

**STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).**—On Sunday morning, May 6th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, 1; G. Cowley, 2; R. Valentine, 3; E. Yates, 4; G. Valentine, 5; S. Wolfe (late of Birmingham; conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins. A. Clarke, 1; R. Valentine, 2; G. Valentine, 3; E. Yates, 4; G. Cowley, 5; S. Wolfe (conductor), 6.

**THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).**—On Sunday morning, June 6th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. In the evening 360 Bob Doubles, 360 Grandsire Doubles, and 120 St. Simon's Doubles. G. Moss, A. Symonds, E. Buckingham, E. Youngs, C. Nunn, H. Symonds, G. Symonds (London, conductor).

## Obituary.

### JOHN HOWE.

On the 5th of June, at the age of 62, John Howe passed to his rest. The deceased was one of the older generation of ringers at Derby. When, in 1884, the bells at Duffield were recast and made into a peal of eight, he acted as instructor to the local band, till then only conversant with Doubles. Of the ultimate success of this company it is unnecessary here to speak, but John Howe laid the foundation of the subsequent achievements in the Duffield tower. He took part in nearly all the peals there, conducting several himself. No more reliable ringer ever entered that belfry, and his loss to the company is deeply felt. Kind-hearted, of uniform good temper, always ready to start for a peal, invariably punctual to his engagements, an excellent striker and careful ringer, he will long remain in the affectionate remembrance of all his friends. He had taken part in about 140 peals in all the standard methods on from seven to ten bells, from London Surprise downwards, and in one peal each on eleven and twelve bells. His funeral at the Derby cemetery was attended by ringers from Duffield and Derby, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the grave. *Requiescat in pace.*

A correspondent sends the following:—

John Howe was a member of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and a proficient member of the Midland Counties Association, in which latter body he rung 132 peals. He had rung and conducted many peals before the formation of the Midland Counties Association, his father and uncle then being well-known ringers in Derby.

The mourners at the funeral were: Mrs. Howe (widow), Mr. George Howe (son), Mr. Anice, Mrs. Anice, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Poyser. The breast-plate on the coffin bore the inscription, "John Howe, died June 5th, 1897, aged 62 years."

He was borne to the grave by six representative ringers, being: Mr. B. Sugden (Duffield), Mr. J. Patchett (Duffield), Mr. J. Flowers (Duffield), Mr. George Lee (sexton of St. Luke's, Derby), Mr. George Beeston (sexton of All Saints, Derby), and Mr. J. W. Thompson (St. Andrew's, Derby). Wreaths were sent by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield Bank, Mrs. and the Misses Heywood, and by the All Saints' ringers, past and present. Among the followers were Mr. T. Draper (of Duffield), Mr. J. Newbold, Mr. T. Alton, Mr. T. Anthony, Mr. Louis Lomas, Mr. F. Bradley, Mr. A. H. Ward, Mr. G. Thompson, Mr. A. E. Thompson and Mr. S. Frettorplace.

After the committal at the grave side, five members of the Midland Counties Association rang, on handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters, standing as follows:—G. Thompson, 1-2; A. H. Ward, 3-4; F. Bradley, 5-6; A. E. Thompson, 7-8; Louis L. Lomas, 9-10. In the evening a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at St. Alkmund's Church, which came to an abrupt termination through the

rope of the fifth bell breaking. On Thursday evening, at St. Luke's Church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung in 24 mins. J. Riley, 1; T. Bancroft, 2; J. Newbold, 3; Louis L. Lomas, 4; J. W. Thompson, 5; A. E. Thompson, 6; G. Lee (conductor), 7; H. Longden, 8. On the following Monday evening, at All Saints' Church, was rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins., by the following ringers:—F. Whiting, 1; T. Bancroft, 2; F. Sephton, 3; G. Lee, 4; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 5; W. H. Found, 6; W. Wallace, 7; G. Beeson, 8.

## RICHARD REDGATE.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Richard Redgate, which took place on Friday, June 11th, at the age of 73, and who for over 50 years was sexton and parish clerk of St. Werburgh's, Derby. The deceased was a member of the Midland Counties Association, and had taken part in a good many peals, his last being one in which the late John Howe conducted, who has also gone to his rest only last week. On Monday evening a muffled peal was arranged, but one of the band failing to turn up, a quarter-peal had to be substituted, much to the regret of the remaining seven. T. Anthony, 1; W. H. Poyser, 2; A. H. Ward, 3; J. Newbold, 4; L. Lomas, 5; J. W. Thompson, 6; F. Bradley (conductor), 7; R. Anthony, 8.

## Correspondence.

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

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

### THE PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD.

SIR,—In the note to the peal rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, on Whit-Monday, it is stated the conductor brought the bells round through one of the band becoming ill. This statement is untrue, and ought not to have appeared, as no one was ill, and the conductor received no intimation either by word or sign that any one would be unable to keep on. Each man had thoroughly settled himself to his work (excepting of course the one taken ill—myself), and honestly I was never better in my life (if we except a half dozen or so of blisters), and so far as I could see there was nothing whatever to justify him in shortening the peal, especially as at the time he commenced to call them home, the striking was, if possible, better than at any other time throughout. Considering this and the fact that we rarely have an opportunity of attempting a long peal, I say it was a grand chance thrown away by the conductor himself. Until we have more confidence in each other than this, we had better let long peal-ringing alone.

Church Street, Amphilhill.

### REPLY TO MR. BRADNEY.

SIR,—I do not think Mr. Bradney could have read my letter aright. I did not for a moment think he was the author of the paragraph re the Shifnal peal, neither did I allude to it. I merely asked him for the information, because, being on the spot, he could with the least trouble give it, and I trust he will see fit to do so. Am sorry no London ringer answered the other part of my question.

Croome, Worcester.

L. LONGNEY.

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## Notices.

The Hertfordshire Association.—A district meeting will be held at Oxhey and Bushey, to-day, Saturday, June 19th. The tower of Oxhey church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock; business meeting to follow, and at its conclusion the members will proceed to Bushey, where the tower of the parish church will be available for ringing during the evening. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*  
St Albans.

Notice.—The Lavenham anniversary of the bells will be held on June 22nd instead of the 21st. A. SYMONDS.  
Lavenham.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Worsley, on Saturday, June 26. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts' Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. John's schoolroom, Bromsgrove, on Saturday, June 26th, at 6 o'clock prompt. The Rev. E. V. Hall, vicar, has kindly consented to preside. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, to which all are cordially invited. The tower will be opened and the bells, which have just been re-hung, placed at the disposal of the members. Tea will be provided for all members sending in their names to me not later than Tuesday, June 22nd. JNO. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*  
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry on Saturday, June 26th, at 6 p.m. The tower will be open to ringers at 4 p.m. The leaders of the various towers are requested to let the Hon. Secretary know how many will attend. HENRY WOOLCOTT, *Hon. Sec.*  
Grange Mount, West Kirby.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley (eight bells), on Saturday, June 26. A peal will be attempted at 3 o'clock prompt. Meeting house The New inn. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherham, on Saturday, June 26th. All members interested in the cup competition are requested to attend. E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
26, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual outing of the above will take place at Cheltenham on Saturday, June 26th. Dinner at The Bee Hive, Prestbury (two miles from Cheltenham), at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. The following towers have been kindly placed at our disposal: Cheltenham (10 bells); Prestbury (8 bells); Charlton Kings (8 bells). Any visiting ringers will be heartily welcomed. THOS. COLLINSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
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Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The 274th anniversary of the above society will be held on Saturday, June 26th. All ringing friends are cordially invited. Arrangements are being made with the railway

company as to issuing return tickets at reduced fares from Liverpool Street. On application to me further particulars will be sent.

ARTHUR F. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 10th. Full particulars later. At this meeting the Master intends proposing some important alterations in the rules, with a view to establishing branches of the Association in the different deaneries in the diocese. All the members are therefore particularly requested to make an effort to be present. Local Secretaries will kindly inform the Hon. Sec. by July 3rd the probable number of members that will attend, in order that arrangements may be made for dinner.

H. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*  
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual festival and meeting will be held at Romsey, on Monday, July 19th. Subscriptions for 1897 should be sent in as soon as possible. Members or bands wishing to visit any particular tower must inform the Hon. Sec. before June 28th.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Hursley, Winchester.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT GLODWINCK.—This peal was rung to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the opening of the bells and church, which was given by the late Lieut.-Colonel Lees, of Oldham, and was opened on June 14th, 1876. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the vicar and wardens for the use of the bells. This is the first peal in the method by the ringers of the treble and tenor. G. Hoyle hails from Rochdale; H. W. Kirtton, late of Gainsborough; F. Crossland from Leesfield; S. Stott and F. Cocks from St. Mary's, Oldham, the rest are of the local company.

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2 1 3 5 4 7 6 Hand stroke.

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etc.

6 7 3 4 5 2 2

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Other illustrations may appear, but in consequence of the shortness of time, we cannot actually promise them.

Our old and valued contributor "Free Lance," will send some of his "Notes," and friends "Jingle" and "Plain Speaker" will also be *en evidence*. Mr. John Carter commences a dissertation on Union Triples, with examples; and "Aleph" will write his concluding chapter, which will include all the possible touches of Grandsire Caters of 395 changes; these latter by the late Mr. James Lockwood.

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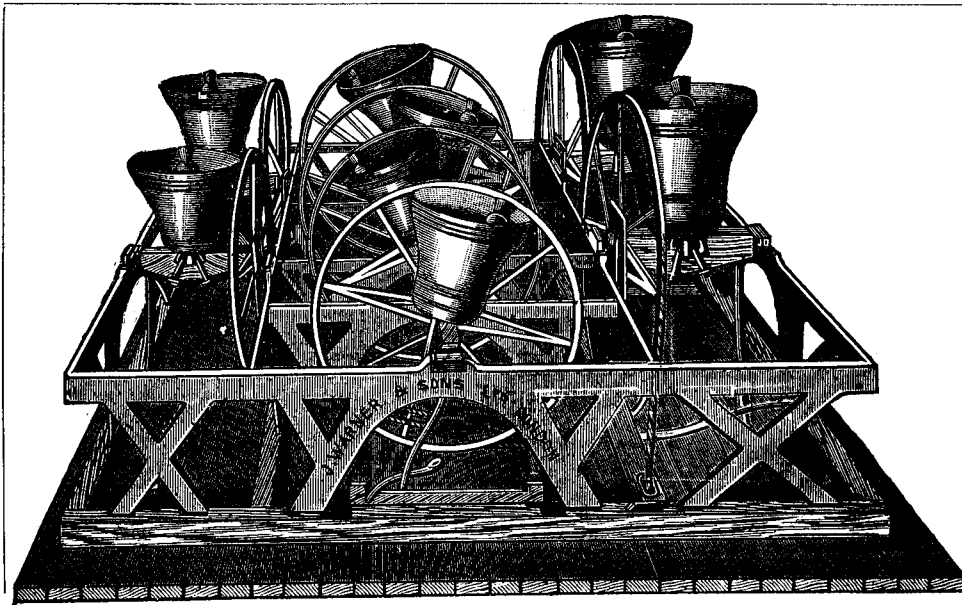
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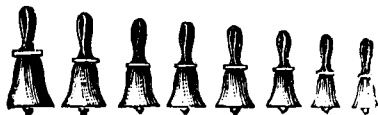
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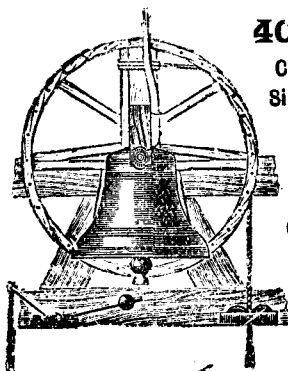
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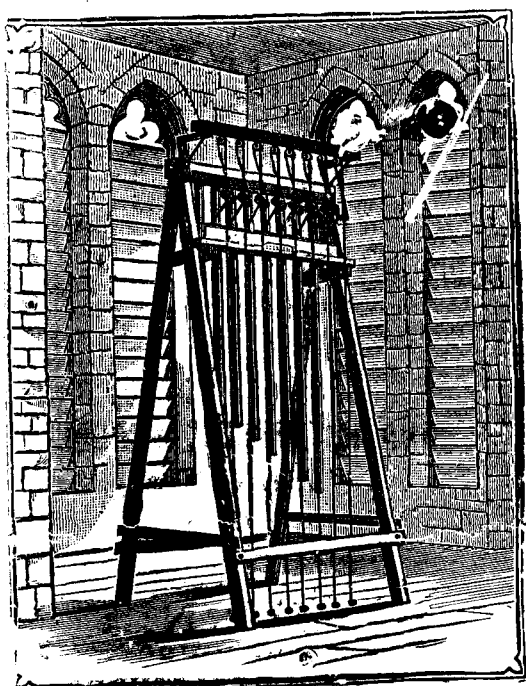
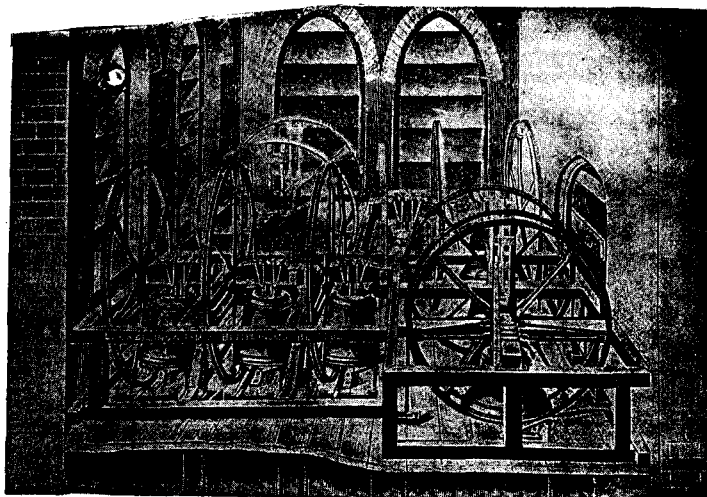
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING.

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PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary presented the following report on "Original Authorship" and "Variation:"

"The Committee appointed at the last Meeting of the Council to formulate a definition of the points constituting 'Original Authorship,' and of those determining 'Variation,' having carefully considered the subject referred to them, beg to report that the conditions controlling composition vary so greatly according to the method treated that it is impossible to devise a comprehensive set of rules which shall be equally applicable to all methods alike for settling these points, and yet free from the imperfection of being too lax when applied to some methods, and too stringent in the case of others. Each method requires separate consideration and rules determining the limits of originality in composition, applicable to itself: and though it would no doubt be possible to form groups of methods, to each of which one set of rules might be applicable, the result would be both cumbrous and confusing. The Committee, therefore, think that it will be better to limit themselves, in the first instance, to a general statement of the features distinguishing 'Originality,' which are, more or less, applicable to all methods.

1. The earliest ascertainable true composition on any definite plan in any method, which is not a reproduction, or colourable imitation, of the same composition in another method, is entitled to be termed 'the original' composition on that plan.

2. Subsequent compositions on the same plan, which are not demonstrably reversals or transpositions (as hereinafter described) or colourable imitations of a previous composition in the same method, may be considered as 'distinct' compositions on the plan, and allowed the distinction of 'originality.'

3. *Reversals*, in which the calls in one position are exchanged for those in another, including direct inversions of calling: *Transpositions*, by which one bell is substituted for another as 'the observation,' or re-arrangements of the same calling: *Artificial alterations*, such as the employment of alternative calls, the multiplication, or subtraction, or shifting of singles, or the redistribution of 'shunting' calls, by which the general result is not affected, but only the form of the composition—if applied to any previous composition possessed of the distinction of 'originality,'—are to be considered as 'Variations'!

In the foregoing statement the Committee use the word 'plan' in a comprehensive sense, as embracing not only the division of a composition into a given number of parts, but also the assignment of 'qualities' with reference to length, the treatment of 'fixed,' or 'observation' bells, or any other *distinctive feature in construction*."

The Hon. Secretary added: I think it would, perhaps, be as well before the Council take action on this report that it should be put into type, and the Committee should be re-elected.

The President: The report will appear in "THE BELL NEWS" along with the rest of our proceedings to-day. I am sure we must all appreciate the able way in which this report deals with a most difficult subject, and while, I think, we shall probably almost entirely agree with its conclusions, it would be impossible to adopt it as our united opinion until we have perused it in print as Mr. Bulwer suggests.

Mr. Griffin proposed and Mr. J. Dillon seconded and it was carried that the Committee, consisting of the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Dr. Carpenter, and Mr. Dains, be re-elected.

### VISIBLE AIDS TO MEMORY IN CONDUCTING.

Mr. Thornton: I beg to move "That the practice of using visible aids to memory in the conduction of peals is detrimental to the interests of the Art; and to recommend for the adoption

of Societies a rule requiring all performances to be certified as conducted without such aid." Doubtless every member of the Council has by this time made himself conversant with what took place in a certain Kentish district last autumn. Statements have been made which have been proved to the hilt that certain conductors were not accustomed to commit their peals to memory, but had the figures by their side. I have taken exception to that practice as being most unfair, and most unjust. I look upon the practice as almost illegal. I cannot think that those gentlemen who use visible aids can rank in the same standard with those who conduct their peals from memory, and who, undismayed by failure, still continue their efforts. We have suffered very severely from this objectionable practice, which is especially prevalent in one district I could point to. I thought when I made a statement last year at Lewisham that the custom was confined to Kent, but I hear it is common elsewhere, though not to the same extent. It is now high time the Council took some action. We in Kent have done our best. My friend, Mr. Helmore, jumped into the breach, and agrees with me that the rule we have propounded would certainly be of benefit to ringers and the Exercise generally (hear, hear).

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore: I beg to second the resolution. I think in doing so I may say that yesterday we held our Annual Meeting, and that I then moved that a resolution should be inserted in the peal book. I hope that some action will be taken to stop the illegal practice now complained of. In moving in the matter yesterday I made use of words to the effect that I found there were certain difficulties in getting conductors to abide by the decision made last December, to the effect that a certificate should be given that no visible aid to memory had been used in calling. I hope that now public attention has been called to this matter, the conductors will give up the use of visible calls.

Mr. J. W. Taylor: I would like to ask whether the resolution will prevent part-ends being hung up. My poor head would certainly not carry them. As to the calling, I must confess that I should not care to see bobs, &c., hung up. One difficulty which is likely to be felt in different parts of the country is that a young company trying to introduce change-ringing into a district where there has never been any half-pull ringing, might have difficulty in getting a peal conducted.

Mr. W. D. Smith: I think Mr. Taylor's question might be answered with regard to the part-ends. If a man conducts a peal he should do it from memory, and I shall support the resolution on the ground that it excludes all visible aids to memory.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey: Does not the meeting think that this rule is rather hard and fast for some companies who have only one conductor? They might take the matter up and be debarred from ringing peals for a long time, because they were not able to manage without some simple aid. To use visible aids constantly is, however, most illegal.

Mr. Attree: I fail to see where the illegality comes in. When you speak of visible aids to memory as very undesirable, I can readily understand it, but if you go back far enough, I think you will find that a ringer so greatly respected as John Holt conducted the peal from manuscript. I do not think that, now the question has been ventilated in public, the evil will continue to such an extent, and, therefore, you might very well leave the point to the good sense of all conductors, without asking the Council to pass any resolution.

Rev. H. L. James: Where such things are done it should be publicly stated. I think it is noted on the peal-board that John Holt called the bobs from manuscript. I do not think there is any illegality in that. In some cases a cut and dried rule may be very hard on those who have to learn.

Mr. T. Hudson: I think everybody will admit that it is



undesirable that manuscripts should be used as a general rule, but there are some occasions where a few notes, such as course-ends, might be taken advantage of. I think, therefore, the resolution, so far as it asks us to condemn any form of manuscript or any aid to memory, might be fairly left to the honour of the ringers, or of the conductor, without requiring them to send up a formal certificate to the effect that such and such a thing has been done. At any rate, the word of the conductor might be fairly accepted. I feel that the resolution as it stands is much too strong, and I shall therefore vote against it.

The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey: In the first effort at conducting that I made I had the course-ends written down, certainly not more than the course-ends, and I should not have had the effrontery to ask for more.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter moved an amendment to the effect "That the Council is of opinion that where a peal is published in the ordinary way it is to be understood that no visible aids to memory have been used."

Mr. R. Binns: I think ringers should have some discretion in the matter.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon: I should like to propose the following variation in the form of the amendment: "That the Council is of opinion that the use of visible aids to memory in conducting peals is undesirable, and that if such aids are used the fact ought to be signified in any published report." That expresses the general feeling of the Council that the use of visible aids is not desirable. We all feel that it is a very different thing to conduct a peal from memory, and to conduct one with the part-ends or any other figures written down. At the same time the resolution recognises the possibility of visible aids being occasionally used under circumstances which have been very well put before us in the interests of beginners. My amendment also says that if such aids are used, the fact ought to be notified, because the peal would not be so satisfactory as if the conductor had not put anything down. But whatever may be said of the conductors, I do not see why young ringers should not have the credit of their peal.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter: May I thank Mr. Papillon for putting in better words than my own exactly what I meant to be inferred. Mr. Washbrook, my seconder, agrees with me that this amendment is exactly what we should like to see carried, and therefore I should like to withdraw my amendment.

Mr. Thornton: I may say that I had no idea of representing that the young beginners are to be blamed for what the conductor does, and I am ready to withdraw my resolution in favour of the amendment.

The Rev. C. Matthews seconded Mr. Papillon's amendment.

The President: Then the resolution and first amendment are by leave withdrawn, and Mr. Papillon's amendment, seconded by Mr. Matthews, becomes the substantive motion.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was carried unanimously.

[To be continued.]

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, a joint meeting of the Middlesex Association and of the South and West Middlesex Guild was held at Ealing, as the outcome of negotiations between those two societies for cementing a union of forces under the title of "The Middlesex County Association." The meeting was a success in every way, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. Considering the amount of business on the programme, there was a good deal of ringing at intervals in the towers of St. Mary's church and Christ Church; beginning in the steeple of Christ Church at ten o'clock with a couple of touches of Grand-sire Triples. The bells of St. Mary's were set going shortly after to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

At 12.30 a special service was held at St. Mary's church, which was attended by a large number of ringers, the Rev. H. G. Bird, of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, reading the service. The vicar of St. Mary's (Rev. D. L. Oliver, LL.D.), gave an impressive address, taking for his subject the duties assigned to the sons of Merari in the work of the tabernacle (Numbers iv. 31-33), and earnestly impressing upon all present the duty of undertaking the office of a bell ringer, not for the mere

fascination of the exercise, but solely as work done for God's honour and glory.

After service an adjournment was made to the old assembly rooms, where a cold collation had been provided. Before leaving, the Rev. H. G. Bird, in a few appropriate words, proposed the health of "The Queen," all present rising and singing a verse of the National Anthem. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. T. King to Dr. Oliver for his admirable address, and for his welcome, the speaker remarking upon the great advances made in recent years in the recognition of ringers' work, which he maintained was even now worthy of more distinct encouragement than it obtained from many of the clergy. As had been aptly said at the anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths by the Master, "if the clergy would but oftener find their way to the belfry at the west end of the church, ringers would be encouraged to meet the clergy oftener at the east end of the church." Dr. Oliver replied by thanking Mr. King for his kind remarks, and those present for their hearty reception of him, adding that he was proud of his bells and ringers, and conscious of not having often paid the belfry a visit in the past, he would profit by what had been said, and promised to pay more frequent visits to it in the future.

The business portion of the programme was carried through at the Church House. The Rev. H. G. Bird having been voted to the chair, the draft rules for the new Association were fully discussed, and with a few important amendments were unanimously passed. The election of officers followed. The Rev. H. G. Bird was elected to fill the office of President, and F. A. Milne, Esq. that of Hon. Treasurer. As regards the office of Hon. Secretary it was arranged that on the first occasion it should be held jointly by the secretaries of the two districts of the Association, Mr. C. Edwards and Mr. A. F. King. The President, in proposing Mr. J. Basden as Master, spoke of the many services rendered by that gentleman to the cause of change-ringing in Middlesex, and expressed the hope that, in accepting the office, he would carry on the work with his accustomed zeal and energy.

Mr. F. Goddard expressed the pleasure he felt in seconding the proposal.

Mr. King spoke at some length in support of the proposal, welcoming the nomination of Mr. Basden on behalf of the ringers in the north and east district, and promising him his own hearty co-operation in all that concerned the best interests of the work they were all desirous of fostering and extending.

The proposition was put, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. Basden thanked the members present for the confidence reposed in him, which being so cordially given, would encourage him to give the best attention to the duties of his office.

On the proposition of Mr. G. B. Lucas, seconded by Mr. R. Bevan, it was decided that the peals which had been rung by the late South and West Middlesex Guild should be duly entered under that title in the peal-book of the late Middlesex Association, and that the same should thenceforward be accepted as the peal-book of the County Association.

A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman brought the business proceedings to a close.

Tea was laid on the vicarage lawn, and was much enjoyed by the numerous company assembled, and the opportunity was taken of having the whole party photographed, before again adjourning to the towers of Christ Church and St. Mary's. The ringers were soon busy at their work in the Standard Methods, and a touch of Superlative Surprise was successfully brought round.

We understand that among those who have consented to become Patrons of the Association are the Lord Bishop of London, the Earl Strafford, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Kekewich. The President of the Association is himself a ringer, and, under his guidance, aided by the other officers whose names are not unknown to us, we look forward with confidence to the work of the Association being a great deal more effective now that the orces of the change-ringers of the county of Middlesex are so auspiciously united.

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## Notices.

**The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Worsley, to-day, Saturday, June 26. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

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

**The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts' Association.**—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. John's schoolroom, Bromsgrove, to-day, Saturday, June 26th, at 6 o'clock prompt. The Rev. E. V. Hall, vicar, has kindly consented to preside. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, to which all are cordially invited. The tower will be opened and the bells, which have just been re-hung, placed at the disposal of the members.

JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.  
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.**—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, to-day, Saturday, June 26th, at 6 p.m. The tower will be open to ringers at 4 p.m.

HENRY WOOLCOTT, Hon. Sec.  
Grange Mount, West Kirby.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley (eight bells), to-day, Saturday, June 26. A peal will be attempted at 3 o'clock prompt. Meeting house The New inn.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherham, to-day, Saturday, June 26th. All members interested in the cup competition are requested to attend. E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.  
26, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

**Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.**—The annual outing of the above will take place at Cheltenham, to-day, Saturday, June 26th. Dinner at The Bee Hive, Prestbury (two miles from Cheltenham), at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. The following towers have been kindly placed at our disposal: Cheltenham (10 bells); Prestbury (8 bells); Charlton Kings (8 bells). Any visiting ringers will be heartily welcomed.

THOS. COLLINSON, Hon. Sec.  
48, Summer Hill Street, Birmingham.

**Saffron Walden Society.**—Established 1623.—The 274th anniversary of the above society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 26th. All ringing friends are cordially invited.

ARTHUR F. JAMES, Hon. Sec.  
Saffron Walden.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 10th. Full particulars later. At this meeting the Master intends proposing some important alterations in the rules, with a view to establishing branches of the Association in the different deaneries in the diocese. All the members are therefore particularly requested to make an effort to be present. Local Secretaries will kindly inform the Hon. Sec. by July 3rd the probable number of members that will attend, in order that arrangements may be made for dinner.

H. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.  
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual festival and meeting will be held at Romsey, on Monday,

July 19th. Subscriptions for 1897 should be sent in as soon as possible. Members or bands wishing to visit any particular tower must inform the Hon. Sec. before June 28th.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.  
Hursley, Winchester.

**Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harmondsworth, to-day, Saturday, June 26th, at 5 p.m. for ringing and the election of officers.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.  
Lampton, near Hounslow.

**Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—The committee appointed to make final arrangements for the annual meeting, will meet at Eastleigh vicarage on Tuesday, June 29th, at 2.30 p.m. The forms must be sent to me by representatives of the bands before the above date.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.  
Hursley, Winchester.

**The Lancashire Association, Liverpool Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Halewood, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business Meeting at 6 p.m. All members are requested to make an effort to be present.

HENRY COLEY, Branch Sec.  
3, Romford Place, Liverpool.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Shorne, on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.  
Clive Road, Rochester.

**The Lancashire Association—Bolton Branch.**—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, 1897, at Horwich Church. Ringing to commence at 4 p.m., business at 7.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Longton on Saturday next, July 3rd. Belfry open at 3 p.m.; tea in the schoolroom at 5 p.m.; Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. Service with sermon in St. John's Church, at 7 p.m., preacher, Rev. G. Oliver (rector). Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Woods, 44 Uttoxeter road, Longton, not later than Wednesday, June 30th.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Will the various branch secretaries kindly notify any of the chief ringers in their respective branches, of the appeal made by me, if they have overlooked any, and likewise I shall be pleased if the chief ringers of those towers which have not responded to the call, will kindly do so, or write me, on or before Monday, July 5th, as the committee are anxious to come to a final decision.

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

**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting in connection with the above Society will be held on Saturday, July 10th, at Lichfield. Bells available for ringing from 2 till 4 o'clock. Tea at the Coffee House, at 5.30 at sixpence per head, for all members who have paid their subscriptions and sent in their names not later than Wednesday, July 7th, to S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.  
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wheatley, on Saturday, July 10th. Sturton

Station, M.S.L.Ry. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to send their names to the secretary not later than Monday, July 5th.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.  
Harthill, Sheffield.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET.**—June 9th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Thomas Horsley, of Malton, and Miss Steele, daughter of the late Mr. G. E. Steele, of Chester-le-Street, the following 720s were rung during the day:—720 Bob Minor. A. Thompson, 1; J. Anderson, 2; W. Brown, 3; F. Sheraton, 4; G. A. Ward, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. 720 Bob Minor. F. Sheraton, 1; J. Anderson, 2; W. Brown, 3; G. Siddle, 4; G. A. Ward, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. 720 Woodbine. W. Brown, 1; G. A. Ward, 2; J. Anderson, 3; F. Sheraton, 4; G. A. Ward, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. 720 College Exercise. W. Brown, 1; J. Anderson, 2; G. A. Ward, 3; G. Siddle, 4; A. Meyers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Crawford, 1; J. Anderson, 2; W. Brown, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; G. Siddle, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6.

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**GARDENER AND PARISH CLERK.**—Understands both well; married; age 35; change-ringer, standard methods on eight or ten bells. Apply, office of this paper.

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**WANTED** by young man a situation as in-door servant, or would not object to other work; age 25; 10 years' experience as footman; 34 years in present situation. Can ring Minor methods, and Grandsire and Plain Bob on eight. Member of Oxford Diocesan Guild. Address W. H., care of Editor.

**WANTED** by good general smith constant employment. Nine years with late employer in small engineer's shop. Good reference forwarded if required. Apply G. Condict, Cambridge, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

**YOUNG MAN**, 23, requires situation as clerk or position of trust; change-ringer and member of Durham and Newcastle Association; seven years' reference. Apply, Fred. P. Howcroft, 20, Westward Street, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire.

**WANTED** by a young man, light employment; age 23; change-ringer in four methods. Address, A. B. C., care of editor.

**WANTED** Situation as Sexton (understands duties), or any place of trust. Good change-ringer in all Standard Methods. Married; age 32; good testimonials. Member of Kent County Association and College Youths. Address, B.Y., care of Editor.

**WANTED** situation as Under Gardener, where two or more are kept; age 21; four-and-half years in last situation; good character and change-ringer. Address—F. Whiteman, Woodburn Town, near Maidenhead, Berks.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

" 'Tis forty years, my old friend John,  
Since you and I were young."

Anno Domini, 1897, seems destined to carry the record amongst the contemporaries of the present century, if only for the epidemic which has broken out, not in "Little England" only, but throughout the whole of our vast empire—an epidemic, not of sickness or malaria, such as we have experienced in some years during that period, but of loyalty and attachment to our Sovereign and national institutions, the like of which I should think has not been witnessed before since the world began.

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I begin to think I myself have caught the infection pretty strongly, and I am not reluctant to own it, although I had intended to keep my own back seat in the midst of it all, and let the younger and more vigorous come to the front and demonstrate. I could not, however, resist the invitation of our worthy Editor to emerge just for once from my seclusion and have a word or two with my "brother-strings," whose doings, I assure them, I have watched with unabated interest since the time when my notes last made their appearance "by the way."

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If there is a body of "Britishers" who have cause for jubilation at this time, it surely is the bell-ringers (or rather I would say the change-ringers) of our empire. And as they sent forth on Sunday and Tuesday last, the sweet and joyous sound of the bells through the towered windows of stately cathedral and parish church towers—

"Wafted by the four winds of heaven  
O'er land and sea."

I doubt not that, amongst the elders especially, reminiscences of the past will have crowded themselves in their minds as they joyfully swung the bells overhead, proclaiming aloud the national rejoicing.

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Much—but by no means too much—has been said and written respecting the sixty years during which Our Most Gracious Majesty has reigned over us. Long may she continue to do so! I would rather myself on this occasion have a word or two with our younger brethren of the belfry regarding the future. We have the past and its experiences to guide us; we have the present for active work; and we have the future to prepare for. Thus it is upon our younger exponents of the art that the onus of the future rests, and to them I would prefer to confine my few remarks this week.

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Sixty years ago, the art and science of change-ringing was little understood, less appreciated, and still less valued. It has, indeed, seemed to me oft-times, while ruminating on this, almost inexplicable now that the art did not perish in the slough of despond in which it was fixed at that time. But there were here and there good men and true at the rope's end. There were men willing to travel through life endeavouring in their own humble way to keep the art alive, trusting hopefully to the future for its more adequate development. As ringers, we shall never be able to realize fully the debt we of to-day owe to those predecessors and pioneers. Some of their names should never die—and I feel certain *will* never die—so long as there is ring of bells in a tower or a scientific change rung upon them.

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My young friends, just think of this. When you have resolved to join the Exercise and take your part in the duties of your tower, you have joined one of our National institutions which is now respected in the land. You are armed with knowledge which has been the outcome of whole lifetimes of careful, able, and anxious study. You have every facility for acquiring all knowledge necessary to make you able exponents and experts in the art. The science is no longer a sealed book, but is open to all. You have your predecessors to thank for this. Men who bravely stuck to it "through ill report and good report," determined to do their best for the art in their day and generation.

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We have to look to you for the future. Your elders are, like Carnovale, "passing away." Their arms are not so strong as

they once were. They are not able as of yore to pilot the tenor on some other heavy bell through long lengths. They gravitate more treblewards. The tower steps are more difficult to mount. Notwithstanding their zeal, an inclination comes over them to sit on a gravestone in the dearly beloved "God's acre," and listen to the ringing of those who are to take their places in the future. They have done yeoman service in the past, and are anxious to realize while here on earth that the art is not deteriorating, but on the other hand strengthening and improving all around.

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It is to you, then, my young friends, that we look for the future. It rests with yourselves whether that future shall be bright for the art. And were these the last words that I shall be privileged to address you, I would say, Rise to the situation. Let this jubilee year be one in very deed to your elders, by resolutely determining that the art shall not suffer at your hands, but that you will bring joy to the hearts of your elders by the exhibition of that spirit which will tend to make you better ringers, and more devoted Sons of our Mother Church.

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Then will the Diamond year be one of true joy and thankfulness, and those who have spent a lifetime before you in promoting the great reformation in our belfries during the past half-century pass their declining years with the satisfaction of knowing that their labours have not been in vain.

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One word more, and I have done. Not by any means least of the good things accomplished during the period in question has been the establishment of this journal. For nearly twenty years it has, week by week, chronicled our doings and assisted in our work of progress. We cannot possibly total the good which "THE BELL NEWS" has been the means of effecting since the anxious time when it was launched forth for our benefit. Then, I say to you, while you are making your good resolutions for the future, let one of them be a determination to extend its circulation, and consequently its opportunities for usefulness, and thus keep to your own bands an invaluable aid to your future progress.

FREE LANCE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH.—On Saturday, June 5th, the monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Tarporley, and was well attended by members from Tarporley, Crewe, Market Drayton and Whitchurch. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock, and several touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Minor, were rung by the various mixed companies. Among other touches attempted and brought round were 350 of Grandsire Triples by J. Richardson, 1; R. Langford, 2; George Wright, 3; George Harding, 4; A. Harding, 5; F. Vernon, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Dentith, 8. Also a 504 in the same method in 17 mins. F. Vernon, 1; George Wright, 2; E. Weatherby, 3; W. F. Hartshorn, 4; G. Harding, 5; A. Harding, 6; R. S. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Dentith, 8. And a 336 of Bob Major. George Wright, 1; W. F. Hartshorn, 2; R. Langford, 3; George Harding, 4; A. Harding, 5; F. Vernon, 6; E. Weatherby, 7; R. T. Holding (conductor), 8. At 5.30 p.m. the business meeting was held, at which the Rev. E. W. Evans presided, and in a neat and forcible speech gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Tarporley. One hon. member and six ringing members were elected. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding, and to the Rector, the Rev. W. O. Hughes, for the use of the bells. After the meeting 25 sat down to an excellent free tea kindly provided by the Tarporley friends. This over, ringing was again indulged in until nearly 9 p.m., then the ringers wended their various ways home, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Quex Park Band, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples at midnight on Monday, but after ringing some considerable time, it came to grief. There was, however, a brilliant touch of 500, which terminated the proceedings. The conductor on both occasions was Mr. Geo. Willshire.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 16th, the Eckington branch of this society was *en fete*, being the day of Dedication of the new trebles by the Bishop of Derby (Dr. Ware), to complete the octave, the work having been entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Son, who have re-hung the tenor. The bells were tried on Saturday, June 12th, by the local company, assisted by the Killamarsh and Treeton ringers. The trebles are well in tune with the old six, and make a good peal.

The service took place at 4.30. Ringers were present from Treeton and Killamarsh, also a full band of eight from Staveley. A few rounds were rung during the service, after which the Bishop gave an address. After alluding to the object for which the new bells had been raised to celebrate the 60 years' reign of Her Majesty, he passed on to the different uses which the bells were dedicated for. The task of bell-ringing, he said, was not learnt by any one in a day, but required a great amount of practice and skill. But did the ringers after ringing others to that House of God leave it themselves?

Now it's all very fine for the clergy to put ringers down from the pulpits before all the congregation as the sheep. I know for a fact that a majority of the ringers present were church attenders, but admit that some were not. Such is the case go where you will. Because a man attends church it is not to say he will get to Heaven; the first will be last, and the last first. I should like to see more of our clergy who pretend to think so much about the ringers' souls come into the bell-chamber and there say a few words. They can pray to one or two in the church during Lent; why not join the ringers if only for a few minutes. In many a tower you will not see his reverence come to the ringers year in and year out. I know ringers who walk two miles winter and summer, that means eight miles on Sunday; nay more, one of our present band walked to Sheffield for nine years, four miles each way; sixteen miles is not a bad day's work.

Several touches were rung during the evening by mixed bands and your humble servant heard some good ringing, a good lecture, and arrived home tired having walked sixteen miles, all for the love of the art. E.J.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A contest in connection with the above took place on Whit-Monday, at Tong church, when the Association Silver Cup, and other prizes given by the local company were accepted for. Five companies contested, the awards being as follows: Batley Carr, 1st, 128 faults; Derbyshire, 2nd, 140 faults; Almondbury, 3rd, 231 faults. Mr. John Coddingley, Morecombe, and Mr. Henry Oddy, Tong, acted as judges, and gave general satisfaction.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT MORTLAKE.—This peal was rung to commemorate the golden wedding of the conductor's father and mother, who were married at Wimborne Minster, Dorset, on 8th June, 1847. The old couple are now in their 76th year, but very feeble in health. It was originally intended to attempt a peal of greater magnitude, but this was abandoned, owing to the impossibility of obtaining the use of a ring of ten or twelve bells at a city church in the morning, and the scarcity of ringers in the afternoon and evening, in consequence of the annual meeting of the Central Council, combined with the effects of the tropical heat. This peal of Grandsire Triples was brought to a successful issue, followed by some "rounds and firing," after two unsuccessful attempts had been made for Stedman Triples. This also commemorates the birthday of the ringer of the third bell, Mr. Frank Carter, of Waltham Abbey, who completed his twenty-third year on the above day.

THE PEAL AT GLOUCESTER.—The year of Jubilee has been celebrated in Gloucester by the invention of a new method called Gloucester Surprise Major, and this was the first peal rung in the method. The method has been in the hands of the St. Michael's Juniors for some few months past, and has been carefully practised with a view to the ringing of a peal at this time. A start was made for it a week previously, but a mishap brought it to grief in the first part. In that attempt Mr. W. T. Bennett took part, but owing to his inability to be present at the second attempt, Mr. Ward was asked to

stand in. The musical qualities of the composition were highly spoken of by those who heard it, and the band are exceedingly gratified at being the first to score a peal in such an interesting and symmetrical method. The conducting of Mr. Austin was highly creditable, especially as he was ringing a bob bell.

THE PEAL AT BEDFORD.—Rung in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. This peal was started for at 3.29 a.m. the bells running round at 7 a.m. At the conclusion of the peal, the bells were fired sixty times, the number of years Her Majesty the Queen has reigned. This is the conductor's 133rd peal, and 100th peal as conductor. This peal contains the sixth its extent wrong in the tittums, and the inverted hand-stroke home position, and is now rung for the first time.

THE PEAL AT PAINSWICK.—At the wish of the vicar of Painswick, the St. Michael's Juniors visited his tower to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters, in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, two of the local members, in the persons of W. Hale and H. Scrivens, taking part. Very great credit is due to the brothers Pegler for the way they stuck to the two back bells, which go very bad at times, and until the old frame, which has been in use for 170 years, is replaced by a new one, the peals that will be rung in future will be few indeed. It is very probable the above is the last peal to be rung in the present ringing chamber, as the clock is coming down in into the ringing chamber, and the ringers will have to ring off the ground floor, which will be a great improvement. As some of the band were walking across the fields to Painswick, they came across a young oak tree, and Mr. J. Austin suggested it should be taken up and carried to Painswick and planted in the churchyard in commemoration of the Jubilee peal if successful. With the assistance of W. C. Jones, R. A. Barrett, and E. Pegler, it was taken up and carried something like 3 miles over the hills, and deposited on the belfry table in charge of W. Hale and H. Scrivens. After the peal was over, the young oak was planted close to the grave of the late W. Estcourt, and named the Diamond Jubilee Oak.

THE PEAL AT LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts.).—This was the first peal of Minor by all the band and the first peal as conductor; also the first ever rung on the bells. Great credit is due to all the band, who have had hard work to set change-ringing on a footing here; no change-ringing ever before known in the place till the above band started. The treble man is the only one left of the Stoney band that can take part in change-ringing. It is just thirteen months since they rung their first 720 unassisted by any outsiders. They very much wanted to get the ring augmented to eight for the Diamond Jubilee, but it being a small village of a few over 300 inhabitants it was impossible.

THE PEAL AT DUDLEY.—Before starting for the peal, by the kind invitation of Mr. W. W. Jenkins, the ringers met at The Saracen's Head hotel, and partook of a substantial breakfast. Mr. Jenkins presided, supported by Dr. Froggatt, organist; Mr. Faulks, sexton and Messrs. J. Tummini and J. Churchill, beadles, being also present. After breakfast the chairman expressed the pleasure it gave him to provide that repast for the bell-ringers. Living as he did within the sound of the bells, it always afforded him much pleasure to listen to them, and he felt a desire to invite the ringers to partake of his hospitality. A more suitable occasion than the present had not presented itself. He, therefore, thanked them for accepting his invitation and being present that morning. Mr. Spittle, in responding on behalf of the ringers, thanked the chairman for his kind forethought in providing so substantial a breakfast for them before they commenced ringing the bells on that great occasion. It would fortify them for their work that day and stimulate them in the future more earnestly to perform their duties, showing as it did, that their work was appreciated. He also thanked Dr. Froggatt for being present, his presence adding much pleasure to the meeting. The health of the Queen, having been proposed by Dr. Froggatt and duly honoured, the ringers adjourned to the belfry.

THE PEAL AT RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.—Rung in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This peal is taken from "THE BELL NEWS" for October 17th, 1896, and contains the full combinations of 4, 5, 6, in 5-6 with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths, and the 2nd never in 5ths at a course-end; in six equal parts. First peal of Major by all except the conductor, and first peal of Major on the bells. Also first peal on the bells by the local company. Great credit is due to Mr. Allen for the way in which he rang his first peal, he being 63 years of age.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, June 15th, for practice at the church of St. Lawrence, 336 Double Norwich. C. Stone, 1; F. Tubb, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; J. Hern, 4; J. Tucker, 5; C. Giles, 6; H. Tucker, 7; F. Hopgood (conductor), 8. First touch in the method by a local band.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1897.

THE long prepared-for event—the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Queen's reign—is now a *fait accompli*. Such an important event has never before happened in the world's history, and whatever cynics may say, it is one that every individual owing allegiance to the monarch of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen, can feel a deal of satisfaction and honest pride. Hardly a discordant note has been uttered concerning the celebration; the whole of the foreign press vie with each other in lauding our government, our institutions, our progress, our premier position among the nations of the earth, and last, but not least, the monarch who has for the unparalleled term of Sixty Years reigned over all. The event has affected not only civilisation, but nations and tribes who have not yet come under its influence. Not the spectacle only, but its accompaniments and surroundings, must be classed as the eighth wonder of the world.

An allusion was made last week to the part our brethren would take in the celebration of Her Majesty's long reign. Records of no less than forty-four peals attest the fact that the loyalty of ringers is not an unknown quantity. We may naturally believe that more than double this number of peals was attempted. Though we made extra provision by a temporary increase in our columns, we have not been able to publish all the records of performances having a connection with the ceremony. But that will be made good next week. At the last moment also, we were compelled to omit a full-page illustration of the ringing-gallery of Merton College, Oxford. But we have it ready, and it shall appear, with an enlarged number, at the normal price of publication. While we write, another record of a peal comes to hand, but this, like others, must stand over until our next number.

## THE ABBEY, BATH, SOMERSET.

The ring of ten bells in the Abbey Church tower, Bath, have lately been re-hung with new improved steel gudgeons, and hard gun-metal bearings; also the frame has been thoroughly braced together with large bolts and plates. The whole of the work, we are very glad to say, has been carried out in a first-class workmanlike manner, and reflects great credit on Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co., of Barnby Don, Yorkshire.



**The Metropolis.**

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**  
*On Tuesday, June 8, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE, SURREY,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. Treble.	JAMES ALDRIDGE .. .. 5.
THOMAS E. BARBER .. .. 2.	GEORGE R. FARDON .. .. 6.
FRANK CARTER .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7.
FRANCIS E. DAWE .. .. 4.	EDWARD H. ADAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

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

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

*On Tuesday, June 22nd, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,  
**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB .. .. 2.	HARRY HOSKINS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BERRY* .. .. 3.	*HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON, of Mottram-in-Longendale, and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt. Rang to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the accession of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**  
 Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. COAKHAM .. Treble.	FREDERICK A. NUNN .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 7.
ROBERT J. MAYNARD .. 3.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 8.
JOHN H. WILKINS .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. 9.
FREDERICK C. PERRIN* .. 5.	*ROBERT K. KNIGHT .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal on ten bells. The above was rung to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, and was completed by 9.10 a.m. The ringers were afterwards entertained to breakfast by the steeple-keeper, Mr. T. Maynard, to whom they tender their best thanks.

**The Provinces.**

**NEWNHAM GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 12, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 H. HUBBARD'S. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

WILLIAM HIERON* .. Treble.	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	FRED G. MAY .. .. 6.
JESSIE GILLET* .. .. 3.	FRED BLANTON .. .. 7.
GEORGE BUTCHER† .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

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

**GLOUCESTER.**

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

*On Thursday, June 17, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**  
 Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs.

FRED. G. MAY .. .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 2.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This is the first peal ever rung in the method, which is a new one by the Rev. E. Bankes James. A reference will be found on another page.

**DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (THE BOLTON BRANCH.)

*On Friday, June 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 B. ANNABLE'S THREE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES HALLIWELL .. Treble.	JOHN MOSCROP .. .. 5.
THOMAS PEERS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM DUCKWORTH .. 6.
HENRY MOSS .. .. 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
ROBERT FIDDIES .. .. 4.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

Messrs. Fiddies and Wreaks belong to the St. Saviour's company; H. Moss to St. Georges, and the rest to the local band.

**SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE ST. MARTINS GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Saturday, June 19, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**  
 Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK SUMNER .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 6.
WILLIAM HANCOX .. .. 3.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 4.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. Tenor.

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

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Thomas J. Salter hails from Kidderminster.

**WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Saturday, June 19, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

BENJAMIN DALTON .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 5.
HENRY DAWKES .. .. 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
JOHN CARTER .. .. 4.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal was rung after the dedication of the new ring of bells by the Bishop of Shrewsbury.

**ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, June 19, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF 4 MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being a 720 of College Single, and Two 720s each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST BRUCE .. .. Treble.	ALFRED E. REEVES, JUN. .. 4.
WILLIAM LUCAS* .. .. 2.	*FRED. RICHARDSON .. 5.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM T. HORNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON (age 17 years.)

\*First peal, also first peal of Minor by all. The last peal rung on these bells was in the year 1886, by the St. Giles Society, Reading. Messrs. Giles, Reeves and Bruce hails from Reading; Lucas, Richardson and Horne belong to the Beenham band.

**PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.**

*On Saturday, June 19, 1897, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;**  
 Tenor about 28 cwt. in D.

HUBERT SCRIVEN .. Treble.	WILLIAM HALE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. 3.	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 9.
FRED. G. MAY .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

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

## KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, June 19, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chelsea, Chester, Carlisle, Lincoln, Ely, Rochester and Coventry. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY GREAVES .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	W. HENRY TURTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

## QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY .. .. Treble.	THOMAS START .. .. 5.
JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 3.	EDWARD E. SMITH .. .. 7.
JOHN BUTTERTY .. .. 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except C. Fowler and the conductor. This peal has 4, 5, 6 only in 6th place at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Inglesant and Grundy belong to Loughboro'. C. H. Fowler (late of Oxford). The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells and Mr. T. Herbert for his arrangements.

## HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE WARNER .. .. Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PARKER .. .. 6.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 7.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 4.	GEORGE BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This peal was rung in honour of the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria; also as a birthday peal to J. B. Martin. It was rang previous to the early celebration at 8 a.m. The bells were fired sixty times after the peal.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Sunday, June 20, 1897 (no time mentioned),

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR THOS. GODLEY* .. Treble.	*OBED JOHN BAKER .. .. 5.
GEORGE THOS. SISLEY* .. 2.	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 6.
JAMES BAKER .. .. 3.	GEORGE TURLEY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 4.	*JOHN THORPE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MAYNARD.

\*First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

## HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 21, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

F. MOULSON* .. .. Treble.	F. OSGERBY .. .. 5.
T. STOCKDALE .. .. 2.	D. W. BROWN .. .. 6.
H. W. NEEDHAM .. .. 3.	C. JACKSON .. .. 7.
G. MARSHALL .. .. 4.	J. W. DALE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES and

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

\*First peal. F. Osgerby hails from Beverley. This peal was rung to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; also in honour of Hull being elevated to the dignity of a City by Royal Charter.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

On Monday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

SAMUEL J. CULLIP .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK KEECH .. .. 6.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BARKER .. .. 3.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 8.
HARRY TYSOE .. .. 4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 9.
FRANK SMITH .. .. 5.	FRANK HULL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE .. .. 6.
GEORGE M. FARR .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 7.
J. H. BELL* .. .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. .. 8.
DAVID FARTHING .. .. 4.	GEORGE DAVIES .. .. 9.
GEORGE TOPLIS .. .. 5.	GEORGE MEE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by GEO. TOPLIS.

\*First peal on ten bells. This peal has the 6th her extent wrong and right in the titmums position, and is now rung for the first time.

## ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HAROLD SEARLE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BALCHIN .. .. 5.
HENRY H. LEE .. .. 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 6.
DAVID BAKER .. .. 3.	CHARLES BLACKMAN .. 7.
FREDERICK TUXFORD .. 4.	JOHN NETLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is the first peal by the ringers of the treble 2nd and 3rd, the ringer of the treble being only fourteen years of age.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6.
ROBERT S. CHERRYMAN .. 3.	*CHARLES PAINTER .. .. 7.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD and Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rang in honour of the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign. This composition has the 6th twenty times wrong and her extent at home.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION,

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM PYE .. .. Treble.	JOHN DALE .. .. 5.
ERNEST PYE .. .. 2.	GEORGE CARTER .. .. 6.
FREDERICK A. NUNN .. 3.	WESLEY WATSON .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	WALTER CLARK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above was rung to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, and is the second peal the brothers Pye and F. Nunn took part in one day.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDGAR BURGESS* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR DOBLE .. .. 5.
HENRY J. POOLE .. .. 2.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. 6.
HENRY PEARCE .. .. 3.	GEORGE YANDELL .. .. 7.
FRANCIS MILLARD .. .. 4.	† WILLIAM THORN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

\*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells, and rung at the first attempt.

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

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Five and a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WILLIAM PALMER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
ROBERT S. CHERRYMAN* .. 2.	ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. 6.
HARRY WESTON .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER and  
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign. The peal was brought round at 7.34 a.m. This composition has the 4th and 5th, each eleven courses in 6ths, and the 6th its extent at home.

## BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDMUND JEPSON* .. .. Treble.	JOHN HARGREAVES .. .. 5.
THOMAS F. HINDLE .. .. 2.	† WILLIAM KEARNEY .. .. 6.
JOHN WATSON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. .. 7.
THOMAS HINDLE .. .. 4.	EDWARD HACKING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN WATSON.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Jepson and T. F. Hindle were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

## HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN ALLISS .. 5.
LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. 2.	HERBERT MARKWELL .. .. 6.
HENRY STRINGER .. .. 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 7.
GEORGE PAYNE .. .. 4.	CHARLES TYLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. GROVES.

The above peal was rung in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and was started at five minutes past three a.m.

## BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS OVERTON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDS* .. 5.
ARTHUR H. ESLEY .. .. 2.	JOHN OVERTON .. .. 6.
WILLIAM MAUND .. .. 3.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. 7.
JOHN E. OVERTON .. .. 4.	HARRY T. FOWLES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN OVERTON.

\*First peal. Also John Overtons first peal as conductor in this method. Rung to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

## GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GRAPPENHALL YOUTHS.)

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR,

Being 720 each of the following;

London, College Exercise, College Pleasure, City Delight, Duke of York, Woodbine and Violet. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

HARRY T. MOSTON .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL .. .. 4.
ROBT. GEO. LEWIS .. .. 2.	FREDK. T. SPENCE .. .. 5.
THOMAS BURROWS .. .. 3.	JOHN W. BOOTH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. THOS. SPENCE.

The above was rung to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

## CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet, College Exercise and College Pleasure. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK SHERATON* .. Treble.	GEORGE ALBERT WARD .. 4.
JAMES ANDERSON .. .. 2.	ANTHONY MEYERS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BROWN .. .. 3.	† WILLIAM SHERATON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHERATON.

\* First peal. † First peal as Conductor.

## LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Three 720s of Bob Minor, Two of Grandsire and Two of Oxford Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

H. CARTER .. .. Treble.	A. PHILLIPS .. .. 4.
A. LAWRENCE (age 13) .. 2.	A. SMITH .. .. 5.
J. HEADY .. .. 3.	W. H. LAWRENCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. LAWRENCE.

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

## RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHARLES R. SAWYER .. Treble.	*FRANK GREEN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GOODWIN* .. 2.	WILFRID COLLIER .. .. 6.
THOMAS ALLEN* .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT .. .. 7.
THOMAS SAWYER* .. .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE and Conducted by S. THOMAS.

\*First peal. A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

JAMES TANN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
HERBERT MATTHEWS .. 2.	CHARLES BAKER .. .. 6.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 3.	CHARLES TANN .. .. 7.
DAVID RUTH .. .. 4.	ERNEST POPPY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

This peal has the 6th the extent in all positions, and is now rung for the first time.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES.  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM COLEY† .. .. Treble.	†JOSEPH BRETTLE .. .. 5.
GEORGE B. RAYBOULD .. .. 2.	†GEORGE COCKIN .. .. 6.
ELIJAH WHITE† .. .. 3.	*†WM. MOTTERAM .. .. 7.
HARRY LEA† .. .. 4.	†MATTHEW HACKETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by WM. MOTTERAM.

\*†First peal as conductor and first peal. †First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells. This peal was rung to celebrate the completion of the sixtieth year of Her Majestys reign.

## CAPEL, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, New London Pleasure, Oxford, Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, and Kent.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS ANSELL* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES TAYLOR .. .. 4.
EDWIN JORDAN .. .. 2.	THOMAS M. STEDMAN .. .. 5.
EDWARD HOLLOWAY† .. .. 3.	DAVID JORDAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by D. JORDAN.

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

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JAMES F. CLARKE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM DEVEY .. .. 5.
JOHN W. CHANDLER* .. .. 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
HARRY ARGYLE .. .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD .. .. 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. .. 4.	FREDERICK ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

First peal by ringers of the second and tenor. Rung on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK SMITH .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. .. 5.
ISAIAH ROGERS .. .. 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	ALFRED CROSS .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, of Hyde, and  
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

## OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH).

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Canterbury Pleasure, two 720's Oxford Single, and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOHN BENTLEY .. .. Treble.	ISAAC WHALLEY .. .. 4.
WALTER BRITCLIFFE .. .. 2.	CHARLES SHARPLES .. .. 5.
THOMAS HOLDEN .. .. 3.	ROBERT PARKINSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PARKINSON.

Fi peal on tower bells by all, also first on the bells. T. Holden was elected a member of the Association previous to commencing.

## CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM DUNN* .. .. Treble.	*A. H. MEREDITH .. .. 5.
A. H. WOODALL .. .. 2.	CALEB BEASLEY .. .. 6.
ALBERT BLOOMER* .. .. 3.	J. A. MEREDITH .. .. 7.
LLEWELLYN WALKER .. .. 4.	GEORGE DUKES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. WOODALL.

\* First peal. Also first attempt by W. Dunn, who rang the treble in a praiseworthy manner. The above was rung in honour of the Queens Diamond Jubilee and was commenced shortly after 6 o'clock in the morning.

## MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

WYNDHAM LOCKYER .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
JOHN LYDDON .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 6.
GEORGE ATKINS .. .. 3.	HENRY MOORE .. .. 7.
JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 4.	*JAMES READ .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOORE.

\* First Peal. Rung in honour of Our Gracious Queen's Diamond Jubilee, at the time of Her Procession through London, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## MIDHURST.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Oxford and Kent, and two of Duke of York and Woodbine, called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CLEMENT BEST† .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
THOMAS STROUD .. .. 2.	FRANK TRUSSLER .. .. 5.
THOMAS E. ELLIS .. .. 3.	JAMES LEE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. B. BENNETT.

†First peal on the treble. Rung to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

## KELVEDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each 720 being called differently. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CHARLES MILLS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 4.
HENRY ELLIOTT .. .. 2.	HENRY EVERS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HUNWICK, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal by the ringers of the treble and 3rd. W. Hunwick belongs to Feering, the rest to the local company.

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES  
Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY GOODMAN* .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH FELLOWES .. .. 6.
CHARLES FAULKS† .. .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
GEORGE PEARSALL .. .. 3.	ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 4.	JOHN GOODMAN .. .. 9.
EDWIN FELLOWES .. .. 5.	HERBERT SHEPPARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and  
Conducted by SAMUEL SPITTLE.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Henry Goodman is only 14 years of age, and this is his first attempt at a peal, further reference to which will be found elsewhere.

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

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Woodbine Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

A. SPOKES* .. .. Treble.	*J. PARSONS .. .. 4.
C. TIDBURY .. .. 2.	J. BOWER .. .. 5.
W. ALDRIDGE .. .. 3.	G. WILSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILSON.

\*First peal and first attempt. Rung to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen.

## WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. Treble	*JOSEPH GREEN .. .. 5.
JAMES HENRY RIDYARD .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE* .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 7.
JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GREEN* .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HENRY RIDYARD.

\*First peal.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES HEATHCOTE .. .. Treble.	ROBERT FIDDIES .. .. 5.
EDMUND HEWITT .. .. 2.	JAMES CALDERBANK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GRUNDY .. .. 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HULME .. .. 4.	HENRY LORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

Mr. Hewitt is a member of the Manchester Cathedral Society, all the rest belong to the local band. Reference to this peal next week.

## BURNLEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR;

Being one 720 of Bob Minor and three each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RENNIE HARTLEY .. .. Treble.	RICHARD ASHWORTH .. .. 4.
DAVID CAMPBELL .. .. 2.	NOAH TOWNEND .. .. 5.
JOHN ROWE WERRING .. 3.	TOM REDMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

Rung in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. It was intended to go for a peal of Major, but meeting one short this was rung instead. First peal on six bells by all.

## Date Touches.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. Andrew's church, in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, a date touch, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. Arranged by J. Smith and conducted by R. Round. Also some 720s in the following methods: Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, conducted by R. Round, J. W. Smith, W. Talbot, and J. Smith. The following took part: J. Prestidge, J. Smith, J. Townsend, R. Round, E. Hampton, J. W. Smith, W. Talbot, and H. Price.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Jubilee Day, a date touch of 1897 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. T. Rollerson, 1; J. Rollerson, 2; T. Collinge, 3; S. Holgate, 4; G. H. Hargreaves, 5; H. H. Shaw, 6; J. H. Nuttall, 7; W. Nuttall, 8. Composed by E. Cook, of Cardiff, and conducted by T. Rollerson.

## Miscellaneous.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday, June 20th, for morning service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) in 43 mins. T. Robinson, 1; G. Brown, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; J. A. Shepherd, 4; T. Ricketts, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6; O. W. Layng, 7; W. Ball, 8. For evening service 1556 Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins. T. Lawrence, 1; G. Brown, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Robinson, 4; T. Ricketts, 5; C. Gardner, 6; E. Bishop (conductor), 7; W. Ball, 8. The above touches were rung on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Saturday, June 19th, at midnight, the Jubilee week was rang in with some good striking, including Queens, Titlums, Whittingtons, and having fired the bells sixty times for the record reign the ringers lowered the bells just in time for the clock to strike 1.0 a.m. On Sunday afternoon, for the special Thanksgiving Service, 720 Grandsire Caters was rung, being the number of months the Queen has reigned. J. Hankinson, 1; W. Walmsley (conductor), 2; A. Mottershead, 3; F. Stoneley, 4; W. McKinnell, 5; W. Matthews, 6; W. W. Steel, 7; W. Gayes, 8; J. Norbury, 9; F. C. Goodchild, 10. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday afternoon, June 20th, at St. George's church, for scholars' service, a Jubilee touch of Grandsire Triples, 720 changes in 31 minutes, being same number of changes as months the Queen has reigned. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; J. W. Bailey, 4; H. Meakin, 5; T. Marshall, 6; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 7; J. Pearson, 8. Composed by C. Smart. Also for evening service, 532 Grandsire Triples. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; J. W. Bailey, 4; H. Meakin, 5; A. Sidebotham, 6; T. Marshall (conductor), 7; J. Pearson, 8. The St. George's company have only been formed a few months and the performances recorded above show that they are making good progress. We hope soon to have our first peal accomplished.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 16th, for Divine Service, 240 Bob Major. F. Day, 1; A. W. Grimes, 2; E. Broome, 3; W. Groom, 4; W. Grimes, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; J. Bumpstead, 7; C. Palmer, 8. Also 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Groom, 1; A. W. Grimes, 2; E. Broome, 3; F. Day, 4; J. Bumpstead, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; C. Palmer, 7; W. Grimes, 8. Conducted by F. Day. Messrs. Grimes, Rumsey and Groom hail from Debenham.

THORNDON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Potter, 1; G. Cattermole, 2; A. W. Grimes, 3; C. Rolfe, 4; F. Alderton, 5; W. Rumsey (conductor), 6. First 720 of Kent by A. Grimes.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 30th, 720 Oxford. C. Cullum, 1; G. Cattermole, 2; T. Davey, 3; W. Rumsey (conductor), 4; J. Rumsey, 5; A. W. Grimes, 6.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 13th, and other recent dates, 720 Bob Major. J. Creasey, 1; W. Rumsey, 2; A. Grimes, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Groom, 5; G. Rowe, 6; A. Bullock, 7; W. Grimes, 8. Also 672 in the same method. J. Creasey, 1; S. Collins, 2; W. Groom, 3; W. Rumsey, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; A. Grimes, 6; A. Bullock, 7; W. Grimes, 8. And a 720 of Oxford. W. Groom, 1; S. Collins, 2; A. Grimes, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. T. Collins, 1; W. Groom, 2; J. Rumsey, 3; A. Grimes, 4; A. Bullock, 5; W. Rumsey (conductor), 6. And another 720 in the same method. G. Rumsey, 1; S. Collins, 2; W. Groom, 3; W. Rumsey, 4; A. Grimes (first 720 as conductor), 5; J. Rumsey, 6.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, June 3rd, at 7 a.m., 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Edwards, 1; R. Jenner, 2; J. Wallis, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Steddy, 5; J. Heasman (conductor), 6. For morning service 740 Kent Treble Bob. J. Edwards, 1; J. Preston (conductor), 2; J. Wallis, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Steddy, 5; R. Jenner, 6. In the evening 504 Stedman Triples. J. Edwards, 1; J. Heasman, 2; R. Jenner, 3; J. Steddy, 4; J. Wallis, 5; T. Wallis, 6; J. Preston (conductor), 7; J. Maylon, 8. On Tuesday, June 15th, for practice, 770 Stedman Triples. J. Preston (conductor), 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Heasman, 3; J. Steddy, 4; J. Edwards, 5; T. Wallis, 6; R. Jenner, 7; J. Maylon, 8.



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

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, June 20 (Hospital Sunday and the Sixtieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession), various touches of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rang before and after morning service at St. Alfege Church. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes (taken from Brook's peal), in 45 mins. W. Berry, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Flanders, 3; W. Foreman, 4; J. G. Shade (conductor), 5; F. W. Thornton, 6; H. Hoskins, 7; C. Langdon, 8. After service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 22 mins. W. Weatherstone, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; W. Berry, 3; W. Foreman, 4; J. G. Shade, 5; H. Hoskins, 6; H. Flanders, 7; F. W. Thornton, 8. Various other touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were also rang at frequent intervals upon Jubilee Day, Tuesday, June 22nd, in addition to the peal reported in another column.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 20th, Thanksgiving Day, at the parish church, in the early morning, 720 Superlative Surprise, 720 meaning the number of months the Queen has reigned. Afterwards the bells were fired sixty times, representing the number of years. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. T. Ansell, 1; E. Jordan, 2; E. Holloway, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. For the 11 o'clock service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Ansell, 1; E. Jordan, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. In the afternoon, for the 3 o'clock service, 720 Violet. T. Ansell, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan, 6. And for the evening service 600 changes in three different methods was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief. Had this been successful it would have brought the number of changes rung during the day up to 3120, being the number of weeks the Queen has reigned.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Thursday, May 27th, for the early celebration on Ascension Day, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, May 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; E. Radley (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. And for practice, Wednesday, June 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; F. Slade, 5; W. Hammond (first 720), 6. And on Whit-Sunday, June 6th, for early celebration, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Howard, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Webb, 4; E. Wachter (first 720 as conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. Also 360 Canterbury Pleasure, as before, conducted by F. Slade. And on Wednesday, June 16th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. \*W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; \*W. Webb, 4; \*E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method and on the bells. And on Sunday, June 20th, on the commemoration of her most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria's 60th glorious reign, the bells were rung and fired at the following services. At the early celebration, 480 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; R. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; N. Pilcher, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. And for morning service several 6-scores Grandsire Doubles. A. C. Pilcher, 1; W. Webb, 2; H. Pilcher (conductor), 3; W. Farrow, 4; H. Coote, 5; W. Hammond, 6. And for afternoon service touches of Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Minor; and for evening service touches of Grandsire Minor and Canterbury Pleasure. W. Farrow, 1; H. Holmes, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Hammond, 4; W. Webb, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And after service, 360 Bob Minor. G. Whybrew, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; F. Slade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. The bells were also fired at intervals during the day. And on Tuesday, June 22nd, being Jubilee celebration day, the bells were rung at intervals throughout the day, commencing at 6 a.m. with 408 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Webb, 4; E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade, 6. Short touches of Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Minor, and Grandsire were also rung. On account of the numerous members of the Guild all anxious to take part on so special an occasion, the day was concluded with three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the bells fired and Queen's change rung 60 times. W. Hammond, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Farrow, 4; H. Coote, 5; F. Slade, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday, May 30th, for afternoon service, at All Saints' church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. \*C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; \*H. Collins (1st attempt with a bob bell), 2; \*H. Collins, 3; Ed. Chaplin, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin, 6. \*Hail from Braintree. Tenor 10 cwt.

SHALFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, June 10th, at St. Andrew's church, four 6-cores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes,

2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5. Also four more conducted by F. Slade. This is the only ringing that has been done on this musical peal for several years, and which are in excellent going order. Change-ringing has not been performed upon them for a great many years. Tenor 12 cwt.

WETHERSFIELD (Essex).—On Thursday, June 10th, at St. Mary's church, touches of Bob Minor and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; C. R. Howard (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. All the above are members of St. Michael's Guild, Braintree. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. Peter's church, the ringers assembled at 6.30 in the tower, and touches were rung during the day, including the following: A 720 College Single. F. Parrott, 1; F. Lowe, 5; S. Lowe, 3; A. Robinson, 4; H. Toll, 5; S. Constant, 6. A 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). F. Parrott, 1; S. Constant, 2; F. Lowe, 3; H. Toll, 4; S. Lowe, 5; A. Robinson, 6. A 720 Double Court Minor. F. Parrott, 1; F. Lowe, 2; S. Lowe, 3; A. Robinson, 4; H. Toll, 5; S. Constant, 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor standing as before. A 720 Bob Minor. F. Parrott, 1; H. Toll, 2; F. Lowe, 3; A. Robinson, 4; S. Lowe, 5; S. Constant, 6. All conducted by S. Constant. And 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Parrott, 1; S. Constant, 2; F. Lowe, 3; S. Lowe, 4; A. Robinson, 5; H. Toll, 6.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES.—On Sunday morning, June 20th, at St. John's Church, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. D. Heginbotham, 1; W. Hollier, 2; C. H. Hampton, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. On Tuesday, June 22nd, at midnight, after firing the bells 60 times, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. King, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; C. H. Hampton, 3; C. D. Heginbotham, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Hollier, 1; the rest as before. At mid-day 504 Grandsire Triples. C. D. Heginbotham, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; T. Raddon, 3; W. Hollier, 4; A. Draper, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; W. King, 7; R. Phillips, 8.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

AYLESTONE.—On Saturday, June 12th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Fowler, 1; A. Towers, 2; J. Morris, 3; E. Smith, 4; H. Towers, 5; W. Willson (conductor), 6.

LEICESTER.—On Thursday, June 17th, at St. Mark's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Royce, 1; J. Morris, 2; A. Ballard (conductor), 3; C. Fowler, 4; W. Willson, 5; E. Smith, 6; J. Buttery, 7; W. Miller, 8. On Sunday, June 20th, at St. George's church, 360 Bob Minor. S. Cooper, 1; E. Smith, 2; W. Willson, 3; J. Morris, 4; C. Fowler (conductor), 6; J. Buttery, 6.

## THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF (Glamorganshire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd (Jubilee Day), at the parish church, a 447 of Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; R. Balcome, 2; W. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; A. Rowley, 5; G. Watkins, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; H. White and B. Tilley, 8. Also 252 Bob Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Biss, 3; A. Rowley, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; G. Watkins, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; B. Tilley and H. White, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. H. White, 1; R. Balcome, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; A. Rowley, 5; G. Watkins, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; B. Lilley and E. Fowler, 8. Fowler hails from Coity, Bridgend. And 168 Grandsire Triples. H. White, 1; R. Balcombe, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; A. Rowley, 5; G. Watkins, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; B. Tilley and C. Lloyd, 8. And 447 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; J. Jones, 2; F. Attewell, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; A. Rowley, 5; G. Watkins, 6; W. Coombes, 7; H. White and W. Allen, 8. J. Jones and F. Attewell hail from Newport. And a 324 of Grandsire Caters. J. Jones, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; F. Attewell, 3; J. Harris, 4; W. B. Biss, 5; G. Watkins, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; H. G. White and G. Allen, 10. And a 324 of the same. W. Lloyd, 1; J. Jones, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; W. B. Biss, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes, 9; B. Tilley and E. Lloyd, 10. First touch of Caters by J. Jones, F. Attewell, R. Balcombe, W. Allen and E. Lloyd.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—WIRRAL BRANCH.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. Saviour's church, an attempt was made for 5040 of Grandsire Triples, but it broke down after ringing 2600. C. Owens, 1; W. Hughes, 2; I. Owens, 3; H. Brocklebank, 4; G. Newton, 5; I. Evans, 6; I. Hughes (conductor), 7; W. Grimmant, 8. Longest touch on the bells by the local band and longest as conductor. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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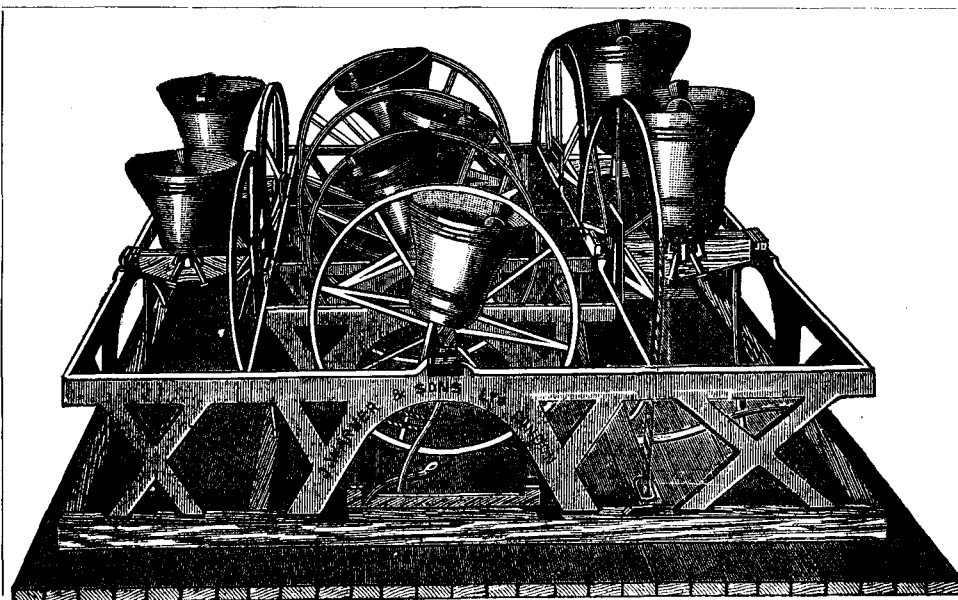
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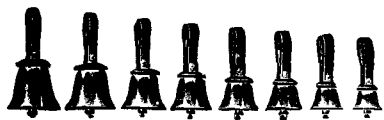
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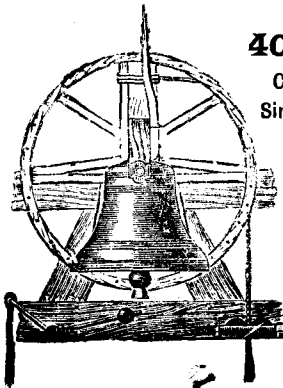
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## MR. JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH.

The subject of our portraiture was born in the year 1821, and is a native of the City of London. His first introduction to a belfry was at the church of St. Dunstan, Fleet Street, known as "St. Dunstan's-in-the-West," but the neighbouring church of St. Clement Danes must have the credit of being his *alma mater* so far as change-ringing is concerned. His career carries our thoughts back to the times of many of the best among an old and highly-esteemed class of ringers; and if his biography could be written by competent hands, the particulars, doings, and recollections of ringers of a past age would help to make a most interesting, and by no means uninteresting volume. Many of those celebrated men who were the pride of the Exercise 40, 50, or 60 years ago, and whose names are seen in nearly every steeple in London where change-ringing once held its sway, were contemporaries, and in many instances close colleagues of Mr. HAWORTH. It has frequently been asserted that the art of ringing conduces to longevity, and though this may be true, it must be admitted that "sixty years a ringer" of no ordinary merit is an experience we do not very often read of.

This notice of Mr. HAWORTH comes just now with peculiar appropriateness. On the accession of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria in 1837, he took part in the ringing at Westminster Abbey to celebrate that event, and he has continued, without intermission, every year, to loyally usher in the anniversary of that day, and on Tuesday last, he again officiated in a similar capacity, in honour of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty.

Mr. HAWORTH is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and is the senior member of that body, having been elected on the 13th of August, 1839. On August 13th, 1889, after ringing at St. Saviour's, Southwark, a very pleasant meeting was held at the society's headquarters, where many had assembled to congratulate their Jubilee member. A similar occurrence was at St. Paul's Cathedral on October 1st, 1889, the fiftieth anniversary of the completion of his first peal. This society is indebted to Mr. HAWORTH for numerous gifts of framed photographs, tablets of ringing performances, a copy of his certificate of membership, and a richly engraved two-handled silver cup, which commemorates a peal at Sonning, Berkshire, on August 4th, 1883. This date was the centenary of the presentation of a silver cup to the College Youths "by Mr. Peter Bluck, of Sonning, for the superior style in which they rang 1008 Bob Major in a contest with the Oxford and Farnham societies on August 4th, 1783." Mr. HAWORTH is also a member of the St. James's and Waterloo societies, and also of several of the provincial associations.

His first peal was one of Grandsire Triples at Holy

Trinity, Newington, London, and he has taken part in 176 peals of 5000 changes and upwards, viz.: Grandsire: Triples 62, Major 3, Caters 27, Cinques 1. Stedman: Triples 13, Caters 20, Cinques 15. Bob Major: 2. Double Norwich Court Bob: Major 2. Kent Treble Bob: Major 13, Royal 10, Maximus 6. Oxford Treble Bob: Major 1, Royal 1. The most noteworthy of these performances were: 7524 Stedman Cinques at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on January 6th, 1851; 8580 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 27th, 1861; 8099 Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on December 9th, 1878; and 5014 Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral on December 10th, 1881 (first peal on the bells). Mr. HAWORTH rang the 7th at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on April 5th, 1858, in an unsuccessful attempt for 8551 Stedman Cinques. About 8000 changes of this peal had been rung when a mistake was brought about through candles being unskilfully brought into the ringing-chamber.

There may be many young ringers unaware of the fact that when our respected contemporary *Church Bells* was founded the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe undertook to supervise and edit the column which was devoted to "Bells and Bell-Ringing." The rev. gentleman residing at his far away rectory near Exeter, it was in course of time found necessary to appoint someone resident in London who could officiate on the day of publication as sub-editor of the ringing news in that paper. Mr. Ellacombe was applied to to make a selection among metropolitan ringers, and he recommended the present editor of "THE BELL NEWS." On that gentleman's retirement after a few years, Mr. HAWORTH was selected to fill the position, the duties of which he carried out with energy and care. He resigned this post about two years ago.

As will be seen, Mr. HAWORTH is now in his 77th year. He is, happily, still able to keep up his connection with the Exercise, and his numerous friends in all parts of the country—England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales (in each of which he has rung peals)—will be glad to hear that his proverbial good health continues. That the evening of his life may be long and pleasant is the sincere wish of the writer of this notice, and ROBERT HAWORTH's admirers.

## NEW CLOCK FOR HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WINDSOR.

Messrs. W. Potts & Sons, clock manufacturers, Guildford Street, Leeds, are just completing a new Cambridge quarter-chime Clock, with four external dials, at Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, to commemorate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

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MR. ROBERT J. HAWORTH.  
(*Of London.*)



### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

Northampton was selected last year as the place for the holding of the annual meeting of the members of the Central Northamptonshire Association, and it passed off in a most successful manner. Ringers were present from Castle Ashby, Desborough, Earls Barton, Ecton, Finedon, Great Doddington, Grendon, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Kettering, Mears Ashby, Northampton, Rushden, Whiston, Wellingborough, Wilbye, Wollaston, Wootton, and Yardley Hastings. By special permission the bells of the churches of All Saints' (eight), St. Giles' (ten), St. Peter's (eight), and St. Edmund's (eight), were placed at the liberty of the ringers from half-past nine in the morning. At one o'clock service was held in St. Giles' Church, at which about 100 ringers attended. With much good taste the bells were "ceased" and chimed for the service. This allowed many to hear the very sweet "quarter chimes" as they sounded at intervals during the service. The prayers were read by the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, of Wilby, and the lessons by the Rev. E. C. Channer, M.A., Vicar of Ravensthorpe. The selected hymns were "O God our help in ages past," "Soldiers of Christ arise," and "Hark, on high the joyful music." The special preacher was the Rev. E. C. Channer, an honorary member of the Association, and he delivered an excellent and appropriate sermon based upon the following text: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, speak unto the children of Israel, saying, in the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord." The kind presence and assistance of Mr. Bowles, the organist, and seventeen of the choir boys added much to the beauty and brightness of the singing. The offertory was in aid of the funds of the Association. At two o'clock dinner was held at The Peacock hotel, and was excellently served by the worthy host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. Porteous. The President of the Association, the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, M.A., Archdeacon of Oakham and Rector of Uppingham, presided, and he was supported by the Rev. E. C. Channer, M.A., Mr. J. Barry, J.P., and Mr. E. J. Dennes, Hon. Secretary. The vice-chair was occupied by the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, B.A., Rector of Cranford. The company numbered over 100. The Rev. E. N. Tom was present at the church, but was not able to attend the dinner.

At the conclusion of the dinner the Chairman proposed "The Queen," which was musically honoured. Mr. Dennes, the Hon. Secretary, next asked the Chairman, as President of the Association, to accept a Peal Book, presented to the Association by an hon. member, as was promised last year. The inscription on the outside of the book was as follows: "The Peal Book of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell Ringers. Founded at Raunds 1883. The gift of an honorary member of the Association. A.D. 1897, being the 60th year of the reign of Queen Victoria." The Chairman, in accepting the gift on behalf of the Association, said he did not know how many good associations had been formed during the long reign of Her Majesty, but he did not think any Association had been more prolific of good than the Church Bell Ringers' Association. The inscription to be placed inside the book was as follows: "This book is presented by an Honorary member, as the label on the cover testifies, in the hope that members of the Association will endeavour to fill it with well-struck legitimately-rung peals; and as an encouragement to all belonging to the Association to try to attain a high standard of efficiency both as regards change ringing and belfry duties generally, so that they may continue to merit the support at present given by clergymen and hon. members, and do their best to gain a good name for the Association and their respective belfries in all ways." The Archdeacon said he hoped that aspiration might be thoroughly fulfilled, and that the book might contain the record of legitimately-rung peals to the credit of those who rung them.

Mr. Dennis (Hon. Sec.), in the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, read the financial statement, which showed that the Association commenced the year with a balance of £19 17s. 1d., and that after paying the whole of the expenses of the year there was the sum of £3 17s. 4d. to be added to that balance. The Hon. and

Rev. L. C. R. Irby, Whiston, and Mr. J. T. Lewis, Wellingborough, were elected honorary members of the Association.

The Chairman remarked that Mr. Dennes had stated that the Rev. L. C. R. Irby had just re-hung the bells of his church at his own expense, and he wished many others could do the same. For the information of all lovers of the church he would, however, state that he had carefully enquired into the circumstances of six incumbents in his Archdeaconry, and found that the average sum they received per week when carefully worked out was 16s. 10½d. Thirty-five new ringing members were enrolled, the parishes included being Ecton, Desborough, Kettering, Mears Ashby, Burton Latimer, Finedon, Wilby, Castle Ashby, Grendon, Whiston, and All Saints', St. Edmund's, and St. Giles', Northampton. It was decided to subscribe ros. to the Raunds and Finedon Bell Funds.

The next quarterly meeting of the Association is to be held at Rushden in August, and Northampton is again to be honoured with the annual meeting. It was decided to enter about fifty peals which had been rung in the peal book, the expense to be paid out of the capital account, and that any future peals should be paid for out of income. The Rev. E. C. Channer promised to write a preface for the peal book. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Clergy and Churchwardens of All Saints', St. Giles', St. Peter's, and St. Edmund's for allowing the use of their bells. This was carried by acclamation. Mr. J. Barry, churchwarden of All Saints', and Mr. W. Smith, churchwarden of St. Giles', acknowledged the vote, and expressed the pleasure it gave them to meet such a large body of ringers and churchworkers. A vote of thanks to the President for presiding, was replied to by the Archdeacon.

On behalf of all Members of the Association, the Hon. Secretary wishes to thank the Northampton Ringers as a body for their very hearty assistance in preparing for and carrying out the meeting, also the foremen of the respective belfries for the personal attention they gave to the control of the ringing on Monday last, and for helping in all ways to make the Annual Meeting of this Jubilee year such an encouraging success. A gratifying feature of the day was the large attendance of ringers at the service. This is as it should be. The permission to use the bells of All Saints' church added much to the pleasure of members. It is to be hoped that St. Sepulchre's six may be re-hung and increased to an octave before next year. The Rev. H. C. Holmes, curate of that church, is a ringing member of the Association, and was present at the meeting.

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

COURSE ENDS.—Hand and back-stroke changes.

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

Twice repeated.

Part-end.

This composition is in 60 courses (representing the years of Her Majesty's reign), three parts, viz., forty-eight extremes and twelve singles, made at the course-ends of 6 leads.

I am a native of Oxford, and a member of St. James' Society, London. Born in the year 1819, the same year as Her Majesty the Queen, and had the honour of ringing for her marriage on St. George's bells, Windsor Castle, on her arrival from London, February 10th, 1840.

ED. PARKER,

(A subscriber to "THE BELL NEWS" from the commencement.)

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## JUBILLIOUSNESS.

BY JINGLE.

By this time the passing show will have wended its weary way, and have left the world to fireworks and the shekels to those whose patriotism is measured by the amount of £ s. d. they can get out of any popular parade.

By this time the jubilee froth will have somewhat settled and those who have worked themselves up into a state of Royal frenzy will have begun to cool and wonder whether after all, they have not played more of the fool and less of the man. I am willing to shout "God save the Queen" with anyone and I am also ready to say in the same breath "God save the people." You will notice the heading of this column is altered for this week. As the jubilee fever is on, and as the Editor naturally expected me to do something towards earning my salary, I thought perhaps my few remarks would serve for a tonic, or antidote, from the sickening, *spurious* Loyalty on tap the country over. Therefore, my readers who don't like what I write can do the other thing, and consider, that like medicine, I am a necessary evil.

For look you, I have just taken a walk abroad. First, I pass a public-house whose owner has more to attract a full paying company, than to express his private opinion inscribed over his portal the following exquisite sample of flappedoodle—God save the brightest diamond on earth—Our queen.

Of course, you, the publican and others, have the right to endorse this generous sentiment, that is, if you never had a god-fearing loving mother who nursed you, reared you and watched your growth from childhood to man's estate with a love that was beyond compare, but for myself I cannot think it at all necessary to howl the National Anthem as though it was more important to the Kingdom of Heaven than the crowned heads of this world should get the best seats there available. Don't think me flippant, or if you do 'twill be your mistake. I will ask you one or two questions. Do you believe in Christianity? If so, what ground have you for thinking that there is one part of Heaven specially reserved for Royal Families? When you gaze at a coin of the realm on which a woman sits triumphantly erect just let your thoughts turn for a moment to such places as Bromsgrove and Cradley Heath, where "noble woman" works at the forge like a blacksmith forging nails and chains which pierce their souls and manacle them down to the level of the brute beast. I have known women of 70 years after working all day, take chains home for overtime to enable them to get a bare living! Sixty years of prosperity! I pass on, and come to a workhouse and a gaol over which banners are flying in honour of the jubilee. Faugh, what irony!

Why am I cynical? Well ask yourself the question. Do you think the court scribes and time-serving editors are wise in insisting so strenuously on the extraordinary nature of Her Majesty's virtues? We are told that her court has been pure, and her conduct as a woman irreproachable. True, and honour to Her Majesty for it, but the inference is indecent. "Lo," they say, "In Queen Victoria behold the most wonderful prodigy in the history of humanity. Here is a Queen who is royal and honest, who has sat upon the throne for sixty years and actually displays the virtues of a respectable woman!"

Is virtue then so extraordinary a quality to be found in a monarch? Whether you be Christian or not, there must be times of national calamity when you feel constrained to say

When wilt thou save the people  
O God of mercy, when?  
The people, Lord, the people,  
Not crowns or thrones, but men!

Some there are who actually give credit to the Throne for all the improvements in our national life during the reign. How Her Majesty must laugh at such sycophancy! How can any individual or party claim such honour? The men of the men of the century can be counted on the fingers of one hand. In politics, Beaconsfield and Gladstone; in science, Edison;

in philosophy, Ruskin and Carlyle, and where are the rest? No one can claim the advancement of the race, least of all those who by position are far removed from the internal evolution of the people. What says Charles Dickens:—"The voice of time cries to man, advance! Time is for his advancement and improvement, for his greater worth, his better life, his progress onward to that goal within its view, and set there in the period when time and he began. Ages of darkness, of wickedness and violence have come and gone, millions have suffered, lived and died—to point the way before him. Who seeks to turn back or stay the course, arrests a mighty engine which will be the fiercer and wilder than ever for its momentary check."

The one thing most prominent and to me, most satisfactory, is that the poorest of Her Majesty's subjects will for once get a "square meal." Also, both in London and the provinces, schemes are afoot for establishing on a sound basis the several hospitals now dependent on charity. The Prince's idea is, as we all know, to let the 450,000 London householders, which do not now publicly contribute to the hospitals, begin to subscribe not less than 10s.

Eh! mon, did onybody murmur "Rodents"?

What though Mr. Charles Booth assures us that there are 260,000 families in London which have to live on less than a pound a week? Half a sovereign is nothing. Surely anybody can afford that. Albert Edward will no doubt give as much or more himself, through horse-racing (even though you win the Derby) and baccarat must be awfully costly sport. Some grumblers put it in this light: "Her Most Gracious Majesty" they say, "has saved over twenty millions of money and never run short of funds. Is it not time that she gave *each town* some token of gratitude for the continual stream of blessings which have flowed from the people. Say, twenty almshouses for poor widows." These people want too much. The *want* is their share of the spoils.

The Royal procession, strange to say, was closely allied to Dickens' immortal characters. "Barnaby Rudge" the idiot, and his mother, lived near the bridge in a bye-street in Southwark. As the Queen passed down the Borough she could scarcely fail to notice "The White Hart." Here, it will be remembered, my irrepressible namesake Jingle brought that fair but frail creature Rachel Wardle, after the elopement from Dingley Dell. Here, Mr. Pickwick found the immortal Sam Weller. A great rambling, queer old place, with galleries, and passages and staircase wide enough and antiquated enough to furnish materials for a hundred ghost stories.

It will, I think, be news to most people that Dickens, when a youth, fell violently in love with the Queen. But according to Her Majesty's latest biographer, Miss Tooley, such is indeed the case. She tells us that in common with many other people, some of whom shot themselves in despair of ever winning the hand of the unmarried young sovereign, Charles Dickens, then an obscure youth, became one of the Queen's most frenzied admirers. Fortunately he recovered, and it must have come to his memory with amusement when at the climax of his fame he was commanded to lunch with Her Majesty at Windsor, and received from her hands a copy of the Queen's "Tour in the Highlands," inscribed "From the humblest to the most distinguished author in England."

## FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

The Jubilee was celebrated here on the 22nd instant, with great rejoicing. The tower of the church of St. Peter and St. Paul (one of the grandest in the county) was visited by a large number of people, to enjoy the splendid view from the summit. Several touches of Bob Minor, with 6-8 behind, were well struck, varied by firing during the day. The go of these bells is everything that can be desired. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

Mr. R. Langford, of Crewe, writes: "Will do all I can to get more subscribers for 'THE BELL NEWS.'"

PRACTICAL HINTS TO YOUNG CONDUCTORS  
AND COMPOSERS.

## CONCLUSION.

These papers have been carried much farther than was originally intended. In the last of them I practically exhausted the treatment of Grandsire Caters, or at any rate carried the subject so far that the student would be enabled to discover any other knowledge required for himself. There is one thing left, and that is the calling Caters round. The best rule for this is found in *Shipway*, and I insert it here:—

"To bring Grandsire Caters round, if all apart (which is seldom the case, as 7, 8, 9, whether in the tittum position or not, are generally kept in their courses), endeavour, by the most diligent use both of the eye and ear, to ascertain the situations of these three bells, and if any two of them are right with each other, by no means to part them; for instance, if the seventh is behind the ninth, in course with her, bring the eighth home in the same manner that the sixth is brought home in Triples, and then come round at backstroke, by next calling the fifth or sixth (the first that presents itself), into the hunt; if the sixth, call the lead after the eighth has made third's place; if fifth, call the seventh before with a double; and if sixth is not in the hunt be careful to observe if another bob following will bring her into the hunt; for if not, the next lead will, if she is not already at home; but in case the sixth is first at home, the fifth is still brought home in the same manner, and 2, 3, 4, in the usual way. Again, as in the first instance, if the eighth is after the seventh, it would be the readiest way to come round at hand by calling the ninth into the hunt, then calling the eighth before with a double, they will be in the tittums, when the course-end 42563978 (being the one most commonly used, the bells coming round at hand from that with the fewest number of changes), will be the most proper for the present purpose. The next object is the getting the sixth behind the ninth, by calling her into the hunt, then the ninth before, with a double; and if the third is in the hunt let it be with three bobs, but if the third is not before the seventh, call her into the hunt, and out again the lead after the seventh has made third's place; when, if they are out of course, a single must be called the lead after the third has made third's place, and then, with fourth in the hunt, that course-end will come; but if fifth is in the hunt, call a 9, 7, 8; and again, if the second is in the hunt, call the ninth in with three bobs; in either case, the course-end will come; when, calling the ninth into the hunt, and out at two leads, they will come round at hand."

All that the young conductor has to look out for in following out the above, is to see that he never parts the back bells during the process. There is a likelihood of his doing so if he is not careful.

Following is a selection of touches by the late Mr. James Lockwood, of Leeds. They are all of 395 changes each, and will I hope prove very useful to the young bob-caller:—

75293846	1	75293846	1	97285634	2
46738295	3	68947325	2	68947325	1
23456978	1	23654987	2	53624789	2
89275634	2	79285436	2	64538297	5
67649325	1	64738592	2	97682534	3
89672453	5	89672453	4	45938276	2
47839562	1	47839562	1	76482935	3
96482753	4	96482753	4	35729486	3
37958264	2	37958264	2		
Round at 2		Round at 2		Round at 1	

97285634	2	97285634	2	97285634	2
68947325	1	68947325	1	46938572	2
97682453	5	72695834	4	87492653	4
48937562	1	34758692	3	69837542	1
76492853	4	65324978	1	25643798	2
53728496	3	89672453	2	74285963	1
42563978	1	47839562	1	63759284	3
96482753	1	96482753	4	98674325	4
37958264	2	37958264	2	37958264	1
Round at 2		Round at 2		Round at 2	
97285634	2	97285634	2	75293846	1
46938572	2	46938572	2	46738295	3
87492653	4	87492653	4	95482736	3
69837542	1	69837542	1	67938254	2
74682935	4	87694325	5	54682937	3
39758246	2	39857264	1	62543879	5
62345897	2	42365798	2	98674325	2
78694523	2	76482935	1	37958264	1
35729486	2	35729486	3	Round at 2	
Round at 1		Round at 1			
97285634	2	97285634	2	97285634	2
46938572	2	46938572	2	68947325	1
53426798	1	87492653	4	97682453	5
72583946	1	69837542	1	34958276	2
46739582	3	74682935	4	62375849	2
98472653	4	53729684	3	87692435	1
67938542	1	62543879	1	49857362	1
98674325	5	98674325	2	76482935	4
37958264	1	37958264	1	35729486	3
Round at 2		Round at 2		Round at 2	
97285634	2	97285634	2	97285634	2
68947325	1	68947325	1	46938572	2
97682453	5	53624789	2	72485936	3
48957362	1	72593864	1	69738524	2
25463789	2	64738592	3	45623897	2
76296843	1	89672453	4	78492356	2
43758296	3	47839562	1	63759284	2
96482753	3	96482753	4	98674325	4
37958264	2	37958264	2	37958264	1
Round at 2		Round at 2		Round at 2	
75293846	1	97285634	2	97285634	2
46738295	3	46938572	2	68947325	1
89475623	4	72485936	3	72695834	4
67839245	1	36759482	3	48739526	2
23657489	1	45326879	1	65423987	2
94285736	2	98472653	2	79682354	2
67938542	2	67938542	1	43758296	2
98674325	5	98674325	5	96482753	3
37958264	1	37958264	1	37958264	2
Round at 2		Round at 2		Round at 2	

The practice of ringing (instead of chiming) for Divine Service is on the increase. Touches of the length of these will be very convenient where about twenty minutes only is allowed for ringing.

In concluding these papers, I thank all my correspondents for their kind and generous letters, by which I am amply repaid for my trouble.

ALEPH.

GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR.—A NEW  
METHOD.

By the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Those who come forward as composers of new methods have hitherto received little or no encouragement from the Exercise at large, and so it has been from the earliest days of the history of change-ringing. Even when the authors of the "*Clavis*" placed Superlative in the hands of the Exercise, many long years passed away ere any attempt was made to ring it.

But we of the nineteenth century are a more go-a-head race than were our ancestors, why then, it may be asked, does the same apathy exist to-day in the "apprehension of a thing that's new," that caused the author of the "Grandsire Bob" to break out into satirical verse?

I think that the answer can be found bound up in the second volume of Snowdon's *Standard Methods*, a glance over the diagrams of which will shew a list of methods beautiful alike for their simplicity in the earlier stages and their regularity in the more complex variations. This is the path over which many a good old ringer has trod, from the simple Grandsire Doubles on the first page, through the four Standard Methods and Double Norwich, to the complex London on the last page but one, and it has yielded such excellent results that he would be a bold man indeed who proposed to change it. Consequently the young ringer is ever pushing along the beaten track, and will not turn aside to any new fads that are presented to him; and the old hand having tasted the sweets of Cambridge and Superlative, will not waste his time over an inferior article. Is it then necessary to present the Exercise with a better method than Superlative in order to get it rung? If so, we may all "chuck up the sponge," for a better cannot be produced. But provided that an honest endeavour be made to keep as near as possible to the high standard of Superlative, and some new and interesting features be introduced into the method, will the Surprise ringer deign to give it a trial? Time alone can answer this question, but it is in the hope that it may prove an acceptable addition to the scope at present at their disposal, that I present "Gloucester Surprise" to the Exercise. In starting to build the method I have kept in view the old rules and the high standard of what a method should be:—(i.) tenors well together; (ii.) the bells in proper coursing order at the lead-ends; (iii.) the leads must reverse from the middle; and (iv.) plenty of double dodging.

Perhaps the fourth is rather a council of perfection than a rigid rule for the method builder, but I have held to it firmly and have introduced in each lead the maximum amount of double dodging. Another new feature is the parallel double-dodging in 5 6 and 7 8, which I have seen introduced into no Major method previously. True, it can be found in *Standard Methods* in a "something" that is called Yorkshire Court, but that is not a method by rule (iii.). The beauty of the parallel double dodging in 4 5 and 6 7 of Stedman Triples so impressed me that I resolved to introduce it in a Major method. I leave the result to be judged by the Exercise. Another new feature is the double dodging slow work; it has been condemned on paper by some of my friends, but I fancy that they were prejudiced by the effect of the slow in Treble Bob, and overlooked the fact that in Gloucester Surprise when the tenor is in the slow, the 7th never goes above 4th place, but those who have heard it do not dislike it. Perhaps the greatest fault of the method is the simultaneous making of 3rds and 4ths four times in the lead, but those places are hidden away inside and are not nearly so objectionable as the 7ths place in Cambridge and Superlative. In conclusion I present the method, with all its faults and all its failings, to the Exercise at large, as a slight token of my gratitude for the many happy hours that I have spent among the ringers of Old England. It may be weak and faulty, but, having spent some years on its production, I am conscious that it is the best that I can give them, and I hope that they will receive it as such,

A LEAD.	PROOF SCALE.	FALSE COURSE-ENDS.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	2 3 4 8 6
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7	2 4 3 5 7 6 8	3 2 5 4 6
1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8	2 3 4 6 5 8 7	2 4 3 6 5
2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7	4 2 3 6 5 8 7	4 6 2 5 3
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8	3 4 2 6 5 8 7	
3 2 4 1 6 5 8 7	2 4 7 6 5 8 3	
2 3 1 4 6 8 5 7	2 8 3 6 5 4 7	
3 2 4 1 8 6 7 5		
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No. 1.	No. 2.
6048.	5568.
2 3 4 5 6 1 0 5ths	2 3 4 5 6 1 0 5ths H
6 4 5 2 3 - - -	6 4 5 2 3 - - -
4 5 6 2 3 - - -	4 5 6 2 3 - - -
5 6 4 2 3 - - -	5 6 4 2 3 - - -
6 2 4 5 3 - - -	3 4 5 6 2 - - - 2
3 4 5 6 2 - - -	4 5 3 6 2 - - -
4 5 3 6 2 - - -	2 3 6 4 5 - - -
2 3 6 4 5 - - -	5 3 2 4 6 - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - -	3 4 2 5 6 - - -
3 4 2 5 6 - - -	

No. 3.	No. 4.
5376.	5024.
2 3 4 5 6 1 0 5ths	2 3 4 5 6 1 0 5ths H
5 4 3 2 6 - - -	6 4 5 2 3 - - -
6 3 2 5 4 - - -	4 5 6 2 3 - - -
3 2 6 5 4 - - -	5 6 4 2 3 - - -
2 6 3 5 4 - - -	3 4 6 2 5 - - -
6 5 3 2 4 - - -	5 4 3 2 6 - - -
5 2 3 6 4 - - -	6 2 4 5 3 - - -
4 3 6 5 2 - - -	3 4 5 6 2 - - -
2 5 3 4 6 - - -	4 2 3 5 6 - - -

No. 5.	No. 6.	No. 7.
5088.	5088.	5088.
2 3 4 5 6 1 0 5ths H	2 3 4 5 6 1 0 5ths H	2 3 4 5 6 1 0 5ths H
6 4 5 2 3 - - -	6 4 5 2 3 - - -	6 4 5 2 3 - - -
4 5 6 2 3 - - -	4 5 6 2 3 - - -	4 5 6 2 3 - - -
4 5 3 6 2 - - -	5 6 4 2 3 - - -	5 6 4 2 3 - - -
2 3 6 4 5 - - -	6 2 4 5 3 - - -	6 2 4 5 3 - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - -	5 3 2 4 6 - - -	3 4 5 6 2 - - -
3 4 2 5 6 - - -	3 4 2 5 6 - - -	3 4 2 5 6 - - -

To complete these three peals, the calling of peal No. 2 must be twice used.

No. 8.
5056.
2 3 4 5 6 1 0 5 H
6 4 5 2 3 - - -
4 5 6 2 3 - - -
5 6 4 2 3 - - -
3 4 6 2 5 - - -
5 2 4 3 6 - - -
3 4 2 5 6 - - -
6 2 5 3 4 - - -
2 5 6 3 4 - - -
5 6 2 3 4 - - -
4 2 5 6 3 - - - 2
3 5 2 6 4 - - -
4 2 6 3 5 - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - -
4 2 3 5 6 - - -

Last 8 courses repeated,

The bobs are called by the tenor, and occur at the third, fourth and fifth leads. The bob is made in sixths, as in Double Norwich. The bob at home occurs at the end of the first lead (as in Treble Bob). If fourths-place bobs were used, all peals of Treble Bob in which the calls were restricted to B and H would go true, but as the use of M and W was practically barred, it seemed best to use the sixths-place bob. Peals 1, 2, and 4 can be varied by bobbing or plaining the shunting bobs (i.e., those at which 5 6 lie still) and by this means four variations of each of them can be obtained.

E. BANKES JAMES,

## Miscellaneous Touches.

**BRIGHOUSE (Yorks.).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at the parish church, a Jubilee peal, 3130 changes, in 1 hour 54 mins., in honour of our Queen's Diamond Jubilee, as it contains as many changes as she has reigned weeks. G. Drake, 1; G. Whiteley, 2; F. Crossley, 3; J. F. Pearson, 4; W. Wood, 5; W. F. Prince, 6; C. Nield (composer and conductor), 7; H. Marshall, 8.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).**—On Sunday evening, June 6th, for Divine Service, six courses of Grandsire Caters. A. H. Osborne (conductor), 1; G. Debenham, 2; W. Salisbury, 3; G. Farrants, 4; A. Symonds, 5; H. Simpson, 6; A. Bridges, 7; H. Blake, 8; R. Moore, 9; R. Gooch, 10.

**COLCHESTER (Essex).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, the members of St. Peter's company rang as an opening touch at 7 a.m. 168 Grandsire Triples, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major, interspersed with firing were successfully brought round during the day, amongst the former being a well-struck 576 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Harvey, 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Rashbrook, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; R. Stannard (conductor), 6; W. Burch, 7; W. Schofield, 8. At 8.15 the ringers partook of a substantial breakfast very kindly provided by the vicar, the Rev. C. Triffit Ward, M.A.

**DORCHESTER.**—On Tuesday, June 15th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. F. Hodge, 1; S. G. Hodge, 2; C. B. Hurst, 3; E. S. Hodge, 4; G. F. White (conductor), 5; F. C. Hull, 6; W. W. Bowring, 7; F. Bengier, 8. Longest touch by the band.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).**—On Monday, June 14th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; H. Vernon, 2; J. Billings, 3; A. Midmore, 4; J. Lewis, 5; W. Avann, 6; T. Willoughby, (conductor), 7; A. Bodle, 8. On Sunday, June 13th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; H. Vernon, 2; J. Lewis, 3; J. Newman, 4; W. Avann, 5; A. Midmore (conductor), 6; T. Willoughby, 7; T. Lewis, 8.

**FORNHAM ST. MARTIN (Suffolk).**—On Sunday morning, June 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (six bobs and fourteen singles). A. Bullen, 1; A. Bridges, 2; G. Molton, 3; H. Simpson, 4; H. Blake, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Tenor 6½ cwt.

**KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday, June 13th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. C. Bown, 1; A. Devereux, 2; H. Pain, 3; F. Smith, 4; E. Devereux, 5; A. Attwood, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

**HORRINGER (Suffolk).**—On Sunday afternoon, June 6th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). A. Crack, 1; J. Levitt, 2; A. Symonds, 3; H. Blake (conductor), 4; W. Salisbury, 5; G. Debenham, 6. On Monday afternoon, June 7th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). A. Symonds, 1; G. Cockerel, 2; G. Debenham (conductor), 3; H. Turner, 4; W. Salisbury, 5; G. Farrants, 6.

**ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).**—On Monday, June 7th, at All Saints' church, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal came to grief two leads from home, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. A. Scott, 1; J. Howes (conductor), 2; E. J. Walsom, 3; F. Goddard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; A. Howes, 6; G. Ransom, 7; A. Sheard, 8. J. Howes hails from Kingston-on-Thames; A. Howes from Horncastle.

**KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, in honour of the Diamond Jubilee, 720 each of Tulip and Primrose. F. Hall (longest length), 1; H. Greaves, 2; J. Emsen, 3; T. Bettison, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—On Tuesday, June 1st, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Strutt, 1; J. Wright, 2; E. Stacey, 3; W. Tiller, 4; G. Naish, 5; J. Howes, 6; J. Strutt, 7; J. Chandler, 8. Composed and conducted by J. Howes. On Sunday, June 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Stacey, 1; A. Howes, 2; G. Strutt, 3; W. Tiller, 4; G. Naish, 5; J. Howes, 6; J. Strutt (conductor), 7; J. Chandler, 8. A. Howes hails from Horncastle, Lincolnshire. On Tuesday, June 8th, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Strutt, 1; J. Wright, 2; E. Stacey, 3; H. Newnham, 4; W. Tiller, 5; J. Howes (conductor), 6; J. Strutt, 7; J. Chandler, 8. Tenor 33 cwt.

**LEISTON (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, June 12th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 1008 Bob Major in 40 mins. C. Eagle, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. Button, 3; E. Wigg, 4; D. Bailey, 5; C. Samson, 6; J. Button, 7; G. Wilson (conductor), 8. Longest length by C. Eagle.

**LOW MOOR (Yorkshire).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, the ringers of Holy Trinity Church rang a Jubilee peal, consisting of 3130 changes Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hour 50 mins. W. Bailey, 1; H. Simpson, 2; A. Wilkinson, 3; T. Simpson, 4; J. Pratt, 5; H. Kieshand, 6;

J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Dracup (conductor), 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield. Longest length by W. Bailey.

**RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD (Yorks.).**—On Wednesday, June 9th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 1296 Bob Major in 48 mins. C. Sawyer, 1; W. Goodwin, 2; F. Allen, 3; T. Sawyer, 4; F. Green, 5; R. Collier, 6; W. Plant, 7; S. Thomas (conductor), 8. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of W. Plant, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**ROCHDALE (Lancashire).**—On Sunday morning June 13th, at All Saints' church, Hamer, 720 of Bob Minor. W. Turner, 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Schofield, 3; R. E. Sladen, 4; R. Whittles (conductor), 5; J. S. Marshall, 6.

**RICHMOND (Yorks.).**—On Sunday, June 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 240 Bob Minor. J. T. Rushton, 1; J. Kirby, 2; J. T. Frenchman, 3; R. Briscoe, 4; R. S. Storey, 5; R. Borrows (conductor), 6. On June 11th, for the coming of age of Lord Rolans-hay, 720 Bob Minor. A. Shelton, 1; J. Kirby, 2; R. Briscoe, 3; J. T. Rushton, 4; W. Phillips, 5; R. Borrows (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Shelton, 1; J. Kirby, 2; R. Briscoe, 3; J. T. Rushton, 4; T. Kirby (conductor), 5; R. Borrows (conductor), 6. Also four 6-scores of Bob Doubles. On June 14th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Shelton, 1; J. Kirby, 2; J. T. Frenchman, 3; J. F. Rushton, 4; R. Borrows, 5; R. Briscoe (first 720 as conductor), 6.

**RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday, June 15th, at St. Mary's church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 27 mins. T. Rollerson, 1; J. Smith, 2; T. Collinge, 3; J. Rollerson, 4; G. H. Hargreaves, 5; H. H. Shaw, 6; J. E. Nuttall, 7; W. Nuttall, 8. Conducted by J. Smith. Longest length by T. Collinge, H. H. Shaw and W. Nuttall.

**SEAL CHART (Kent).**—On Tuesday, June 1st, at St. Laurence's church, six 120s of Bob Doubles, each called differently. J. Kettell, 1; \*G. Kettell, 2; \*T. Exeter, 3; \*T. Henson, 4; D. Goldsmith (conductor), 5; S. Kettell, 6. On Thursday, June 10th, for practice, six 6-scores of Bob Doubles in 21 mins. F. Kettell, 1; R. Saxby, 2; C. Seagar, 3; J. Cox, 4; D. Goldsmith (conductor), 5; D. Kettell, 6. \*First 720.

**SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).**—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Tidy, jun., 1; G. H. Kite, 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; H. E. Simpson (conductor), 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; W. J. Walker, 6; R. Stains, 7; S. Snelling, 8. Also 238 in the same method. S. Snelling, 1; H. E. Simpson (conductor), 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; T. W. Jarrett, 4; E. Allen, 5; G. H. Kite, 6; R. Stains, 7; W. J. Walker, 8. Also after service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. E. J. Bottle, 1; H. J. Tidy, jun., 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; H. E. Simpson, 4; C. Milway (conductor), 5; E. Allen, 6; S. Snelling, 7; R. Stains, 8. Milway, Allen, and Stains belong to Borden.

**SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. H. Haines, 1; S. Bragg, 2; W. H. Gooden, 3; F. Rowley, 4; G. A. Martineau, 5; J. Bragg, 6; W. Wall (conductor), 7; T. Markham, 8. First quarter by Markham; first as conductor by Wall.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Sunday, June 20th, in honour of the Queen having reigned sixty years, the following rang for evening service 720 Grandsire Triples, in 26 mins. E. Bristow, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Smart, 4; J. Smart, 5; A. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; E. Turrell, 8. Composed by C. Smart and conducted by W. Woolgar. After evening service 720 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; J. Matthews, 4; E. Ropley, 5; A. Gatland, 6; C. Smart, 7; H. Green, 8. Composed by J. Carter and conducted by C. Smart. On Tuesday, June 22nd, in honour of the anniversary, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Matthews, 2; J. Smart, 3; E. Ropley, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; A. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; H. Green, 8. After this touch the bells were fired by the same band sixty times, the touch of 720 being the number of years Her Majesty the Queen has reigned months.

**ST. WOOLLOS (Monmouthshire).**—On Thanksgiving Sunday, June 20th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. T. Butler, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. Butler, 5; J. Cox, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; T. Longville, 8. This quarter-peal is taken from the "Clavis."

**WORKINGHAM (Berks.).**—At midnight on Saturday, June 19th, in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, at All Saints' church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles; and on Tuesday, June 22nd, at 6 a.m., and at intervals during the day, more 6-scores of the same. S. Paice, A. Hill, F. Mower, F. Mabbingley, A. Jones, J. French, A. Hasler, F. Lush, H. Sergeant. Conducted by S. Paice and A. J. Hill.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

The JUBILEE FESTIVITIES have been carried out happily, and to the satisfaction of all concerned. This very number of "THE BELL NEWS" contains particulars, intelligence and information connected with Jubilee-Day which no other journal in the world will furnish. This statement is not much to look at, it may be said. Wait a bit. Every English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh newspaper will give for the benefit of their respective readers the details of Tuesday's ceremony; the colonial papers ditto; and the foreign press likewise. But all these journals—foreign and domestic—though generally publishing the same information and particulars, in their own peculiar manner, will be deficient in one important feature. Though our church bells played a most important part in the day's proceedings, no organ of the Press will have any account whatever of what the Jubilee bell-ringing consisted of, but OUR own paper, "THE BELL NEWS." Some of you may remark—"Well, we know all about that." You may think there is no need for fuss, or to set such a fact to music. "What's the 'B.N.' for," says another, "but to provide us with ringing news?" Just so.

When a man rings the tenor in his first 120, he generally takes care to let every one know (or some one else for him) that it is his *first*. When he leaves that bell for the treble, we are told that it is his "*first* away from the tenor." When he moves higher up, then we have the momentous intelligence—"first with a bob bell." If he should happen to call a 120—"first as conductor" is sure to follow. And so on till every rung of the ladder has been passed; *first* this, *first* that, and *first* the other. Mind I am not complaining of this, but merely mentioning the fact. But it shows what a deal of importance we attach to the word "*FIRST*." We all like to be in the position; when a boy at school I struggled to get first in the class, and allow me to say I was rather fortunate in that respect. Some times an ambition for priority brings its possessor into a ludicrous situation, but instances of this kind are beneficial, because they act as a corrective to that particular kind of ambition which is said to overleap itself, and which proceeds from an erroneous and inflated notion of self-importance and conceit. But I am going astray from the point in view, so will try another paragraph.

We were discussing the word "*first*." This paper is the *first* ringers' paper; that will be granted without hesitation. It is the *first* "BELL NEWS." "Right you are," says the reader. It is and has always been the *first* favourite with the great majority of ringers (cheers). All the important matters connected with the Exercise it has been the *first* to chronicle (hear, hear). And this brings us to the point. The "B.N." is the *first* and *only* paper in existence to record the doings of ringers on the day of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (loud acclamation). The "B.N." is *first* here, *first* there, and *first* everywhere! (Hurrah.) And my dear brother-ringers all over the world—fellow-Britons—in the credit of this fact you have an immense share (boisterous applause).

Those readers of the "B.N." who were not in London on Jubilee Day, and who, therefore, did not witness any of the grand sights, will obtain good accounts of them from the daily papers. Really I was absent myself from London at the time, and greatly to my chagrin. My attempts to cajole the Home Secretary for an official seat to see the procession were unsuccessful, and an appeal to the Lord Chamberlain for a ticket met with a similar result. A request to the Lord Mayor of London for a suit of armour in which to accompany the civic part of the pageant from Temple Bar did not come off, because there was nothing of the kind at his lordship's disposal. Some one suggested that I should make application to the Constable of the Tower, from which fortress I could readily be armed *cap-a-pie*. But I have read the History of England and the works of Harrison Ainsworth too well to trust myself inside its walls.

Mentioning the History of England reminds me that I have recently been reading once more those well-known sketches of four of our monarchs, by a great author (now deceased). His

Majesty George III., of pious and glorious memory, was as you all know, our Queen's grandfather. And a fine old monarch he was too. "Farmer George" he used to be called, because he had got such a pleasant homely way with him. It is written that he and Queen Charlotte once paid a visit to the city of Gloucester. Court etiquette (or what used to be considered as such) did not always lie easily upon him, in fact breaches of it he sometimes committed. Thus while at Gloucester he, all alone, took a constitutional before breakfast, and getting as far as the bridge over the river there, the people discovered who he was, and of course, acted accordingly. Says the king to the people—"Is this Gloucester new bridge?" "Yes, your Majesty!" was the reply. "Then let us give a loud huzza, my boys!" said the good king. And so they did. It was thought a breach of kingly decorum, but it showed his good nature, nevertheless.

And this good old king, of pious and glorious memory (no one who knows anything of English history will think "pious and glorious" out of place), is the only monarch among Her Majesty's ancestors of the House of Brunswick I care to talk of. Sixty years is a long time, and many changes must occur in such a period, but compare the last sixty years with the same period preceding; the monarch during the sixty years just closed, with those of the sixty years previous. How thankful we ought to feel for such a reign: a wise and virtuous reign, during which Britons have become a mightier people than ever. *God save the Queen!*

Some one tells me that the police-reserve have been called out to do duty while the attractions of the Jubilee are in progress. These men are engaged for ten days at the wage of ten shillings a day. It seems a lot of money, but perhaps not too much under the circumstances—though the bare mention of a half-sovereign per diem makes one's mouth water. I should like, muchly, such an income; perhaps when all my readers get another permanent subscriber to this paper, I shall have it.

I suppose some of the London ringers have earned more than the aforesaid amount this week. Money hard-earned in many instances. Uphill and down-hill—up steps and down steps all day long. Capital exercise, vastly superior to the treadmill, but somewhat monotonous. Talk of pay-ringing, what do you think of the following, which is taken from Mr. Cocks' *Church Bells of Buckinghamshire*? We will have a fresh paragraph for it.

GREAT MARLOW (BUCKS.).—"During the parliamentary election campaign of 1826, which lasted here for six weeks, the bells seem to have been rung most assiduously; and after it was over, eight (of the ten) ringers, who were Tories, presented their claim for services rendered, to the elected Tory members—Messrs. Owen Williams, and Thos. Peers Williams (of Temple House, near Marlow), and to their joy, no less than to their surprise, received as *honorarium* the sum of eighty pounds! The happy recipients then suggested to the two Whig members of the belfry, that they should likewise try their luck with the defeated Whig candidates (whose headquarters were at Harleyford, in this parish), and they in turn received twenty pounds! Truly, in spite of 'Belfry Reform,' and the advance from 'Stony,' to various methods of scientific 'half-pull' ringing, the palmy days of ringing (and of parliamentary elections) are over!"

This almost takes one's breath away. One Hundred Pounds sterling for ringing for an election! Well taking it all into consideration, it is a good job that such "palmy" days are over.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, June 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 252 Stedman Triples. A. J. Burchell, 1; S. Phipps, 2; W. G. Symes, 3; W. Gale, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; J. J. Poole, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; W. Jefferies, 8. In the evening for thanksgiving service, 504 Stedman Triples, standing same as before. This is the longest touch ever rung by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th. It is also the longest touch in the method on the bells by a local band.

[To COMPOSERS and those interested in Compositions. It is our intention in future to publish periodically, at intervals of about one month, a four-page supplement to our paper, containing nothing else but the productions of Composers. These will be printed in somewhat larger type than usual, of which this page may be taken as a pattern.]

### UNION TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

I have been spending some odd half-hours on the above method, transposing some of my old peals from the old Grandsire singles to the new singles adopted by the Council, thus:—

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and it will be seen that I have fixed myself to the original Grandsire bob and the new single only.

Some of the peals are on a new plan which has never yet been in publication. I shall commence by giving peals on the five-lead plan, and finish on the three-lead plan. The first peal is a one-part peal, with the two singles at the head.

No. 1. 5040.

756234	IS	674352	5	457263	5
427356	I	376452	5	324657	I
634527	I	563427	3	623457	5
752634	IS	465327	5	746523	I
467352	I	574632	2	267534	3
574326	3	675432	5	742653	2
375426	5	476532	5	647253	5
473526	5	254376	I	736425	2
364752	2	742365	3	437625	5
763452	5	537642	I	754362	2
657234	4	475623	3	567243	4
426357	I	364275	I	265743	5
564372	3	263475	5	762543	5
235764	I	732456	3	357462	I
732564	5	437256	5	453762	5
457632	I	234756	5	634725	3
654732	5	462375	2	246753	3
426573	2	674523	4	562734	3
634257	2	246537	3	475362	I
236457	5	542637	5	374562	5
432657	5	645237	5	573462	5
524673	3	576423	2	765234	4
625473	5	635742	2	547623	2
756432	3	736542	5	645723	5
537264	4	467523	3	256734	3
675243	3	564723	5	472356	I
276543	5	765423	5	264735	2
352476	I	347265	I	762435	5
453276	5	463572	4	547362	I
624753	I	254763	I	345762	5
726453	5	642735	3	743562	5
637245	2	746235	5	467235	4
236745	5	367254	3	374256	3
732645	5	263754	5	273456	5
427653	3	762354	5	234567	3 P.L.
364527	I	247635	2		
473652	2	752463	2		

No. 2.

5040.

473256	2S
624573	I
356724	I
472356	IS
264735	2
762435	5
547362	I
675324	3
436275	I
234675	5
632475	5
376524	4
263547	3
752463	I
627435	3
426735	5
724635	5
567324	I
365724	5
763524	5
457263	I
254763	5
562347	4
735462	I
437562	5
364275	4
523764	I
635742	3
736542	5
347265	4
523647	I
625347	5
326547	5
243765	4
572643	I
235764	2
732564	5
367425	4
342567	P.L.

Twice repeated.

No. 3.

5040.

756234	IS
423756	IS
674523	I
246537	3
542637	5
645237	5
576423	2
345276	I
563427	2
465327	5
624753	4
726453	5
427653	5
364527	I
243576	3
542376	5
475623	4
724356	4
637524	I
276543	3
632754	2
736254	5
427536	I
524736	5
725436	5
237654	2
742365	4
257436	2
642357	I
346257	5
243657	5
452736	4
534627	4
765234	I
267534	5
562734	5
527346	3 P.L.

Twice repeated.

This peal is on a new plan with no calls or plain leads between the singles in each part.

No. 4.

5040.

256734	P.L.
473256	IS
624573	I
356724	I
643572	2
256743	I
632574	2
456732	I
273456	IS
642573	I
236457	2
432657	5
634257	5
726534	I
61453	2
247553	5

No. 5.

5040.

645273	3S
536427	2
745236	I
567423	2
345267	I
Twice repeated with bob for single produces	
534267	
642573	3S
546273	5
245673	5
532467	2
365724	4
473265	I

No. 4 continued—

No. 5 continued—

742653	5	274365	5
237465	2	762543	4
432765	5	357462	I
364527	4	453762	5
563427	5	564237	4
745263	I	725364	I
467352	4	327564	5
724635	2	523764	5
627435	5	345276	2
546327	I	753264	3
425763	4	257364	5
724563	5	352764	5
647532	3	243576	2
546732	5	652743	I
745632	5	756243	5
527463	2	467235	3
345627	I	634572	4
643527	5	536472	5
426735	4	765423	3
364752	3	537642	2
763452	5	265437	I
247563	I	572643	2
462375	4	675243	5
534762	I	746352	4
645723	3	567324	3
536472	2	435267	I
435672	5	574326	2
423567	2 P.L.	245367	3

Twice repeated; omitting the single and the calls between the brackets.

This part twice repeated with bob for single.

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I 3 2 5 4 6 7	These changes to be made starting from back-stroke, then, as usual, 2135476.
I 3 5 2 4 6 7	
I 5 3 4 2 7 6	
I 5 4 3 2 6 7	
I 4 5 2 3 7 6	
I 4 2 5 3 6 7	
I 2 4 3 5 7 6	

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

Four times repeated.

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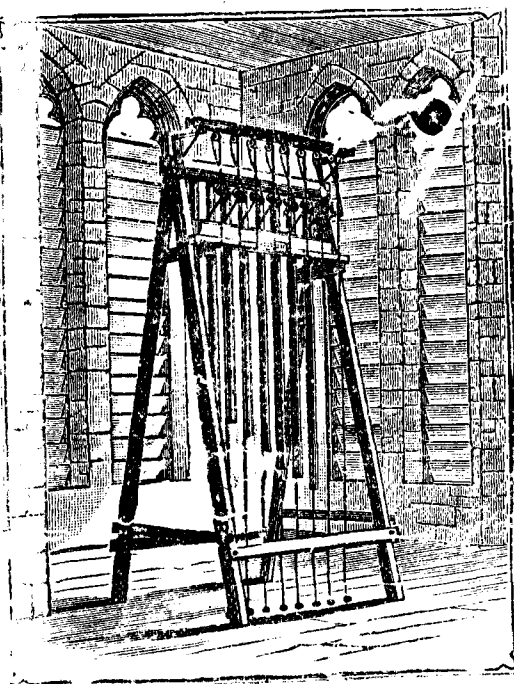
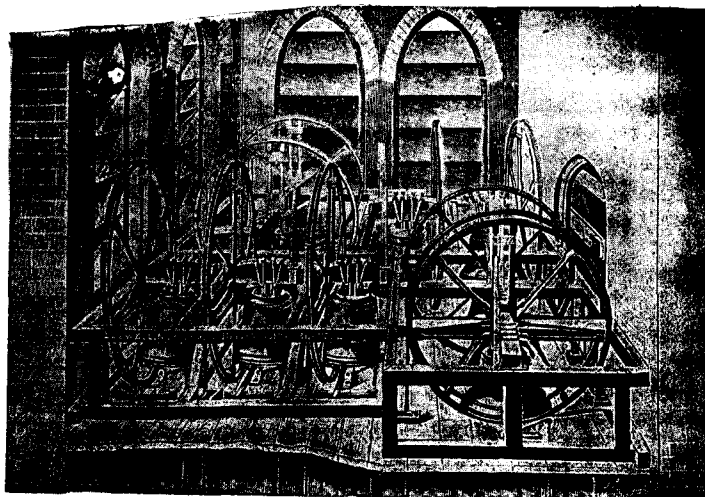
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING.

(Continued from page 98.)

### THE WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELFRY.

Mr. Thornton: Mr. President, and Gentlemen—I beg to move “That an official letter be written to the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster, on behalf of the Council, calling attention to the condition of the ringing-chamber at Westminster Abbey, and the unringable state of the bells, and requesting him to use his influence in the direction of belfry reform in this instance.” There is no need for me to say very much on this subject. So much has been written by those who have had the pleasure of visiting the Abbey belfry, that you will be able to picture what the place is like. Some time has elapsed since my visit. Since then nothing has been done. On the occasion of that visit, the chamber was in a most disreputable condition. The floor was covered with dirt; no provision was made for any one wishing to sit; and everything it is possible to mention was out of order. I understand that the bells are only rung on a few occasions during the year, and that with the exception of a small number ringers, who are carefully counted, the only person who as a rule goes into the belfry is the clock winder. The place is a national disgrace. Its condition is shocking. It is unfit for any one to go into. I do not know whether any member of the Council will try to obtain admittance while in London. If they do they will see a sight they will not forget to the last day of their lives. Suggestions have been made as to recasting the peal, but if we ask too much we shall get nothing. The belfry might, however, be kept clean. I do not suppose the Dean would agree to a request that the bells should be recast during the present year, but if a letter was written to him, something might not only come of it, but it might be the forerunner of many reforms in the Metropolis, where reforms are very much needed.

The President: I do not think it is within the province of this Council to take up questions of this kind. If we once begin to deal with local grievances we shall get ourselves into difficulties. I am quite sure that we all of us agree with Mr. Thornton in thinking it is most desirable that something should be done to remove a very great disgrace, and I believe attention has been directed to the subject, for, if I am not mistaken, Mr. Coleridge has spoken to the authorities on the matter. I would at the same time point out that the Council could not send a letter on the strength of the resolution. If we were to undertake such a communication at all, it would have to be on the report of a specially appointed Committee. It is, however, a question much more for the Metropolitan Societies to deal with, than for this body, and I consequently feel compelled to rule the motion out of order. I may, perhaps, say that an opportunity of dealing to some extent with the matter will arise if the next motion is carried. (Applause).

### TABULATED RETURN OF THE CONDITION OF CHURCH BELLS.

The President: I should have liked to have gone more fully into this subject than is now possible, but I must refer gentlemen present to the reports which have appeared in “THE BELL NEWS” of what I have previously said thereon. I am impressed by the fact that the Exercise has now practically come to a deadlock. We ringers have made ourselves, chiefly by our own efforts, into a very respectable body, but we cannot get Church authorities and the public generally to do their part and recognise fairly us and our Art. Why may we not be treated with the same consideration as the church choir? We often hear of Choral Festivals, but who ever heard of Church authorities getting up a ringing festival, yet these instruments we use are usually the most costly possession of a church, with the value of which no organ can compare. Yet while organs are kept in good tune and repair, the same cannot be said of

bells. It is simply incredible that peals like that of St. Saviour's, Southwark, Westminster Abbey, and scores of others should be allowed to remain without proper attention. We have tried for years, and, I may say, have finally failed in obtaining a hearing before Church Congress; but we must in some way bespeak proper attention. After giving a good deal of thought to the subject, I have come to the conclusion that there might be a chance of putting an end to the deadlock, and of obtaining a proper recognition of the ringers' position and of the value of our bells, if we could get from the Secretaries of the various Associations throughout the country a return of the condition, at the present time, of all peals of 12, 10, and 8, and in addition, of historic peals of six, in order that a tabulated statement may be drawn up and laid before the Council. This would take time and care, as the work would have to be done with great accuracy, so that we might not be liable to contradiction. If we could get the records together and then bring them before Church authorities and the public, our action might open their eyes as to the culpable carelessness which obtains in regard to a number of peals of both intrinsic and historic value. If the meeting approves of the motion, I should propose that a Committee be appointed to communicate with the Secretaries throughout the country. I am bound to say that I much doubt whether it is possible to shame the authorities into action; but if anything can effect this, it surely would be a statement showing the sad results of the present prevailing apathy. (Hear, Hear). I beg to move “For a return of the condition of all rings of 12, 10, and 8 bells, and of historic rings of 6 throughout the country, to enable a tabulated statement of existing defects to be drawn up and submitted by the Council to church authorities and the public.”

Mr. Attree: I should like very much to second the proposition, and in doing so I feel that I shall not be considered as entirely condemning the county I come from. The bells in that county are for the most part in a satisfactory condition, the defects of many of them having been remedied. I am told also that rings in many of the other counties go well. In my opinion, however, it is very hard work to ring on some peals.

The Rev. M. Kelly: I do not rise to make any objection to the motion, but I feel that there is more being done in restoring bells than is, perhaps, realised. I may mention in proof of this statement that, in the west, two of the principal bell hangers at the present moment have got more than two years work before them, and are, I need hardly say, not in the position to take any more work. It will be seen, therefore, that improvements are already being carried out. The difficulty we have to contend with is that when church authorities decide to do something they very often put the work into the hands of incompetent bell-hangers. I speak for my own counties most feelingly when I say that a good deal of the money spent in hanging bells might as well have been thrown into the sea, and all the blame does not belong to the clergy and churchwardens. This incompetency accounts for the bad go of some of our bells. Calling attention then to the matter may not do any harm, though my own opinion is that advice and suggestion are not always followed (laughter).

Mr. Trollope: With reference to what Mr. Kelly says, what is wanted is not so much men to hang peals as men to keep them in order when they are once in the belfry. Some people will spend hundreds of pounds in putting peals in, but nothing in keeping them in order. In 1883 the bells at Norwich were put in order at great expense, but I doubt whether they are now kept in the best possible working condition. In some places I have heard of, they say “We hang the peals, but afterwards we do not take the trouble to get ringers.”

Mr. Bollard: I should not only like to include historic peals of six, but all.

The President: The labour of enquiry about the peals speci-



fied in the motion will be very great. We should hardly be able to cope with the immense additional number of peals of five and six. It is not, of course, that peals of five and six do not want attention. They might, if the proposed action succeeds, form the subject of a further enquiry.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee: We thought at first that peals of six should be included. Certainly in Lancashire there are a large number of peals of six. I do not think, however, that at present it would be advisable to go lower, until we have finished with peals of twelve, ten, and eight. As to what Mr. Kelly has said, certainly a very great deal has been done in the way of putting peals in order. Our cathedral peals were rehung long ago, and within the last few months peals have been re-hung in many churches. Much more care has been taken of bells lately, but more has to be done, and if we brought forward the requisite mass of evidence it might lead to help being given in cases where no doubt a great deal of help is needed.

Mr. W. D. Smith: I think that, in considering this question of repairing peals, we should not lose sight of the fact that it is Jubilee year. The occasion might therefore call forth greater enthusiasm than in previous years.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey: It might do an immense amount of good to call attention to the fact that in many cases the peals, though rehung, are left in as bad a condition as before. The only improvement is often the substitution of new frames and fittings for old ones. Some of the fittings are almost falling to pieces for want of a little screwing up and other attention. The suggested report would be most useful.

The President: The consideration of questions of detail might be left to the Committee which would be appointed if my motion is carried. Mr. Trollope and others have really struck at the root of the matter when they say that the chief trouble we have to contend with lies in keeping bells in order, more than in re-hanging them. People are somehow apt to confuse the two questions. When peals are once properly re-hung they ought to go for a long time without being again re-hung. What is really wanted is to bring before the authorities a proposal for a regular biennial or triennial outlay on the bells. If the authorities do not attend to the peals they will be doing wrong under the conditions in which they hold their office. I do not think there are half a dozen men properly acquainted with the subject who would fail to bear me out in asserting that very few church authorities ever think of providing the proper means for keeping their bells in order for weekly use. The usual order of things is that we may do it ourselves, and, as a rule, pay for it too (hear, hear).

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The President proposed, Mr. Hudson seconded, and it was carried, that the following Committee be appointed to carry the motion into effect, viz: Messrs. Cockerill, Trollope, Story, F. E. Ward, Williams, Dawe, and the President.

The President: May I ask that representatives will approach their secretaries in the matter. A good deal depends upon whether the secretaries of associations will give their earnest assistance. We must rely largely upon the work that is done in the several associations, and I trust the members present will be good enough to suggest to their secretaries the great importance of trying to make the report a really thorough and accurate one, and that they will also assist them in obtaining the information, for the collection of which the Committee will no doubt issue suitable printed queries.

#### DEFINITION OF PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge: The motion standing in my name will not detain you long, because it has sprung up like a hardy annual, almost at every meeting, and is thoroughly understood. We cannot deny the fact that there has been a great deal of ill feeling and disagreement as to what ought to be designated a peal of Minor. I think, as was suggested after the Brighton meeting, that the pen should be drawn through the motion defining a peal of Minor. We should do better to relegate that motion to the shades of oblivion, and then we should not have it cropping up like a troublesome weed. Mr. Heywood deserves our thanks for suggesting the following resolution, which I now beg to move: "That the Council, recognising the insuperable objection taken by many six-bell ringers to the definition of a

peal of Minor as carried at the meeting of 1892, and recognising also the fact that on five and six bells no actually true peal of 5,000 changes can be rung, and that, therefore, no strictly correct definition of such a peal can be logically formulated; do now decide to expunge the said definition from the standing resolutions, thus offering no opposition to the locally-varying construction of the term 'peal' in regard to five and six-bell performances."

Mr. Story: I have great pleasure in seconding this motion. The question has been brought up annually, but I hope it will now disappear from our agenda. Many of our companies feel as strongly as ever on the question, and I am sure a great deal of bitterness and ill feeling will be removed if the resolution is carried.

Mr. Bolland: We consider in Yorkshire and Lancashire that six and eight-bell ringers are on an equal footing.

The Hon. Secretary then read the following letter from Mr. Snowdon:—

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,—It is with regret that I find myself unable to be present at the meeting of the Council, more especially as the six-bell peal definition is to be reviewed.

Perhaps you will allow me to state that, in my opinion, a valuable addition to the Council's past work will be made if the motion on the agenda is permitted to pass in the form given to it; provided, of course, that it is clearly understood that 5040 Minor rows—whether extents or otherwise—are allowed to score as Minor "peals."

It is needless, surely, to point out that the Yorkshire Association has never sought to disestablish the Seven Minor Extents from the peal-scoring position agreed by the Council; in fact our Yorkshire committee understands that the present review of the question is partly to get rid of the mathematical inaccuracy of terming any possible combination of Minor rows a peal, in the strict change-ringing sense of the word; and at the same time to remove the barrier that has been raised against the scoring as "peals" (so called) of performances requiring a vast amount of extra mental ability and vigilance. The removal of this barrier will give wide-spread satisfaction, I think I may say, over the entire north.

If I may add a final word regarding the power that the Council has for present and future usefulness, I should like to bear witness that nothing, in the whole of my ringing career, has ever struck me as so forcibly showing the advance that has been made in the status of the change-ringer as that which the assembled Council presents; and I cannot but add that the whole Exercise is under a debt of gratitude to those who ably organise the work of the Council whilst seeking to advance the art of change-ringing, "both" (to quote from our Yorkshire rules) "in its scientific aspect and as a branch of church work."

Trusting that you will have a successful meeting, believe me to remain, yours truly,  
WM. SNOWDON.

The President: I should like to correct Mr. Coleridge on one small point. He was kind enough to refer to me in regard to this resolution. It is true I drafted the resolution, but the idea of the compromise originated with Mr. Bulwer.

Mr. Attree: I have always felt that it was a pity to act in opposition to the amount of consideration which the Council has given to this question, and to disturb the arrangement come to. I may not be right, but I was of opinion that the matter was settling down, and would eventually cease to trouble us at all. I should like to know how Minor peals are for the future to be regarded. If they are not peals, are they to appear on the analysis as peals, or are they to appear on a separate analysis?

The Hon. Secretary: I apprehend it would be a matter for the individual associations to decide what peals of Minor and Doubles should be accepted. With regard to the value which is to be assigned to them, it seems to me that it is a question for Mr. Attree and the Peal Value Committee. The Council does not assume the responsibility of saying that such and such performances are not peals. What is proposed in the resolution now before us is to expunge from our standing definition as to true peals all reference to peals of Minor and Doubles on the ground that definition is impossible. As a Council we stand aloof from the question altogether.

Mr. Attree: May I add to what I have already said that it seems to me that, by carrying this resolution, we shall be making the difficulty greater than it was before. If every association is to settle what the united associations cannot settle, there will be a very difficult task before them.

Mr. Hudson: I should like to mention one point which I

think has been lost sight of. I have never seen peals of Minor called true peals, though they have been regarded as of equal value with peals which are really true. They have been stated as so many changes in the method or methods.

The Hon. Secretary: The Council came to the decision in 1892 that seven true 720s of Minor should be the definition of a peal. I quite agree with the contention that really the right way of regarding such performances is to mention them as 5040 changes of Minor, or 5040 changes of Doubles, a practice which I have universally adopted in connection with the Norwich Association.

The President: Pray let me make it clear that, in this resolution, the Council throw no discredit on peals of Minor and Doubles by proposing to rescind the definition, but the fact is we have run, technically, into a mistake in trying to define what it is logically impossible to define, and this mistake it will be well to correct. No one has a greater admiration than myself for the achievements of six-bell ringers, but it is hardly part of the Council's duty to settle their differences of opinion.

The resolution was then put and carried without dissent.

[To be continued.]

#### JUBILEE DAY AT DARLINGTON.

The members of Holy Trinity assembled at 6 a.m. and commenced the day's proceedings by singing the National Anthem; afterwards the bells were raised, and the following touches brought round:—720 Grandsire Minor—G. Kenworthy, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; E. Cox, 3; W. Kingdon, 4; T. Lungley, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. 720 Plain Bob—G. J. Lungley, 1; C. Todd, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. Kingdon, 4; G. Park, 5; T. Lungley (conductor), 6. The ringers then went by the kind invitation of the vicar's warden, J. T. Hall, Esq., and partook of a sumptuous breakfast at his residence. They were met by the Rev. E. A. Waters, Mr. Pullen (people's warden) and Mr. R. Miller, and after breakfast a pleasant half-hour was spent in discussing the many points of interest in connection with Her Majesty's long reign; and in personal reminiscences of various preaching celebrities. An adjournment was at length made to the tower and more ringing indulged in:—720 College Single—W. M. Stephenson, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; E. Cox, 3; W. Kingdon, 4; T. Lungley, 5; G. W. Park (conductor). It being now about the time the Queen would be leaving Buckingham Palace, a royal salute was fired on the bells and afterwards 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung:—G. Smith, 1; G. Kenworthy, 2; C. Todd, 3; W. Kingdon, 4; G. J. Lungley (conductor), 5; E. Cox, 6. After dinner two short touches of Minor were rung, while the children of the Sunday schools were passing in procession to the park, thus bringing the ringing to a close, with hearty good wishes for an enjoyable holiday on the most memorable day in the annals of our country.

#### 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 LETTER FROM THE TRANSVAAL.

SIR,—Having after nine years' absence just returned to South Africa from a holiday in the old country, I should like to express in a few lines the gratification I felt at seeing the great progress the noble art of change-ringing has made in England. This being the sixtieth year of the reign of our most gracious Queen, I cannot help thinking that ringers would do well to make a united effort to encourage the great art. That your valuable paper has done much to promote change-ringing, I am one of the first to admit, nevertheless, one thing that struck me as wanting was the publication of a modern and complete change-ringers' guide. As far as I could ascertain no edition of this has been published since 1882. Now sir, in these days of bicycles, when people can travel about so easily and cheaply, what more enjoyable holiday could a ringer or party of ringers have, than touring parts of their own country, where ringing is extensively practised; and after seeing the beauties of nature, to enjoy in the evening a touch in the church tower of the town where they stop for the night. At present, without a modern and complete change-ringers' guide, it seems rather a hopeless task to try and arrange a tour of this kind. If a book such as I have mentioned were issued from your office, and sold at a moderate price, it should ensure a ready sale and be a great boon to change-ringers all over England.

RICHARD S. SWORDER.

Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa.

#### Ringers' Outings.

THE RAMSBOTTOM ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.—This society had their fifth annual trip on June 8th, to Dublin; the party leaving Ramsbottom at 5.40 to Manchester, and thence on to Bangor, where refreshments were partaken of and a stay made of about two hours, catching the night to Holyhead, where they arrived at about two o'clock. Afterwards embarking on the splendid steamer Lily, at four o'clock, arriving in Dublin at eight o'clock on Wednesday morning. After obtaining excellent apartments and partaking of a splendid breakfast, the party engaging two jaunting cars, drove through Phoenix Park and on to the strawberry beds, returning in the afternoon, when Guinness's brewery was visited, the party enjoying the visit immensely. After tea various places of interest in the city were visited. Thursday.—After breakfast the party engaging a waggonette for the day, drove through the splendid scenery which surrounds Dublin, and on to Bray and Killiney, returning in the evening after a splendid outing. After tea the party again wended their way to the different places of amusement in the city. Friday.—After breakfast the party visited the cemetery, viewing the splendid monuments and vaults that lie within, afterwards engaging a landau, drove on to Kingstown Harbour, and again returning in the evening. After tea the city itself was again made the principal for the evening. Saturday.—The Grand Irish Military Tournament at Ballsbridge was visited during the day. After tea the party wended their way to North Wall, where they again embarked on the Lily at nine o'clock, arriving at Holyhead at one o'clock, leaving Holyhead at two o'clock, and reaching Chester at 4.30, spent the Sunday in viewing the ancient city, reaching home at 9.30, thoroughly enjoyed with their outing.

THE ST. MATTHEW'S GUILD, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—The members of the above Guild had their second annual excursion (in conjunction with that of the choir), on Whit-Monday to Hexham, where they arrived shortly before 9 a.m. The weather was very dull and threatening, and continued so for the greater part of the day. The Abbey bells were not available for ringing until the afternoon, and therefore the ringers decided to spend the morning in Swallowship. Returning to Hexham, an adjournment was made to The Blue Bell inn, where the ringers and members of the choir, at one o'clock, sat down to an excellent dinner, served up by the host—Mr. John Potts. After dinner a photograph of the ringers was taken near to the Abbey, which by the way would have been more complete had the instructor to the Guild (Mr. William Holmes) been in the group. At three o'clock the bells were available. A start was about to be made by the "noise-producing individuals," when they were favored with the assistance of Mr. W. Story, another ringer, a member of the Newcastle Cathedral band. An attempt for a touch of Triples (which was going fairly well) suddenly collapsed, owing to some of the ropes getting entangled in the chiming apparatus, which resulted in the breaking of one of the chiming hammers. After some further ringing, a return to the hotel was made, where a capital tea was partaken of. Canon Churchyard, in submitting the toast of "The Queen," made suitable reference to Her Diamond Jubilee, which was about to be celebrated. The toast was acknowledged by the company singing the National Anthem. In submitting the toast of the "Choir and Bellringers," the vicar referred in feeling terms to the valuable services they had rendered to the church. The toast was then given, coupled with the names of Mr. J. B. Errington, as representing the choir, and Mr. S. O. Ferry, the ringers. Mr. Errington having briefly replied, Mr. Ferry, in a few well chosen remarks, responded, and referred to the good harmony which prevailed among the ringers, stating that their work as ringers was one which they all had at heart. The company soon afterwards dispersed, the majority of the ringers visiting Corbridge, where touches of Minor were rung, after which two 120s of Doubles with two of the local ringers standing in, thus ending a very enjoyable outing. The visitors wish to tender their hearty thanks to the authorities of the Abbey and Corbridge church for the use of the respective bells.

## LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The vicar, Rev. J. C. E. Besant, presided on a recent evening over a well-attended meeting of Church people, called to receive a report on the restoration of the church, and to consider other phases of the scheme.

The chairman said they had a general meeting in February in last year, when it was resolved to restore the outside of the fabric, renovate the interior, restore the steeple and tower, and overhaul the bells. As soon as they began a disaster overcame them by the falling, in a great storm, of a portion of the spire, which greatly increased the outlay. They decided to do the work in stages, and he was pleased to state that all the outside work was completed. He asked Mr. A. W. Harrison, parish Warden, to present the report.

Mr. Harrison stated that they had spent about £750, of which there remained £67 to be raised, and toward which there were £30 in subscriptions promised to come, besides which they hoped to get a reduction in Messrs. Collins and Godfrey's bill, and that of Messrs. Waller and Son, architects. He pointed out that the contract provided for taking of several more feet off the spire, but the architect said it was not necessary, and was not done, and they thought they were entitled to a rather considerable amount off the contract price.

The chairman then invited consideration of the question whether to proceed with the remaining portion of the renovation scheme—that was to renovate the interior and restore the bells, adding one or two new bells to the peal of six, if they could—altogether, or to divide it and proceed with the bells first. If they only restored the present peal it would cost £25, by adding one bell it would be £40 extra, or £100 altogether if the full peal of eight bells were provided, and he expressed the feeling that without bells they were not like an English parish ought to be. He stated that they had an estimate from Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, whom they knew to be a respectable firm.

Mr. H. P. Turner, who said he knew a little about bells, and that seven bells would not be of much additional value, and John Davies, one of the ringers, called pealing on seven bells "Hog ma gog" ringing. If they would put in two new bells, the ringers would guarantee £5, and the Band Contest Committee had also promised £5.

The feeling of the meeting was in favour of eight bells, and of appealing to the parish generally for the £100, and opinion was expressed that the Nonconformists would be pleased to support the scheme as a Jubilee memorial. A resolution to this effect was proposed by Mr. Samuel Barnard, seconded by Mr. John Davies, was carried with great enthusiasm. With regard to the renovation of the interior of the church, it was felt desirable that this should not be dropped, and that an appeal should be made for funds to carry it out, but the immediate matter in hand, the bells, it was stated, should be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. To this end the following committee was appointed:—Messrs. The Chairman, A. W. Harrison, S. Barnard, Tom Smith, E. Freeman, J. F. Barnard and H. P. Turner. It was mentioned that altogether something like £250 would be required to pay for the prospective work, and the balance remaining on that which had been already completed.

## NEW BELLS FOR STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

On Thursday evening, June 10th, a meeting in support of the scheme which is being promoted by Mr. G. J. Clarkson, engineer and patent agent, for increasing the number of bells in the tower of the parish church, Stockton, was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall. Councillor W. C. Langley, J.P. (Deputy Mayor), presided, in the absence of the Mayor (Councillor A. G. Rudd), and their was an influential and representative attendance.

The Chairman expressed his thorough concurrence with the scheme which Mr. Clarkson had formulated, and he remarked that the Mayor had given a substantial donation to the fund for Mr. Clarkson's project. (Applause).

The Rev. H. Martin, M.A., Vicar of Stockton, in explaining the scheme, said Mr. Clarkson's laudable desire was to have the number of bells in the parish church tower increased from six to ten. Mr. Clarkson himself had shown his earnestness by offering to defray the cost of the first bell, amounting to about

£63; the church officers and himself (the vicar) had agreed to to subscribe the cost of the second bell, amounting to about £81; and the public were respectfully asked to subscribe the expense of the two remaining bells which were required. The ringing of an efficient peal of bells was a sign of joyousness, and an increase in the number of the parish church bells would be a fitting and permanent memorial of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The bells would be practically looked upon as the property of the town, and indeed over a wider district, and it was only a matter of convenience that they would be placed in the tower of the parish church, that being the only available place for them.

Mr. Clarkson also spoke, and said he earnestly believed that the town would be extremely pleased with the extension of the peal of bells as a local permanent memorial of sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's accession to the throne. A bell was an almost everlasting thing, and if it were not subjected to foul usage it might last hundreds of years. Indeed, in Cornwall there was at the present day a bell which belonged to the reign of King Athelstan, and near Bury St. Edmunds there was also a very ancient bell. The bells of the parish church were used for all sorts of public purposes. They rang on Mayor's day and on many other public occasions. The strength of the bell-ringing corps could be increased by the present ringers training others. He ventured to think that if the town were canvassed, the scheme which had been propounded would be found to be a practicable and popular one.

The chairman remarked that the total cost of the four extra bells, and the strengthening of and extra fittings required in the tower would be about £750.

The gentlemen present formed themselves into a committee with power to add to their number, to forward the scheme. Councillor Langley was appointed chairman of the committee, on the proposal of the vicar of Stockton, seconded by Mr. T. Parkinson.

On the proposal of Mr. Frederick Robson, seconded by the Rev. J. A. Sharrock, Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Parkinson were appointed hon. secretaries. Mr. F. Robson was appointed hon. treasurer on the motion of Mr. Chas. Spence, seconded by Mr. Edward Stephenson. Sub-committees were appointed to canvass the town, and it was decided to ask the local bank managers to receive subscriptions, and to also ask the publishers of the local newspapers to publish the subscription lists free of charge. Total subscriptions to the amount of £199 1s. 6d. (including the cost of the two bells already promised by Mr. Clarkson and the vicar of Stockton and the church officers) were announced.

## DEDICATION OF A NEW RING OF BELLS AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

The new peal of eight bells which has been hung in the tower of St. Luke's church, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, was dedicated by the Bishop of Shrewsbury on Saturday, June 19th. After the dedication service in the belfry a short touch was rung by all local men, being 367 Grandsire Triples. F. Jones, 1; H. Dawkes, 2; R. Pickering, 3; H. Knights, 4; G. Burrows, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. Purser, 8. After which a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was successfully rung by a band representing eight different towers. A cold supper was provided in the school room for all ringers present, and about fifty did full justice to the good things placed before them; the rest of the evening was spent in speech-making, singing and handbell ringing. The bells, which are an exceedingly musical peal in F sharp, tenor 10 cwt., are the gift of Mr. Edward Lisle, who in 1894 also gave a clock with four illuminated dials for the same tower. Each bell has the inscription "Ad. Die. Gloriam et in Commemorationem Sexagesimo Anni Victoriae regnantis, 1837-1897. Dono Dedit Edwardus Lisle." The tenor is also inscribed "Barwell, founders, Birmingham." The bell frame is iron cast in sections and bolted together, and rests on English oak bottom frame, which in turn is carried by steel girders. The "go" of the bells is excellent, the hanging and tone being all that could be desired, reflecting great credit on the founders. A strong company of ringers has been formed under the captaincy of Mr. H. Dawkes.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

Most potent, grave, and reverend seigniors : (I once belonged to an amateur dramatic company) my very noble and approved good masters, and I ought to add "mistresses," I congratulate you; I salute you. You are all true Britons, all good ringers; a famous peal of Stedman Cinq—hold hard, my enthusiasm is carrying me I know not where—I mean a famous lot of fine fellows all—both lords and ladies. Let us shake hands with ourselves and be merry. The Jubilee festivities have astonished the world. And did ringers have a look in? Rather. It has been satisfactorily proved by the Astronomer-Royal, by the Poet Laureate, by the Master of the Mint, by the President of the Royal Academy, by the Chief Commissioner of Police, and by Babbage's calculating machine, that ringers made more stir, created more excitement, and made more noise than all the bands of music put together.

Certainly the talent was there. The science required for the execution of forty-four (if not more) peals stands out in bold relief among it all. Of course there was plenty of "whole-pull" ringing, and probably some of the striking wouldn't escape criticism. I heard some very poor stuff about 10.30 p.m., very poor indeed. A party of three, of which I was one, was enjoying what a friend called "an outside peregrination," when the sound of bells smote the ear. Rounds were then being rung, but they soon went off into Triples, but oh! what Triples! It was suggested that the whole of the company, tenor-man and all, were ringing different methods; another suggestion was that they had gone for "Joshua's" touch of Caters on eight bells; but it was plain to me that the bells had been to the Jubilee, and had returned disappointed at not being able to stay behind to see the illuminations.

We have all heard of the difficulties sometimes met with when a peal is asked for at a strange tower, and the stipulations under which permission can only be obtained. The method to be rung in an attempted peal has lately been at some places one of these conditions of permission. "What peal are you going for?" asks Mr. Steeplekeeper. "Treble Bob." "Not on any account" is the reply. "Any other method but that." And so on, and so forth, etc., etc. But I never heard anything like the following. As I get it secondhand I don't vouch for its absolute correctness: A good conductor obtained permission to go for a peal, with the stipulation that such peal was to be in one particular method. When the band got to the church, the conductor had handed to him the figures of a well-known but somewhat well-worn peal, which he was to call, and no other! I know a conductor who would have lit his pipe with the ms., and would, just to show his contempt of such behaviour, call some other composition. I marvel the conductor in the present instance did not call some other peal, for no one would have been any the wiser, until the report of it had appeared.

I find there is a movement afoot to extend the circulation and usefulness of this paper. Very good. I hope the remarks of our old and tried friend, "Free Lance" last week, will be remembered. I have had handed to me copies of notes from a few readers during the past week relating to this, and I here produce them: From Mr. Wright, of Winshill, Derbyshire: "Sir,—Allow me to tell you that when I came to St. Mark's one-and-a-half years ago, 'THE BELL NEWS' was not taken in, but with a little encouragement they all started to take it, and now instead of ordering one of my newsagent I order six I am pleased to say, and where I go I always take a number and leave it for other ringers. If all would do the same it would let other ringers know that there was such a valuable paper as 'THE BELL NEWS.' If you like to use this you can with pleasure." Mr. Longney, of Croome: "I got my additional subscriber to 'THE BELL NEWS' some little time ago, but still hope we may get more in Worcester to take it." Mr. Gutteridge, of Stoke Poges: "I have got four permanent subscribers promised to 'THE BELL NEWS,' and will try for another."

Now my fellow-readers, just do me a kindness. If I have

found favour in your eyes, show it by joining this movement, and persuade your friends. Don't wax weary in well-doing. I think I had better persuade the "powers that be" and those also which be not (if there are any of the latter) to give some useful prize to him who gets the greatest number of permanent subscribers to "THE BELL NEWS" within a given time. My persuasions don't fall flat, I can tell you.

We have had some awful storms during the past few days, and much damage has been done. Churches and their towers have not gone scot free by any means. I cut the following from *The Standard*: "During the severe thunderstorm which passed over the Isle of Wight on Saturday the tower of Godshill church was struck by lightning. Fortunately the bells were uninjured, but the tower was considerably shaken, one of the pinnacles being hurled with great force into the churchyard below." I have often thought that the insurance on churches was hardly sufficient to make good damage like this. But their custodians ought to know better than  
PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL CHANGE-RINGERS.

On Saturday, June 12th, the annual meeting of this association was held at Penwortham, when there was a good attendance, among the places represented being Blackrod, Chorley, St. Andrew's Leyland, St. James's Leyland, Preston parish, St. Mark's Preston, Penwortham, Standish and Higher Walton. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung:—Plain Bob, London Single Bob, Victoria, and Oxford Single Bob. At 5.30 p.m. the members with a few friends (numbering forty-two) adjourned to The Fleece inn, where they sat down to a very substantial meat tea. The repast being satisfactorily concluded, the business meeting was held. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, it was unanimously agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Standish in September. In accordance with rule, the President (Mr. J. Banister), announced the names of the retiring officers, when it was unanimously agreed that they all be re-elected. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, to the local company for their kindness, and to the officers for their past services, concluded the proceedings. JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

60, Church Street, Blackrod.

[We are pleased indeed to hear again from our very old friend Mr Higson, after such a long silence—Ed.]

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1897.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the pressure of other matter, an account of the meeting held at Great Yarmouth on Thursday, June 3rd, has been somewhat delayed. It had been hoped that the place and time selected for this meeting would have attracted a considerable number of members; our disappointment, therefore, was proportionally great when only twenty-eight or thirty put in an appearance. No doubt the proximity of Whitsuntide was to some extent responsible for this result; and wedding festivities at Norwich kept away the contingent from the cathedral city. The ten bells at St. Nicholas' church were found to be in fair going order, and were kept at work during the morning with but little interruption. The small number of ringers present, however, accustomed to nine and ten bell ringing prevented much being done on the higher numbers. The church was found to be in the hands of the cleaners, the projected service, therefore, could not be held. At one o'clock the members present gathered together for luncheon at the London Hotel and Restaurant in the Market place, under the genial presidency of Dr. Raven, whose health we were rejoiced to find much benefitted by his short holiday and respite from work and worry during the winter. We were also glad to welcome again amongst us our old friend, F. W. J. Rees, Esq., who had journeyed to the meeting from Nayland, where he is mostly engaged in restoring and augmenting the ring of six. The president had brought with him and exhibited the portrait of the Queen, which Her Majesty had graciously presented to Edmund Chandler, of Fressingfield, in recognition of his having rung in every Queen's birthday since the accession in 1837. He also exhibited and gave some account of an ancient embossed hand-bell of Florentine manufacture which had come into his possession. The hon. secretary, in the course of some remarks on the position and prospects of the association, begged all members to consider seriously before the annual meeting



whether it was advisable to continue the present expensive method of recording peals in the society's peal book, the three volumes of which will, by the time they are completed, have cost the association, first and last, nearly £100. There being no place where they could be safely kept, so as to be accessible to all the members, they could very seldom be seen, and he thought that under the circumstances the expense annually entailed by artistically illuminating the records of each year was hardly justifiable; and that the more economically printed record presented with each report, and in the hands of every member, ought to be sufficient. This question will come up for decision at the annual meeting in September, it is therefore hoped that by that time all members will be prepared to make their wishes known on the point. In consequence of the exigencies of train service, most of the visiting members took their departure comparatively early, and the occurrence of funerals at both Yarmouth and Gorleston prevented the use of the bells for any length of time during the afternoon.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.	
WILLIAM DAWE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 6.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. 3.	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 7.
THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 4.	THOMAS CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

Rung to celebrate the Record Reign of 60 years of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

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

On Saturday, June 26, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	WALTER J. SORRELL .. 5.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 2.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS .. 6.
FRANK BUCK .. .. 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and  
Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, and was accomplished at the second attempt; also first in the method on the bells.

### The Provinces.

#### COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 21, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.	
WALTER S. EVANS .. Treble.	GEORGE PEACEY .. 5.
STEPHEN HOPE .. .. 2.	CHARLES LAYTON .. 6.
HENRY W. ALLEN .. .. 3.	THOMAS WILLIAMS .. 7.
JAMES FIELD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SMART .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

\*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

#### FARNHAM, SURREY.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.	
TOM SCHOFIELD* .. Treble.	ALFRED LE CLERCQ .. 5.
HENRY GARFATH .. .. 2.	CHARLES FRY .. .. 6.
ALFRED SMITH .. .. 3.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW .. 7.
JAMES HAWKES .. .. 4.	*HERBERT HERRINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. GARFATH.

\*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

#### TONBRIDGE, KENT.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.	
J. CHIVERS .. .. Treble.	WM. STEED .. .. 5.
A. LAURENCE .. .. 2.	GEO. H. STONESTREET .. 6.
GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 3.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 7.
B. WADMORE, ESQ. .. 4.	JOS. SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. A. CARD.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

#### BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
FRED. HOWORTH .. Treble.	JOHN SHEPHERD .. 5.
J. A. BROWN .. .. 2.	WILFRED LAW .. .. 6.
A. W. WHITWORTH .. 3.	W. ASHWORTH .. .. 7.
J. T. STANDING .. .. 4.	J. JACKSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JNO. SHEPHERD.

\* Rung to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee, and also the tenth anniversary of the installation of the bells.

#### FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM RICHES, JUN. .. Treble.	JAMES ADAMS .. .. 5.
JOHN RICHES .. .. 2.	ALBERT RICHES .. .. 6.
ROBERT RAYNER .. .. 3.	ROBERT HARPER .. .. 7.
EDMUND CHANDLER, JUN. 4.	WILLIAM RICHES .. Tenor.

Composed by J. HOLT and Conducted by WILLIAM RICHES.

The sons of the conductor rang the treble and sixth; John Riches is a brother and Edmund Chandler is a grandson of the veteran to whom Her Majesty graciously presented her portrait last year. Edmund Chandler was present at the Jubilee Dinner in his eighty-sixth year, in excellent health and spirits. It is gratifying to record that lately Her Majesty was kind enough to accept a photograph of four generations of the House of Chandler. The portrait of the old ringer appeared in THE BELL NEWS last year.

#### DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Thursday, June 24, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.	
THOMAS A. ELLIOTT .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 5.
REV. J. UTEN TODD .. 2.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE .. .. 3.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 7.
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT .. 4.	JOHN PAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

Rung to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. "God save the Queen."

#### OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

(THE OSWESTRY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 24, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

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

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.	
JOHN HUGHES* .. Treble.	RICHARD MARTIN .. 5.
GEORGE DAVIES .. .. 2.	RICHARD EDWARDS .. 6.
EDWARD JONES .. .. 3.	DAVID DAVIES .. .. 7.
HARRY JARMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WORTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by D. DAVIES.

\*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 25, 1897, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 37½ cwt.

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

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

\*First peal of Stedman, Rung to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

## THURLEIGH, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

On Saturday, June 26, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of the following methods: Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; Double Oxford Bob; and Double Court. Tenor about 15 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4.
WILLIAM J. BARKER .. 2.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.	FRANK HULL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been increased to a ring of six by the addition of a new treble, by Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD C. MERRITT .. Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6.
SYDNEY SAKER .. .. 3.	*BENJAMIN HOBBS .. .. 7.
JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 4.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Major.

## BENHILTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY BROOKER .. .. Treble.	JOHN FAYERS .. .. 5.
ALFRED CLAYTON* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 6.
CHARLES DEAN* .. .. 3.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. 7.
GEORGE WELLING .. .. 4.	HENRY BRYANT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. BROOKER.

\*First peal of Stedman, also the first on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of A. Clayton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## GLOUCESTER.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, June 28, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. .. 5.
FRED G. MAY .. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The above was rung after meeting one short for Gloucester Surprise.

## ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 28, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

DAVID ANSCOMB .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM COOK .. .. 5.
HENRY WILKINSON .. .. 2.	JOHN WYATT .. .. 6.
CHARLES READ .. .. 3.	FRANCIS GROVES .. .. 7.
HENRY CORBETT .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM FARREL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

This peal was rung in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Messrs. Groves and Read hail from Ewell; the rest belong to the local band. \*First peal. W. Farrel was elected a member previous to starting.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Caters rung at Bedford on Jubilee day should have been Tuesday, June 22nd, not Monday as published.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOOTTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at 6 a.m., a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1897 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Edwards, 1; J. Roberts, 2; G. Hislop, 3; P. Ball, 4; R. Leather, 5; T. Kay, 6; H. Fyles, 7; J. Bowstead, 8. Composed by J. Aspinwall, of Liverpool, and conducted by G. Hislop. The above was rung in commemoration of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Trinity Sunday, June 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). G. Parsons, 1; J. Tunbridge, 2; T. Crozier, 3; E. Runter, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs eighteen singles). G. Clarke, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; E. Runter, 4; J. Tunbridge, 5; A. Bradley (conductor), 6.

FEERING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, June 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Mays, 1; W. Hunwick, 2; G. Hum, 3; C. Rogers, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor. J. Willsher, 1; W. Hunwick, 2; G. Hum, 3; W. Hayward, 4; C. Rogers, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. C. Willsher, 1; W. Hunwick, 2; G. Hum, 3; C. Rogers, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. After service 720 Bob Minor. J. Willsher, 1; W. Hunwick, 2; G. Hum, 3; C. Rogers, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Thursday, June 17th, as a last token of respect to Mr. George Mills, one of the old band of ringers, the bells of the parish church were rung muffled with the usual whole pull and stand. As the cortege was coming from the house to the church and from the church to the grave, rounds were rung, and afterwards 360 Kent Treble Bob. T. Ansell, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6.

WINCHESTER.—On Sunday, June 20th, at the Cathedral, in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, 305 Grandsire Caters. A. Macey, 1; W. Sevier, 2; W. Andrews, 3; C. Chooet, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. Lebbon, 7; J. Harris, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; F. Smith, 10. On Tuesday, June 22nd, 504 Grandsire Triples with 6-8-10 covering. J. Elkins, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. Chooet, 3; W. Lebbon, 4; R. Hasted, 5; E. Lampard, 6; J. Harris, 7; W. Lampard, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. C. Smith, 1; G. Smith (conductor), 2; G. Hewitt, 3; C. Chooet, 4; W. H. George, 5; J. Harris, 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, for Divine Service at St. Mark's church, 670 Stedman Triples. J. H. Ridyard, 1; J. Ireland, 2; Joe Ridyard, 3; F. Derbyshire, 4; J. Welsby, 5; J. Baguley, 6; R. Ridyard (conductor), 7; J. Green, 8.

DEANE (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, June 20th, for Divine Service, on the occasion of the Sunday School sermons, 670 Stedman Triples. J. H. Ridyard, 1; J. Ireland, 2; F. Derbyshire, 3; J. Baguley, 4; J. Welsby, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; R. Ridyard (conductor),

7; J. Green, 8. After service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. H. Ridyard, (conductor), 1; F. Derbyshire, 2; P. Derbyshire, 3; J. Baguley, 4; J. Welsby, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; T. Ridyard, 7; W. Green, 8. On Monday, June 21st, at the residence of Mr. A. Green on handbells retained in hand, 1008 Grandsire Triples. R. Ridyard (conductor), 1-2; P. Derbyshire, 3-4; J. Green, 5-6; J. Green, 7-8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, April 27th, for practice at St. Matthew's church, 840 Bob Triples. R. Duke, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. Salkeld, 3; J. Dawson, 4; S. Ferry, 5; R. Hall, 6; W. Holmes (conductor), 7; E. Ferry, 8. On Sunday morning, June 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) on the middle six. J. Hughes, 1; H. Salkeld, 2; R. Duke (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; A. Lamb, 4; S. Ferry, 5; R. Hall (conductor), 6; E. Ferry, 7; J. Dawson, 8. This is the first 720 of Minor rung by the St. Matthew's band without assistance. For evening service 360 Bob Minor. J. Hughes, 1; H. Salkeld, 2; R. Duke, 3; A. Lamb, 4; J. Dawson, 5; S. Ferry, 6; E. Ferry (conductor), 7; R. Hall, 8. Tenor 3½ cwt.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, May 2nd, at St. John's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; W. H. Porter, 7; J. Bolton, 8. On Sunday, May 16th, for evensong, 360 Bob Minor. T. Scollick, 1; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 7; A. Pilkington, 8. On Sunday, May 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. Pilkington, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; T. Scollick, 8. For evensong 560 Plain Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; J. Baxter, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. Pilkington, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; F. A. Teasdale, 7; W. H. Porter (conductor), 8. On Sunday, May 30th, 560 Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. Pilkington, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; W. H. Porter, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WOODCHURCH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, May 23rd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Wilson, 1; W. Duckers, 2; W. Wilcox (conductor), 3; W. Williams, 4; W. Bennett, 5; S. Phillips, 6. This is the first 720 by a local band, and the first in any method by Messrs. Wilson, Duckers, Williams, and Phillips; and the first in the method by W. Bennett. On Monday, May 31st, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Duckers, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; C. Taylor, 3; W. Williams, 4; W. Bennett, 5; G. Phillips, 6. \*First 720.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Monday, May 31st, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. S. Hutson, 1; E. Allen, 2; W. H. B. Wilkins, 3; G. H. Kite, 4; C. Duttall, 5; R. Staines, 6; C. Millway (conductor), 7; R. Weller, 8. On Sunday, June 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. S. Hutson, 1; C. Millway, 2; R. Staines, 3; G. H. Kite, 4; C. Duttall, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; W. Tassell, 7; R. Weller, 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman by Messrs. Staines and Kite. On Wednesday, June 16th, 420 Grandsire Triples. G. Honeysett, 2; C. Duttall, 2; S. Hutson, 3; G. H. Kite, 4; E. Allen, 5; W. Tassell, 6; C. Millway (conductor), 7; R. Weller, 8.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Sunday, June 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Andrews, 3; A. Beer, 4; J. Whitnall, 5; A. Tanton, 6. After service 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). J. Prebble, 1; J. Andrews, 2; J. Whitnall, 3; A. Beer, 4; A. Tanton, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6. Both these touches were conducted by A. Tanton.

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—NORTHWICH BRANCH.

DIDSBURY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, June 19th, at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; W. Sutton, 2; A. Johnson, 3; T. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, June 20th, for Divine service at 11 a.m., 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; — Wilkins, 4; A. Rowley, 5; W. Coombes (conductor), 6; Z. Watkins, 7; B. Tilley, 8. Also a 350 in the same method. R. Balcombe, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; W. Lloyd, 3; A. Rowley, 4; G. Watkins, 5; W. Coombes, 6; — Wilkins, 7; B. Tilley, 8. Also a 256. W. Lloyd, 1; W. Coombes, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; W. B. Biss, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; B. Tilley, 8. Also for Divine service in the evening, 6.30 p.m., 462 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; J. Harris, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4;

A. Rowley, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes, 7; B. Tilley, 8. Also a 266. R. Balcombe, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; W. Biss, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes, 7; A. Rowley, 8. Also for Divine service in the afternoon, at 3 p.m., on the occasion of the Welsh battalion attending the church service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; W. Biss, 4; A. Rowley, 5; W. Coombes (conductor), 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; — Aldridge, 8. Also 112 Grandsire Triples. R. Balcombe, 1; — Wilkins, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; A. Rowley, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; — Aldridge, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; G. Watkins, 8. Through the bad go of the tenor it was impossible to ring longer touches, and the same will apply to Jubilee day. Tenor 27 cwt.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On a recent Sunday, for Divine service, in commemoration of the Queen's Longest Reign and Diamond Jubilee, a 720 Grandsire Caters, being the same number of changes as the Queen has reigned months, in 30 mins. F. Bramley, 1; T. Spurr, 2; E. Collingbourn, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; G. R. Winter, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; H. Haigh (composer and conductor), 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; G. Clayton, 10. On Tuesday, June 22nd, 720 Grandsire Triples, composed by C. Smart, of Steyning, Sussex, in 28 mins. F. W. Abbott, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; G. Clayton, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 8. The bells were fired at intervals during the day for the Queen and also for the Mayor and Corporation. The ringers met with the intention of ringing a date touch but meeting two short this touch was rung instead.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

HITCHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, being the Queen's Jubilee, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Sewell, 1; T. Levett, 2; H. Sewell, 3; C. Grimwood, 4; W. Stiff, 5; R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 28 mins. T. Levett, 1; H. Sewell, 2; J. Snell, 3; C. Grimwood, 4; W. Stiff, 5; R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. During the evening the bells were fired sixty times.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES (Wilts).—On Thursday, June 17th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Draper, 1; \*W. Johnson, 2; T. Radon, 3; \*D. Heginbotham, 4; \*C. Hampton, 5; C. H. Hampton, 6; †J. Hillier (conductor), 7; R. Hillier, 8. \*First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—At the church of St. Mary and All Saints, on Sunday and Tuesday, June 20th and 22nd, in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the following touches were rung. 224 London Surprise Major, 384 ditto, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major, 672 ditto, 448 Superlative Surprise Major, 448 ditto, 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 240 ditto, 144 Duffield Major, 224 Plain Bob Major, 168 Stedman Triples, 168 ditto, 168 Grandsire Triples. The ringers taking part were as follows: J. Pagett, S. J. Salter, G. Salter, J. Crane, J. Bennett, J. O. Bennett, E. C. Hunt, N. Davies, W. H. Smith. The conductors were J. Pagett, W. H. Smith, S. J. Salter, and J. Crane respectively. Handbell Ringing.—On June 22nd, in the tower of St. Mary's, 518 Grandsire Triples, on handbells retained in hand, being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. J. Pagett (conductor), 1-2; W. H. Smith, 3-4; S. J. Salter, 5-6; J. O. Bennett, 7-8. Recently at the residence of Mr. J. Pagett, 504 Grandsire Triples on handbells retained in hand. W. H. Smith, 1-2; S. J. Salter (conductor), 3-4; W. Page (Worcester), 5-6; N. Davies, 7-8. On Sunday, June 27th, at the church of St. Mary, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. C. Hunt, 1; J. O. Bennett, 2; N. Davies, 3; S. J. Salter, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. Pagett, 6; G. Salter (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRAXALL (Somersetshire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at 6 a.m. at the parish church, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (Reeves's Variation), but after ringing 2 hrs. it came to grief. T. Winsor, 1; J. Bishop (conductor), 2; J. Yound, 3; A. Waters, 4; J. Harvey, 5; H. Chard, 6; J. Winsor, 7; W. Chown, 8. A. Waters hails from Barrow Gurney; the rest are local men.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—Recently, at the church of St. Mary, 336 Stedman Triples. S. Wyatt, 1; W. Thomas, 2; S. Radford, 3; A. Evans, 4; J. Joyce, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8. 305 Grandsire Caters. J. Hunt, 1; T. Radford, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; A. Walker, 4; S. Radford, 5; A. Evans, 6; J. Joyce, 7; H. Poole, 8; J. Burge (conductor), 9; H. Bosley, 10. 503 Grandsire Caters. J. Hunt, 1; H. Poole, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; A. Doble, 4; J.

**Pugsley, 5; J. Maddock, 6; E. Harbour, 7; J. Fowler, 8; J. Burge (conductor), 9; E. Wyatt, 10.** 168 Stedman Triples. S. Wyatt, 1; J. Hunt, 2; S. Radford, 3; A. Evans, 4; E. Harbour, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Wyatt, 8. 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Creed, 1; J. Hunt, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; A. Evans, 4; E. Harbour, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; G. Collard, 8. 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Wyatt, 1; J. Hunt, 2; A. Evans, 3; J. Fowler, 4; E. Harbour, 5; S. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; E. Wyatt, 8. 503 Grandsire Caters. J. Fowler, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Hunt, 3; A. Walker, 4; S. Radford, 5; A. Doble, 6; E. Harbour, 7; T. Radford (conductor), 8; J. Burge, 9; E. Wyatt, 10. 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Collard, 1; J. Hunt, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Burge, 4; T. Radford (conductor), 5; J. Fowler, 6; A. Evans, 7; E. Wyatt, 8. 270 Grandsire Caters. W. Thomas, 1; A. Evans, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; J. Hunt, 4; T. Radford, 5; S. Radford, 6; E. Harbour, 7; J. Fowler, 8; J. Burge (conductor), 9; E. Wyatt, 10. June 20th, 168 Stedman Triples. W. Thomas, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Hunt, 3; A. Evans, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Wyatt, 8. 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Thomas, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Hunt, 4; A. Evans, 5; J. Burge, 6; E. Harbour, 7; J. Fowler, 8; T. Radford (conductor), 9; E. Wyatt, 10. June 22nd, 828 Grandsire Caters. W. Thomas, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; E. Harbour, 3; J. Hunt, 4; A. Evans, 5; S. Radford, 6; T. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Fowler, 8; J. Burge, 9; E. Wyatt, 10. 503 Grandsire Caters by the same band, standing as before. The last four touches were rung on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. June 27th, 464 Bob Major. W. Thomas, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Hunt, 3; A. Evans, 4; E. Harbour, 5; S. Radford, 6; J. Burge, 7; T. Radford (conductor), 8.

**NORTON FITZWARREN (Somerset).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. I. Creed (conductor), 1; H. Creed, 2; F. Bellamy, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. First 720 with a bob bell by F. Bellamy. On Sunday, June 27th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. H. Creed, 1; F. Saunders, 2; I. Creed (conductor), 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**STOCKPORT (Cheshire).**—On June 18th, at St. George's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Barber, 1; H. Meakin, 2; T. Jackson, 3; J. Mottershead (first touch), 4; T. Marshall, 5; J. Bailey, 6; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 7; E. Williamson, 8.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**COLWALL (Herefordshire).**—On Sunday, June 20th, at the church of St. James the Great, on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 30 mins., owing to a change-course. Time not allowing a second attempt, a quarter-peal was rung in 43 mins.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**OXHEY (Herts).**—On Monday, June 14th, 360 Grandsire Minor. A. Lance, 1; C. George, 2; P. H. Read, 3; H. Martin, 4; W. Norris, 5; G. N. Price (conductor), 6; J. Alexander, 7. On Wednesday, June 16th, 840 Bob Triples. F. Glennerster, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; G. N. Price (conductor), 5; W. Norris, 6; William Norris, 7; J. Alexander, 8. Also 560 Grandsire Triples. F. Glennerster, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; W. Norris, 3; Walter Norris, 4; H. Martin, 5; C. George, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8. Also several courses of Bob Major. F. Glennerster, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; W. Norris, 5; Walter Norris, 6; J. Alexander, 7; G. N. Price, 8. On Sunday, June 20th, for early morning service, 720 Bob Minor. P. H. Read, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; C. George, 3; W. Norris, 4; Walter Norris, 5; G. N. Price (conductor), 6; J. Alexander, 7. For morning service 180 Bob Minor. P. H. Read, 1; H. Martin, 2; W. Norris, 3; C. George, 4; William Norris, 5; G. N. Price, 6. Also two courses of Canterbury Minor. F. Glennerster, 1; W. Norris, 2; Walter Norris, 3; G. N. Price, 4; C. George, 5; H. Martin, 6; P. H. Read, 8. On Monday, June 21st, the last 742 of Holt's Original. F. Glennerster, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; W. Norris, 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**HASTINGS (Sussex).**—On Sunday morning, June 20th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, Blacklands, 720 Bob Minor. A. Stone, 1; A. Quaife, 2; J. Livermore, 3; \*E. Smith, 4; S. Saker (conductor), 5; F. Lock, 6. \*First 720 of Minor. On Whit-Sunday, for early celebration 360 Bob Minor. A. Stone, 1; A. Quaife, 2; F. Piper, 3; J. Livermore, 4; F. Lock, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6. For morning service 720 Bob Minor. T. Saker, 5; T. Lock (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday evening, April 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Stone, 1; A. Quaife, 2; F. Piper, 3; J. Liver-

more, 4; F. Lock, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells by an entirely local band; and first 720 of Minor by Messrs. Stone, Quaife, and Piper.

**ALDRINGTON (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, June 25th, in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. E. G. Godley, 1; R. Stredwick, 2; G. Steele, 3; M. Broomfield, 4; F. Steele, 5; F. Tindall (conductor), 6. First 720 of Grandsire by all except the conductor. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. Tindall (conductor), 1; F. Steele, 2; G. Steele, 3; M. Broomfield, 4; R. Stredwick, 5; G. Dray, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. R. Stredwick belongs to St. Nicholas', Brighton. A royal salute was fired sixty times in honour of the event.

**ALTON (Hants).**—On Jubilee Sunday, June 20th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. Rev. F. Whyley, 1; F. Healey, 2; Miss F. Whyley, 3; A. Evans (conductor), 4; A. Burgess, 5; W. Brambley, 6; R. Applegarth, 7; F. Noakes, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. Rev. F. Whyley, 1; Miss F. Whyley (conductor), 2; Miss W. Whyley, 3; A. Evans, 4; A. Burgess, 5; W. Brambley, 6; R. Applegarth, 7; F. Noakes, 8.

**BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD (Staffordshire).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, in honour of the Diamond Jubilee, 336 Grandsire Triples, in 13 mins. W. Elton, 1; C. Otley, 2; G. Griffiths, 3; E. Allsopp, 4; G. Allsopp, 5; W. Mee, 6; T. Meredith (conductor), 7; G. Whapples, 8. Longest touch by all except conductor.

**BRIGHTON (Sussex).**—On Saturday, June 19th, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 50 mins., with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Miss Butler. A. Allfrey, 1; F. Hill, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; P. Allfrey, 5; H. Statham, 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; G. Hill, 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Friday, June 18th, at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, 560 Grandsire Triples and 224 Bob Major. R. Whitford (Pembroke), 1; J. Rockett, 1; W. Kempton, 3; F. Edwards (Ridley), 4; H. Mansfield, 5; G. F. Woodhouse (Caius, conductor), 6; W. Eusden, 7; G. Taylor, 8. Also 252 Stedman. Tenor 32 cwt. After the ringing C. Mills chimed the National Anthem on the bells.

**COALEY (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday, June 13th, for morning service, 600 Bob Minor. W. Dean, 1; T. Prout, 2; C. Yeast, 3; C. Watkins, 4; T. Savage, 5; G. Condict (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, June 20th, 360 and 240 in the same method. T. Prout, 1; C. Yeast, 2; the rest as before. C. Watkins bails from Worcester.

**CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at 6 a.m. at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering in 26 mins. M. Close, 2; J. Prickett, 3; G. Williams, 4; J. Morley, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6; H. Morgan, 7; F. Bye, 8. Also 360 Bob Minor (twelve singles). M. Close, 2; H. Morgan, 3; R. Thompson (conductor), 4; G. Williams, 5; J. Prickett, 6; J. Morley, 7; F. Bye, 8.

**CLENT (Worcester).**—On Saturday, June 13th, 720 Double Oxford Bob. T. Barber, 1; J. Barber, 2; W. Shilcock, 3; T. J. Latter, 4; W. Short, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—At the house of Mr. T. Barber an attempt was made for Carter's 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief in the 6th part, in hr. 4 mins. T. J. Salter, 1-2; W. H. Barber (conductor), 3-4; W. Short, 5-6; J. Barber, 7-8. Referee: T. Barber.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).**—At Christ Church, for the Diamond Jubilee, 720 Grandsire Doubles, after firing the bells 60 times. G. S. Hewitt, 1; J. Sharp, 2; R. Howse, 3; A. Gower, 4; G. H. Howse, 5; A. Miles, 6.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).**—On a recent Sunday morning, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; H. Vernon, 2; C. Lewis, 3; J. Billings, 4; W. Avann, 5; A. E. Midmore (composer and conductor), 6; T. Willoughby, 7; S. Lewis, 8. The bells were fired sixty times. On Tuesday morning an attempt was made for a peal, but it came to grief after ringing 1700 in 1 hr. J. Rollison, 1; H. Vernon, 2; J. Billings, 3; A. E. Midmore, 4; W. Avann, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; T. Willoughby (conductor), 7; S. Lewis, 8.

**GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, June 20th, being the Diamond Jubilee of our most gracious Queen, special services was held in the parish church. Early in the morning a 720 Kent Treble Bob. Sam Slater, 1; C. Adams, 2; D. Gridley, 3; F. Wells, 4; C. Honeybell, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. And for morning service a 720 Bob Minor. Zachariah Slater, 1; D. Gridley (conductor), 2; C. Adams, 3; F. Wells, 4; C. Honeybell, 5; O. Garwood, 6. For evening service, 504 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater, 1; C. Adams, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; C. Honeybell, 5; O. Garwood, 6. After the service, 240 Kent Treble Bob. The same.

**HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).**—On Monday, April 19th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Nixon, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; T. Titchener, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. Nudds, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On May 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. E. Bonfield, 1; E. Young, 2; J. Nixon, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. Nudds, 5; T. Titchener (conductor), 6. On May 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Titchener (conductor), 1; J. Nixon, 2; E. Young, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. Nudds, 5; G. Smith, 6. On Sunday, June 6th, 720 Plain Bob. N. Alderman, 1; E. Young, 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Nixon, 4; W. Nudds, 5; G. Smith, 6. On Sunday, June 13th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Bonfield, 1; N. Alderman, 2; J. Nixon, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. Nudds, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

**HORNSEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday evening, June 13th, at St. Mary's church, 600 Grandsire Doubles. J. Plum, 1; W. Pickworth, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; S. Wade, 4; A. Jacob (conductor), 5; C. Fordham, 6. 720 Bob Minor. W. Pickworth (first 720), 1; S. Wade, 2; J. Waghorn, sen., 3; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 4; H. Stubbs, 5; A. Jacob, 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Jacob (conductor), 1; J. Waghorn, sen., 2; J. Parker, 3; A. Miller (first 720 in the method), 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; H. Stubbs, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

**KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, May 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. J. Salter, 1; J. O. Bennett, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. H. Barber (conductor), 4; J. Reynolds, 5; E. C. Hunt, 6; J. Pagett (composer), 7; H. Withers (Selly Oak), 8. J. Reynolds bails from Areley Kings, and it is his first quarter peal. At the house of Mr. J. Pagett, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Smith, 1-2; T. J. Salter (conductor), 3-4; J. Pagett, 5-6; N. Davis, 7-8. And another 504. T. J. Salter, 1-2; J. Pagett, 3-4; W. H. Barber (conductor), 5-6; H. Withers, 7-8.

**LOWICK (Northants).**—On Monday, June 14th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Swan, 1; E. Curtis, 2; J. Guess, 3; H. Chapman (Pendleton, conductor), 4; R. Dunkley, 5; J. Cross (Manchester), 6.

**MELTON MOWBRAY (Leicestershire).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at 6 p.m., at the parish church of St. Mary, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, 1080 Grandsire Doubles, being nine 6-scores each called differently, in 40 mins., with 7-6-8 covering. J. H. Harris, 1; J. Gale, 2; H. Bartram, 3; W. James, 4; C. Dolby, 5; W. Bursnell, 6; J. Goodacre, 7; H. Buxton, 8. The above conducted by Dolby and Bartram. During the day several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung, also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the following taking part: W. Spilby, J. Fitton, J. H. Harris, J. Gale, W. James, H. Bartram, J. Goodacre, C. Dolby, R. Young, H. Buxton and W. Bursnell. Tenor 26 cwt.

**PENDLETON (Lancashire).**—On Jubilee Sunday, June 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, 576 Superlative Surprise Major. For Divine Service in the evening 704 Superlative Surprise Major. F. Smith, 1; J. Rogers, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. Winterbottom, 4; S. Greenhalgh, 5; G. E. Turner, 6; A. Cross, 7; H. Chapman (conductor), 8. After Divine Service in the evening, 800 Superlative Surprise Major, by the same band.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, June 22nd, 1205 of Grandsire Doubles. Amy Keeble, 1; Alfred Keeble, 2; Jas. Keeble, 3; B. Keeble, 4; Sarah Keeble, 5; Rose Keeble, 6. The above was rung with the bells harmonised at a public celebration held in Gridea Hall Park, at which it was estimated 10,000 persons were present. Various performances were given at intervals, some of which Frank (7) and Victoria Keeble (10) also took part.

**ROMSEY (Hants).**—On May 27th, for practice on handbells, 238 Grandsire Triples. B. Paskins, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Cole, 4; H. Dunn, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. Also 300 Bob Minor. C. Cole, 1; F. Russen, 2; G. Newman, 3; H. Dunn, 4; J. Walker, 5; J. Elcombe (conductor), 6. On May 30th, 120 Bob Doubles. H. Dunn, 1; F. Russen, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; J. Elcombe (conductor), 5; G. Saint, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Russen, 1; H. Dunn, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; J. Elcombe (conductor), 5; G. Saint, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Dunn, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Cole, 4; F. Russen, 5; T. Cole (conductor), 6. And 240 Bob Minor. C. Cole, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; H. Dunn, 4; F. Russen, 5; T. Cole (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Russen, 1; C. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; H. Dunn, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; G. Saint, 6. On Saturday, June 20th, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Dunn, 1; F. Russen, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Cole, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; J. Walker, 6; J. Elcombe, 7-8.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, June 20th, special services was held in this church in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Early in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. J. Clarke, 1; A. Papworth, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Theobald (London), 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. For morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. J. Clarke, 1; R. Gowers, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Theobald (London), 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720

Kent Treble Bob. R. Brett, 1; S. Slater (Glensford), 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Theobald (London), 4; A. J. Clarke, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6.

**TROWBRIDGE (Wiltshire).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. James's church, two 6-scores Grandsire Doubles. W. Alley, 1; F. McCaffrey, 2; W. McCaffrey, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. Hill, 5; F. Sidnell, 6; R. Hill, 7; H. Hulbert, 8. Another 6-score in the same method. F. McCaffrey, 1; W. Alley, 2; 3, 4, 5, as before; J. Hill, 6; R. Hill, 7; G. Holton, 8. 6, 7, 8 were used as a cover.

**WEST HOATHLEY (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at the parish church, in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, several courses of Grandsire Doubles. G. Smart, 1; F. Leney, 2; J. Pollard, 3; S. Still, 4; E. Day, 5. Also several twenty-fours. C. Cole, 1; E. Day, 2; J. Pollard, 3; G. Smart, 4; G. Leney, 5.

**WHITWICK (Leicestershire).**—On Sunday, June 20th, previous to the special thanksgiving service for the Diamond Jubilee, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 49 mins. J. Rawson, 1; J. A. Moul, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; B. West, 4; S. W. West (conductor), 5; H. Partridge, 6; L. Partridge, 7; F. Boam, 8.

### MORE JUBILEE VETERANS.

No greater proof positive could be given of the healthfulness of bell-ringing and of the art's inducement to longevity, than the fact that within the ranks of ringers there are many who have long passed the allotted "three-score years and ten." Several veterans have been interviewed, and have given graphic details of the Queen's Accession and Coronation, and this week another is discovered. Mr. Joseph Pickard of Syston, near Leicester, was one of a band who rang at St. Martin's, Leicester, for Her Majesty's Accession, Coronation, and both Jubilees. Hale and hearty still, there is every probability of his attaining many more years. In the forties and fifties he was a change-ringer at Leicester, and rang the fifth bell through a peal of 6012 of Grandsire Caters (this peal is still the longest rung on the bell this century), April 24th, 1848. Peal-ringing in those days was an extraordinary epoch in the lives of some ringers, and it was ten years before he rang another 5000. This was at St. Mary's, where he rang the fifth through Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the late Edward Biggs. In "old Joe Pickard" is bound up the one remaining link between the ringers of last century and of this. Those who have visited St. Margaret's, Leicester, will have noticed an old tablet recording the first four peals of Triples and Caters ever rung in Leicester. Among the names of the "performers" is one Mark Graham, who rang the seventh bell through 10080 Caters in 7 hours and 12 minutes, after they had rung nearly 5000 changes in a previous attempt on the morning of the same day, on February 26th, 1777. The subject of this memoir rang at Mark Graham's funeral, and is I believe the only man living who knew the men of the 10000 peal. That he may still see many more years before he is called to 'stand' will be the wish of all earnest ringers. W.W.

**WILLIAM ALLEY.**—Trowbridge possesses a notability in the person of Mr. William Alley, who was one of the bellringers at the parish church just before Her Majesty's accession to the throne sixty years ago, being in his seventy-eighth year. He commenced ringing when quite a lad, and has continued his connection with the ringing till within the last 5 years, ringing at all Her Majesty's birthdays and coronation days, so that he has taken part in ringing at Her Majesty's Coronation, the Jubilee and also at the Diamond Jubilee, Sunday, June 20th and Tuesday, June 22nd, he conducted 120 Grandsire Doubles. He has also rang at the induction of six rectors of Trowbridge, and was christened by the poet George Crabbe. The following are the rectors that he has rung for. The Rev. Dr. Fulford, afterwards made Bishop of Montreal, Canada, was the first; next the Rev. J. D. Hastings; the Rev. H. Meyer; the Rev. H. Gill, who was made Chaplain to the British Embassy in Paris; the Rev. H. Trotter; and the Rev. A. C. D. Ryder, the present rector. W. McC.

**JOHN POLLARD.**—Among the list of old ringers should be placed the name of John Pollard, a ringer at the Burnley Parish Church. He commenced ringing at the age of 15, and has been a regular ringer ever since, his age now being 77. He rang at the coronation in 1837, and has rang on every Queen's birthday. T.R.

*The Manchester City News* is responsible for the following: "At Leigh Parish Church on Tuesday, June 22nd, Thomas Hussey, aged eighty-five, completed an extraordinary career as a ringer. Born in 1812, he became a ringer when fifteen years of age, and rang the mourning peal for the burial of George the Fourth. He also rang for the coronation and funeral of William Fourth, the accession, coronation, and jubilee of Queen Victoria, and on Tuesday he rang again. He is considered the oldest ringer in England."



### Notices.

**The Lancashire Association. Liverpool Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Halewood, to-day, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business Meeting at 6 p.m. All members are requested to make an effort to be present.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

3, Romford Place, Liverpool.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Shorne, to-day, Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Clive Road, Rochester.

**The Lancashire Association—Bolton Branch.**—The next meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, July 3rd, 1897, at Horwich Church. Ringing to commence at 4 p.m., business at 7.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Longton to-day, Saturday, July 3rd. Belfry open at 3 p.m.; tea in the schoolroom at 5 p.m.; Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. Service with sermon in St. John's Church, at 7 p.m., preacher, Rev. G. Oliver (Rector).

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

**The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.** All members wishing to be in the group to be photographed are requested to attend at the church to-day, Saturday, July 3rd, at 2.45 p.m.

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**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 10th. Dinner at the Alliance Refreshment Rooms, Westgate street, at 12.30 p.m., at 2/- each (1/- only to members). Business Meeting to follow, when the annual report will be presented, and election of officers take place. The Master will propose some important alterations in the rules, with a view to establishing branches of the Association in the different deaneries in the diocese. All the members are therefore particularly requested to make an effort to be present and to inform the Hon. Sec. at once, so that arrangements can be made for dinner. Short service in the Abbey at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Quirk. The various city towers will be open for ringing.

H. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*  
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting in connection with the above Society will be held on Saturday, July 10th, at Lichfield. Bells available for ringing from 2 till 4 o'clock. Tea at the Coffee House, at 5.30 at sixpence per head, for all members who have paid their subscriptions and sent in their names not later than Wednesday, July 7th, to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wheatley, on Saturday, July 10th. Sturton Station, M.S.L.Ry. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to send their names to the secretary not later than Monday, July 5th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Harthill, Sheffield.

**The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting will be held on

Saturday, July 10th, at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Business: election of Committee-man and Branch Secretary for this Branch.

EDWIN B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

14, Thomas Street, Lees.

**The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.**—A meeting will be held at Heathfield, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30. S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

101, Braybrook Road, Hastings.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorks.**—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Ossett on Saturday, July 17th, at 5 p.m., meeting house, Red Lion hotel. Any alterations or additions to the rules should be laid before the chairman at this meeting.

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

19 Albert Street, Bailey Carr.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual festival and meeting will be held at Romsey, on Monday, July 19th. Subscriptions for 1897 should be sent in as soon as possible. Members or bands wishing to visit any particular tower must inform the Hon. Sec. before June 28th.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

Hursley, Winchester.

**The Middlesex County Association—North and East District.**—The next meeting of this district will take place on Saturday, the 24th July, at Christ Church, Southgate. The business will include the election of officers, and the final report of the Middlesex Association. Bells ready at 5 p.m. The Hon. Sec. requests those members and friends who are intending to be present to communicate their intention to him, so that he may be in a position to make arrangements for the usual tea.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

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**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. James Baxter has removed from 12, St. John's Crescent, to 19, Brighton Road, Neasham Road, Darlington. —Mr. G. J. Salter, of Wolverley, has removed to 23, Woodfield Street, Kidderminster. —Mr. F. Dench has removed from 44, Hartismere, to 23, Gironde road, Dawes road, Fulham, London.

### NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT TONBRIDGE.**—This was rung to commemorate the completion of the sixty years reign of Queen Victoria, and was brought round at 7.14 a.m. After the finish the bells were fired the orthodox sixty times, and the ringers adjourned to a neighbouring hostelry, where, in spite of the ringing, the hostess was still sleeping. However, after a little impatient waiting, they were accommodated with a very agreeable pick-me-up, for which Mr. Wadmore was responsible. The toast of "The Queen," "The Conductor," "Mr. Wadmore," and "The Master of the belfry," were enthusiastically drunk. This is the first peal by a band composed all of members of the local society. During the day the following touches were rung;—504 and 336 of Grandsire Triples, and 360 of Bob Minor for the accommodation of some visitors from Marden. It is perhaps worthy of note that the band which rang this peal were successful in accomplishing the same feat on September the 23rd last, when Mr. Thomas Card called Holt's Original, to commemorate the fact of Her Majesty the Queen having reigned longer than any previous sovereign. These two peals form an unique record.

### THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The June meeting of this society was held on Saturday, the 26th June, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley. The peal announced could not be attempted. A service was to be held at 5 p.m., and ringing was delayed until just after 4 p.m., when a touch of Duke of York was gone through and the treble rang a few minutes, as customary. The church was duly opened and the vergers in attendance, but after waiting some time it was found that neither clergy nor congregation put in an appearance. Therefore the ringers present decided to hold a service of their own up in the belfry by ringing two long courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. It cannot be said that on this occasion those who called the congregation to church walked away themselves, for this time the ringers called the people in vain. The beautiful weather being all that could be desired may account for it.

An adjournment was made in search of absent ones to the "New Inn," and there held a business meeting, the President, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting was passed as read with one exception, proposed by Mr. A. Naylor, seconded by Mr. J. Brown. The society's representative on the Central Council gave an account of the meeting held on Whit-Tuesday, and when the news was revealed that the six-bell question was unanimously shelved for the present, it was received with delight. A most hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Binns for his attendance, this being proposed by the President, and seconded by the Treasurer, Mr. J. Thackray. The vote of thanks to the vicar, wardens and local company, for use of bells, etc., was proposed by Mr. J. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. J. Brown, and carried unanimously. Tower ringing was again indulged in with a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major, then the bells were lowered in peal. The following towers were represented during the afternoon and evening: Leeds, Calverley, Rothwell, Bramley, Armley, Holbeck St. Francis, St. Michael's Headingley, and the local company.

### THE BELLS OF ST. MARGARET'S, LEE.

The following has been sent to *The Kentish Mercury* :—

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MR. J. R. HAWORTH.—With reference to our sketch of this gentleman which appeared last week, we are asked to say that he has not given up his position on *Church Bells*, but continues as before. To this may be added that he rang at Westminster Abbey on Sunday (Accession Day), and on Tuesday, the 22nd June, thus completing sixty years as a ringer at this historic abbey.

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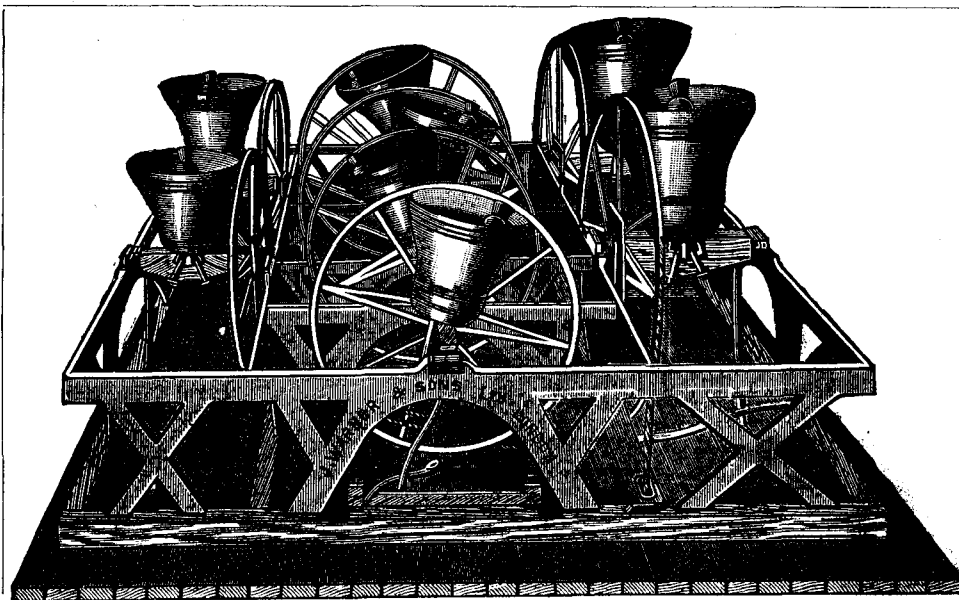
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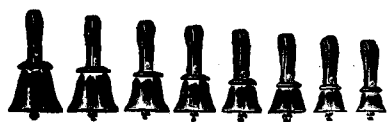
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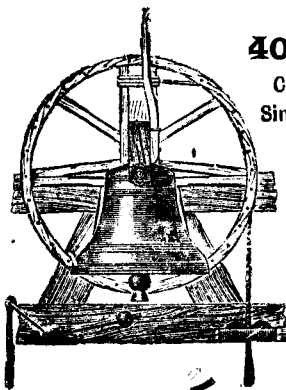
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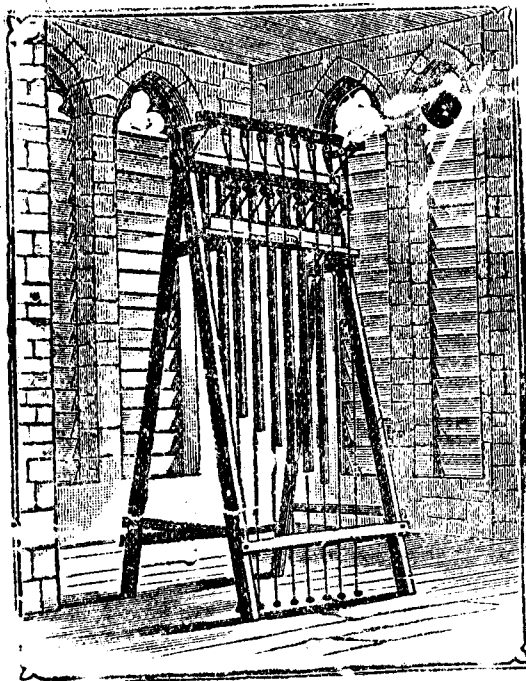
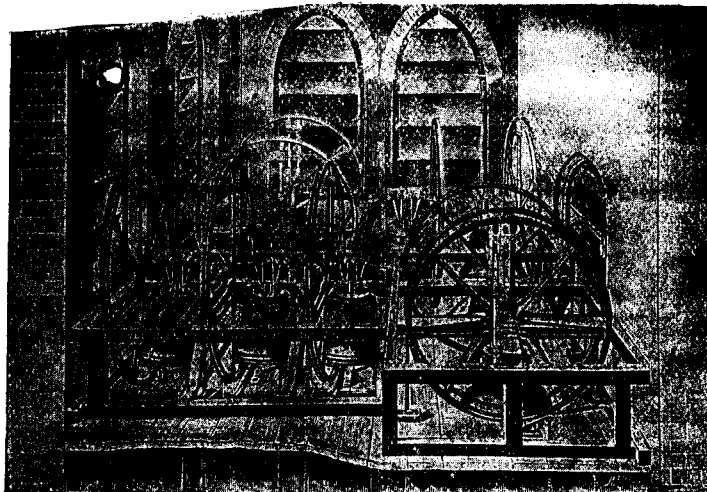
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING.

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### MEETING PLACE FOR NEXT YEAR.

The President: It has been suggested that we should take Bristol for the next place of meeting. Bristol is a long way off, and it is in some ways, perhaps, difficult to get to from the south coast, but to all other parts of England it is handy enough. Our friends in the west of England will regard us as hardly considerate if we do not go their way. It has been proposed that we should take Leicester, Norwich, or Cambridge the following year. The only other choice suggested besides Bristol for next year's meeting was Reading. It seems to be thought, however, that as we have never yet been west, we might as well go right away to Bristol for our next meeting, and do the thing handsomely while we are about it.

Mr. Attree: We in the south can all get to London in an hour, and very quickly down from London to Bristol.

Mr. Phillott: I beg to propose Cheltenham.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey: Trains are running to Bristol in two hours and a quarter, so I do not think Cheltenham is much more handy.

The President: Cheltenham is not seconded.

It was then resolved that Bristol should be the next place of meeting.

### PROPOSED TWO-DAY MEETINGS.

The President: The remaining questions on the Agenda paper are suggested in order that any member present may formulate motions upon them. They are not in the form of resolutions of which previous notice has been given, but they are questions that have been frequently asked, and there is no reason why we should not go into them as they have no reference to the regulations of the Council itself. In regard to this first question of longer meetings, I may say that there is a rule which provides that we may, on a motion for adjournment being put and carried, adjourn our meeting to a further meeting on the same day, or to another day.

The Hon. Secretary: Many of the lay members present agree with me that in general it would be very desirable that our London meeting should occupy, or be permitted to occupy, two days. We have never had a motion for adjournment to another day made yet in connection with any of our meetings. It very often happens in the case of a London meeting—always the first meeting of a new Council—that we have a great deal of routine business to transact, and there is very little time left for the discussions of which notice has been given. Those who have been members of the Council will bear me out in saying that very often our proceedings have been hurried, and have not been carried out with so much deliberation as the proceedings of such an august body should command (laughter). Therefore I think it would be a very great addition to the efficiency of the Council if we were to recognise that, if at the next London meeting the motion for adjournment is proposed, a sufficient number of members should remain to form a quorum to finish up the business the following day. I would therefore, like to suggest that we should contemplate very seriously the idea of having a two-days' meeting of the Council, at all events in London.

Mr. Dains: May I ask what day the Council will meet if it is thought fit to have a two-days' meeting? Would it be on the Monday or the Tuesday?

The President: I presume that if there was a second meeting it would be worked in this way: A large number of persons who come up stay till the next day. Would it not be possible for them to remain in town a few hours longer the next morning? It might be desirable to meet say at ten o'clock on the second morning and sit till one, after which time the members would

be free to start off home. We should thus, I presume, keep to the same day.

Mr. Dains: I do not know whether Wednesday would be convenient to some of the members.

Mr. Story: Very often our business has not been properly concluded. Might not the reports of the Committees be published a week or two in advance of the Council meeting, so that the subjects should be fully before us, and then we should be in a position to discuss them without postponement?

The Hon. Secretary: If we could only get the reports in time.

Mr. Attree: It might be very inconvenient for many of us to be present on the Wednesday. It occurs to me that when we meet there is no reason why we should not adjourn until the same evening.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter: As regards the reports of the committees we have seen to-day that it is of serious importance we should have some previous knowledge of them. It seemed to me at the same time that we were passing over some very important business and leaving it to another year. That is to say we are taking two years for what might be done in one. If those who prepare them had allowed us to have the reports before hand, we could have considered them at this meeting, though the questions they involve would have taken up more time, thus pointing to the need of a two days' meeting. The reports might be laid before the members of the Council by sending them round.

The President: We should be most happy to do as you suggest, and it ought to be done, but the difficulty is to get the reports in. I may say that the Hon. Secretary and I have written a good many letters to this end without avail. The reports certainly ought to be published in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" before the meetings of the Council. The President and Secretary have done what they could, but they are only mortal men. We cannot be behind every committee-man with a bradawl throughout the year (laughter).

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter: Surely it might be managed that the reports should be published in "THE BELL NEWS" before the meeting.

The President: In several cases they have been so published on this occasion.

The Hon. Secretary: I shall be very happy to move that the London meeting of a newly-elected Council shall be of two days' duration if necessary.

Mr. Attree: I shall feel bound to move an amendment to that motion when it is brought forward, that if it is necessary to have a second session we should take it the same evening.

The President: What we want to know is whether a second session will be generally approved. We cannot tie the Council down by resolution in this matter without previous notice. Nor is this necessary, as the existing rule gives to each meeting full power.

Mr. Attree: For many of us it is very inconvenient to be away from business from the previous Saturday until the following Thursday, and that is what it would come to. There might probably be matters of an interesting character to everyone of us at a two-days' meeting, and if we had a second meeting the same evening it would not be very hard for us to attend, and yet get home the same night.

The Hon. Secretary: You would be very unlikely to get a quorum at the evening meeting.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey: It would be only a few of the members who live within easy reach of London who would be able to get home the same night. Certainly I could not do it. I should have to stay until the next day. When once we are here it would only be a matter of a few hours in the morning, and one could get home in the afternoon.

A Member: How would it be to meet on the Monday night

for the election of officers, and then have the whole of the next day for the other business?

The Hon. Secretary: You must remember that there are an hour and an half or two hours of the Standing Committee's meeting which has to take place before the Council meeting. I am afraid the Monday is hardly possible for that reason.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore: Would it not be rather better to return to Easter than stick to Whitsuntide? (No, no.)

The President: Notice might be given beforehand when it was evident that the Council would require two sittings to consider all the matters that would be brought before it. Members would then be able to arrange accordingly, and at the first sitting a motion for adjournment according to the rule could be put. Perhaps I may now put the Hon. Secretary's motion "That the Council approves the extension of the triennial meeting in London to two days when necessary."

Mr. W. D. Smith: Do you not think we might meet earlier in the day, giving two hours in the morning to the election of the officers?

The President: That would mean that the Standing Committee would have to meet at nine o'clock. Besides members of the Council would then have to come up to London on the Monday.

The motion was then put to the meeting, and carried by a majority of twenty-two to twelve votes.

The President: It must be understood that this motion acts merely as a guide to the Standing Committee in arranging the next London meeting. We have no power to bind the next Council without making an addition to the rules.

#### THURSTANS' FOUR-PART COMPOSITION.

The next question for consideration was "Whether the Council shall pronounce upon a distinctive title to be applied to Thurstans' well-known Stedman Triples Composition."

The President: This question was put forward some two years ago. It was then often the custom to designate the peal as Thurstans' "Original." Since attention has been drawn to the incorrectness of the term the peal has been more commonly termed merely "Thurstans' Composition," which is at all events not a wrong title for it. My paper published in "THE BELL NEWS" has dealt with the matter, and I have there shown that Thurstans' Five-part, not the Four-part, was the first bona fide peal of Stedman Triples. The question now is, does any gentleman desire to move that Thurstans' Four-part peal, which the late Mr. Snowden has justly termed his "Masterpiece," shall be known by some distinctive name. At any rate I should suggest that it be moved that the five-part peal is the original peal, and that the more usual four-part peal has no claim to be called by that name. It is important that when a peal is called by a particular title we should know what peal is indicated.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies: I believe Thurstans' one-part has occasionally borne the name of his "Original." Why should not the five-part be called the five-part, the one-part the one-part, and more usually rung four-part the "Masterpiece."

Mr. W. Wakley: My opinion is that the peal usually rung should be described always as Thurstans' Composition. I think it is now almost invariably so described. If it was always entered as "Thurstans' Composition," everyone would understand what was meant.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies: I cannot accept that because they are all Thurstans' Compositions. It is attaching a special meaning to the word "composition" that it does not bear.

The Hon. Secretary: I am in favour of the term "Masterpiece."

Mr. S. Reeves: I think the construction of Thurstans' five-part composition is quite as good as the four-part. There is just as much credit to be attached to the one as to the other.

Mr. Dains: I shall vote for any title which is distinctive, so that when we see it on paper we shall know which peal has been rung.

Mr. Attree: I think that the four-part is generally known as the one "composition"—as Thurstans' peal—so you see it on a great many peal boards, it is a pity we should alter the name. If we do make an alteration, it will become a doubt what the peals actually were which are recorded in various belfries.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies: I think there is a doubt now.

Mr. Washbrook: We call the one the one-part, the other the

four-part, and the other the five-part. I do not think we need do more than that. No more credit is due to one composition than to the others.

Mr. Attree: It is rather hard to have names altered after they have been recognised for so many years, in five minutes to sweep them all away.

The President: That is not suggested, it is only proposed that the Council should express the opinion that for the future Thurstans' compositions should be known by titles which will individualise them.

Mr. Attree: But might we connect the records of the past with the new title?

The Hon. Secretary: With regard to existing tablets in towers, I do not think you have any clear idea which was the peal rung. There is no doubt that very often the one-part has been rung, and called "Thurstans' composition." The mere words "Thurstans' composition" in the tablet do not guide you as to what was rung. I do not think that what we are proposing to do now can affect the wording of those tablets.

Mr. Attree: I think this is a matter of some importance, and that it should be left over until our next meeting, when it might be brought forward as a regular motion. I move the question be adjourned.

Mr. G. H. Phillott seconded Mr. Attree's motion which was carried.

The President: I hope before the next meeting someone will come forward with a definite motion on this point.

#### CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

The next question was "Whether the Council should pronounce upon the suggestion that the now well-known variation of Cambridge Surprise Major should be accepted as the recognised method."

The President: I have again to trespass on your patience. You are all well aware that in the original method only one peal can be rung, and Mr. Jasper Snowden, in some of his later writings, was sorry he had allowed this method to be placed in his book amongst the standard ones. The variation, which was undoubtedly rung in Yorkshire many years ago, is the same that we have known as the "Burton Variation." The Variation is the best method of the two because in it you can ring a large variety of peals. I think it was Mr. N. J. Pitstow who first suggested that the old method should be relinquished as there was only one peal to be had in it, and he thought the Variation ought to be the standard method instead. The title "Burton" is clearly out of court altogether. Mr. Lindoff, I think, brought it forward that it had long ago been rung in Yorkshire. Thackrah's book contains a clear statement to that effect. The question now is what titles we should adopt respectively for the old and for the new Cambridge Surprise.

Mr. Attree: If you wish for a motion on this point, I should propose that the variation be called "New Cambridge Surprise." I have up to the present not had the pleasure of ringing the new.

Mr. Parker: I have rung the new method, and I will second Mr. Attree, that it should be called New Cambridge Surprise.

Mr. Dains: I really think that in this matter we ought to go back to where the thing first came from. It was evidently worked out by Thackrah in the first instance. I think it should bear his name; otherwise that of "Yorkshire." I think the variation deserves to be so named. As to new or old, it is not very much younger than the original method.

Mr. Bolland seconded Mr. Dains' proposal.

Mr. Trollope: The question is whether there is any occasion to change the name of the method at all. The Variation has never been rung since Thackrah's time under any other name than that of the "Burton Variation."

The President: This would not be fair to Yorkshire.

Mr. Trollope: It is hardly an injustice to them at the present time.

Mr. Wakley: I cannot say that I am satisfied with the propositions that have been made. I have always felt that we should still call this method by its recognised title of Burton Variation. I hardly fancy that in time to come companies will be found to ring a method with one peal only like the original, when they can ring one with such wide capabilities as the variation.

The President: It has been proposed that the variation should be called "New Cambridge Surprise," and there is an amendment in favour of calling it "Thackrah's Variation." I will put the amendment first, but I am bound to say it should be the object of the Council rather to simplify than complicate the title. I think myself it would be best to distinguish the Variation as "Cambridge Surprise" and call the old method "Original Cambridge." But I quite see that there is a strong party who are very conservative, and to whom it would be painful to part with an old friend in this sort of way, and I am not averse to the suggestion that the Variation should be called "New Cambridge Surprise." The title is quite short and distinctive, and no one can take much exception to that name. It is very desirable that we should, if we can, decide unanimously. I put the amendment first that the method be called "Thackrah's Variation."

The amendment was accordingly put, but lost by a very large majority.

The President: Is there any further amendment?

The Hon. Secretary: I think that if the old peal is rung it should be known as "Cambridge Surprise, old form." I am not a ringer of Cambridge, but it strikes me that you are simply proposing to transpose one name for another. Mistakes might be prevented by keeping to the old name, and simply adding new to the variation.

Mr. Attree: I feel rather strongly upon this point, as I did upon the Stedman question. We in Sussex have now seven or eight peals of Cambridge in the original method, all entered as "Cambridge," and if you call the old method by out of the way names you will impair our records.

The President: We cannot pass a "forcing" resolution. What is required is a clear title, doing away with any unfairness to Yorkshire. I now put the original motion "that what has hitherto been known as the 'Burton Variation' be in future known as 'New Cambridge Surprise.'"

It was resolved without dissent that the title "New Cambridge Surprise" should be adopted.

#### TREBLE BOB MAJOR COMPOSITION.

The next question was "Whether it is an offence against the laws governing Treble Bob Composition to commence the calling with 1R or 2R."

The Hon. Secretary: I have had the question submitted to me, and I have really been unable to satisfy myself that there was any valid reason against the calling of such peals as proposed, therefore I have brought the matter forward. I should like to have the views of composers in the room, and the opinion of the Council generally as to beginning with the 1R or 2R in Treble Bob Major compositions, and I beg to move that there is no valid reason why we should not do so.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded.

Mr. Dains: All Treble Bob peals that I have had to do with have commenced in the usual way. Some definite rule should be laid down.

Mr. Pitstow: I wish to support the view expressed by Mr. Dains. I think it is illegitimate for a composer to publish a composition with one or two bobs at the start.

Mr. Trollope: I suppose there are not two Treble Bob composers in the room as able as Mr. Pitstow and Mr. Dains, but I do not think their arguments are quite as good as their compositions. I do not think that the fact that certain peals have not been started in the customary way should alter their validity.

Mr. Pitstow: I do not think Mr. Trollope has quite understood the matter. It is quite fair for a conductor to start as he likes. When a peal is published, then I say that it should be put in its proper form in the old way.

The Hon. Secretary: Why?

Mr. Pitstow: Custom.

The Hon. Secretary: Custom! that is not good enough for me.

Mr. Dains: I will endeavour to answer why. If you take a composition of each kind side by side, they each appear to possess the same qualities, but one commences with a bob at home and the other does not.

The Hon. Secretary: I do not see exactly your meaning. The question is whether there is any reason why a composition

should be rejected because it commences with 1R or 2R, and I say there is no valid reason.

Mr. Pitstow: Mr. Secretary—I agree with you there, but in publishing a composition I should transpose it to the old form.

The President: This discussion is becoming a little irregular (laughter), and I think the time has come when we may pronounce on the question.

The meeting then decided without a dissentient in favour of the Hon. Secretary's resolution that the Council see no valid reason against commencing a Treble Bob composition with 1R or 2R.

#### MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS.

The Chairman: I do not see how, without a definite resolution, we can consider the next question: "How far and under what conditions any departure from the true and clear ringing of every change is permissible in the performance of a peal." It is one that certainly needs very careful attention. I think that we ought to come to it fresher, and with something before us in the shape of a definite motion. There is still a little time left. I do not know whether it will meet with your approval that the last subject should be postponed, or whether you would desire, during the next 25 minutes that remain, to proceed to consider it.

The question was adjourned.

#### LENT AND SUNDAY PEAL-RINGING.

Mr. Hudson: I think this last question might be left to the various parishes to settle. It is hardly one to trouble the Council with.

The President: You cannot say that it is not a matter to trouble the Council with, for it is one upon which a good many people's minds have been exercised, and upon which it is desirable to have the opinion of a thoughtful and representative body.

A Member: What is the question?

The Chairman: We have no motion on the Agenda. We are considering whether we should discuss the advisability of the Council making some attempt to regulate the practice of Lent and Sunday peal-ringing. It is open to any member to propose a resolution on the subject; but there are two entirely different questions placed together, and we had better take Lent and Sunday peal-ringing separately.

Mr. Cockerill: Does not the peal-ringing in question depend on the theological opinions of the incumbent?

The President: I should think it is wholly a matter for the incumbent.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee: I have a few words to say as to the Sunday ringing.

The President: Perhaps we had better confine ourselves at present to the ringing in Lent.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey: I am prepared myself to move a resolution on peal-ringing during Lent as a whole, from Ash Wednesday to Easter, including Good Friday and Holy Week. Peal-ringing during Lent is much to be deprecated. I think we all of us ought to remember that we are Churchmen as well as ringers. The teaching of the Church undoubtedly is that Lent is a solemn time, a time of fasting and not of rejoicing. I am humbly of opinion that peal-ringing is a special sign of rejoicing, and I think most of you will agree with me in this. The practice of ringing during Lent is at any rate one that we as Churchmen ought not to encourage. The Church teaches us to look upon Lent as a distinct time of humiliation, and peal-ringing does not seem to me like humiliation. We are told not only to fast from eating and drinking, but to deny ourselves in every way, and if we deny ourselves peal-ringing, I do not think we shall do any harm at any rate. There will be all the greater message of rejoicing when the bells ring out at Easter after being silent in Lent. I shall have great pleasure in moving the necessary resolution, if it will be of any service.

Mr. W. D. Smith: If it is not right to ring peals during Lent, why should the choirs practice?

The Rev. H. A. Cockey: No one would think of stopping choirs from practising during Lent. I was not speaking of practising, but of peal-ringing. I beg to move that the Council is of opinion that peal-ringing in Lent is highly to be deprecated.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded.

Mr. Attree: There are several degrees of churchmen. Some

are high and some are low. I am one of those churchmen who feel that if peal-ringing is good at any time it is good at all times, with the exception perhaps of holy week. I cannot help thinking it would be narrow-minded on the part of members of the Council to pass a resolution which would brand those who carry on peal-ringing in Lent as more or less heathen. I hope the members present will be broad enough churchmen to reject this resolution.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey: There is one point I should like to correct. Mr. Attree has scarcely understood me. I do not intend to tie anyone to my notions. What I wished to explain was that it is a question for the church, not for any individual party in the church.

Mr. Attree: I said we failed to see it from our point of view.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore: I rather fancy Mr. Attree has somewhat mistaken what is intended. It is not ringing in Lent, but peal-ringing that is objected to. Peal-ringing is, I believe, generally a matter of more pleasure to those who are inside the tower than to those who are outside (laughter).

The President: Then you would suggest peal-ringing as a suitable penance for Lent? (laughter.)

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore: I merely wish to point out that the objection is not against ringing, but against peal-ringing in Lent.

Mr. Wakley: As an old member of the St. Paul's company at Burton-on-Trent, I may say that our incumbent has decided that there shall be no peal-ringing in Lent, and no one has felt that there is any injustice in this decision. I believe in some places they ring more in Lent than at any other time of the year.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey: I am quite prepared to withdraw, and to substitute a mere expression of opinion that peal-ringing is not to be encouraged during Lent.

A Member: Is undesirable.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey: Very well then, we will put "undesirable." "Highly to be deprecated," Mr. Attree thinks, is a strong term. At the same time I should like everyone here to understand that I do not say that because peal-ringing in Lent is wrong therefore everyone who does not agree with me is wrong. I never have, and I hope never shall put my opinion forward as indisputable (hear, hear). I hold my own opinion, but at the same time I do not condemn that of others. I hope you all understand that (applause).

The resolution was then put "that peal-ringing in Lent is undesirable." Only 23 voting for it, the necessary majority of two-thirds was not obtained, and the motion was therefore lost.

The President: It is now six o'clock. I do not know whether Mr. Elsee has anything to move as to Sunday peal-ringing.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee: I do not know whether it would be best to move a resolution now or at the next meeting of the Council. I wish to say, however, that I should have moved a resolution expressing disapproval of peal-ringing on Sunday on two grounds, first: the character of Sunday as a day of rest for us; second: the character of Sunday as a day of rest for our neighbours. I think that when we ring peals we do so in most cases for gratification and enjoyment, and we cannot honestly say that we do so on Sunday for the glory of God. We like to associate Sunday with quietness and rest, and so, in the case of sick persons living near a church, peal-ringing interferes a very great deal with the quietness and rest they would like. It is perhaps now too late to bring the question forward, but I will move with reference to it another year.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies: Mr. Mitchell has been unable to remain but he has asked me to say that he desires to appeal to the Hon. Secretary to arrange for a service at meetings of the Council.

The President: Mr. Mitchell should move to discuss the matter at the next meeting; but I am bound to say it might be found an impossibility with the limited time at our disposal.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the meeting.

On the invitation of the President many of the members and their ringing friends attended a social gathering at the "Inns of Court Hotel," after ringing at the towers of St. Saviour, Southwark; St. Margaret, Westminster; and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, where the bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the visitors.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held on Saturday, June 26th, at Bromsgrove, when a goodly number of members attended from Bromsgrove, Belbroughton, Birmingham, Clent, Dudley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Oldswinford, Pershore, Stourbridge, Tipton, Wollaston, Worcester, etc. The ring of ten bells, which through the kind liberality of Mr. Edward Hartland has been recently put into proper condition, was placed at the disposal of the members by the Rev. E. Vine Hall, Vicar. At 5 o'clock, a special shortened service was held in the grand old church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an appropriate and practical address upon the duties of bellringers to the church, at which about 60 members were present. At its close an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where by the kind hospitality of the Vicar, a substantial tea was provided.

At the business meeting which followed, the rev. gentleman presiding, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. King's Norton was appointed as the place for the next meeting, on the last Saturday in September. Eleven new performing members were elected from the following places: Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Oldswinford, Stoke Prior, and West Bromwich.

Votes of thanks were given to the vicar for his practical address at the service, the substantial tea, for presiding, for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to Mrs. E. Vine Hall and the ladies who assisted at the tea-meeting. The bells were freely used in the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal being rung. The go of the bells, which have been re-hung and retuned by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, is all that could be desired.

During the tea Mr. Edmund Hartland entered the room and was introduced to the company by the vicar, who paid a deserving compliment to him for his kindness in providing the means whereby the bells have been put into a state suitable for ringing, thereby relieving him (the vicar) from the ordeal of being pulled to pieces by the ringers on account of the dangerous state of the bells. Mr. S. Spittle also thanked him on behalf of the Worcestershire Association, for rendering such help to the cause of change-ringing in the diocese, and hoped his example would be followed in many other parishes where there were peals of bells which needed attention.

Mr. Hartland, in responding, thanked the vicar and all present for their kind appreciation of his action in the matter of the bells. It had been a source of pleasure to him to do what he could to make the parish church bells worthy of the ancient town of Bromsgrove. He thought the vicar made a mistake when he spoke of being "pulled to pieces," he thought it was the ringers who had been pulling themselves to pieces through the dilapidated state of the bells. He was pleased to know that the bells could now be rung with comfort by the Bromsgrove ringers, as well as by any other ringers who should visit them.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch took place on Saturday, June 12th, at St. James's church, West Derby, and was attended by members from various towers in and around Liverpool. The business meeting was held in the tower, presided over by Mr. J. Aspinall. The minutes of the previous meeting, held at St. Helen's, were read and confirmed. Two new members were elected, and Halewood was decided on for the next place of meeting, to which all members should make an effort to be present. Votes of thanks were passed to the vicar for having everything in readiness and to the chairman for presiding. The bells were kept going until 8.30.

OSWESTRY (Shropshire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, after ringing some touches, the ringers, accompanied by Mr. Churchwarden E. Moore Gardner and Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Griffith Whitfield, Master, and Mr. Ed. Jones, cornet player, mounted the tower top, and there, in lovely breeze and sunshine, beneath a new and flowing Union Jack, sang the National Anthem and gave lusty and loyal cheers for their good and gracious Queen.

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"A southerly wind and a cloudy sky,"—an old prognostication set forth as a peculiarly necessary adjunct to a hunting morning. On Saturday last, July 3rd, the clouds were in evidence, but southerly wind prevailed not at Cannon Street Station, but in its place a tolerably well-behaved N.N.-easter, when fourteen members of the above society met to proceed by the 8.28 a.m. train to Tonbridge Junction. True to its traditions the South Eastern Railway Co. managed to get the 8.28 a.m. train started by 8.48 a.m., and to reach Tonbridge forty after it was due, *marvellous!* Imagine such rapidity in accomplishing 29½ miles! "Stand!" I am out of course; this slight digression will, perhaps, be pardoned. The Youths left the train without feeling any after-effects of their perilous ride, and were met by Miss Rosa McAlpine Leney and her sister Mrs. Mackinnon; to the kind invite of the former the presence of the Youths was attributable. Seats were taken in a char-a-banc, and then the hunting, not of weasles, stoats, hares, or even foxes, but of a day's enjoyable pleasure, was commenced. Penshurst Park was the first rendezvous, and here amidst the scenes of so much that is romantic and historical, lunch was partaken of on the green sward with almost a cloudless sky for a canopy. The inner man having been refreshed, our itinerant photographer (Mr. F. E. Dawe) prepared to get the reflections of our several visages through the lens of the camera. These preliminaries accomplished—our counterfeit presentments will probably see the light in due course; the picture will, at all events, be interesting, as twelve out of the seventeen persons represented have taken part in at least one of the peals at St. Paul's Cathedral. It is not decided yet in the event of these pictures being published, what price they will be procurable at, so please Mr. Editor keep this matter *sub rosa*. What do you say? a special illustrated supplement to "THE BELL NEWS?" I think not; nothing so common: Royal Academy, 1898. Did I hear some one say, "Tommy Rot," perhaps so, perhaps not, but I can assure our enquiring friends that it is not the name of the artist, nor "Thomas Decay" either—another digression—in fact the matter altogether concerns a digression, and, why not? After this photogenic interval some Grandsire Cinques, double-handed, were tapped upon the handbells. The pretty village of Penshurst is situated at the confluence of the Eden and the Tun (Medway), 4½ miles W.S.W. of Tonbridge. The church bells, which were some time since augmented from six to eight, tenor about 17 cwt., were set going, and touches of (588) Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were rung. Leaving Penshurst at 3.15 p.m., Speldhurst, the home of our hostess and honorary member, was reached by way of Fordcombe and Langton. How sweetly pretty all the country round looked in its midsummer garb, the beautiful fragrance arising from new-mown hay was quite refreshing; the scent from the roses, and ever and anon the grateful odour of the honeysuckle seemed to say to us life is worth living, if only to obtain just this glimpse of a natural picture of English rural scenes and enjoyments. Tea on the lawn at the rectory being over, the camera was again mounted upon the tripod, and—look out, Mr. Editor—three more pictures are the result, the actual photographic artist in this instance being one of the maids at the rectory, whom our itinerant photographer had, it appeared, initiated into the mysteries of delineating us by photogeny. It was so arranged that the gentleman in question might form one of the group. Whether these pictures will ever see the light is of course a question which can only be settled by the President of the R.A. Still there they are, yes, there they are, where they are.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung upon the bells of St. Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst, until time for dinner arrived, 7.15 p.m. This over, the Master (Mr. W. Burkin), in a compact little speech gave "The Queen," which, as was to be expected in such a company, was loyally honoured by singing the first verse of the National Anthem.

Mr. F. E. Dawe then rose, and in his customary style related various experiences both in royal palaces and Civil Service establishments what good and generous treatment had been meted out to him all round, remarking at the same time that he was in a position to say that Her Majesty was most pleased with the ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Jubilee day, and that Mr. James Pettit ought to be knighted in accordance. He

also stated that about half of his lifetime had been spent in company with several of the members present, and he looked upon those years as happy and pleasurable ones, but it remained for Mr. Horrex to put the finishing touch, and that was when he became acquainted with Miss Leney, which acquaintance had been so productive of good fellowship, and he thanked both Miss Leney and Mrs. McKinnon for that day's enjoyment on behalf of his brother-ringers from the bottom of his heart, and regretted very much the unavoidable absence of the rector, the Rev. Donald Mackinnon. Both Miss Leney and Mrs. McKinnon testified to the great pleasure it gave them to entertain their friends the College Youths once a year, explaining at the same time the cause of the rector's absence, which he himself so much regretted.

Miss Leney closed the speech making by giving the toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths," wishing it continued advancement and prosperity. Afterwards a capitably-struck six courses of Stedman Caters double-handed on the handbells were rung in which Messrs. Winney, Newton, Dawe, Bayley, Wood, and Cockerill took part. The party, which consisted of Messrs. F. S. Bayley, W. Burkin, W. T. Cockerill, F. E. Dawe, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, T. Mash, H. R. Newton, J. Pettit, W. Prime, W. D. Smith, H. Springall, C. F. Winney, and M. A. Wood, arrived at Tunbridge Wells station in time for the 9.55 p.m. train, which duly arrived at 10.25 p.m., and left amidst cheers to Miss Leney and Mrs. McKinnon, who came and saw the visitors off. The Youths were precipitated to Cannon Street station in the astounding space of 1 hr. 47 mins., *i.e.* an hour all but eight minutes overdue. Apart from this terrible strain upon our endurance, Saturday, July 3rd, 1897, can be registered as another red-letter one to those whose fortune it was to be among the favoured few. It was very gratifying to find our old friend Mr. Still in tolerably good health, and many thanks are due to experienced coachman Walter; also to Mr. Albert Edwards, who at one eventful period of our travels proved himself the right man in the right place. D.

## OPENING OF A NEW RING OF SIX AT HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Wednesday, June 9, 1897, at St. John's, Hartford, the dedication of the new ring of six bells, which have been erected to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, took place. At three o'clock p.m., the Ven. Archdeacon of Chester (who is the Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild) solemnly dedicated this fine peal of six bells to the service of ALMIGHTY GOD. At the conclusion of the dedication service, the Archdeacon, clergy, and choir, returning to the chancel, "Go" was called, and for the first time the voices of the bells were heard together. A few rounds having been rung by Messrs. J. Ashmole (Davenham), T. Gregory, R. Rigby, J. Upton, G. Moore, and R. Ramsden, the Archdeacon gave an address, in the course of which he expressed a hope that the Hartford ringers would join the diocesan guild. After service, the bells were rung, the congregation while leaving listening to their tones with much delight, very pleased also at the way in which they were rung by the local ringers. The bells are hung in an H iron frame, on one level, fitted with all the latest improvements, and their go is excellent, reflecting great credit on the founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co. The cost of the bells with their hangings was £400, which sum was raised by public subscription. The tenor is 12½ cwt. in G., the weight of the whole peal 45½ cwt.

On Tuesday, June 22nd, in honour of the Jubilee, the St. Wilfrid's society of Davenham, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, rang the first 720—one of Plain Bob—upon these bells. A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; S. Johnson, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6. A look and stroll around the village, which was *en fete*, and then another visit to the tower where a 720 of Grandsie was attempted, but was lost a few from home. The ringers thank the Rev. E. Eddowes (Vicar of Hartford) for his kind welcome.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1897.

This week we conclude the report of the meeting of the Central Council, and the Exercise, having the whole proceedings before them, are now enabled to judge upon the value of the Council's deliberations. Perhaps an expression of opinion upon the subjects discussed may, as in the past, be looked for from us, and while we have no desire to lead opinion upon any question brought before the Council, there are one or two points upon which it is not beyond our province to remark. First there is the resolution with regards to calling peals by visible aids to memory. The treatment which this proposition met with is positively astounding. We are sure that we shall have every conductor worthy of the name with us when we say that this resolution ought to have been carried *nem. con.* without any discussion whatever. Nay, the Council ought to have gone further and expressed their disapprobation and disgust that such a resolution was thought necessary for a moment. What would bob-callers of a past generation, and what does many of the present think of such practices? If they had the courage to speak they would say something very strong about them. If a man cannot call a peal without hanging up course-ends or what not, let him cease to look upon himself as a "bob-caller" or "conductor," and attempt the discovery of some other title by which to distinguish his prowess.

The other matter which will bear allusion was the

proposition regarding the bells and belfry of Westminster Abbey. The President, while seeming to regret the present state of affairs, ruled the motion out of order. We think many will regret this. Mr. HEYWOOD thought it was a question for the Metropolitan Societies to deal with, but with all deference to those bodies, we think that an expression of opinion from the Council would have more weight. If there is any edifice on the kingdom which can claim the prefix of "national," in contra-distinction to "local," surely it is Westminster Abbey. Not only is it the Mecca of Englishmen, but of foreigners, far and near. Many of the latter would be as much surprised, as an Englishman would be horrified, if they knew of the condition of its belfry and bells. The capitular body in our opinion ought to be approached at once, respectfully of course, but with earnestness, upon this important matter. We are apt to accuse ourselves of being apathetic. And rightly so perhaps. But the authorities at Westminster beat us hollow in apathy and disregard of these proprieties which they ought to interest themselves about. There is no excuse whatever for them. We say it with all respect and deference, that the Dean and Canons are highly to blame that they do not have their belfry reformed, as the word is understood. Can nothing be done to disturb their lethargy, and wake them up to an acute sense of their responsibilities?

### The Provinces.

#### HARLOW, ESSEX.

##### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.

ALFRED WHIGHT .. .. Treble.	ROWLAND FENN .. .. 5
ALBERT DEARDS .. .. 2.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 6.
CALEB FENN .. .. 3.	YORK GREEN .. .. 7.
EDWARD LUCAS .. .. 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and  
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. Previous to starting for the peal, the whole company were entertained at tea by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dent, in a most generous manner. The band would like to thank the Vicar (Rev. Henry Farrow) for the privilege of using the bells on this occasion; also the steeple-keeper (Mr. R. Tabor) for having everything in readiness. The "go" of the bells is excellent, and the peal was struck to perfection. A further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

#### TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 3, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT J. CHILCOTT .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 2.	*FERRIS SHEPHERD .. 6.
HENRY PORCH .. .. 3.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 7.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 4.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

\* First peal as Conductor in the method. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Chilcott hails from Withycombe, Thorne from Guildford, Porch from Bristol, Bishop from Swindon, Courtney from Minehead, Shepherd from Exeter, Grabham from Dunster, and Maddock belongs to the St. James's Society, Taunton. Messrs. Shepherd and Porch were elected members of the Association before starting for the peal. A further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

#### CHORLEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1897, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES MATHER .. .. Treble.	JAMES SCHOLEY .. .. 5.
THOMAS STRICKLAND .. 2.	JOHN BROWN .. .. 6.
GEORGE GOODWIN .. .. 3.	J. WALKER, SEN. .. .. 7.
JAMES SMITH, SEN. .. .. 4.	M. ADAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

Messrs. Strickland and Mather are members of the Preston branch; the rest belong to Blackburn. This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee. This ring has recently been increased to eight, the six old bells having been recast, and two trebles added by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

##### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM J. BARKER .. Treble.	ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. 5.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 6.
ANDERSON TYLER .. .. 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 7.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Messrs. Clarke, Chasty, and Barker hail from Bedford; Martin from Higham Ferrers; the remainder belong to Irthlingborough. This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

#### KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 3, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5760 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chelsea, Chester, Carlisle, Lincoln, Ely, Rochester, Coventry, and London. Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY GREAVES .. .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM .. .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON .. .. 2.	W. HENRY TURTON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. 3.	CHARLES SEVERN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

##### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 4, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

WALTER PERKINS .. .. Treble.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 5.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. 7.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ANDERSON TYLER.

This peal is a two-part, and has the full combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 6ths place at the course-ends, and the 2nd never in 5-6.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

##### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Five 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.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Treble.	ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. 5.
ANDERSON TYLER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
ERNEST UNDERWOOD* .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	*JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. Alphaus Perkins in the morning of the same day. Messrs. Underwood, Hensher, and Matthews hail from Kettering.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Stedman Triples rang at Gloucester should have read Monday, June 28th, instead of Saturday.—The peal of Superlative rang at Irthlingborough on Tuesday, June 8th, was 5184 changes, not 5056 as published.—The peal rung at Colwall, Herefordshire, on June 21st, was conducted by C. Layton.

## Date Touches.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WINSHILL (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, June 20th, at St. Mark's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. Wright, 1; W. Wyld, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. Arranged by W. Wyld.

COTGRAVE (Notts.).—Early on Sunday morning, June 20th, to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, a date touch, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 20 mins., being four 6-scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury, and seven 6-scores and 97 of Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. E. Smart, 1; T. Kirkby, 2; W. E. White, 3; W. White (conductor), 4; T. Squires, 5. Longest length by ringers of 1st, 2nd 5th, also longest length on the bells.

HOGHTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 20th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 2 mins. J. Seed, 1; J. Molden, 2; T. E. Farnworth, 3; T. Calderbank, 4; J. Harrison, 5; J. Vogwill (conductor), 6; Jno. Vogwill, 7; J. Taylor, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WINSHILL (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, June 2nd, at St. Mark's church, for a wedding, 720 Plain Bob, in 26 mins. C. Brown, 1; W. Wyld, 2; G. Wright, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. A 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Woodward, 1; W. Wyld, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; G. Wright, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 20th, at 6 a.m., 720 Plain Bob. G. Wright, 1; W. Wyld, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. Before evening service 720 Plain Bob. J. Plummer, 1; G. Wright, 3; the rest as before. Also on Tuesday, June 22nd, 720 Plain Bob. W. Orme, 1; W. Wyld, 2; G. Wright, 3; T. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder, 6. At 12 noon the bells were fired sixty times in commemoration of the Queen's long reign. God save the Queen.

SHEPHERD (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. Botolph's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Platts, 1; T. Hill, 2; W. Johnson, 3; S. Cooke, 4; W. Whitworth, 5; E. Elliott, 6; T. Start (conductor), 7; J. Smith, 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BADNINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, June 21st, two 6-scores Plain Doubles. W. Ostler, 1; H. C. Howlett, 2; W. Last, 3; J. O'Neill, 4; W. Glory (conductor), 5. All hail from Framlingham.

BRANDESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, May 26th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bedingfield, 1; H. C. Howlett, 2; T. Bradlaugh, 3; J. O'Neill (first 700), 4; W. Last, 5; H. W. Baldry (conductor), 6.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 20th, a peal of Bob Major was attempted in honour of the Diamond Jubilee, but after ringing 900 changes the conductor called stand, owing to a change-course. W. Rumsey, 1; A. W. Grimes, 2; W. Groom, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; G. Rowe, 6; A. Bullock, 7; W. Grimes (conductor), 8. A 720 in the same method. W. Grimes, 1; A. W. Grimes, 2; W. Groom, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; A. Bullock, 7; G. Rowe, 8. For Divine Service in the evening 672 Bob Major. G. Rumsey, 1; S. Collins, 2; W. Groom, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; A. W. Grimes, 5; W. Grimes, 6; G. Rowe, 7; W. Rumsey, 8. Messrs. Thurlow and Bullock hail from Framsdon, Suffolk. On Tuesday, June 22nd, at 6 o'clock in the morning, 1440 of Bob Major. S. Collins, 1; W. Groom, 2; G. Rowe, jun., 3; A. W. Grimes, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; J. Rowe, sen., 6; W. Grimes, 7; W. Rumsey, 8. Longest length by S. Collins and J. Rumsey. At the conclusion of this touch the bells were fired sixty times and then set up. During the day several touches were rung, including 244 of Bob Major. F. Patrick (Ufford), 1; G. Rowe, 2; A. W. Grimes, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Groom, 5; G. Rowe, 6; W. Rumsey, 7; W. Grimes, 8. On Sunday, June 27th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Grimes, 1; S. Collins, 2; A. W. Grimes, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Groom, 5; W. Rumsey, 6.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 9th, at St. Michael's Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Glory, 1; C. Harper, 2; J. Self, 3; W. Last, 4; H. C. Howlett, 5; A. E. Read (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 24th, two 720s Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 452 Plain Bob Minor. Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 1; W. Last, 2; H. C. Howlett, 3; J. Self, 4; W. Glory, 5; A. E.

Read, 6. On Sunday, May 30th, for morning service, 720 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; H. C. Howlett, 3; J. O'Neill (first 720 on tower bells), 4; W. Last, 5; J. Self, 6; W. Glory (conductor), 7; A. E. Read, 8. On Sunday, June 20th, for morning service, 720 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; W. Glory, 2; C. Harper, 3; W. Last, 4; H. C. Howlett, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. E. Read (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, June 22nd, being Jubilee Celebration Day, the bells were rung at intervals throughout the day to Bob Major and Treble Bob Major, commencing at 6 a.m., the following taking part: The Rev. J. H. Pilkington, C. Harper, J. Self, W. Ostler, A. E. Read, H. C. Howlett, J. O'Neill, W. Last, S. Garnham, H. Folkard, W. Glory. On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, 768 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; W. Glory (conductor), 2; A. E. Read, 3; W. Last, 4; H. C. Howlett, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; H. Folkard, 8. Evening service, 960 in the same method. W. Ostler, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 2; A. E. Read, 3; W. Last, 4; H. C. Howlett, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; H. Folkard, 8. Recently for practice on handbells, 1568 Bob Major. W. Last, 1-2; W. Glory, 3-4; E. Stannard, 5; H. C. Howlett (conductor), 6; J. O'Neill, 7-8. Also 720 Bob Major. W. Last, 1-2; E. Stannard, 3; H. C. Howlett, 4; W. Glory (conductor), 5-6; J. O'Neill, 7-8. 480 Bob Major. W. Last, 1-2; H. C. Howlett, 3-4; W. Glory (conductor), 5-6; J. O'Neill, 7-8.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, June 1st, at St. Andrew's church, in honour of the Earl of Albermarle's 49th birthday, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hensley (conductor), 1; J. Sage, 2; G. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; J. Woods, 5; R. Haylett, 6. And two 720s, conducted by J. Woods, 6; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, June 21st, for Divine Service, in honour of the sixty years' reign of the Queen, several 120s of Bob Doubles. On Tuesday, June 22nd, in honour of the Jubilee, 3120 of Bob Minor, in 2 hrs., being 240 and four 720s, each called differently, it being as many changes as the queen has reigned weeks. W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; G. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. Also several shorter touches by the same band during the afternoon.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, June 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. Bond, 1; A. Edwards, 2; F. Gardener, 3; H. Midwinter, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; H. Bond, 6; T. Gardner, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, June 11th, at the parish church, 448 Grandsire Triples. G. Browning, 1; H. Scrivens, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Hale, 4; S. Baker, 5; J. Poole, 6; W. Bateman, 7; C. Hall, 8. On June 18th, 630 Grandsire Triples. Dr. Walker, 2; the rest standing as before. At midnight, June 22nd, the twelve bells were rung in the Queen's changes, also 168 Triples. The bells were rung at intervals during the day in short touches of Triples, firing and Queens on the twelve bells, conducted by W. Hale.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALCONBURY (Hunts).—On Wednesday, June 23rd, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Bailey, 1; J. Baker, 2; W. A. Hall (conductor), 3; L. Chapman, 4; C. Green, 5; H. Clayton, 6. And 720 College Single. J. Bailey, 1; W. A. Hall (conductor), 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. Lowe, 5; L. Chapman, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. A. Hall (conductor), 1; J. Baker, 2; C. Green, 3; W. Lowe, 4; L. Chapman, 5; H. Clayton, 6. A 720 Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Bailey, 1; W. A. Hall (conductor), 2; C. Green, 3; L. Chapman, 4; W. Lowe, 5; H. Clayton, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. During the afternoon the Vicar kindly entertained the visitors to tea, after which touches and tunes on the handbells brought a pleasant evening to a close. The company wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells on this occasion.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Sunday, June 5th, at the parish church for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Chapman, 1; W. A. Hall, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; F. Clayton, 5; H. Chapman (conductor), 6. For evening service, 360 Oxford Bob. And after service 720 College Single. J. Bailey, 1; J. Baker, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; L. Chapman, 6. On Sunday, June 20th, the bells were rung at all services during the day, and after evening service. On Tuesday, June 22nd, being the Diamond Jubilee, 720 Oxford Bob was rung at 6.0 a.m. And 720 Oxford Bob. J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; L. Chapman, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. The bells were also rung at intervals during the day.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On June 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Double Court. G. King, 1; W. Keeble, 2; H. Elliott, 3; H. Evers, 4; W. Huxwick, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. On June 16th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Mills, 1; H. Elliott, 2; G. King (first 720 with a bob

bell), 3; W. Keeble, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 20th, 636 and 720 Bob Minor. June 22nd, several more touches were rung interspersed with firing, the day being concluded with the bells being fired 60 times. The number of changes rung during the day was 5580 including 5040. On Sunday, June 27th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Elliott, 1; H. Elliott, 2; W. Keeble, 3; D. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. 360 Double Court. G. King, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 3; the rest as before.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancs.).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at 6 o'clock in the morning, at the parish church of St. Michael, in honour of the Queen's Long Reign and Diamond Jubilee, eight members of the above guild rang several touches, including the Jubilee Touch, composed by C. Smart, of Steyning, published in "THE BELL NEWS," of June 19th. T. Dalton, 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Banister, 3; W. Sumner (conductor), 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ascroft, 6; W. Walton, 7; Jas. Ascroft, 8.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On June 10th, at St. Saviour's church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 29 mins. C. Owens, 1; J. Owens, 2; H. S. Brocklebank, 3; J. Grant, 4; G. R. Newton (conductor), 5; J. Hughes, 6; W. Grimant, 7.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at Christ Church, in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Duke (first touch), 1; J. Keen (conductor), 2; J. Rossiter, 3; A. Tully, 4; J. Browell, 5; C. Waugh, 6; G. Holmes, 7; G. Dix, 8. And 720 Bob Major. R. Hall, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; R. Morrison, 4; J. Browell, 5; C. Waugh, 6; J. Keen (conductor), 7; G. Dix, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Duke, 1; C. Waugh, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; J. Keen (conductor), 4; J. Browell, 5; R. Morrison, 6; G. Holmes, 7; G. Dix, 8. And 504 Bob Triples. R. Duke, 1; R. Morrison, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; C. Waugh, 4; J. Browell, 5; J. Keen, 6; G. Holmes, 7; G. Dix (conductor), 8. Also 336 Bob Major standing as before.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, June 27th, at Christ Church, for High Celebration at 10 o'clock, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Norris, 1; C. Weller, 2; S. Watson, 3; H. Harvey, 4; C. Hill, 5; F. A. Kennett, 6; G. Watson (conductor), 7; S. Strudwick, 8.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On May 19th, for Confirmation at St. Mary's parish church, being the first visit of the Lord Bishop of Chichester (the Right Reverend Ernest Wilberforce) to the parish, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Eldridge, 1; J. Mathis, 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. Carter, 4; W. Thomas, 5; C. Hyland, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; J. Sinden, 8. On Saturday, May 22nd, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Eldridge, 1; F. Harvey, 2; T. Lock, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Livermore, 5; F. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; First quarter-peal. On Sunday, May 30th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Eldridge, 1; F. Harvey, 2; W. Franks (conductor), 3; F. Mathis, 4; C. Hyland, 5; W. Eastland, 6; W. Thomas, 7; J. Sinden, 8. On Tuesday, June 1st, for practice, 210 Grandsire Triples. F. Mathis, 1; W. Franks, 2; S. Saker, 3; C. Carter, 4; G. Watson (conductor), 5; F. Lock, 6; J. Livermore, 7; J. Sinden, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Mathis, 1; W. Franks, 2; S. Saker (conductor), 3; J. Livermore, 4; G. Watson, 5; F. Kennett, 6; C. Carter, 7; J. Sinden, 8. On Sunday evening, June 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Eldridge, 1; W. Eastland, 2; C. Hyland, 3; C. Carter, 4; H. Stalham, 5; W. Thomas, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; J. Sinden, 8. †Belongs to St. Paul's society, Brighton, for whom the quarter-peal was arranged. Composed by H. Franks, of London. On Sunday morning, June 20th, being the Thanksgiving Sunday, ringing began at 6 p.m.; and for early celebration, the Jubilee touch (as asked for by the Association), of 720 Grandsire Triples, being the number of months Her Majesty has reigned. W. Eldridge, 1; J. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; C. Carter, 5; C. Hyland, 5; W. Eastland, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; J. Sinden, 8. Composed by H. Franks, of London. This was followed by sixty volleys being fired denoting the number of years the Queen has reigned. On Tuesday, at 6 a.m. ringing commenced, ending with firing sixty times, and also at noon. Touches and firing and ringing finished about 9 p.m.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, a Jubilee touch of 720 Grandsire Triples, being the same number of changes as the Queen had reigned months. H. Humphries, 1; H. Bond, 2; C. Packer, 3;

T. Bond, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Launchbury, 6; W. Large, 7; J. Packer, 8. Composed by C. Smart and conducted by W. Large. On June 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Bond, 2; H. Bond, 2; C. Packer, 3; W. Shirley, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Launchbury, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; J. Faulkner, 8.

ENGLEFIELD (Berks).—On Saturday, June 19th, 720 College Single and 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 1 hr. E. Bruce, 1; W. Lucas, 2; F. Richardson, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; C. Giles (conductor), 5; W. Horne, 6. This makes W. Horne's 700th 720.

BEENHAM (Berks).—On Sunday morning, May 9th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Horne, R. George, J. Hatto, W. Lucas, H. Keal, F. Richardson (conductor). On May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. (thirty-two bobs and two singles). H. Richardson, R. George, J. Hatto (conductor), H. Keal, W. Lucas, W. Horne. On June 1st, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Holland (first 720), H. Richardson, R. George, F. Richardson (conductor), W. Lucas, W. Horne. On June 8th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Holland, H. Richardson, W. Lucas, W. Horne, F. Richardson, J. Hatto (conductor). On June 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. (forty-two singles). S. Wigmore, W. Lucas, R. George, J. Hatto, W. Horne, F. Richardson (conductor). On June 20th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Wigmore, W. Lucas, W. Horne, H. Hatto, H. Keal, J. Hatto (conductor). On June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hatto, H. Richardson, R. George, W. Lucas, F. Richards (conductor), H. Keal. Also 720 Oxford Bob. H. Richardson, W. Lucas, R. George, J. Hatto, H. Keal, F. Richardson (conductor).

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.)

BARNET (Middlesex).—On Monday, June 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Dolton (first quarter-peal away from the tenor), 1; J. Sumpter, 2; J. Stevens, 3; W. Dell, 4; A. Chidwick, 5; C. H. Martin, 6; A. Belton (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. The above quarter-peal was rang as part of the Jubilee festivities.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. Mary's church, at 6 a.m., 360 Grandsire Doubles. F. Turvey, 1; C. Cramp-ton, 2; F. Jones, 3; H. J. Martin, 4; F. Pratt (conductor), 5; F. Kirby, 6. Also 360 in the same method. F. Turvey, 1; F. Jones, 2; F. Pratt (conductor), 3; J. Barrett, 4; H. J. Martin, 5; F. Kirby, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, June 19th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was attempted on the occasion of the twenty-second birthday of Mr. F. Dench, but it came to grief through a change-course after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins. A. Jacob, 1; H. Wood, 2; A. Preece, 3; S. Wade, 4; A. Pittow, 5; H. Dains, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. Dench (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, the following touches were rung at the parish church in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; P. Knight, 2; J. Hoad, 3; G. Hoad, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent (conductor), 7; J. Steadman, 8. And 336 Bob Major. J. Howard, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; P. Knight, 3; W. Argent, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Kenward, 6; G. Hoad, 7; F. Hoad, jun., 8. Also 462 Oxford Bob Triples. P. Knight, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Hoad, 3; W. Argent, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Kenward, 6; F. Hoad, jun., 7; J. Steadman, 8. And 378 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; P. Knight, 3; W. Argent, 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5; G. Hoad, 6; E. Kenward, 7; J. Steadman, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. P. Knight, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Thompson, 4; G. Hoad, 5; E. Kenward, 6; F. Hoad, jun., 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 504 Oxford Bob Triples. P. Knight, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Hoad, 3; G. Thompson, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Kenward, 6; F. Hoad, jun., 7; J. Steadman, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Thompson, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Hoad, 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 8. And 336 Stedman Triples. P. Knight, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Thompson, 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5; G. Hoad, 6; H. S. Reeves, 7; J. Steadman, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Slingsby, 1; W. Sherwood, 2; T. Post, 3; F. Slingsby, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; R. Goodbourn, 6. On

Sunday, June 20th, for the Queen's Accession, 720 Bob Minor. E. Slingsby, 1; W. Sherwood, 2; F. Wanstall, 3; F. Slingsby, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; R. Goodbourn, 6. On Monday, June 28th, in honour of Mr. Dryland's wedding, 720 Bob Minor. E. Slingsby, 1; W. Sherwood, 2; T. Post, 3; F. Slingsby, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; R. Goodbourn, 6. On Sunday, July 3rd, after morning service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Slingsby, 1; W. Sherwood, 2; T. Post, 3; F. Slingsby, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; R. Goodbourn, 6.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, June 20th (Accession Day), 504 Stedman Triples. W. Bedwell, 1; G. H. Daynes, 2; E. H. Nixon, 3; W. J. Jeffries, 4; H. Barrett, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; C. Walker, 8.

CHARING (Kent).—On Wednesday, June 2nd, on the occasion of the marriage of the third daughter of Mr. Edwards, 360 Grandsire Doubles. J. Willis, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6. On Whit-Sunday, for Divine Service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. J. Willis, 1; H. Ward, 2; W. Good, 3; W. Spice, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; E. Archer, 6. On Tuesday, June 22nd, in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, 780 Grandsire Doubles. J. Willis, 1; W. Good, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6. Also 360 with Mr. Edwards ringing the treble. On Saturday, June 26th, a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, being ten 6-scores and a-half, called differently. J. Willis, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Good, 3; W. Spice (conductor), 4; H. Goodwin, 5; J. Clifford, 6. This is the longest touch ever rung by the local band, and was rang with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Colonel Campbell, whose funeral took place on that day.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, the St. Lawrence's company attempted a 5040, on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins., through persons coming to the belfry door. H. Tarlton, 1; W. Butler, 2; J. Butler, 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. P. Tarlton (conductor), 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, July 20th, for the Thanksgiving Services at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. Pens, 1; E. Meeling, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; C. Davies, 4; G. Gerrard, 5; T. J. Bethell (conductor), 6; W. Moulton, 7; R. Tidsham, 8. Tenor 33 cwt. in C. Composed by W. Walmsley, of Macclesfield.

DIDSBURY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, June 19th, at the parish church, during a contest, at which the members were awarded third position, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Sunday, June 20th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Tuesday, June 22nd, for the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Sunday, June 27th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; A. Fernley, 4; J. Shallcross, 5; S. Rutter, 6.

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Sunday, June 6th, at St. Thomas's Church, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Monday, June 8th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Sunday, June 13th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter (conductor), 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6.

POYNTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, June 16th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Friday, June 18th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 3240 changes were rung in the

following methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, and Plain Bob. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; R. Keeble, 3; C. Green, 4; W. Green, 5; A. Keeble (conductor), 6.

BURGATE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service, by the Thornham company, 480 Grandsire Doubles and 240 Bob Doubles. J. Buckingham, 1; E. Buckingham, 2; G. Moss, 3; H. Symonds, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5. After evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles and 360 Bob Doubles. J. Buckingham, 1; E. Buckingham, 2; G. Moss, 3; E. Youngs, 4; H. Symonds (conductor), 5.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, June 20th, after service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, and 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Bate, 1; J. Barber, 2; W. Shilcock, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Bate, 1; W. Boughton, 2; J. Barber, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6. J. Bate belongs to Belbroughton, and this is his first attempt after thirty-three years' residence in the Transvaal, he having just returned to his native place.

CANTERBURY.—On Sunday, June 20th, at St. Alphege church, 720 Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. J. Fox, 1; G. Jenkins, 2; M. W. Pierce (conductor), 3; J. G. Brett, 4; A. A. Saxby, 5; T. H. Pierce, 6. Rung in honour of the Diamond Jubilee.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, June 2nd, after Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). T. Barnett, 1; T. Smith, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchener (conductor), 5; H. Roberts, 6.

GREAT DODDINGTON (Northants).—On Monday, May 31st, at St. Luke's Church, for practice, 640 Grandsire Doubles and 360 Antelope, each called differently, in 40 mins. J. Thornton, 1; J. Sharp, 2; C. Chapman (conductor), 3; J. Bonham, 4; E. Chapman, 5. Longest length by all. At a bazaar held recently in aid of the church schools the ringers contributed greatly to the entertainment of those present by their handbell music. On Monday, June 21st, in addition to ringing on the church bells in connection with the local celebration of Her Gracious Majesty's Jubilee, these energetic Doddington ringers ascended the tower and "tapped off" two 6-scores of Doubles on their handbells on the battlements. On Jubilee Day, June 22nd, E. Chapman, of Doddington, took the tenor in a 336 Grandsire Triples as the procession of 4000 children marched through the streets to the "Long Walk" (an avenue of trees a mile long), where they were regaled with tea.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, June 13th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. B. Starkey, 1; T. Verry, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; R. Faux, 4; T. Westwood (conductor), 5; W. Verry, 6. Composed by the late Henry Johnson.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 20th, being Thanksgiving Day, the bells were rung for Divine Service by the following members: J. Taylor, J. Baker, J. Firth, E. Holden, G. Cox, and W. Mills. On Tuesday, June 22nd, the festivities began with a successful 720 of Oxford Bob Minor being rung, the number of changes representing the number of months Her Majesty has reigned. A. Bravery, 1; J. J. Taylor, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; C. Taylor, 6.

PERRY BAR (Staffordshire).—On Accession Sunday, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. H. Carter, 1; \*W. Cooper, jun., 2; G. Mitchison, 3; C. Williams, 4; G. Williams, 5; W. Cooper, sen., 6; W. Long, 7; \*G. Hizzard, 8. \*Longest touch. On Jubilee Day a start was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief through a change-course after ringing 1 hr. 28 mins. H. Carte, 1; W. Cooper, jun., 2; G. Mitchison, 3; G. Williams, 4; W. Cooper, sen., 5; W. Long, 6; C. Williams (conductor), 7; T. Vaughan, 8. A quarter-peal in the same method, the band as before.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, the parish church ringers rang at intervals during the day in honour of the Diamond Jubilee, and the following touches were rung: 1260 and 504 Stedman Triples, 168, 350 and 720 Grandsire Triples, the latter being the Jubilee touch composed by Mr. Smart, of Steyning. Mr. C. J. Gelder, a member of the parish church company some twenty years ago, rang the 7th in the 350 of Grandsire. On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Spurr, 1; W. Pearson, 2; J. Carter, 3; S. Brook, 4; G. Booth, 5; C. Watts, 6; F. Moody (conductor), 7; H. Spurr, 8. For evening service 756 in the same method. C. Watts, 5; J. Jackson, 6; G. Booth, 8; the rest as in the 504, conducted by F. Moody. The above company would be glad if any member of the Exercise having the calling of a date touch of Stedman Triples would kindly furnish them with a copy, and send it to the Secretary, Mr. W. Pearson, Horsefair, Pontefract.



### TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The bells of the parish church of All Saints, Trysull, have lately been rehung, and increased from six by the addition of a new 4th. A dedication service was held on Sunday, June 12, when the following rang a 720 of Bob Minor for evening service: B. Dalton, 1; J. E. Groves (conductor), 2; R. Pickering, 3; H. Knight, 4; C. Burrows, 5; C. H. Watts, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with W. T. Harley ringing the tenor.

The work has been done by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The go of the bells is very good. They are hung in iron frames, with iron headstocks; tenor 11 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

### Correspondence.

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

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

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—At the annual meeting of the above Association on Whit-Monday I stated that the bells of the church of St. Mary, Whiston, Northants, had entirely been rehung at the expense of the rector, the Hon. and Rev. L. C. R. Irby (and I had been so informed), but I since found that Lord Boston (the patron of the living of Whiston) paid two-thirds of the cost, and the rector one-third.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

### A PRIOR CLAIM.

SIR,—Looking over back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS," I find a peal of Bob Maximus by John Carter, appears in the issue of March 27th, 1897. The same peal also appears in the issue of March 31st, 1888, as the composition of Mr. James Motts. Therefore the former gentleman has no claim to it.

L. LONGNEY,  
*Croome, Worcester.*

### ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.

SIR,—Will you allow me to correct a slight error in your report of the Central Council meeting. I am made to say that "I doubted if St. Peter's bells were in a first-class working condition." This is scarcely correct, but the reason why the bells go well (and they go as well I believe, as any twelve-bell ring in England) is simply due to the excellence of the frame erected in 1775, and the admirable rehanging and restoration carried out in 1883. The whole of my remarks were an answer to one or two gentlemen who had stated that bell restorations were shewing a very satisfactory increase in various parts of the country. This every one must fully admit. The money spent on new peals and on restoring old ones throughout the country must annually amount to a very considerable sum. But that is not all. What we want is not only that the bells should be put in order, but that they should be kept there. As Mr. Heywood said, if parish authorities would only spend a few shillings periodically on their belfries, they would be spared the costly rehanging. Unfortunately the restoration of bells is looked on too much in the same light as the erection of a pulpit or a reredos. In most churches some fund or other is perpetually open, now for a pulpit, now for new pews, now for the bells, but in all cases as soon as the undertaking is once completed, the attention is directed into a new channel, but while the pulpit and the reredos will last for years without attention, the bells rapidly become the victims of dirt and the variations of the weather, and gradually sink into their old condition. A small sum of money periodically spent would keep them in excellent condition for centuries, but the money is now wanted for a stained glass window, or a new font, or what not, and the bells must go. I mentioned the Mancroft bells as an instance, because they first came to my mind, and because they are so well known, but if such things be done in the green tree, what shall be done in the dry? If for the sake of a little wire netting and a little attention, the bell-chamber of the finest peal of ringing bells in the world is scarcely fit to go into, what can be expected of other peals? If the parochial authorities of St. Peter Mancroft, the finest and richest church of the city, do not consider their bells, which with the great majority of the citizens they hold in an indefinite sort of way to be the pride of the city, worth a single thought to their condition, is it to be wondered at that the attitude of the vast majority of clergymen toward their bells and ringers is one of supreme indifference? They are at the top of the tower away from sight, the presence of a little filth more or less doesn't alter the sweetness of their tone, and beyond this they neither know nor care. The one great object for the Association and the Council now is to fight this apathy, and not till it is overcome will the popular idea of the ringer—a muscular animal used to mighty pulling and more acquainted with the inside of the public-house than the church—be fully done away with.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HARROGATE.

On Sunday, June 20th, the bells of the above church were again set in motion after a silence of five weeks, owing to the upper part of the frame moving out of its place; but during that time a Bells' Restoration Committee was formed in connection with the Harrogate Jubilee Executive Committee, to raise funds to have the bells re-hung, their appeal was soon responded to, and an order was placed to fit the bells with new gudgeons and bushes, and to brace up the entire framework. The work was at once proceeded with with a view to having the bells going for the Jubilee festivities, which the ringers are thankful to say they accomplished successfully; and the whole of the ringers are unanimous in their praise of the way in which the work has been carried out, the go of the bells being everything that could be desired. On Tuesday, June 22nd, the ringers opened the day's programme at 7 o'clock with a 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Benson, 1; J. Mann, 2; H. Robinson, 3; F. Durdy, 4; J. Ireland, 5; W. Turner (conductor), 6; H. Brown (tenor) covering. At the conclusion of which the eight bells were fired, J. Foyard taking the extra bell. Afterwards touches of Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung at intervals during the day, when the following ringers also took part: H. Dickinson and A. Atkinson of Harrogate, and F. Cooke of Boroughbridge.

J. B.

### BUSHEY, HERTS.

A district meeting of the Hertford County Association of Change-ringers was held at Bushey, on Saturday, June 19th. During the afternoon representatives of bands in union with the association, rang upon the bells at the Parish Church and at Oxhey, and in the evening sat down to tea in the schools. When this "course" was finished a business meeting was held, the Rev. T. H. Kynaston, rector, presiding, there being also present: Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. secretary), Mr. E. E. Huntley (hon. auditor), Messrs. A. Lewis (St. Albans), W. H. L. Buckingham, W. G. Whitehead, W. I. Oakley, F. Edwards, F. Smith (Bushey), W. Hewitt (Aldenham), C. George, H. Martin, P. H. Read, G. N. Price (Oxhey). The minutes having been read and confirmed, Mr. J. Field was elected an honorary member, and Mr. A. L. Lance (a ringing member of the association). On the proposal of Mr. Buckingham, supported by Mr. E. E. Huntley, the next district meeting was decided to be held at Knebworth. It was also decided by the meeting, that if possible, a supplemental meeting be held at Hemel Hempstead on July 24th. Votes of thanks to the Rector of Bushey, and the Rev. Newton Price, Vicar of Oxhey, for use of bells, concluded the meeting. Ringing was indulged in during the evening.

### RINGERS AT HARLOW, ESSEX.

On another page will be found a report of a peal of Treble Bob rung at Harlow on Saturday last, by members of the College Youths and Essex Association, from St. Margaret's, Barking. According to the footnote to the peal, the visitors were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dent, but the bare recital of such a pleasing fact is not sufficient to satisfy the feelings of gratitude which the ringers feel towards their kind entertainers. Let readers imagine the scene, says one of the company: "Eight hungry men coming from London, to find at their journey's end a table laid out with ham and chicken, tea, strawberries and cream, and everything that is good, to sit down to. We think we ought to let ringers generally know that there are such people left in the world, and not only so, but that, we shall get served like it again next time we go."

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Friday, June 11th, Messrs. J. Jagger, Walter Canner (of Ashby), G. Wright, and Geo. Robinson (of St. Paul's, Burton), journeyed to Great Yarmouth with Messrs. Bass and Co.'s Great Excursion of sixteen trains. On arriving they wended their way to St. Nicholas' Church, there they were met by Mr. Christian and others of the local band. They at once set the bells going to Grandsire Triples. On the back eight a well-struck touch was brought round. After inspecting the bells and church the company dispersed.

VISIT OF COLONIAL PREMIERS TO BATTLE ABBEY, NORMANDHURST AND ASHBURNHAM HOUSE.—On Wednesday, 23rd, a special train brought Colonial Premiers, Bishops and others, who were allowed through the kindness of Her Grace the Duchess of Cleveland, to inspect Battle Abbey (Her Grace being the only surviving bridesmaid of the Queen). The Dean of Battle, the very Rev. Edward Reid Currie, D.D. explained the different objects of interest to the visitors, and the ringers rang in honour of the visit 240 Grandsire Minor at noon (being rather an afterthought of the Dean to ask that the bells should be rung all could not be present.) W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; J. Sinden, 7; W. Metcalf, 8. The Colonial visitors afterwards expressed their great pleasure that the bells had been rung in their honour.

## Notices.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bath to-day, Saturday, July 10. Dinner at the Alliance Refreshment Rooms, Westgate street, at 12.30 p.m., at 2/- each (1/- only to members). Business Meeting to follow, when the annual report will be presented, and election of officers take place. The Master will propose some important alterations in the rules, with a view to establishing branches of the Association in the different deaneries in the diocese. All the members are therefore particularly requested to make an effort to be present and to inform the Hon. Sec. at once, so that arrangements can be made for dinner. Short service in the Abbey at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Quirk. The various city towers will be open for ringing.

H. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*  
The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

**The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting in connection with the above Society will be held to-day, Saturday, July 10, at Lichfield. Bells available for ringing from 2 to 4 o'clock.

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

**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wheatley, to-day, Saturday, July 10. Sturton Station, M.S.L.Ry. B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*  
Harthill, Sheffield.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, July 10, at the Unitarian church, Todmorden. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Business: election of Committee-man and Branch Secretary for this Branch.

EDWIN B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*  
14, Thomas Street, Lees.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Heathfield, to-day, Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30. S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*  
101, Braybrook Road, Hastings.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Newchurch to-day, Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, at which the Rector will preside, at 7 o'clock.

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*  
Helmshore.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held at Bromborough to-day, Saturday, July 10th, at 6 o'clock. The belfry will be open at 3 o'clock. The annual meeting of the whole Guild will be held at Chester on Bank Holiday (August 2nd). Full particulars will be sent to each belfry later on.

HENRY WOOLCOTT, *Hon. Sec.*  
Grange Mount, West Kirby.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Will the various branch secretaries kindly notify any of the chief ringers in their respective branches, of the appeal made by me, if they have overlooked any, and likewise I shall be pleased if the chief ringers of those towers which have not responded to the call, will kindly do so, or write me, on or before Monday, July 12th, as the committee are anxious to come to a final decision.

WALTER BROWN, *Hon. Sec.*  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The Annual Festival will be held at Banbury, on Monday, July 12th. Service at 12.45 in Parish Church,

preacher, Rev. Canon Porter. Business meeting in church room 1.30. Dinner, 2/- in Exchange Hall. R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

**Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—An extra meeting for this district will be held at Aldington Church, on Saturday afternoon the 17th July. No allowances.

C. WILFRED BLAXLAND, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*  
Hythe.

**Ely Diocesan Association.**—Sudbury Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Hitcham, on Saturday, July 17th. Tea at The White Horse at 4 p.m. Business meeting after tea.

C. SILLITOE, *Branch Sec.*  
East Street, Sudbury.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorks.**—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Ossett on Saturday, July 17th, at 5 p.m., meeting house, Red Lion hotel. Any alterations or additions to the rules should be laid before the chairman at this meeting.

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

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Romsey, on Monday, July 19th. Annual meeting at 10 a.m. in the town hall. Service at 11.30 a.m. in the Abbey, preacher, R. C. M. Harvey, master of the guild. Dinner in the Temperance Hall at 12.30, only provided for those ordering beforehand and supplied with dinner tickets. The Abbey belfry will be open from 9.30 to 10 a.m. and during the afternoon. For other towers available see programme of arrangements. All claims for expenses incurred, must reach me by July 31st.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Hursley, Winchester.

**St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor street. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is requested.

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

**The Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—Festival at Ross, Thursday, July 22nd, by kind permission of rectors and churchwardens. Service at 11 a.m., preacher, Rev. G. M. Custance, M.A., rector of Colwall and past master, with offertory on behalf of the guild's funds. Business meeting at 12 noon for revision of guild rules, etc. Dinner in the Market Hall, at 1 o'clock, 2/- each to members.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above will be held at St. Elisabeth's church, Reddish, near Stockport, on Saturday, July 24th. Through the kindness of the Rector (Rev. E. Oldfield), tea will be provided in the schoolroom to all members sending in their names or number to be present to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, the 20th inst. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m. Tea at 6.0 p.m. Business meeting immediately after.

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

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—The next meeting of this district will take place on Saturday, the 24th July, at Christ Church, Southgate. The business will include the election of officers, and the final report of the Middlesex Association. Bells ready at 5 p.m. The Hon. Sec. requests those members and friends who are intending to be present to communicate their

intention to him, so that he may be in a position to make arrangements for the usual tea.

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

**Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, July 24th. Further particulars next week.

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

**Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bolney, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 4 to 9 p.m. Tea at The Eight Bells at 6 p.m. Those intending to be present will greatly oblige by letting me know at least a week previous, so that arrangements can be made for a conveyance from Haywards Heath station.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*  
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

N.B.—Will members who have not paid their contributions for 1897 do so as early as possible and oblige.

## BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

On Tuesday, June 22nd, in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee a new flag floated from St. Mary's tower, and the following members of the Bungay Society rang an opening touch of 1386 Grandsire Triples:—W. Spalding, 1; I. Folkard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; G. Alexander, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; F. Baker, 8. Afterwards the bells were fired several times and other touches brought round during the day. The company wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank F. Smith, Esq., and other gentlemen of the town for so kindly contributing to the fund of the society, one and all having spent a most enjoyable day.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT TAUNTON.**—The bells of St. James's Church have recently been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, and they now form a most musical ring, the splice being an excellent one. Great credit is due to Mr. Maddock and his band, for not only did they collect £30, all in shillings, towards the expenses, but they hung the two trebles themselves, and thoroughly overhauled all the other bells, and the go of them could not be better. The peal band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Maddock for so kindly ringing the tenor for them, and having everything in readiness.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**TOM.**—It concerns the members only, and it is no part of our duty to suggest to them such action as you propose.

**NOTICE.**—It is requested that all communications respecting ringing in Sudbury for All Saints' bells application be made to Mr. W. Bacon, 1, Ballingdon Street; and for St. Gregory's and St. Peter's to Mr. A. Scott, Gregory Street, the respective foremen of the companies.

**PEAL CARDS.**—We have some peal cards ready for a correspondent at Barnet. Will he kindly send his address?—Will Mr. Woodhouse kindly inform us the date of the peal and method.—We shall be pleased to know what peal Mr. Whitfield (Oswestry) refers to.

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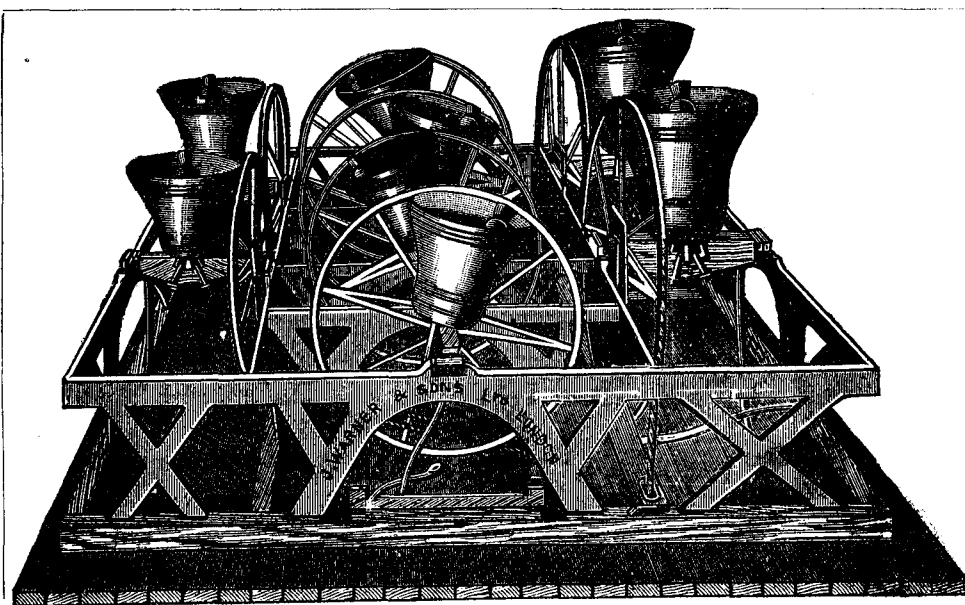
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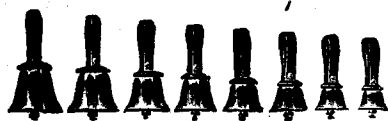
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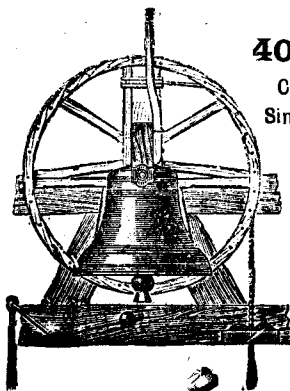
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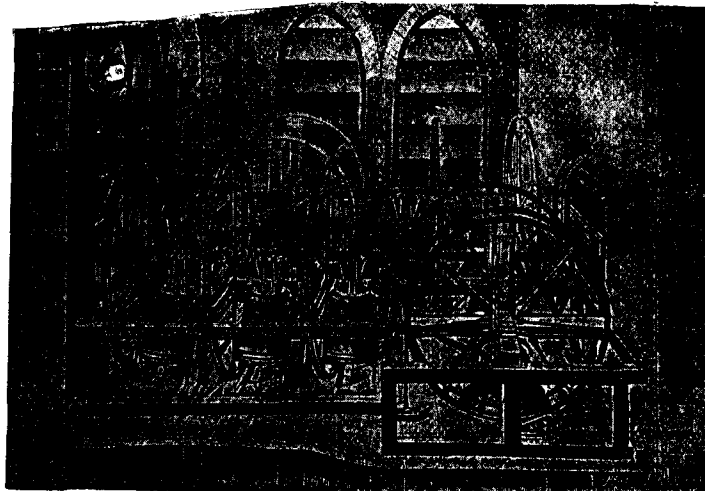
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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Council was held at the Church House, Westminster, on June 8th. Of representative members 50 were present out of 81, representing 22 out of 32 societies; and of honorary members, 3 out of 10. Mr. Percival Heywood and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, being the only persons nominated for the posts of President and Hon. Secretary, respectively, for the ensuing three years, Mr. Cockerill proposed and Mr. Dains seconded the former; Mr. Attree proposed and Mr. Catchpole seconded the latter; and both propositions were carried unanimously.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. W. D. Smith, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected honorary members of the Council for three years, viz.: Mr. Pettit, Mr. F. E. Ward, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. F. W. J. Rees, Mr. Dawe, Mr. J. Carter, and the Rev. J. H. Pilkington.

On the motion of the Rev. M. Kelly, seconded by Mr. S. Reeves, the following were elected as the Standing Committee for the ensuing three years, viz.: Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Mr. Dains, Mr. Snowdon, Mr. Rees, Mr. Dawe, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. Lockwood, Mr. Washbrook, Mr. Attree, Mr. Strange, with the President and Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary read the statement of accounts shewing a balance from last year of £42 11s. 7d.; receipts from subscriptions, £11; sale of "Appendix," 10s.; making a total of £54 1s. 7d. On the expenditure side: reporting, printing, postages, etc., £1 19s. 9½d.; leaving the present balance, £52 1s. 9½d. On the motion of Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Walmsley, the accounts were passed.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey having reported the failure of the Rail Fares Committee to obtain better terms from the railway clearing-house, on the motion of Rev. T. L. Papillon, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Committee, consisting of Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. Story, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Attree were re-appointed with instructions to make further efforts.

The Hon. Secretary made a short interim report on behalf of the Committee on Technical Terms, announcing that the Glossary was in process of preparation. On the motion of Mr. Story, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Committee, consisting of Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. Dains, Mr. N. J. Pitstow, Mr. Snowdon, the President and Hon. Secretary, were re-elected.

Mr. Attree, for the Committee for preparing Schedule of Points, gave information as to the matters referred to them by the last meeting. On the motion of Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Committee, consisting of Mr. Attree, Dr. Carpenter, Mr. Dains, Mr. Washbrook, Rev. E. B. James, and Mr. Carter, was re-elected, and Mr. Attree was requested to make use of the schedule now formulated in the calculation of last year's points, the final acceptance of the schedule being postponed until the next meeting.

On the motion of Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Dains, Mr. Strange, who reported that his Bibliography was still proceeding, was re-elected to continue the work.

On the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Dillon, the

Committee for Peal Collection, consisting of the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Dr. Carpenter, and Mr. Dains was re-elected, after the Hon. Secretary had read a valuable report on "Original Authorship" and "Variation." This report has been duly printed in the verbatim account of the proceedings in "THE BELL NEWS."

It was moved by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, seconded by the Rev. C. Matthews, and carried without dissent that "The Council is of opinion that the use of visible aids to memory in conducting peals is undesirable, and that, if such aids are used, the fact ought to be signified in any published report."

It was moved by the President, seconded by Mr. Attree, and carried unanimously, that "A return be prepared of the condition of all rings of 12, 10 and 8 bells, and of historic rings of 6, throughout the country, to enable a tabulated statement of existing defects to be drawn up and submitted by the Council to church authorities and the public." On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the following were elected a Committee to carry the resolution into effect, viz.: The President, Mr. Cockerill, Mr. Trollope, Mr. Story, Mr. F. E. Ward, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Dawe.

It was moved by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. Story, and carried without dissent, that "The Council, recognising the insuperable objection taken by many 6-bell ringers to the definition of a peal of Minor as carried at the meeting of 1892, and recognising also the fact that on 5 and 6 bells no actually true peal of 5000 changes can be rung, and that, therefore, no strictly correct definition of such a peal can be logically formulated; do now decide to expunge the said definition from the standing resolutions, thus offering no opposition to the locally-varying construction of the term "peal" in regard to 5 and 6-bell performances."

It was moved by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. Story, and agreed, that "The Council approves the extension of the triennial meeting in London to two days when necessary."

It was moved by Mr. Attree, seconded by Mr. Griffin, and agreed, "That the next meeting of the Council be held at Bristol."

The question of a defined title for Thurstan's Four-part Stedman Triples Composition was adjourned to the next meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Attree and seconded by Mr. Parker, "That the variation of Cambridge Surprise be known as 'New Cambridge Surprise.'" Mr. Dains moved and Mr. Bolland seconded, as an amendment, that it be called "Thackrah's Variation of Cambridge Surprise." There were only a very few votes for the amendment and the original motion was carried without dissent.

It was moved by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and carried without dissent, "That the Council see no valid reason against commencing a Treble Bob Composition with 1R or 2R."

It was moved by Rev. H. A. Cockey and seconded by Rev. G. F. Coleridge, "That peal-ringing in Lent is undesirable." Only 23 voting for the motion, the requisite majority of two-thirds was not obtained.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the meeting.

## ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

SOCIETY.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.
Ancient Society of College Youths ...	W. Burkin ... W. T. Cockerill ... W. D. Smith ... H. R. Newton ...	
Royal Cumberland Society ...	H. Dains ... J. Parker ...	B. Foskett A. Jacob F. Motts
Norwich Diocesan Association ...	Rev. H. Earle Bulwer W. L. Catchpole ... J. Trollope ...	
Oxford Diocesan Guild ...	Rev. F. E. Robinson Rev. G. F. Coleridge ... A. H. Cocks ... J. W. Washbrook ...	
Essex Association ...	Rev. T. L. Papillon N. J. Pistow ... F. G. Newman ...	W. J. Nevard
Devonshire Guild ...	Rev. M. Kelly ...	F. Shepherd
South Lincolnshire Association ...	Rev. H. L. James ...	
Kent County Association ...	Rev. E. W. Carpenter Rev. F. J. Helmore F. W. Thornton ... W. Haigh ...	
Middlesex Association ...	J. Wagborn ...	W. L. Buckingham
Leeds and District Association ...	R. Binns ...	
Midland Counties' Association ...	A. P. Heywood ... J. W. Taylor ... W. Wakley ... J. Griffin ... W. Walmsley ... J. Dillon ...	
Chester Diocesan Guild ...	Rev. H. A. Cockey ... G. H. Phillott ...	E. B. James
Gloucester and Bristol Association ...	R. E. Grove ...	J. S. Pritchett
Worcestershire and District Asso. ...	J. Jones ...	A. B. Carpenter
Surrey Association ...	Rev. C. Matthews ...	H. White
Winchester Diocesan Guild ...	Rev. R. C. Harvey ... J. Whiting ...	
Lancashire Association ...	Rev. H. J. Elsee ...	Rev. C. Clements
Sussex Association ...	R. Ridyard ... Rev. C. D. P. Davies ... G. F. Attree ... G. Williams ... S. Saker ...	J. Eachus
Stafford Archdeaconry Society ...	S. Reeves ...	R. Cartwright
Yorkshire Association ...	G. Bolland ...	W. Snowdon C. H. Hattersley G. Breed
St. James' Society ...	W. Weatherstone ... E. P. O'Meara ...	
Durham and Newcastle Asso. ...	R. S. Story ... F. Lees ... T. Hudson ...	
Bedfordshire Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	Rev. W. C. Baker
Hereford Diocesan Guild ...	"	T. Bratton J. Wall F. Linley G. Chester J. Basden E. P. Debenham G. Hitchman Rev. J. U. Todd C. Boutflower W. Bentham Rev. A. D. Hill T. Blackburn J. Smith H. Bastable
North Lincolnshire Association ...	"	
South West Middlesex Asso. ...	"	
Herts. County Association ...	"	
Birmingham and District Asso. ...	"	
Bath and Wells Association ...	"	
Liverpool Diocesan Guild ...	"	
Salisbury Diocesan Guild ...	"	
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham ...	"	
Hon. Members ...	J. Pettit ... J. C. Mitchell ... J. Carter ...	Canon Wigram F. E. Ward C. Hounslow W. H. Thompson Rev. A. H. Boughey E. F. Strange T. Lockwood

## TABLE OF ATTENDANCES AT PRESENT AND PAST C. C. MEETINGS.

	Lon- don, 1897	Brigh- ton, 1896	Shef- field, 1895	Lon- don, 1894	Ox- ford, 1893	Birming- ham, 1892	Lon- don, 1891
Societies represented ...	22	22	21	27	22	24	32
" unrepresented ...	10	9	10	3	10	9	1
Total Societies forming Council...	32	31	31	30	32	33	33
Representatives present ...	50	40	40	59	39	44	63
" absent ...	31	37	37	13	34	30	11
Total Representatives elected ...	81	77	77	72	73	74	74
Hon. Members present ...	3	2	3	5	2	2	—
" absent ...	7	6	5	7	10	7	—
Total Hon. Members elected ...	10	8	8	12	12	9	—
Total Members present ...	53	42	43	64	41	46	63
" absent ...	38	43	42	20	44	37	11
Total Members elected ...	91	85	85	84	85	83	74

## UNVEILING OF PEAL-TABLETS AT ST. GILES' CHURCH, READING.

On Saturday, July 4th, the Rev. Canon Ducat, vicar of St. Giles, Reading, assisted by the Rev. H. Robinson, curate, and Mr. J. J. Lawrence, vestry clerk, in the presence of the local ringers, unveiled two handsome tablets recording a peal of Grandsire Triples (half-muffled), as a token of respect to the late Dr. Benson, Archbishop of Canterbury; and a peal of Stedman Triples, this peal being the first ever rung in Reading by a local band. The vicar, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the pleasure it gave him in performing the ceremony, complimented the band on their efficiency in the Art of change-ringing, and impressed upon them the fact that while they were in the belfry, as it were away from the church, they were still a part of that church, and that their ringing should have a higher and loftier motive than ringing just for the sake of personal glory. He also assured them that although he did not meet them very frequently, they might always rely on his sympathy and assistance in promoting change-ringing.

Mr. A. E. Reeves, the conductor of the peals, having suitably replied, thanked the vicar for the assistance given towards the tablets, and the vicar concluded the ceremony by prayer.

As showing the progress made by this band, it may be mentioned that only three or four years ago it was quite a feat to struggle through a 504 of Grandsire. In fact, just previous to that time it had been remarked, "They'll never be able to ring a 500," but thanks to their conductor, who was a bit more advanced than the others, they kept pegging away week after week, with the result that they at last rang peals of Grandsire Triples, Bob Triples, and lastly Stedman Triples. This may not be quite so far advanced as some of our neighbours, but it shows improvement in ringing, and striking also, which we claim to be equal to any other in the town. The only matter for regret is, that one man was prevented by domestic reasons from taking part in the peal of Stedman, his place being taken at the last minute by our old friend C. Giles; the others all belong to the tower of St. Giles. The following took part in the peals: Grandsire: H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. E. Reeves, jun., 3; G. L. Boddington, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; H. Smart, 8. Stedman: G. L. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; C. Giles, 3; A. E. Reeves, jun., 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; A. W. Higgs, 8. Conductor—A. E. Reeves.

## STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday evening, June 24th, the vicar and churchwardens of St. Thomas's entertained the choir, ringers, lay-assistants and beades, etc., to supper at The Bell hotel. Mrs. Otter, the hostess, made excellent provision for her guests, and the supper was well served and gave much satisfaction. The vicar proposed the health of the Queen, which was received with much enthusiasm, as also that of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the royal family. Mr. Wyndham proposed the health of the vicar, who will shortly enter on the fortieth year of his incumbency. In responding to the toast the vicar spoke of the great progress in church building and restoration during Her Majesty's long reign, and made allusion to the great improvements that had been carried out in St. Thomas's, adding that he hoped that in due time the work of internal decoration of the church, for which it was admirably adapted, would be carried out. He also referred to the great improvement in church worship and services everywhere, and remarked on the excellent way in which the service was rendered last Sunday and generally by the choir of St. Thomas's, under the direction of Mr. Bates, the organist. He was pleased to mark the great progress made by the young ringers under the instruction of Mr. Pagett and Mr. Pugh. He hoped that the officials and all the members of the congregation would work together in the spirit of zeal and unity, and if so, all desirable improvements in the church and in the parish would come in due time. The toast of The Wardens was duly honoured, and responded to by Mr. A. E. Barrows, and Mr. C. W. Wyndham; the choir, responded to by Mr. J. W. Bates; the ringers, by Mr. J. H. Pagett and W. A. Pugh, other officials by Mr. Toombs. Songs were given by members of the choir; courses of Bob and Grandsire Doubles and tunes on the handbells contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. This was the first occasion on which the ringers and choir had met together and hopes were expressed by various speakers that a similar gathering would take place at some future time, which was endorsed by all present. Mr. Bates, A.C.O., accompanied the songs on the piano. After a vote of thanks to the vicar and chairman, the proceedings of a most enjoyable evening were brought to a close.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

We are getting into the slack season of the year, *i.e.* the time when ringing is diminished; the cause of the abatement being the tropical weather. I do not deny that the climatic conditions of the past few days have been inimical to any exertion. Personally the effect of the present extreme heat is to prevent locomotion in any shape or form, and a proneness to indulge greatly in the *dolce far niente*, which for the benefit of my readers who have not had a university education I will interpret as lying asleep on a velvety lawn under the friendly shade of a mulberry tree, ever and anon waking up for the luscious fruit to drop into your mouth when gaping. This, accompanied with plenty of Wills' Old Virginia (spoken of a week or two ago) and copious relays of rosy (iced) claret, or lemonade and dry sherry, give a tangible illustration, or interpretation, of the three words. A little more cold lamb please, and another helping of salad.

This is very good for a beginning, don't you think, for this weather especially? Hard work it was to get my thoughts into shape, the attendant excitement causing me as much exudation as ringing the tenor in a complex variation [I am getting a little mixed here, but it's the weather] of Double Gloucester Surprise. I am afraid that this kind of talk has very little to do with the two words at the top of this column, but there is a dearth of material wherewith to fill this page. There are times when my pen glides along the paper faster than thought, and the whole of the columns of the "B. N." would appear not large enough to contain the vast fund of information at command. It is well you should know the tremendous difficulties which frequently beset and enthrall those misguided individuals who aspire to refulgence in the walks of literature. I had now better commence another paragraph.

"I think so too," say some. Ah! you gentlemen who sit at home at ease, awaiting with avidity the appearance of the next number of the "B. N.," and having obtained it scurry to look what your humble servant has to say, how should you like to gaze upon something like the following:—

"On Wednesday, the 15th of July, Mr. 'P. S.' sat down to write those paragraphs, which, under the title of 'Current Topics' he edifies, instructs, interests, and very often amuses the readers of this journal. After writing the first few lines he came to grief owing to the rope slipping wheel—no, no; not that, but to the bad go of the weather," etc., etc.

This in fact is what almost nearly happened entirely. What-ever would you have done without "P. S." this week? The very thought of such a calamity increases my perspiration amazingly.

The topic of the hour is where to go for a holiday. This in all likelihood is exercising the minds of many who read these lines. The correct thing used to be the "South of France." It sounded so tall to say we were going to the Riviera, or San Remo, or Biarritz, or some other of those places which are not half so comfortable, pleasant and health-giving as any third-class place in Britain. Some affect seaside resorts, though they have to put up with tight lodgings, indifferent fare, and much inconvenience, returning home with their facial lineaments suffering from scale, like an iron bell-frame that's been in use a few years.

My inclination lies towards a quiet spot, where, amid the purest air one can enjoy the delights of gardens and meadows. If in such a haven of rest I could have some nice ringing on a sweetly-going ring of bells occasionally, why then paradise—so far as it can be attained on this earth—would be reached. I should like to be in the neighbourhood of a ringing clergyman who would allow the run of his library. Any information to this end will be thankfully received.

The time is drawing near when the coupon-holders will receive their gifts. Had it not been for the trying weather, it was my intention to have supplemented these. The great difficulty was to find out the most suitable articles. Half-a-dozen cambric handkerchiefs would have been out of place, let alone the

character such a present has for bad luck. One friend suggested a brace of pistols or a life-preserver, another a microscope, another a barrel-organ, another a Jerusalem arti—no I mean pony. Amid such conflicting advice I have abandoned the idea for the present, but it will be revived on some future occasion.

Mr. Trollope's observations in his letter of last week are to the point. After spending a goodly sum for the restoration of church bells, it is the very height of folly to so have them neglected, that they may soon get into an unringable condition again. Now there are rings of bells to be found where the oldest parishioner has never heard of any re-hanging being effected. And why? Because they have been carefully tended by experienced persons; in some instances by loving hands. There was a gentleman in the eastern counties who looked upon the bells of his parish church as if they were his children. He spent many an hour among them, and they always were in splendid order.

Sometimes among the ringing company a good mechanic is found who will rectify, without delay, any trifling derangement of the ringing gear. I have known such as these entirely rehang bells, bearings, wheels, stock and all. Ringers of this sort are a treasure to a church, especially when from economical reasons the bellhanger cannot be consulted.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Midsummer Quarterly Meeting of this society was held on Saturday, July 10th, at North Wheatley, a pleasant little village situated mid-way between Retford and Gainsborough. The church has recently been restored, and at the same time the bells were rehung and augmented from five to six. They were rung for the first time by members of the North Notts. Association at the re-opening of the church in the autumn of 1896, and since then two visits have been paid to the tower by the Harthill company and the amalgamated Retford and Ordsall company. The North Wheatley ringers having resolved to qualify for membership in the North Notts. Association under the tuition of Mr. Lambert, of Ordsall, this fact, coupled with the impression made by the cordial and hospitable reception given to the members of the society by the vicar on previous visits, led them at the annual meeting to ask his permission to hold the next quarterly gathering under his auspices, a request which met with a ready assent. Owing to cricket, hay-making, and other summer occupations, the July meeting is never a large one, and that of 1897 was no exception to the rule, not much more than a dozen performing members turning up out of a roll of over 100, the Harthill, Everton, Markham, and Ordsall towers alone being represented. The ring of bells at Wheatley is a very nice one, the tenor being 10 cwt., but the "go" is not quite first-rate, and the noise in the ringing-chamber is so great that it is difficult for the ringers to hear the calls. One or two not very expensive alterations would soon remedy the existing defects.

Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and continued until 5 p.m., when eighteen members and friends sat down to a capital tea provided by Mrs. Flint, of The Plough inn, enhanced by a bountiful supply of strawberries for which the village is famous, these being the gift of the genial vicar, who presided at the meat tea. After tea the ordinary business meeting was held, the vicar, the Rev. J. C. B. Chamberlin, taking the chair, in the course of which it was resolved that the next meeting should be held at Ordsall in October.

The Rev. T. C. B. Chamberlin was elected a vice-president with acclamation, and Mr. Rose, Wheatley, was elected an unattached member, and Mr. F. Harrison, Ordsall, an ordinary member of the Association. The members then returned to the tower and resumed ringing, which was kept up until about 8 p.m. A report of the touches brought round appears in the usual place, but several 720s came to grief owing to the ropes slipping off the wheels. In spite of these drawbacks a very pleasant afternoon was spent by the few who were able to be present.

### THURLEIGH, BEDFORDSHIRE.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26th, six members of St. Paul's Company, of Bedford, had a special invitation to attempt a peal upon the recently augmented peal of six bells, at the above place, which was successfully accomplished and has appeared in its proper place.

In the year 1889, the five bells at Thurleigh were rehung in a new iron frame, with all new fittings, by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, and opened by the Association in the month of March in the same year.

It now being the Diamond Jubilee year of our beloved Queen, and also the jubilee of the present vicar, the Rev. Benjamin Trapp, a gentleman in Bedford, a former resident of Thurleigh, and a few of his Bedford friends, thought it would be a very suitable opportunity to commemorate the event by adding a new treble to make six. Mr. Hills was commissioned to go to Loughborough to order the bell, and ask the firm to use their best endeavours to get the job done by Jubilee-day, which was done in a very satisfactory manner. After ringing the peal the ringers were invited to a knife and fork tea with the local ringers. Mr. I. Hills being in the chair. The good things disposed of and the tables cleared, the Chairman asked the company to order what they liked to drink, and also smokers to light their pipes.

The first toast moved from the chair was of course the health of our gracious Queen, and this being her Diamond Jubilee year, the company sung the first verse of the National Anthem, which they did in a very hearty manner. The next was a touch upon the Thurleigh handbells of Grandsire Triples.

The next toast proposed was "The health of the Vicar of the Parish." The Chairman remarked that the Rev. B. Trapp had laboured among his flock for a period of sixty years, and was beloved by all. Mr. Hart, clerk of the parish church, suitably responded. Selections upon the tin whistle by Mr. Frank Hull.

The Chairman then asked the company to fill up their glasses, for the next toast he had to propose was the health of a gentleman well known to them all. Ringers in Bedford had received many little acts of kindness from his hands, and no doubt the ringers of Thurleigh had also received acts of kindness from him—"The Health of Mr. Jefferies," for he is not only the giver of this beautiful tea, said the Chairman, but also the giver of the new bell. Needless to say the toast was drank in a very enthusiastic manner with musical honours. Selections and tunes upon the handbells by the Thurleigh ringers.

The Chairman said he had one more toast to propose, and that would finish the toast list, that was "The Health of Mr. Clarke, the conductor." They owed most of their successes in peal ringing to the ability of Mr. Clarke in conducting. Mr. Clarke in responding, gave some good advice to the Thurleigh ringers, and thanked the company for so kindly drinking his health.

As the clock hand was pointing towards the hour of ten the company began to light their lamps, and mounted their bikes, and wended their way home, thoroughly delighted with their afternoon's outing.

The inscription on the new bell is as follows: "To the glory of God, to commemorate the 60th year of the incumbency of the Rev. Benjamin Trapp."

### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at Rotherham on Saturday, June 26th. The tower contains a fine peal of ten, but for a long time have not been pealable. An effort was made to rehang the bells in time for this meeting, but the work was not completed, the two trebles being down, so a touch was tried on the back eight, but this was given up, for it took two men to ring the tenor. Our friend, Mr. A. Worthington, from Staveley, not liking the idea of being defeated, took off his shirt and tried single-handed. The case was hopeless, so he gave it up also. The meeting took place at The Three Cranes inn, Mr. W. Lambert presiding. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the next meeting was arranged for Beighton on the last Saturday in September. The draw for the Cup Contest for 1898 was next taken, the lucky tower being Shireoaks, failing that, Anston. One member from each tower to form a committee.

720 of College Pleasure to be the peal for the contest. The meeting gave a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hopkinson and Mr. Allibone for their services at the Wingfield contest.

Mr. Hopkinson, in returning thanks, said they had only done their duty.

Mr. J. P. Tarlton proposed the Rev. C. J. Boden (North Wingfield) as an honorary member.

The Secretary reminded the meeting that every company should try and do likewise. Extra funds could be well laid out. The Society should at the present time send a good man to assist the Beighton band, all being young hands, and no old members to assist. Will Mr. Severn, who lives very near, have a run over? I think he may get six new subscribers to "THE BELL NEWS."

Seven new members were elected, all being Rotherham ringers. The Association is now entitled to a representative on the Central Council.

Mr. Coates, in replying to a vote of thanks to the Rotherham company, expressed his regret that the bells were not completed in time.

Mr. Flintham, champion handbell ringer, played several solos accompanied by the piano in fine style, to the delight of all. The way this gentleman handles such a large number of bells must have taken a considerable amount of practice. A vote of thanks to Mr. Lambert concluded the meeting.

NORTON.—This branch of the above Association, ably assisted by Mr. T. Sarel, late of the Sheffield Norfolk Row company, rang touches of Kent and Grandsire throughout Jubilee day.

ECKINGTON.—The above company paid a visit to Eckington on Feast Sunday, June 27th, members also being present from Chesterfield, Staveley and Killamarsh. Touches of Kent Treble Bob were rung during the day.

E. J.

### BARMING, KENT.

On Saturday, June 19th, there was a special service held at Barming to celebrate the addition of a new treble bell to the existing ring of five, conducted by the Rev. T. W. Carr, R.D., Rector of the parish. The bell, which was subscribed for as a Jubilee memorial, was cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and has the following inscription:—

"MDCCCXCVII Dei Gratia, Victoria Regina et Imperatrix, anno LX, est consecrata haec Campana in laudem gloriamque Die. Mementote mirabilium Domini. Sursum corda fideles. T. W. Carr, rector. C. Whitehead, S. Day, Churchwardens." (By the grace of God this bell was consecrated to the praise and glory of God, when Victoria had been Queen and Empress 60 years. Remember the marvellous works of God. Lift up your hearts ye faithful).

During the service a short touch was rung, and after service two 720s of Bob Minor were rung by Messrs. A. Palmer and T. Mannering (of Maidstone), G. Pound (of Boxley), J. W. Leonard (of Town Malling), J. Shorter and Rev. A. L. Brine (of Bearsted), all members of the K.C.A.C.R. After ringing, the ringers were kindly entertained by the Rector at the Church Cross House. A beautifully-toned and good-going ring of six is thus added to the available peals in the district.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held on July 10th, at Newchurch. Members attended from Bacup, Ramsbottom, Helmshore, Bury, Rawtenstall and Waterfoot. A few short touches were brought round before the time fixed for the business meeting. It had been announced that the rector would preside, but being unavoidably absent, that honour was given to Mr. Barnes, of Bacup. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bury. A pleasing change was given to the character of the meeting by a local gentleman visiting the tower, and wishing to see the bells rung. After hearing them he generously treated the whole company to refreshments. From this time the meeting was eminently social, a couple of 12-scores of Minor bringing it to an end at 10 o'clock.

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## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.**—On Saturday, June 26th, a monthly meeting of the above was held at Harmondsworth. There was a fairly good attendance of members from Ealing, Isleworth, Hillingdon, Heston and Burnham. Ringing commenced at 5.30, several touches of Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor being brought round. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. At seven the business meeting was held, at which the President, the Rev. H. G. Bird, presided. The minutes of the general meeting were read and confirmed, and the following officers were elected: Messrs. A. H. Taber and W. Foster, Instructors; F. Goddard, W. Foster and J. Pratt, central committee; W. Odell, A. T. Dampier, T. S. Carter, T. Beadle, W. Nickles, A. Wicks, J. Blondell, G. Alder, working committee. Three members were proposed, also the company at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge.

**ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM.**—**IMPORTANT NOTICE.**—The Vicar and churchwardens have appointed as steeplekeeper Mr. Harry Warnett, of 9, Harvard Road, Lewisham, to whom all communications concerning use of the bells, etc., should in future be addressed. Meetings for practice held every Monday at 8 p.m. Ringers cordially invited.

## Central Council Correspondence.

**SIR,**—On behalf of the Central Council I deem it right to protest against the tone adopted by your leader-writer in last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS," particularly in the following sentences, which must certainly have escaped the editorial eye, or they would never, I am sure, have been permitted to make their appearance: "The treatment which this proposition" (censuring visible aids to memory in conducting) "met with is positively astounding. We are sure that we shall have every conductor worthy of the name with us when we say that this resolution ought to have been carried *nem. con.* without any discussion whatever. Nay, the Council ought to have gone further and expressed their disapprobation and disgust that such a resolution was thought necessary for a moment." The recklessness of these sentiments is too palpable to need refutation, but I may suggest that there were some few conductors "worthy of the name" in the room, and that, being men of sense, they preferred to hear what their weaker brethren had to say, and to pass a resolution thoroughly adequate for its purpose, and at the same time free from the impossibly drastic insistence of the original motion. It is needless to hint that the days and uses of the Council would be very shortly ended if the majority of this body took upon themselves to dictate to no matter how mistaken a minority by passing resolutions "without any discussion whatever," or in terms of "disgust."

In regard to your criticism of my ruling in the question of the proposed appeal to the Dean of Westminster, I should have imagined that it required very little thought to see that by such an appeal a precedent for interference would have been created capable of landing the Council in serious predicament in the future, even if not in this case open to mis-representation. The matter, however, being sufficiently covered by the subsequent resolution to obtain and make public a return of the condition of the principal rings, including the Abbey bells, there is slight cause for further complaint.

It falls to me to sit in a good many assemblies of a quasi-legislative nature, and I can point to no one of them where a greater desire is displayed to work on conciliatory lines, than in the Central Council. Where, as in the case of our Art, there are diverse and conflicting views, the very purpose of the Council would be defeated were it to proceed in such a spirit as that in which, to my regret, and I doubt not to that of many others, your leading article is conceived.

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The work of rehanging the bells was entrusted to Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, and reflects the greatest possible credit on that firm, the go of the bells being everything that could be desired, and a pleasure to ring.

During the afternoon a special musical service was carried out in the church, which was attended by over 1200 people, and a variety of high-class music was rendered. The collection, which was in aid of the bell-restoration fund, amounted to upwards of £17. After the service the Mayor and Mayoress (Colonel and Mrs. Sadler) honored the ringers by a visit to the belfry, when short touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were rung, the Mayor expressing the pleasure it gave him to witness the intricacies of the art and science of change-ringing, good-naturedly adding that unless the bells were wetted they would not prosper, and suiting the action to the word, kindly left a donation for that purpose. Had this taken place anywhere else but in church, I am sure the ringers would have heartily joined in singing "for he's a jolly good fellow," which he is.

The following took part in the ringing during the day: Messrs. Alcock, Blakiston, Carter, Fenwick, Howcroft, Hall, Jones, Metcalfe, McFarlane, Passman, Rudd, and Walker. B.

## Ringers' Outings.

**THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, June 26th, the members of the above society assembled at New Street Station bound for Cheltenham by the 1.33 train. The members, numbering twenty, and their friends got comfortably aboard and reached Cheltenham in about an hour, where they were received on the platform by Mr. J. Ward. Mr. W. S. Pates (master of the Cheltenham society), in whose hands the day's arrangements had been placed, announced that a char-a-banc was in waiting; which soon landed the party into the town of Cheltenham, and after a few minutes' stay, they were conveyed through the pretty scenery of the suburb of Charlton-Kings. A stay of forty minutes was made here, and short touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples rung on the beautiful bells of the church. Then a move was made towards Presbury, about two and a half miles distant, the way being through fine roads with splendid flower gardens. Arrived near the church, the party obtained permission to visit one of the gardens and help themselves to flowers. The members and their friends were in consequence soon seen decorated with button holes, and carrying nosegays; and as time was limited a short touch of Stedman Triples was rung before dinner, under the conductorship of Mr. W. T. Pates. The ringers with their wives and friends were soon doing justice to an ample repast, and after the cloth was removed, Mr. J. Carter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. W. T. Pates and G. H. Phillott for the excellent manner in which the arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of the party had been carried out. This was seconded by Mr. J. Jennings, and passed with musical honours. In response, Messrs. Pates and Phillott returned thanks for the compliments paid them by the ringers and hoped that would not be by any means the last visit the society would pay to Cheltenham. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens for their permission to use the bells and to the tower keepers and ringers for their willingness and courtesy towards the visitors. The next toasts were the Visitors and the Host and Hostess, which after being duly responded to the party returned to Cheltenham, and as there was now but little time to spare an immediate move was made towards the parish church, and two courses of Stedman Caters rung. The visitors then made a hurried move towards the station which was reached just in time to take seats. They started for the midland metropolis at 9.6., and arrived safely there at 10.30, successfully finishing a most enjoyable trip although the projected programme was too long for the time available. Amongst the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. J. Prickett, who came from Chepstow, and Mr. J. Austin and J. Price, from Gloucester. Mr. Prickett was until lately a regular attendant at St. Philips Church, and has rung in many peals with the society.

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WE conclude to-day, with the official minutes of the Central Council Meeting and the attendance register of members, our reports of the proceedings. It is hardly within our province to criticise seriatim the decisions arrived at, but we may at all events go so far as to say that they will undoubtedly meet with the approval of the Exercise generally; a conclusion, indeed, assured by the remarkable unanimity of the delegates on the questions discussed. As we expected, the "six-bell" compromise was gladly accepted, and, moreover, in a spirit of friendliness which does credit to the individual members of the Council, as indicative of their true appreciation of the importance of bringing the varied feelings of their respective constituencies as far as possible into accord.

In regard to the President's motion for obtaining a return of the condition of the principal rings throughout the country, we most heartily endorse the idea, and trust that the labour necessary to collect the required information will be ungrudgingly given. It is most desirable that Incumbents who have recognised the need of regular

attention to their bells and ringing-chambers should obtain the credit of their efforts, no less than that the supineness of those who have neglected their trust should be brought under public notice. That the meeting of the Council has taken place at the Church House will be a very real satisfaction to every churchman. The suggestion of this change of quarters, originating, we believe, with Mr. W. D. SMITH, was well-timed, in view of the present endeavour to bring the claims of bells and ringers more effectively into prominence.

A new feature of interest in the official register of attendance, to which we must briefly allude, is the presentment, side by side with the record for this year, of the numbers present at each of the previous six meetings of the Council. The table will repay consideration. It will be seen that the number of Societies united in the Central Council remains practically the same as at the first, namely, thirty-two as against thirty-three; the number of the delegates having risen, owing to the increase of certain Societies, from seventy-four to eighty-one. The extraordinary evenness of the attendance at the country meetings is also noticeable, varying only from forty-two to forty-six. The London attendance on the two previous occasions has been sixty-three and sixty-four respectively, the larger number present being the natural result of the Metropolitan gathering. In the meeting of the present year, however, a considerable discrepancy is to be observed, for the attendance has fallen to fifty-three; and there are actually ten Societies totally unrepresented, the latter an absenteeism exactly on a par with that from the country meetings. Previously, three has been the extent of societies unrepresented at the London centre. Clearly this is a matter which should engage the attention of the Council's Executive. For ourselves we are not aware of the existence of any occult reason to upset the natural conclusion that the alteration of the meeting from Easter to Whitsuntide was accountable for the decreased attendance. Perhaps the Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE, who was summarily overborne when he ventured to suggest a return to the old date, was, after all, a more correct exponent of general opinion that at the moment he was allowed to be. If we are wrong in our surmise, it behoves the Standing Committee to look further into the matter, and the officials of the unrepresented Societies to enquire why, when they have duly appointed their delegates and paid their fees to the Council, they have had for all this trouble no voice in the discussion of matters many of them of distinct importance. A system of centralised representations is adopted by practically every widespread body having common interests, whether they be political, commercial, educational, scientific, or artistic, and it is usual to find that the electors require tangible proof that their nominees realize the honour and responsibility conferred on them.

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### The Provinces.

#### BIRMINGHAM.

(THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 7, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. HUNT .. .. 5.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. 2.	*THOMAS WAKEMAN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BROOK .. .. 3.	ALBERT HACKLEY .. .. 7.
RICHARD HACKLEY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM A. HANCOX .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, of Guildford, Surrey, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Christian to open the new General Hospital; also as a birthday compliment to T. Miller. \*First peal.

#### HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 8, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM STEED .. .. 5.
JOHN STEDDY* .. .. 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE* .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 7.
KEITH HART .. .. 4.	EDMUND LINDUP .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Lawrence, Steed, and Steddy hail from Swindon, Tonbridge, and Edenbridge respectively, and for whom this peal was arranged.

#### WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.	
JOHN BARBER .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.
NOAH DAVIES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick.

#### RIPON, YORKS.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ROBERT ALCOCK .. .. Treble.	WALTER PICK .. .. 5.
JOHN WM. PASSMAN .. .. 2.	EDWARD EDWARDS .. .. 6.
THOMAS NEILL .. .. 3.	THOMAS METCALFE .. .. 7.
JAMES METCALFE .. .. 4.	CHARLES SWIERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WM. PASSMAN.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

#### BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 12, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. HACKLEY, 102, WILLIAM STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

ROBERT J. HUNT .. .. 1-2.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM A. HANCOX* .. .. 3-4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 7-8.
RICHARD HACKLEY .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by WILLIAM A. HANCOX.

First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells by all except T. Miller, and is the first in the method ever rung in the city, also by the Association; rung at the second attempt. \*First peal as conductor. This composition has the 5th six times behind the 9th, and also the 6th twenty-one times, and eighteen times behind the 8th, with all the 5-6s and 6-5s, and is now rung for the first time. Referee—William Short, of Clent.

### Date Touches.

**CLIFTON** (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, July 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, by the members of the Clifton Association, a date touch of Grandsire Major, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. R. Clarke, 1; A. Harvey, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Gist, 4; C. Thomas, 5; A. Gibbons, 6; A. Morgan (conductor), 7; W. H. Bartram, 8.

**HIGHER WALTON** (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, July 6th, at All Saints' church, a date touch, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins., in the following methods: 97 Plain Bob, 360 London New Bob, 720 College Single, and 720 Oxford Bob. G. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Harwood, 2; H. Hunt, 3; H. Brewer, 4; J. Eccles, 5; F. Harwood, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs. Rung to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

**WARRINGTON** (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. Paul's church, a date touch of 1897 changes, in the following methods: 720 Plain Bob (forty singles), 720 Oxford Single Bob and 360 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Oxley, 1; J. Pomfret, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. Rung in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**KNEBWORTH** (Herts).—On Wednesday, June 30th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. owing to the 4th rope breaking. P. Stratton, 1; J. Gray, 2; B. Bidnell, 3; T. Webb, 4; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 5; W. H. Lawrence, 6; G. Spicer, 7; J. Heady, 8. Messrs. Gray and Stratton hail from Graveley, and this is their longest length in the method; Bidnell, Webb, and Spicer from Baldock; Debenham from St. Albans; Lawrence and Heady from Little Munden. One of the ringers put on another rope, but as time would not permit of another attempt, short touches of Bob Major were rung, being the first in the method by Messrs. Heady and Bidnell. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles with 4-6-8 covering. The ringers desire through the medium of this paper to thank the rector for the use of the bells, and his hearty welcome; and Messrs. Butterfield and Dennis for having everything in readiness. The rector has kindly granted the use of the bells for another attempt.

**LITTLE MUNDEN** (Herts).—On Sunday evening, June 13th, for Divine Service, 260 Oxford Bob and 120 Bob Doubles. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Saturday, June 19th, 108 Grandsire Minor, 144 Bob Minor, and 180 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 20th, 360 Oxford Bob standing as before. On Jubilee Day for morning service, a 6-score of Bob Doubles and 108 Grandsire Minor. After service 144 Bob Minor; and in the evening a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. On Sunday morning, June 27th, for Divine Service, 144 Bob Minor and 60 Grandsire. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. For evening service 360 Oxford Bob standing as above. On Sunday morning, July 4th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. For evening service 144 College Single. A. Phillips, 1; G. Carter, 4; the rest as before.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STANSTED** (Essex).—On Tuesday, June 10th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Jubilee Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, and first 720 in the method on the bells. On Sunday morning, June 13th, for Divine Service, 720 York Surprise in 24 mins. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Durham Surprise. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 17th, for practice, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 20th, special services were held in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. For afternoon service 720 Superlative Surprise (5th the observation). H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BEDFORD**.—On Sunday, June 13th, at the church of St. Paul, two

courses of Stedman Caters. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Barker, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Hull, 6; I. Hills, 7; F. Smith, 8; H. Sharp, 9; J. Sear, 10. 880 Treble Bob Royal. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Barker, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Hull, 6; I. Hills, 7; A. Cross (Manchester), 8; H. Tysoe, 9; H. Chapman (Pendleton), 10. On Tuesday, June 22nd, 503 Grandsire Caters. E. Tingey, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Smith, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Barker, 5; F. Keech, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. R. Lilley, 8; C. Chasty, 9; F. Hull, 10. 336 Double Norwich. F. Smith, 1; W. Barker, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Chasty, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 4th, 322 Grandsire Triples. F. Ball, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Barker, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; F. Smith, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6; H. Tysoe, 7; J. Sear, 8. On Monday, June 7th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Double Court. T. R. Hensher (Wellingborough), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Barker, 3; H. Chapman (Pendleton), 4; A. H. Martin (Higham Ferrers), 5; A. Tyler (conductor, Irthlingborough), 6. On Tuesday, June 8th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Ball, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; E. Tingey (first 720 in method), 3; W. Barker, 4; F. Hull, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Tingey, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Barker, 4; F. Hull, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 22nd, 720 College Exercise. C. R. Lilley, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Barker, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; C. Chasty, 5; F. Hull, 6. On Thursday, June 24th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; E. Tingey, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. 720 Violet Treble Bob. C. R. Lilley, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6. On Thursday, July 1st, 720 Woodbine. C. Chasty, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; W. Barker, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; F. Hull, 6.

**THURLEIGH** (Bedfordshire).—On Wednesday, June 23rd, 720 Double Oxford Bob. T. Foote, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells. 720 Kent. C. R. Lilley, 1; I. Hills, 2; T. Foote, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; F. Hull, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**CARDIFF**.—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. John the Baptist's Church, 648 Grandsire Caters. J. W. Jones, 1; G. Watkins, 2; R. C. Balcombe, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; A. Rowley, 6; W. Biss, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes, 9; B. Tilley and F. Attewell, 10. Also 648 in the same method. J. W. Jones, 1; G. Watkins, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; R. C. Balcombe, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Biss, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; B. Tilley and F. Attewell, 10. J. W. Jones and F. Attewell hail from Newport, G. Watkins from Barry. On Thursday, June 24th, for practice, 324 in the same method. R. C. Balcombe, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; J. Harris, 4; W. Biss, 5; G. Watkins, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; H. G. White, 10. Also 216 in the same method. W. Lloyd, 1; W. Coombes, 2; R. C. Balcombe, 3; J. Harris, 4; W. Biss, 5; G. Watkins, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; C. Lloyd (conductor), 9; J. H. Aldridge, 10. Also 524 Grandsire Caters. R. C. Balcombe, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; J. Harris, 4; W. Biss, 5; G. Watkins, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 8; W. Coombes, 9; H. G. White, 10. Also 462 Grandsire Triples. R. C. Balcombe, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Biss, 3; A. Rowley, 4; J. Tucker, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8. J. Tucker hails from Reading. Also for Divine service, on Sunday evening, June 27th, 324 Grandsire Caters. J. H. Aldridge, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; G. Watkins, 3; R. C. Balcombe, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Biss, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; H. G. White, 10. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; G. Watkins, 2; J. Harris, 3; W. Biss, 4; A. Rowley, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; B. Tilley, 8. On Thursday, July 1st, for practice, 432 Grandsire Caters. J. H. Aldridge, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; C. Lloyd (conductor), 3; R. C. Balcombe, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Biss, 6; A. Rowley, 7; G. Watkins, 8; J. Clutterbuck, 9; B. Tilley, 10. O. W. Layng hails from Swindon and this is his first touch of Caters. Also 270 Grandsire Caters. J. H. Aldridge, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; W. Biss, 3; R. C. Balcombe, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Harris, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 8; G. Watkins, 9; H. G. White, 10. Also for Divine service on Sunday morning, July 4th, 324 Grandsire Caters. J. H. Aldridge, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; R. C. Balcombe, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; C. Lloyd, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; H. G. White, 10. Also for evening service, 324 Grandsire Caters. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; G. Watkins, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; C. Lloyd, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; H. G. White, 10. 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Vinnicombe, 1; G. Watkins, 2; W. Biss, 3; R. C. Balcombe, 4; A. Rowley, 5; T. Northey, 6; J. Clutterbuck

(conductor), 7; B. Tilley, 8. J. Vinnicombe and T. Northey hail from Penarth.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WHEATLEY (Notts.).—On Saturday, July 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. White, 1; C. Crawford, 2; J. Swindin, 3. T. Smith (conductor), 4; H. Lambert, 5; T. Laking, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. First in the method on the bells.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, June 20th, in celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, the last 742 of Holt's Original. J. Town, 1; F. Sanders, 2; T. Harford, 3; H. Salvun, 4; J. Hack, 5; E. Dunn, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 3; R. Humphery, 4; E. Dunn, 5; I. Emery, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, June 22nd, 503 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; F. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; R. Humphery, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Simpson, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Also a 720 Bob Minor. F. Sanders, 1; G. Durling (conductor), 3; J. Town, 4; E. Dunn, 5; J. Harford, 7; W. James, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 39 mins. J. Town, 1; F. Sanders, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Hack, 4; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 5; E. Dunn, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8. On Monday, June 28th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Sanders, 1; T. Richards, 3; J. Town, 4; R. Humphery, 5; E. Dunn, 6; J. Hack (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Also 546 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; F. Sanders, 2; T. Richards, 3; R. Humphery, 4; J. Hack, 5; E. Dunn, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Tuesday, June 1st, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden (first 720 in the method), 3; I. Whalley, 4; E. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 6th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Robinson (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Single. J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 8th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 13th, 720 Oxford Single. J. Britcliffe, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden, 3; R. Parkinson, 4; C. Sharples (conductor, first 720 as conductor in the method), 5; I. Whalley, 6. Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, June 2nd, 720 College Single. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Wednesday, June 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. First 720 of Oxford Treble Bob by all. On Wednesday, June 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, June 12th, 720 Grandsire. H. Skelding, 1; T. Heathcock, 2; J. Orford, 3; W. Whitehouse, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; A. Roberts (conductor), 6. 720 Oxford Bob. A. E. Parsons (conductor), 1; T. Heathcock, 2; F. Brace, 3; W. Whitehouse, 4; J. Orford, 5; A. Roberts, 6. On Tuesday, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. H. Skelding, 1; T. Heathcock, 2; W. Whitehouse, 3; F. Brace, 4; J. Pearsall, 5; A. Roberts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 27th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Skelding, 1; T. Heathcock, 2; F. Brace, 3; W. Whitehouse, 4; J. Orford (conductor), 5; T. Pugh, 6.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WILBURTON (Cambridgeshire).—On Sunday, July 4th, by the St. Peter's Society, 720 College Single, in 24 mins. Alfred Markwell, 1; Joseph Markwell, 2; Henry Markwell, 3; Arthur Markwell (conductor), 4; Albert Hazel, 5; James Markwell, 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 23½ mins. James Markwell, 1; Joseph Markwell, 2; Arthur Markwell (conductor), 3; Albert Hazel, 4; Henry Markwell, 5; Henry Sharp, 6. Several touches of College Singles with R. M. Croft, Esq., 1; the rest standing as before. 360 Plain Bob, on handbells, at the residence of Mr. Joseph Markwell. Alfred Markwell, 1; Joseph Markwell, 2; Arthur Markwell (conductor), 3-4; Henry Sharp, 5-6. The above is the first 720 College Singles by Alfred Markwell, who hails from Stockport, Cheshire, until 1892 he was a member of the St. Peter's Society, Wilburton. Tenor 10½ cwt.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, June 2nd, 720 Braintree. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Saturday, June 5th, 720 each of Killamarsh and Bocking. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W.

Booth, 6. On Thursday, June 17th, on the occasion of the marriage of S. Horsfall, Esq., to Miss A. Booth, 720 each of London and College Exercise. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, June 20th, 720 Braintree. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, June 27th, 720 Bocking, standing as before. On Wednesday, June 30th, 720 Imperial. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Sunday, June 6th, at Christ Church, 720 Merchants' Delight. A. L. Hardman, 1; G. Shottin, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Craven Delight. L. Holt, 1; G. Shottin, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On June 7th, 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; C. Sharples, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet. J. S. Lomas, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; C. Sharples, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. C. Sharples hails from Oswaldtwistle. On June 10th, 720 City Delight. Z. Lord, 1; G. Shottin, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On June 13th, 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On June 18th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). J. S. Lomas, 1; G. Shottin, 2; L. Holt, 3; G. H. White, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On June 20th, 720 Craven Delight. L. Holt, 1; G. Shottin, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Merchants' Delight. And in the evening, 720 Merchants' Delight. Standing and conducted as in the morning. On June 26th, 720 Merchants' Delight. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And in the afternoon, 720 Craven Delight, standing and conducted as above. On June 27th, 720 Merchants' Delight. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On June 28th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-five bobs and ten singles). J. S. Lomas (conductor), 1; D. Briggs, 2; L. Holt, 3; G. H. White, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. Smith, 6.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, June 27th, at St. Stephen's church, for morning service, 762 Stedman Caters. W. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; W. A. Cave, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; W. Knight, 4; J. York, 5; F. Perrin, 6; F. Elles, 7; J. George, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10. In the evening 439 Stedman Caters, standing as before. At All Saints several touches of Stedman Triples. J. George hails from Rugby. On Tuesday, June 29th, touches of Treble Bob Royal. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. E. Hill, who died suddenly at Bristol that day. The whole pull and stand was afterwards rung thirty-seven times, being the age of the deceased gentleman.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD.—On Saturday, July 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. H. West, 1; R. Cottle, 2; C. Horton, 3; L. Moore, 4; T. Nisbett, 5; W. Gillingham (conductor), 6. C. Horton hails from St. Stephen's, Bristol. On Sunday, July 4th, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, being the first by all the band. H. West, 1; L. Moore, 2; A. Gale, 3; T. Nisbett, 4; W. Gillingham, 5; G. Hacer, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Saturday evening, July 3rd, for practice at St. Peter's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Wilkins, 1; E. Robinson, 2; R. Hickton, 3; J. Woolley, 4; G. Middleton, 5; H. Wooding, 6; J. Barrow, 7; H. W. Abbott, 8. A touch of Treble Bob Major was attempted, but after ringing about 1616 changes in 1 hr. 3 mins. it came to grief. J. Woolley, 1; J. Hickman, 2; R. Hickton, 3; E. Robinson, 4; G. Middleton, 5; H. Wooding, 6; H. W. Abbott, 7; J. Barrow, 8. Messrs. Hickton and Barrow hail from Long Eaton, and both touches were conducted by J. Barrow.

#### THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, June 20th, at St. Mary's church, 377 Grandsire Triples. J. Lewis, 1; W. Espley, 2; G. Taylor, 3; W. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; G. Scarratt, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Espley, 1; G. Taylor, 2; G. Scarratt, 3; W. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Perkins, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs.

CLIVE, NEAR SHREWSBURY.—On Thursday, July 1st, at the parish



church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. Corlett, 1; R. Smith, 2; J. Owen, 3; F. Hannett, 4; G. Taylor, 5; J. Corlett, 6. Conducted by Messrs. Taylor and Hannett. Also several courses of Grandsire Minor. E. Corlett, 1; R. Smith, 3; Rev. C. Chinner, 3; J. Owen, 4; G. Taylor, 5; F. Hannett, 6. Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lbs.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at Christ Church, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Marsh, 1; W. Fairclough, 2; J. Eastham, 3; T. Jenkinson, 4; E. Counce, 5; J. Gardner, 6; C. Sharples (conductor), 7; H. J. Morley, 8.

CROSSENS (near Southport).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. John's church, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Hunter, 1; T. Hosker, jun., 2; J. Brookfield, 3; R. Brookfield, 4; F. G. Ambrose, 5; T. Hosker, sen. (conductor), 6.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH CROYDON.—On Sunday morning, June 20th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. F. Larbey, 1; W. Gammon, 2; W. Bulpitt, 3; H. Lover, 4; G. Burt, 5; H. Brooker (conductor), 6; F. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Dolton, 1; H. Lover, 2; W. Gammon, 3; W. Bulpitt, 4; G. Burt (conductor), 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8. Rung in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. Mary's church, in honour of the Diamond Jubilee, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. H. Springall (conductor), 1; E. Lucas, 2; Y. Green, 3; S. Hayes, 4; E. Hall, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; R. Turner, 7; D. Sutton, 8. Composed by J. Barrett. Several other touches in the same method were rung during the day.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*The following is a record of the ringing done by the various branches of the above Association on Sunday, June 20th, in Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's Succession. The touches of 720 represent one change for each month of the reign, and most of the bells were fired 60 times at the conclusion of the ringing.*

ANGMERING.—720 Bob Minor. E. Parsons, 1; T. Parsons, 2; H. Finch, 3; C. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Lindfield (conductor), 6.

BEXHILL.—Five 6-scores Grandsire Doubles. W. Barnes, 1; T. S. Stephens, 2; T. Ades, 3; G. Marchant, 4; N. Cruttenden, 5; W. Sharp, 6.

BLACKLANDS.—720 Bob Minor. A. L. Stone, 1; A. E. Quaife, 2; J. Livermore, 3; E. T. Smith, 4; S. Saker (conductor), 5; F. Lock, 6.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Major. J. Jay, sen., 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; G. A. King, 3; G. W. Baldwin (Birmingham), 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; G. Baker, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. A. King, 2; H. Weston, 3; G. Baker, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; J. N. Frossell, 6.

CHAILEY.—720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Reynolds, 1; J. Langridge, 2; A. Gorringe, 3; W. Pelling (conductor), 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; W. Chatfield, 8.

EASEBOURNE.—720 Bob Doubles.

GORING.—720 Grandsire Doubles. G. Greenyer, 1; W. Martin, 2; H. Evans, 3; W. Batley, 4; F. Hayler (conductor), 5; T. Knight, 6.

HENFIELD.—720 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler (composer and conductor), 1; S. Burt, 2; H. Stringer, 3; G. Payne, 4; L. Payne, 5; W. J. Allis, 6; A. W. Grove, 7; A. Heasman, 8.

HURSTPIERPOINT.—720 Grandsire Doubles. F. Gander, 1; H. Sayers, 2; H. Pinnett, 3; D. Davey, 4; H. Kingsland, 5; A. Pierce, 6; W. Lander, 7; E. Lambert, 8. Mr. S. Pierce, aged 86, also took part in the Jubilee ringing, he having also rung on the same bells at the Queen's Coronation in 1838.

LINDFIELD.—720 Grandsire Minor. J. Temsett, 1; E. Tomsett, 2; A. Tomsett (conductor), 3; M. Williams, 4; H. Tomsett, 5; W. Simmons, 6; H. Attree, 7; H. Worsfold, 8. First 720 by all but the conductor, also another 720 in the same method.

MIDHURST.—720 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

PEVENSEY.—720 Grandsire Minor, conducted by E. Brant.

STEDHAM.—720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor.

STEYNING.—720 Grandsire Triples. E. Bristow, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Mathews, 3; C. Smart, 4; J. Smart, 5; A. Gatland, 6; W. Wool-

ger (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. 720 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; J. Mathews, 4; E. Rapley, 5; A. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; H. Green, 8.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles) in 25½ mins. F. Leeds, 1; G. Head, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; W. Ansell, 6; T. Tabrett (conductor), 7; E. J. Dixon, 8. And 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs) in 25½ mins. W. Hobbs, 1; E. J. Dixon, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; G. Head, 5; W. Ansell, 6; T. Tabrett (conductor), 7; A. Hills, 8. Messrs. Leeds, Hills, Youngs, Hobbs and Dixon hail from Willesborough; Head from Tunbridge Wells; the rest belong to the local band.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, June 20th, at St. Mary's church, the local ringers rang rounds for the 11 o'clock service. V. Sear, 1; F. Hedges, 2; L. Meager, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. G. Crane, 5; E. Marks, 6; J. Atkins, 7; A. N. Atkins, 8. For the 6 o'clock service 480 Grandsire Doubles, 7-6-8 behind. V. Sear (conductor), 1; F. Hedges, 2; R. Sear, 3; E. Marks, 4; A. G. Crane, 5; F. Sear, 6; J. Atkins, 7; A. N. Atkins, 8. On Tuesday, June 22nd, at 6 o'clock, 720 Grandsire Doubles. V. Sear, 1; A. G. Crane, 2; E. Reader (conductor), 3; E. Marks, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; J. Atkins, 6. First 720 by all except E. Reader, who hails from Loughborough. Several other short touches were rung during the day.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, July 7th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Ellen Dora White, 1; Alice White, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; W. Horne (first quarter-peal of Triples), 4; A. Pye, 5; F. Wilson, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; E. Sutton, 8. W. Horne hails from Beenham; A. Pye from Mortimer.

BAKEWELL (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, June 29th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Frost, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; H. Turner, 3; J. Fearn, 4; W. Wallace, 5; R. Smith, 6; A. G. Wallace (conductor), 7; E. Elliott, 8. This is the first 720 by all except W. Wallace. On Saturday, July 3rd, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Frost, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; T. Clarke, 3; J. Fearn, 4; H. Turner, 5; A. G. Wallace, 6; W. Wallace (conductor), 7; R. Smith, 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, July 6th, at the house of Mr. Hackley, 102 William street, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells, retained in hand, but came to grief after ringing 3314 changes in 1 hour 55 minutes. R. J. Hunt, 1-2; W. A. Hancox (conductor), 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; W. H. Barber, 7-8; R. Hockley, 9-10. Referee, J. Porter. On Sunday, June 20th, at St. Chad's Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (taken from Thurstans' 4-part), in 40 minutes. T. Miller, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. Brook, 3; W. A. Hancox (conductor), 4; R. Hockley, 5; T. Wakeman, 6; A. Hockley, 7; J. King, 8.

COALEY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. E. Smith (first 720), 1; T. Prout, 2; G. Prout, 3; C. Watkins, 4; T. Savage, 5; G. Condict (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire. G. Condict (conductor), 5; S. Smith, 6; the others as before. On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Dean, 1; T. Prout, 2; G. Prout, 3; C. Yeast, 4; T. Savage, 5; G. Condict (conductor), 6.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 4th, for afternoon service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Rollinson, 1; C. Lewis, 2; H. Vernon, 3; A. Midmore, 4; W. Avann, 5; J. Lewis, 6; T. Willoughby (conductor), 7; C. Carter, 8.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 28th, 1349 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. F. Kemp, 1; W. Otway, 2; H. Wood, 3; C. Race, 4; H. Newnham, sen., 5; W. Messam, 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; H. Elliott, 8; A. Dean, 9; E. Hull and J. Lisney, 10. Rung in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

LIMPSFIELD (Surrey).—On Monday, March 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. R. Stone, 1; G. Selby, 2; D. Wright (conductor), 3; J. Heath, 4; G. Steer, 5; H. Selby, 6.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. Luke's church, Chelsea, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. \*W. Moss, 1; C. Hindes, 2; H. R. Newton, 3; G. Fardon, 4; F. Barber, 5; W. Barber, 6; C. T. P. Brice (conductor), 7; C. Chesterman, 8. On Sunday morning, July 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 49 mins. \*W. Webber, 1; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 2; G. Fardon, 3; W. Moss, 4; T. Barber, 5; J. Aldridge, 6; C. Hindes, 7; G. Chesterman, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday, June 21st, at All Saints

church, Hamer, in honour of Her. Majesty's Jubilee, 720 Bob Minor, in 16 min. W. Turner, 1; J. Lingard, 2; G. Bowers, 3; R. Whittles (conductor), 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. First 720 in the method by G. Bowers. Also 720 College Single, in 24 mins. W. Turner (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6.

**STANSTEAD (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. R. Gowers, 1; G. Smith, 2; A. Papworth, 3; H. Pask, 4; R. Brett, 5; A. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 360 in the same method. R. Brett, 1; A. Clarke, 2; A. Papworth, 3; H. Pask, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Brett, 1; A. Clarke, 2; A. Papworth, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. A. Papworth, 1; A. Clarke, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Brett, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Theobald (conductor), 6. Also a 240. R. Gowers, 1; A. Clarke, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Theobald, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. The bells were fired, which brought the ringing to a close. During the day several touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major was rung on the handbells. R. Theobald, 1-2; R. Brett, 3-4; A. Clarke, 5-6; R. Gowers, 7-8. R. Theobald hails from London, and was formerly one of the Stanstead company.

**STEYNING (Sussex).**—On Sunday, May 2nd, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; G. Matthews, 3; E. Rapley, 4; G. Smart, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On May 9th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Turrell, 1; J. Smart, 2; H. Green, 3; E. Rapley, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; \*G. Lloyd, 8. \*First 504. And for evening service, 448 Grandsire Triples. E. Bristow, 1; H. Green, 2; J. Smart, 3; A. Gatland, 4; C. Smart, 5; W. Woolgar (conductor), 6; E. Rapley, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On May 16th, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; A. Gatland, 3; J. Smart, 4; E. Rapley, 5; C. Smart, 6; G. Gatland, 7; G. Smart (conductor), 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. E. Rapley, 1; G. Smart, 2; C. Smart (conductor), 3; A. Gatland, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; J. Matthews, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On May 30th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Bristow, 1; H. Green, 2; G. Gatland, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; E. Rapley, 5; A. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. On Tuesday, June 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Matthews, 2; J. Smart, 3; E. Rapley, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; A. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; H. Green, 8. On Sunday, June 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Bristow, 1; H. Green, 2; J. Smart, 3; E. Rapley, 4; A. Gatland, 5; C. Smart, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; G. Lloyd, 8.

**SUDBURY (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, July 3rd, at All Saints' church, 768 Kent Treble Bob. H. Sewell (Hitcham), 1; W. Howell (Sudbury), 2; W. Bacon (Sudbury), 3; R. Grimwood (Hatcham), 4; W. Griggs (Sudbury), 5; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 6; S. Slater (Glemsford), 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor, Sudbury), 8. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were also rung, in which Messrs. W. B. Ransom (Sudbury), H. Bracket (Sudbury), H. Sewell, jun. (Hitcham), and F. Hawkins (Bulmer) took part. These bells have lately been rehung and the frame strengthened by Mr. G. Gooch, one of the local ringers and the above is the longest touch that has been rung on them single-handed for many years. It is hoped to record a peal on them before long. Tenor 28 cwt. The ringers afterwards adjourned to The Bull hotel and spent a pleasant evening with handbell ringing. A course of Bob Major was rung. S. Slater, 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; A. Symonds, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. R. Grimwood, 1-2; A. Symonds, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; W. Howell, 7-8; S. Slater, 9-10. Also a course of Bob Royal. S. Slater, 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; A. Symonds, 5-6; W. Howell, 7-8; R. Grimwood, 9-10. And a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal. S. Slater, 1-2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3-4; A. Symonds, 5-6; W. Howell, 7-8; R. Grimwood, 9-10.

**WARRINGTON (Lancashire).**—On June 3rd, at St. Paul's church, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; J. Pomfrey, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. H. Smethurst, sidesman of St. Paul's.

**WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).**—On Sunday, June 20th, at the parish church, June 20th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 25½ mins. F. Leeds, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. J. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6.

**WESTERHAM (Kent).**—On Thursday, February 4th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob on the back six. G. Selby, 1; M. Whatley (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; G. Steer, 3; T. Groombridge (conductor), 4; D. Wright, 5; H. Selby, 6. On Sunday evening, February 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Stone, 1; M. Whatley, 2; G. Steer, 3; J. Heath, 4; H. Selby, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 11th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing

about 3360 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins. R. Jenner, 1; G. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; J. Wallis, 4; G. Steer, 5; T. Wallis, 6; J. Preston, 7; T. Groombridge (conductor), 8. Messrs. Jenner, Wallis and Preston bail from Edenbridge; Groombridge from Sevenoaks; the rest belong to the local band. Longest length in the Oxford Variation by all except the conductor. On Thursday, March 4th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. M. Whatley, 1; G. Selby, 2; H. Selby (conductor), 3; D. Wright, 4; J. Heath, 5; G. Steer, 6. On Easter Sunday for eight o'clock service the last 740 of Holt's Original. D. Wright (conductor), 1; G. Selby, 2; E. R. J. Dunk, 3; M. Whatley, 4; R. Stone, 5; J. Heath, 6; G. Steer, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Easter Monday on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. Selby, after the ceremony several touches were rung, and also on his departure for Hastings to spend his honeymoon. On Saturday, May 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples taken from Brook's peal. W. Weatherstone, 1; A. Selby, 2; H. Selby, 3; T. Groombridge (conductor), 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Preston, 6; D. Wright, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. M. Whatley (longest length), 1; A. Selby, 2; H. Selby, 3; D. Wright, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; W. Ingham, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; J. Preston, 8. On Sunday, May 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Stone, 1; M. Whatley, 2; H. Selby (conductor), 3; D. Wright, 4; J. Heath, 5; G. Steer, 6.

**WESTONING (Beds).**—On May 15th, at the parish church, several 120s of Bob Doubles. C. Herbert, 1; M. Matthews, 2; S. Avis, 3; E. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5.

**WOBURN (Beds).**—On May 17th, 336 Bob Triples. W. James, 1; M. Lane, 2; E. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; H. D. Harris, 6; Cyril Herbert, 7; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 8. And 336 Bob Major. M. Matthews, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; C. Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; H. D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane (conductor), 8. Also two courses of Grandsire Triples and three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major. On June 22nd, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, 504 Bob Triples. W. James, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; E. Herbert, 5; H. D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; A. Beesley, 8. On Monday, July 5th, 720 Bob Minor. W. James, 1; M. Matthews, 2; C. Herbert, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor), 6. On handbells, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Herbert, 1; H. D. Harris, 2; S. Avis, 3; M. Matthews, 4; E. Herbert, 5-6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7-8. A 504 Bob Triples. C. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; M. Matthews, 7-8.

#### LATE NOTICE.

#### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### EASTERN DIVISION.

A meeting will be held at Rye, on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Further particulars next week.

101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**TOM.**—If you want to stir in the matter, give notice to the Hon. Sec. of the Association that you intend to make a proposition embodying your opinion at the next Divisional or Central meeting. While we sympathise with your aims, we must decline to assist you in the way you mention.

**ENQUIRER.**—If you enclose stamped addressed envelope to our contributor, he will make these matters plain to you. We thought every one knew.

**COUNTRYMAN.**—He was born at Irthlingborough, in Northamptonshire. A short memoir of him appeared a few years ago from the pen of Mr. J. Day, of Birmingham.

**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT RIPON.**—This is the first peal of Grandsire ever rung in Ripon. Also first peal in the method by James and Thomas Metcalfe and Charles Swiers. T. Neill hails from York, R. Alcock, E. Edwardson, Thomas Metcalfe and J. W. Passman hail from Middlesbrough. The rest are local men. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Dean of Ripon for so kindly placing this splendid ring of bells at their disposal. C. Swiers was elected a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association before starting for the peal.

**COPIES OF "THE BELL NEWS" WANTED.**—I shall be pleased if any one connected with the ringing Exercise can forward me the following copies: Vol. V., No. 223, July 10th, 1886; Vol. V., No. 246, December 11th, 1886; Vol. VI., No. 288, October 1st, 1887; 28, Bath Street, Rugby.

J. GEORGE.

## Notices.

The Lancashire Association.—Will the various branch secretaries kindly notify any of the chief ringers in their respective branches, of the appeal made by me, if they have overlooked any, and likewise I shall be pleased if the chief ringers of those towers which have not responded to the call, will kindly do so, or write me, on or before Monday, July 19th, as the committee are anxious to come to a final decision.  
WALTER BROWN, Hon. Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—An extra meeting for this district will be held at Aldington Church, this Saturday afternoon, 17th July. No allowances.

C. WILFRED BLAXLAND,  
Hon. Dist. Sec.  
Hythe.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Hitcham, to-day, Saturday, July 17th. Tea at The White Horse at 4 p.m. Business meeting after tea.  
C. SILLITOE,  
Branch Sec.  
East Street, Sudbury.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorks.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Ossett to-day, Saturday, July 17th, at 5 p.m., meeting house, Red Lion hotel. Any alterations or additions to the rules should be laid before the chairman at this meeting.  
GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.  
19 Albert Street, Batley Carr.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Romsey, on Monday, July 19th. Annual meeting at 10 a.m. in the town hall. Service at 11.30 a.m. in the Abbey, preacher, R. C. M. Harvey, master of the guild. Dinner in the Temperance Hall at 12.30, only provided for those ordering beforehand and supplied with dinner tickets. The Abbey belfry will be open from 9.30 to 10 a.m. and during the afternoon. For other towers available see programme of arrangements. All claims for expenses incurred, must reach me by July 31st.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.  
Hursley, Winchester.

St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor street. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is requested.  
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.  
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Festival at Ross, Thursday, July 22nd, by kind permission of rectors and churchwardens. Service at 11 a.m., preacher, Rev. G. M. Custance, M.A., rector of Colwall and past master, with offertory on behalf of the guild's funds. Business meeting at 12 noon for revision of guild rules, etc. Dinner in the Market Hall, at 1 o'clock, 2/- each to members.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above will be held at St. Elisabeth's church, Reddish, near Stockport, on Saturday, July 24th. Through the kindness of the Rector (Rev. E. Oldfield), tea will be provided in the schoolroom to all members sending in their names or number to be present to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, the 20th inst. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m. Tea at 6.0 p.m. Business meeting immediately after.

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

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next meeting of this district will take place on Saturday, the 24th July, at Christ Church, Southgate. The business will include the election of officers, and the final report of the Middlesex Association. Bells ready at 5 p.m. The Hon. Sec. requests those members and friends who are intending to be present to communicate their intention to him, so that he may be in a position to make arrangements for the usual tea.  
ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.  
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, July 24th. Further particulars next week.  
E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bolney, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 4 to 9 p.m. Tea at The Eight Bells at 6 p.m. Those intending to be present will greatly oblige by letting me know at least a week previous, so that arrangements can be made for a conveyance from Haywards Heath station.  
GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Div. Sec.  
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

N.B.—Will members who have not paid their contributions for 1897 do so as early as possible and oblige.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Staines on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing to commence at 5.30. All members are requested to make an effort to be present.  
C. EDWARDS, Hon. District Sec.  
Lampton, near Hounslow.

Midland Counties' Association.—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, July 24th. The peal of eight at the parish church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea followed by general meeting at 4.30 p.m., both in the National School. Tickets for tea one shilling each will be issued to all members who send their names to Mr. W. Johnson, Forest Street, Shepshed, not later than Wednesday, July 21st. A brake free to members will leave Loughborough parish church at 2.35 p.m., returning in the evening. A train leaves Loughborough (Charnwood Forest) station at 3.30 p.m. returning from Shepshed at 8.45 p.m. 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.

Halifax and District Association.—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at All Souls' church, Haley Hill, Halifax, on Saturday, July 31st.  
F. P. POWELL, Hon. Sec.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at St. George's, Heaviley, Stockport, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.  
57, Alexandra Road,  
Ashton-under-Lyne.  
S. BOOTH,  
Hon. Sec.

## TO MEMBERS OF THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A Clergyman who will be staying at Westgate-on-Sea for a few weeks from July 21st, will be very glad of some practice in change-ringing in the neighbourhood. Address, Beta, 3, Gordon Grove, Westgate.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

By the kindness of some of the parishioners and in acknowledgment of the remarkable peal rung upon the bells on May 1st, a sumptuous supper was provided for the ringers at the Chapel Inn. The company began to muster at 7.30, and shortly afterwards the chair was taken by Mr. Churchwarden Surridge. The Vicar was unavoidably prevented from being present, but the clergy were represented by Rev. H. Eyre, vicar of Great Totham, who was curate from 1873 to 1877, and in whose time the ancient ring of six was re-hung and trebles added. After the repast had been thoroughly enjoyed, pipes, etc., were freely indulged in. Several speeches were given very genially from the chair and from several of the company. A string band was in attendance and performances were given at intervals on the handbells. The company broke up at 11 p.m., after having spent a very happy evening. We append below particulars of the peal in honour of which the supper was provided. On Saturday, May 1st, at the parish church, in 3 hrs. 57 mins., a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 6336 changes. R. Potter, 1; D. Elliott, 2; W. Dyer, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. W. Beckwith (conductor), 7; J. Newman, 8. Composed by T. Lockwood, of Leeds.

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## ANOTHER VETERAN.

Among the list of old ringers should be placed the name of John Steed, of Hitcham, Suffolk. He rang for the coronation of King William IV., the accession and coronation of Queen Victoria, and several of her birthdays. He is eighty-six years of age, and began ringing when quite young, and rang regularly till the last few years.  
C. W. R. G.

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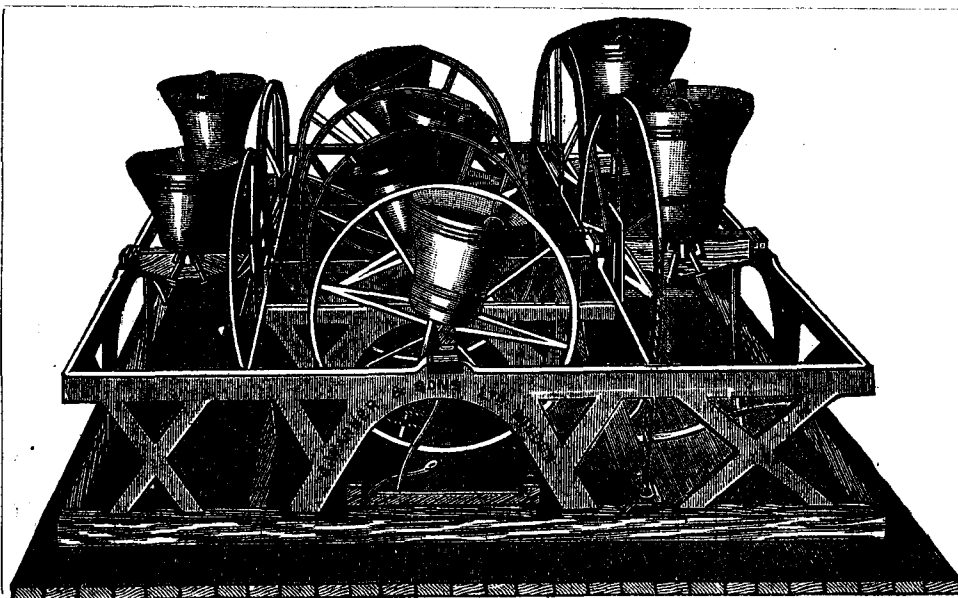
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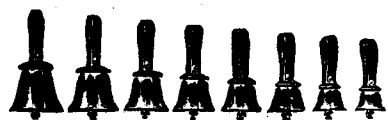
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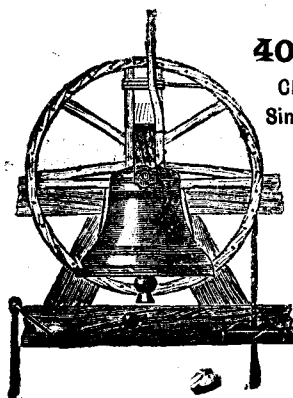
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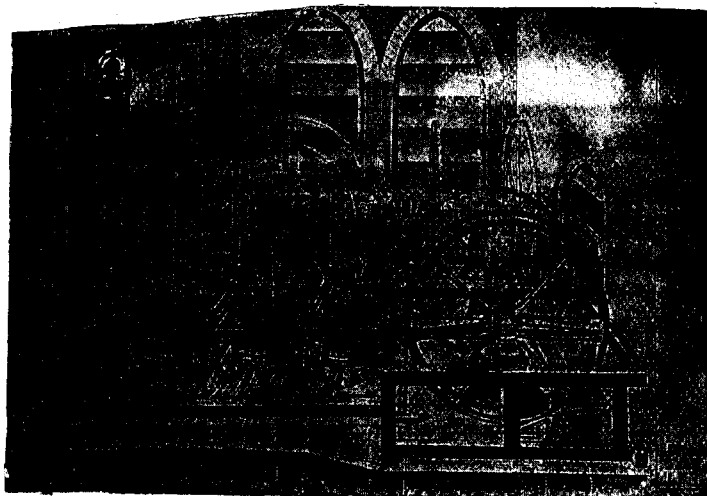
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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT BANBURY.

The recently-improved peal of bells in the tower of Banbury parish church were well tested on Monday, on the occasion of the annual festival of the above Guild, of which the Bishop is president. The Guild, which was established in January, 1881, has a three-fold object, to recognise the true position of ringers as church officers, to cultivate the art of change-ringing, and to promote belfry reform where it is needed. The organisation continues year by year to grow in extent and importance, the latest addition to its ranks being the Deddington branch, formed last year, with seventy-two ringers and nine towers. During 1896, the following fifteen towers have joined the Guild:—Adderbury, Bletchley, Bloxham, Cropredy, Deddington, Dorchester, Mollington, Mortimer, Shinfield, Stanton-Harcourt, Stony Stratford, Shiplake, South Newington, Swalcliffe, and Tadmarton. There are altogether about 1,250 members of the Guild, with a hundred belfries in union. The last return shows 180 life members, 861 change-ringers, and 211 probationers in the general Guild and its seven branches. The finances, it is gratifying to state, show a substantial balance on the right side. Considerable local interest was taken in the visit of the Guild. Representatives of the following towers were present:—Adderbury, Bloxham, Drayton (Abingdon), Bletchley, Deddington, Great Tew, Cropredy, Bicester, Great Marlow, Boyne Hill, Chipping Norton, Witney, Finchampstead, Burford, Hagbourne, Middleton Stoney, Stoney Stratford, Englefield, Kidlington, Hurst, Wooburn, Banbury, Abington, Appleton, and also from several belfries in Oxford and Reading. Ringing commenced shortly before ten o'clock on Monday morning, when a peal of Stedman Triples was rung, and already reported. Some Stedman Triples were also rung at Adderbury in the morning and afternoon, and also Stedman and Grandsire Triples at Banbury during the afternoon by various members of the Guild. The arrangements in connection with the festival were admirably carried out by the courteous honorary secretary and treasurer of the Guild, Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, of Dunsden vicarage, near Reading, with the assistance of Mr. W. Bradford, of Bloxham, the efficient honorary of the Deddington branch.

A special service, which was choral, was held in the church at one o'clock, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Canon Porter. The opening hymn was "All people that on earth do well," and the Psalms used were xlvii. and cl. The Rev. A. H. Drummond, vicar of Boyue Hill, Maidenhead, read the lesson; Numbers x. The Rev. L. E. Arden also attended. The Te Deum was sung, and the hymn before the sermon was "O, praise ye the Lord." Canon Porter selected as his text Isaiah xl. 9, "O, Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength: lift it up and be not afraid." He said during the few minutes he had to speak to them he would endeavour to put before their minds three scenes and events that had happened of late there, and which deeply impressed his mind, and which might be useful as the foundation for the counsel which he was privileged to offer to them that day. The first scene was that which presented itself a few weeks ago in the lobby of their tower, when the great tenor bell was lowered down, after having been in its place, for, he supposed, two hundred and thirty years, lowered down to the floor that it might with the other bells be sent to the foundry to be re-tuned and put in order. Anyone who was there must have admired the scene. The western sun was throwing its beams upon the bell, and to anyone the shape of the bell appeared beautiful in its graceful curves. But that was only its outward sign. The bell was not answering its purpose in its beautiful curving and shape; it was wanting in tone. Another scene was that which had taken place that day, the occupation of the tower

of their church by ringers who were there to bring out the tone of the bell, that it might not be silent. Considering what was required of it, there was the upraising of the tower in its height and beauty, nearly one hundred years ago, then the bell-chamber, with its great oaken beams; and then the toil and the skill of the ringers who had been sounding the bell that morning, and which had struck so many of them for its accuracy and beauty of tone. The third scene was that which struck him when on going into the tower the previous week he saw a group of gentlemen who were desirous of testing the tone of the bells with an instrument to see that the tone of each was perfect. From those three scenes they might gather the lesson that they had their duty to perform to their Creator Who made them; and he thought he might say that those who were engaged in ringing the bells in their churches should ask themselves were they making their best efforts to develop all that was within them, and to bring out the tone that was within their lives for their God and for their faith, and to promote for their fellow-men happiness as much as they could in this life, and to lessen as much as they could whatever suffering they might be afflicted with, were they making their best efforts to bring out the tone of their lives which God willed them. Calling attention to the mechanism and agency required to ring a bell, the rev. gentleman pointed out that there must be acceptance of the means of grace provided for them, the guidance of their minister, the acceptance of the sacraments. As the mechanism within the tower of the church was the hidden agency by means of which the bell was rung, the Holy Ghost should be the secret spirit which moved their lives. They had perhaps, many of them, to come down, like that tenor bell was brought down, if necessary, from the position which they had too long held. They must come down and have themselves made better, and get the tone of their spiritual life set right. As members of the church—yes, he would speak of them as officers of the church, as himself—did they fully take the privileges that were offered them? They had, he supposed, most of them, the great honour of having office given them in the church, and that office conferred upon them great privileges and great responsibilities. He knew that those who lived in other belfries, as he knew too well, alas, with those in his own, that they knew the belfry too well and the church too little. Surely, all officers of the church should use the means God had given them to fulfil their office worthily. Ringers should remember that they were officers of the church just as much as churchwardens and sidesmen, and they should take equal care that they went into the church, and to the east end, to the altar of God, otherwise their lives were out of tune with God, and they were not satisfying Him. If they cared very much to satisfy their fellow-men about the order and the perfectness of their bells, they ought to care much more about satisfying their God in their spiritual life. It was at the altar of God they would find means of satisfying Him. In summing up those three points he had put before them, he would repeat the words of the text, and ask the ringers each time that they lifted up the voice of their bells to do it for the honour of their God, and also in their own lives to lift up their voice in strength—it was too often in weakness and fear that wrong was done—to live as true soldiers of Christ, and to "be not afraid."—The offertory hymn was "The call to arms is sounding." The proceeds were on behalf of the two additional bells in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

The annual meeting was afterwards held in the church rooms, there being a large attendance. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) presided. The Secretary and Treasurer (the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis) read the minutes of the general and committee meetings, which were confirmed.

Mr. Elliot moved, and Mr. Newell seconded, the re-election of

the Rev. F. E. Robinson as Master of the Guild for the ensuing year, and it was carried with acclamation.

The Master thanked the meeting very much for the honour conferred upon him. He had had the great pleasure and honour of filling the office for sixteen years, and while he had done the best he could for the Guild during that time, as long as they continued to re-elect him to the post he should continue to do so. A great event in the history of the Guild was the augmentation of the peal of bells at Christ Church, Oxford. It had long been thought that they should have more than ten bells, and he had done the very best he could for the Guild in regard to the two additional bells. He earnestly begged all connected with the Guild to give something towards the new bells. He had written to a good many from whom he had received no reply, but he intended to write again. He did not want large sums, but he wanted the contributions to be general, and representative of the whole.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis was unanimously re-elected honorary secretary and treasurer, on the proposition of the Rev. A. H. Drummond, seconded by Mr. J. W. Washbrook. The rev. gentleman returned thanks, and read a letter from the assistant honorary secretary (Mr. A. W. Pike, of Caversham), stating that he would be willing to continue in office, and said under those circumstances he would "stick to the cart" a little longer.

The four names again selected by the committee as representatives to the executive council of the guild were approved by the meeting, as follows: The Master, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. H. Cocks, and Mr. J. W. Washbrook. The twelve elected members of committee were re-appointed, and the same number of change-ringing members were again elected with two alterations only—Messrs. J. Garrell (Woburn), and P. Hind (Oxford), being elected to fill the vacancies. Mr. W. Bradford (Bloxham) was added to the list of qualified instructors, on the motion of Rev. Canon Porter, seconded by Dr. Wood. Mr. A. E. Preston (Oxford) was re-elected auditor.

The recommendation of the committee that £10 be subscribed to the fund for augmenting Christ Church peal, Oxford, was next considered. The Secretary remarked that the Guild's balance was £40 6s. 10d., and they expected to receive £42 more in the course of the year. Their expenditure for the year, including the expenses of that day, would be about £30, so that they would have about £52 at the end of the year.

The Master: Which is the biggest balance we have had. Referring to the cost of the two additional bells for the cathedral, the Master said he was in the dark as to what the bells would cost. He would have no bells which were not *Ar.* He had about £130 in hand, and estimated the full expenses at £150 or £160. If he obtained more money than was required, he would think it his duty to return the subscriptions of corporate bodies similar to the Guild. Rev. R. P. Newhouse said as he proposed the subscription in committee, he would move that £10 be given to the object. Mr. W. Bradford seconded and it was agreed to. The Master thanked the meeting, and said he would do the work as cheaply as he could. He had got concessions all round. He was very grateful for the vote of £10, and if he could do without the money he would return it.

The Secretary, referring to the recommendation of the committee that the balance on the peal book account be paid to Mr. Blackwell, said they had only received between £10 and £11 from sales of the book, out of a total cost of £35. To be quite clear with Mr. Blackwell they owed him £5 3s. 6d. He (Mr. Hart-Davis), moved that that balance be paid. It was very unsatisfactory to think that they should have sold only about 175 copies of the 500 printed. The account was ordered to be paid, and steps were sanctioned to realise the remainder of the books at what they would fetch.

Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (Kidlington) next preferred his petition for a contribution towards the belfry improvements in his parish. He stated that the original estimate was £340 odd, but since then it had become necessary to re-cast another bell and make other minor improvements which brought up the total expenses to £422, as far as he could gather. He was glad to say he had about £410 given or promised, but he thought that about exhausted local resources, and it was hoped the Guild would help them out. To clear themselves they wanted

about £12, and if the Guild could give them anything they would be very grateful.

The Master: It will be a very grand peal of bells.

Mr. J. W. Washbrook moved that the Guild subscribe £5 towards the object, as he thought the Kidlington people should be encouraged. They had been members of the Guild from its commencement, and he thought the Guild ought to help them. Mr. E. Hind seconded, and it was carried.

On the invitation of Rev. A. H. Drummond, vicar of Boyne Hill, it was arranged to hold the annual festival in 1898 at Maidenhead. The selection of the place for the autumn meeting in October was left to the honorary secretary.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge briefly reported upon the last meeting of the Central Council, to which he was one of the representatives, and the meeting terminated.

The company then adjourned to the Exchange Hall, where a capital spread was laid by Mr. A. J. Kilby, of the Unicorn Hotel. About 130 attended, and thoroughly enjoyed the sumptuous and admirably served repast. The Mayor (Mr. W. Lake) presided, and his Worship was supported by the Master of the Guild (Rev. F. E. Robinson), the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (hon. sec.), the Rev. Canon Porter, Rev. L. E. Arden (Banbury), Rev. Canon Blagden (Hartley, Whitney), Rev. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), Rev. E. Broome (Hurst Vicarage, Twyford), Rev. H. J. Gepp (Adderbury), Rev. A. H. Drummond (Boyne Hill, Maidenhead), Rev. R. P. Newhouse (Boyne Hill), Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (Kidlington), Rev. T. Boniface (Deddington), Rev. J. P. Maleson (Great Tew), Rev. Canon Wood, R.D. (Cropredy), Rev. R. F. Mallam (Bloxham), Mr. A. H. Cocks (Great Marlow), Mr. J. P. Barford, Mr. W. H. Walkley, Mr. W. Potts (Banbury), Mr. W. Bradford (Bloxham, secretary of Deddington branch), Mr. Marshall (organist), etc. Representative ringers present, in addition to whose names appear elsewhere as taking part in the ringing, included Messrs. A. W. Truss, J. C. Truss, W. G. Garrell, W. Large, W. E. Yates, J. Monk, J. White, J. Pether, J. Vince, J. F. Barlow, V. Sear, J. W. Washbrook, R. Smith, C. Hounslow, J. E. Hern, H. Holifield, H. French, W. Newell, W. Jeffrey, H. Tucker, C. Hester, F. C. Exon and Baxter (the last-named of whom, a resident of Leamington, rang in his first peal a short time before Queen Victoria came to the throne).

The Mayor, in proposing the first toast, said he was sure they were all desirous that in that remarkable year he should express their feelings of devotion and love to that Queen who had graced the throne for sixty years. He was sure they would join with him in wishing Her Majesty still longer life, and if possible a happier and more prosperous reign. The toast being followed by the singing of the National Anthem,

The Mayor, rising again, announced that a letter of apology had been received from Mr. A. Brassey, M.P., who very much regretted that he was not able to be present at that festival.

Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed the health of the Vicar of Banbury, and said he was sure they all wished him (the Master of the Guild) to give Canon Porter a vote of thanks for placing his beautiful church at their disposal, and also for his service and very interesting sermon. They would also like to thank the choir and organist, and the gentlemen who had got the bells ready for ringing.

Canon Porter thanked the Master of the Guild very much indeed for the kind words in which he had proposed the toast, and the company for the hearty way in which they had received it. They had long been looking for the honour and pleasure of a meeting of the guild at Banbury. He made the attempt several times, but the meetings had generally been when he could not attend or was away on the short holidays he allowed himself, and they were ousted by some other place. It had been a happy event to get the guild at Banbury in, as the Mayor had said, that remarkable year, and he was very thankful to the guild, of which he had been a member from its beginning. It was a great pleasure to him to see them there, and he hoped to do so on many future occasions.

The Mayor said he had been honoured with the permission to propose one more toast, that of "Success to the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers." He would not detain them by many remarks upon the subject, because, of course, he had very little information with regard to the guild, but he might say he was delighted that day to hear them ring merrily the

peals upon their old church bells. They had been some time away from the sound of those bells, in consequence of their going away to be re-tuned, and they had felt like "fish out of water." He congratulated the members of the guild upon their position, both in regard to the number of towers and ringers. Everything which pertained to their shire they were delighted to see to the front, and that the Guild of Bell Ringers was to the front they could see by the list which appeared in the sixteenth annual report which he had before him. He had pleasure in proposing success to the guild, coupled with the name of its reverend father, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who was well known to all of them.

The Master of the Guild, who was very cordially received, said all members of the Guild thanked the Mayor of Banbury very much indeed for the kind expressions he had let fall with reference to the Guild. The Mayor believed the Guild was well to the front. With reference to change ringing, most of those present would remember the fine peal of London Surprise, consisting of 11,328 changes, which was rung on September 17th last, in the church of St. Peter, Drayton. A gentleman told him that that was the greatest length in the method which had ever been rung. And that was owing to the great skill and genius of one man, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who, wherever known, was respected both for his personal character and skill as a change ringer. They must remember that Mr. Washbrook, who composed and conducted that memorable peal of London Surprise, was one of themselves—he belonged to them—and he (the Master), on whose bells it was rung, had commemorated the fact by placing it on record in a place in the belfry. But Mr. Washbrook and themselves should remember that there were other worlds to conquer—there was more they might do, and he was quite sure if any man could do it, Mr. Washbrook was the man. Referring to the position of the Guild, the Master said their membership was 1,200, and their finances were out of debt, the last claim having been that day paid off. They had voted sums of money for the augmentation of Christ Church peal at Oxford, and also towards improvements in another belfry. They must all continue to work, for although they had done some things, there were others to be done. The ringers had made their mark with peals of six and eight bells, and before the year was out they were going to have a peal of twelve bells to ring, and they must try and make their mark with twelve bell work also. In expressing his regret at the small number of ringers from Oxford taking an active part in the work of the Guild, the Master said they wanted some of their friends who had gone from them lately to come back to them. They wanted a downright good band of twelve-bell ringers, and he trusted they might gather in others to their work, and that the Guild in the future would be as successful as it had been in the past. He thought they might be very thankful for the past as at the present moment, and he did hope they would go on working better, more honestly, and perseveringly, and with that good fellowship which had never been wanting in their Guild.

The Hon. Secretary (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis) in proposing the next toast, said they were very grateful to the head citizen of Banbury for his kindness in coming there and taking the chair that afternoon. He felt they owed a debt of gratitude to the Mayor not only on account of his carrying out his official duties so well, but for coming there on that occasion, although a Nonconformist. They were delighted to see another instance of the unity which underlaid their Christian faith. While they had been welcomed in the most cordial manner, and the Vicar of Banbury, his choir and organist, and officials of the church had shown the greatest interest in the work, the Mayor, although a Nonconformist, had not been backward, and it was a great pleasure to hear the Mayor propose the toast of the Guild and wish it success. He (Mr. Hart-Davis) did not suppose the Mayor, when he came there, had any idea of the extent and organisation of the Guild, and he dared say, after pursuing for a few minutes the report for the last year, his Worship would go away from that gathering with a larger idea of their importance. It was a great pleasure to the Guild to come to Banbury. Canon Porter was slightly aggrieved three years ago because they did not visit Banbury, but he (the speaker) ventured to say they had now come just at the right time. Through the energy of a great many people, and notably through the energy of Mr.

Bradford, a great friend of his, the formation of the Deddington branch had made a very considerable addition to their numbers, bringing in twelve honorary members, twelve change-ringers, one life subscriber, and forty-seven probationers up to the present, making a total of seventy-two, with nine towers. There was the seed sown, and he had no doubt from that seed a great tree would grow. Mr. Hart-Davis coupled with the toast of the Mayor the representative of local effort, their excellent secretary of the Deddington branch, Mr. W. Bradford.

The Mayor said he rose with considerable pleasure to return thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and the generous reception accorded it. As the rev. gentleman remarked, he had been very much surprised since he had come there to know what a large organisation they represented. He had no idea it comprised hundreds of members, or that there would be such a large gathering that afternoon. It had been a very great pleasure indeed to him to be there. He went there as a duty, and he was very pleased to meet them, among whom were gentlemen who happened to be well known to him. He thanked them for their kindly reception of him, and he hoped when the guild came to Banbury again the ringers would give them as good a peal as they had that day.

Mr. W. Bradford also returned thanks, and said anything he had done to further the success of the festival had given him the greatest pleasure imaginable, and he would not have succeeded so well but for the great help given him by Canon Porter. As long as he could do anything for the guild he would be most happy to do it.

The proceedings terminated with cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Kilby for their excellent catering, on the proposition of the Mayor.

The members thereupon dispersed in drags or by train to ring in the following towers: Adderbury, Deddington, Cropredy, Hook Norton, King's Sutton, and Middleton Cheney, and thus a very pleasant and successful festival was brought to a close.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY BRANCH.—A District Meeting of the above branch was held at Hitcham on Saturday, July 17th. Twenty-two members put in an appearance from Sudbury (All Saints), Long Melford, Lavenham, Monks Eleigh, Preston, Bildeston, Hitcham and Great Bentley, Touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the day on the bells of the parish church. The use of the bells being kindly given by the Rector, Rev. Canon Grant. At 4 p.m. the members sat down to an excellent meat tea, at the White Horse Inn. The Rev. F. J. Dickinson (curate of Hitcham, and an hon. member of the Association) presided, supported by Mr. C. Sillitoe (district secretary), Mr. C. Bixby (Melford), Mr. W. Howell (Sudbury), Mr. A. Symonds (Lavenham), etc. Mr. H. Sewell (Hitcham) taking the vice-chair.

The Rector sent a letter to the secretary regretting his inability to preside, and wishing the members a pleasant gathering. The business meeting was held after tea. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which was passed and signed by the chairman. Mr. R. Sadler, of Lavenham, was elected a member of the Association.

The Secretary proposed, and Mr. Bixby seconded, that the next meeting be held at All Saints, Sudbury, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Bedingfield proposed, and Mr. A. Symonds seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, also to the rector for kindly granting the use of the bells. The Chairman, in acknowledging the vote, addressed the members in suitable terms, and said he would convey the thanks of the meeting to the aged rector.

During the evening a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells. C. Bixby, 1-2; A. Symonds, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; W. J. Nevard, 7-8; W. Howell, 9-10. Also courses of Bob Major, Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples.

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## ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

This annual event (falling on a Sunday this year) was celebrated on Saturday, the 26th June last, and formed a good finish to the week's Jubilee festivities. The bells of St. Mary's church were rung in the early morning, and at intervals throughout the day.

The service took place at 12 o'clock, the specially-arranged form of prayer being used by the Vicar, who also read the lesson. The memorial sermon was preached by the Rev. F. H. Fisher, Rural Dean, and Rector of Debden, who delivered a most appropriate discourse from the words: "In the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginning of your months ye shall blow with the trumpets, that they may be a memorial before your God." He said there were no bells in those days but trumpets, and these were sounded in order to call people together in the same manner as the bells were used in the present day to summon people to the House of God. Having referred to the introduction of bells in the earlier days of Christianity, and that many of their churches (some in that neighbourhood) had bells of great antiquity, he said that if they were rung they should be rung in due order, and that was not so easy a matter as the world thought. To ring bells required care, thought, and careful training. There must be ringing for practice, but the one thought should be that for which ringing was primarily intended. There had always been a great desire on the part of Englishmen to excel in the art of ringing, and the ringers of that church had attained very great eminence in ringing changes. But apart from this, there should be the consideration of the use of bells as to when they should be used, and by whom used. When should the bells be rung? When should they offer in the tower the best use of the bells they were able to perform? In the days of their gladness on their solemn assemblies, or solemn days. Around their days of gladness they had founded not only days of religious joy, but days of domestic and family joy. Then bells were also used, both for their mourning and for their national rejoicing. At the great gathering at St. Paul's Cathedral that week, the bells rang out not only until the procession drew near, but also during the service itself. Each bell took its part and was struck so that its note fell in harmony with the notes of the *Te Deum*. It was a matter which had been given great and careful preparation beforehand and was done so well that the note was not a jarring note, but was so in harmony that it passed quite unobserved as a part of the great service of thanksgiving which ascended there in the open air to God. They could not pass the thought that the bells could be used unworthily as well. He felt that in times past their bells had been rung either on some occasion of political faction or rejoicing, or at other times for some things which were not to do with the services of the Church. As to the question "By whom should the bells be rung," the preacher said it was very clear that the trumpets of old were always blown by the priests, and he thought it well for the parish priest now to bear his part in the ringing as far as he could. It gave a religious stamp to it and marked it as being part of the worship of God. They were rung for two reasons, they spoke to man and they spoke to God. It was a solemn thought when they rang out in thanksgiving to God for all His blessings, and it was a pleading voice that they were His people and anxious to serve Him. Ringers who were the summoners of God's people, who expressed the religious joys or sorrows of God's people, should see that they were fit for that service. It was a grand thought. They must fulfil the exhortation of the priests. When they were ringing those bells, they were handling a lovely thing, and as they rang their bells he would ask all ringers to take care that their hearts and lives rang out the same time as their bells, proclaiming far and wide lives of justice, prudence, temperance and faith.

The annual dinner took place at The King's Arms, at half-past one. The Mayor (Mr. J. Gillings) presided, and among those present were the Rev. J. T. Steele (vicar), Rev. F. H. Fisher (preacher), Alderman Leverett (churchwarden), and Mr. J. W. Burningham (sidesman). Owing to a meeting relating to the schools, the clergy and Churchwarden Leverett were compelled to leave immediately after the repast.

The Mayor, in proposing "The Health of the Queen," said it was a toast he was sure would be received with enthusiasm.

He hoped Her Majesty might be spared so they might have another Jubilee. A verse of the National Anthem was sung. The Mayor said he was entrusted with another toast which gave him pleasure to propose, and that was "Success to the St. Mary's Society of change-ringers." They should know that although the society had undergone a few changes it was established about 274 years ago. He was sure the Saffron Walden Society was worthy of all praise, and had turned out a good lot of ringers. Such peals had been rung upon their bells as few other companies could boast of and such as were seldom rung. He was pleased to see so many ringers present from other places to assist their company that day. He was sure all regretted the absence of the Master of the Society (Mr. Edward Taylor) who was not well enough to attend. His illness was to be regretted, and he hoped he would soon recover. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Mr. Frederick Pitstow.

Mr. F. Pitston in replying, said he was pleased to hear the remark made by their preacher that morning as to the eminence their company had obtained, as the tablets in the church recorded. They had mastered most of the difficult methods during the past few years, and were anxious to accomplish a peal of London Surprise, and thought they would be able to do it. That would be a great record for them. He thanked the Mayor on behalf of the Society for his kind remarks.

Mr. N. J. Pitstow, in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said he was pleased to see so many present, and thanked them for their attendance, and especially one, who when in India cast glances back on Old England, and in "Church Bells," the then only ringing paper, reviewed the then state of change-ringing here. In one of those papers he referred to the Saffron Walden company, and stated that some of them were able to ring Treble Bob, as four of them had then recently, with four of the Glemsford Society, rung a peal in that method. Two of the four of the Glemsford Society were present that day, and the Saffron Walden Society had put into practice the advice of "Looker-On-in-India," and taught young ringers, and to this he attributed the success of the society. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Rees.

Mr. Rees, in reply, said all were glad to meet the Walden company, as they felt they were among good ringers. Personally there was no place he liked so much as Walden. He thanked them for the kind reception they had given himself and brother-ringers. Mr. Ernest Pitstow proposed "The Health of the Mayor," who suitably responded, and a course of Grandsire Caters was then rung on the handbells. The ringers then adjourned to the belfry, and returned to The King's Arms towards the evening, when a social evening was spent. Before separating, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Perry for their excellent catering.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the half-yearly meeting of the above was held at the Red Lion Inn, Ossett, when members assembled from Dewsbury, Ossett, Liversedge, Batley Carr, and other places. The minutes of the previous meeting being passed, several propositions were submitted to the meeting to be confirmed at the next yearly meeting, viz.: That the Association choose neutral judges at future contests. That contests be left open to all members, but no stationed ringer leaves his tower to ring with another company without the consent of his company. That a committee meeting be called next month to revise the rules, and that all towers be represented at that meeting to assist in the same. That eight-bell companies may ring at an eight-bell competition with four of their stationed company; and six-bell companies with three of their stationed company. A six-bell contests band companies ring what they like.

Much "controversy" was shown at the meeting betwixt the six and eight-bell ringers, but at the same time the arguments brought forward by the different members proved to show that each one intended to give fair play to each member.

After the business was transacted, Mr. Chas. Senior proposed, and Mr. J. Kuddesden seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the president (Mr. Sydney Goodall) for the able manner in which he conducted the meeting, and also to the secretary for his interest in the welfare of the Association.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Festival of this Association was held in Bath on Saturday, July 10th. About fifty members from all parts of the diocese assembled at 12.30 at the Alliance Refreshment Rooms, Westgate Street, where a capital dinner was enjoyed. Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (the Master) presided, supported by the Revs. H. A. Cockey (Oldland), H. C. Courtney (Minehead), J. E. W. Honnywill (Leigh-on-Mendip), J. V. Buckland (Taunton), Mr. Quantock-Shulldham, and Mr. H. W. Tompkins (Secretary and Treasurer). After dinner, the toast of "The Queen" was loyally honoured, and the company adjourned to the Bath Abbey Church House, where a meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Boutflower. The Hon. Secretary mentioned that he had received a large number of letters of apology from persons unable to be present. He then read the report for 1896, which stated that the year started with a balance in hand of £13 18s. 11d., and at the end of the year there was a balance to the good of £13 7s. 10d. This was a slight decrease, but it should be remembered that in 1895 there was a sum of £7 (two life members' subscriptions) to swell the balance. This year they had no receipt of this kind. There had been a steady increase in the number of members, both honorary and performing, who thus swelled the receipts, and their expenses all the way round had been less than in the previous year. Financially, therefore, the Association was in a satisfactory and sound condition. At the commencement of the year they had 320 performing members with six life and forty-two hon. members, while they finished with 350 performing, six life, and fifty hon. members. As to their progress scientifically, it was really not so great as it appeared on paper. Too much affection was still shown for the well-worn standard method of Grandsire. Probably the cause of this was to be found in the lack of good conductors in the more difficult methods rather than through any lack of zeal on the part of members generally. Peals could not be rung as a general rule without conductors, and it required much study and practice to become an efficient conductor in some of the more difficult methods. This deficiency, it was to be hoped, time would remedy.

In moving the adoption of the report the Chairman expressed the hope that more advance would be made in other methods than Grandsire, and that they would be able to devote some part of the funds to instruction in change-ringing, so that it might be an inducement to others to join the Association. In some parts of the diocese there were no change-ringers at all.

The Rev. H. C. Courtney seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation. The vice-presidents were all re-elected.

The Chairman then proposed the election of the Rev. H. C. Courtney as Master, characterising him as the very best in the diocese they could have; he had plenty of time at his disposal, and was one who had done a great deal in his part of the diocese for change-ringing. He was sure he would do what he could to advance the interests of the Association during the coming year. Mr. J. Burge seconded, and the nominee, having been unanimously elected, took the chair, and thanked the members for his election. He said he intended to visit every tower in the diocese, and try if he could infuse a little more life into the Association. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. T. Radford, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Tompkins, was re-elected with acclamation, the Chairman paying a high tribute to his able discharge of the secretarial duties. The Chairman and Mr. Boutflower were elected representatives on the Central Council; and several names were added to the members' list, including that of Mrs. Quantock-Shulldham. Mr. Boutflower felt that the diocese was rather too large to work as one whole, and suggested splitting it up into branches in the deaneries. These branches should each have its own chairman and secretary, and should arrange to hold meetings in their deaneries, and induce those who did not belong to the Association to join it. He proposed the alteration of the rules accordingly, and presented rules for these branches. Mr. Rupert Lewis seconded, remarking that he fell in entirely with what Mr. Boutflower had said. The original idea was to work the Association by the

deaneries, which should be governed by local hands. The suggestion was the only way in which the work of the Association could be properly carried out. The motion was adopted.

The Rev. J. E. Honnywill gave the Association a cordial invitation to Leigh-on-Mendip, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at that place.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. Canon Quirk for the use of the Abbey bells and room, and to the past Master, Hon. Secretary, local secretary, and others, concluded the business. All the belfries in the city were open to the members.

A short service was held in the Abbey at four o'clock. Prayers were said by the Rev. C. J. Hollis, and the lesson was read by the Rector (Canon Quirk). The Association's special form of service was used. In the course of a brief address the Rector referred to the fact that they had been able to rehang the bells in the Abbey tower. He welcomed the members of the Association, and hoped that the acquaintance which had begun that day would ripen into a useful friendship. If they studied the history of church bells they would find that they were in their origin and in their use exclusively religious if not Christian. Bells had always been used for religious purposes. If bells in their origin and in their use were especially religious and Christian, the least they could expect was that the ringers should be religious; each ringer should be a religious man. Bells were a consecrated part of the church, and were just as much part and parcel of it as any other part of the church.

## THE BATTLE SOCIETY, SUSSEX.

PRESENTATION.—On Tuesday evening, July 6th, a very interesting presentation took place in the belfry of St. Mary's parish church, Mr. Joshua Mathis, a former member of the Battle branch of the Sussex County Association, being the recipient from his late colleagues of a handsome brass table lamp, fitted with Vulcan burner, and bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Joshua Mathis by the honorary and active members of the Battle Society of church bell-ringers, on the occasion of his marriage, June 2nd, 1897." The proceedings opened with a 850 Grandsire Triples, followed by a 518 in the same method, conducted by Walter Franks. There were also present Messrs. Lock and Livermore (hon. members), W. Thomas, F. Mathis, W. H. Eldridge, W. Eastland, J. Sinden, W. Metcalf, and C. Carter. In making the presentation, Mr. Franks (the leader) said: Mr. Mathis, on behalf of the honorary and active members, I have very great pleasure in presenting you with this lamp on the occasion of your marriage, and also as a recognition of your past services to the society. Although not a member at the present time, I am exceedingly pleased to find that you are still a member of the Sussex Association, which shows the keen interest you continue to take in bell ringing, which is also borne out by the fact that no matter when we call upon you we always find you ready to come forward and do what you can to help us. I sincerely hope we shall one day see you back within the fold of our society. In making this presentation, I am sure I am only uttering the sentiments of others in wishing you and Mrs. Mathis long life and prosperity in your new undertaking.

Mr. Mathis, in responding, said the matter came as a great surprise to him. Having left the society so long, he had no idea the members would come forward at this time with such a magnificent present which he should always look on as one of his specials, and he could only thank them most heartily for their kindness. He should always look upon it as a reflection of the many happy hours he had spent with them, and at any time that they required his services he would only be too pleased to do what he could for them.

Before the presentation 350 Grandsire Triples were rung. W. H. Eldridge, 1; J. Livermore, 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Lock, 5; W. Eastland, 6; W. Franks, 7; J. Sinden, 8. And afterwards 540 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; W. Eastland, 3; F. Lock, 4; J. Livermore, 5; W. Eastland, 6; J. Mathis, 7; C. Carter, 8. 29th June, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; G. Watson, 3; F. A. Kennett, 4; J. Livermore, 5; W. Franks, 6; S. Saker (conductor), 7; W. Metcalf, 8.

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## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Thursday, July 13th, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Bedwell, 1; E. H. Nixon, 2; H. Hill, 3; J. Hack, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; W. Grove (conductor), 6; A. Neale, 7; H. Sandeford, 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples. On Sunday evening, July 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Harman, 1; A. Neale, 2; W. Bedwell (conductor), 3; H. Hill, 4; R. Carter, 5; W. Aldridge, 6; H. Harvey, 7; H. Sandeford, 8.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, July 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeffries, 1; J. Rose, 2; W. Dawe, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; G. Daynes (conductor), 5; W. Johnson, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; J. Law, 8.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Monday, July 12th, on the occasion of the visit of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales to open the new hospital at Hither Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. C. Walker, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; H. Barrett, 3; T. G. Deal, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. T. Kettle, 8. Several other touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were rung during the evening, in which Messrs. F. W. Thornton, I. G. Shade, W. Foreman and H. Flanders, of Greenwich took part, together with W. J. Jeffries, of St. John's, Deptford.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On June 6th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles). E. Sedge, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; S. Beach, 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Coast, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; S. Beach, 6. On June 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Coast, 1; W. Spice, 2; E. Day, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; S. Beach, 6. On June 20th, being Ascension Day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; C. Millway, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (18 bobs and 2 singles). W. Hollands, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway (conductor), 5; S. Beach, 6. The bells were also fired sixty times both before the morning and after the evening services. On July 4th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Coast, 1; \*E. Allen, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; E. Day, 6. \*First 720 in the method. On July 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Beach, 1; J. Grensted, 2; S. Perkins, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; E. Day, 5; C. Millway (conductor), 6. On July 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 5; E. Day, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (15 bobs). S. Beach, 1; J. Grensted, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway (conductor), 5; E. Day, 6. Spice hails from Charing, Allen from Borden, Perkins from Tunbridge Wells and Rev. F. J. O. Helmore from Canterbury.

## THE CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—Recently at St. George's church, a 1540 of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 2 mins. C. Barber, 1; H. Meakin, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; A. S. Gordon (St. Mary's, Stockport), 5; I. W. Bailey, 6; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 7; E. Williamson, 8. On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service, 562 Grandsire Triples. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; J. S. Wilde (Hyde), 4; H. Meakin, 5; T. Marshall, 6; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 7; I. W. Bailey, 8. On Monday, July 5th, for practice, a 516 of Grandsire Triples. C. Barber, 1; H. Meakin, 2; T. Jackson, 3; R. Langford (Crewe), 4; T. Marshall, 5; I. W. Bailey, 6; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 7; E. Williamson, 8. On Monday, July 12th, a 447 Grandsire Triples. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; H. Meakin, 4; T. Marshall, 5; I. W. Bailey, 6; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 7; E. Williamson, 8. On Sunday, July 18th, for morning service, a 462 Grandsire Triples. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; I. W. Bailey, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Pearson, 6; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 7; E. Williamson, 8.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks.).—On Friday, July 9th, at the parish church, a 1008 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. J. Titchener, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; C. Hall, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; R. Fenwick, 5; W. Rudd, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; T. Metcalfe, 8. On Friday, July 16th, 420 Stedman Triples. W. J. Titchener, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; W. Rudd, 3; C. Hall, 4; R. Fenwick, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; Rev. W. P. Wright (Stokesley), 8. On Sunday, July 18th, 420 Stedman Triples. F. Howcroft, 1; J. Carter, 2; C. Hall, 3; R. Fenwick, 4; W. Rudd, 5; T. Metcalfe, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Walland (Ilkley, Yorks), 8. On Monday, July 19th, four members of the above branch rode over on their bikes to Stokesby (10 miles), to give the ringers, who are desirous of acquiring the art, a lesson, when 360 of Bob Minor was rung. A. McFarlane, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; W. Rudd, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright, 6.

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## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Wednesday, June 30th, 360 Bob Minor. A. Lance, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; W. Norris, 3; C. George, 4; H. Martin, 5; G. Price (conductor), 6. Also 180 Canterbury Minor. H. Parker, 1; H. Martin, 2; W. Norris, 3; C. George, 4; W. Carpenter, 5; G. Price (conductor), 6. And 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Lance, 1; H. Parker, 2; H. Martin, 3; W. Carpenter, 4; W. Norris, 5; C. George, 6; G. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8. On Sunday evening, July 4th, for Divine Service, 536 Grandsire Triples. F. Glennerster, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. George, 3; W. Carpenter, 4; H. Martin, 5; W. Norris, 6; G. Price (conductor), 7; P. Read, 8. On Wednesday, July 7th, 360 Bob Minor. F. Glennerster, 1; A. Lance, 3; G. Price (conductor), 4; H. Martin, 5; C. George, 6; W. Norris, 7; J. Alexander, 8. On Sunday morning, July 11th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. P. Read, 1; A. Lance, 2; G. Price (conductor), 3; W. Norris, 4; C. George, 5; H. Martin, 6; J. Alexander, 8. Also 120 Grandsire Minor. A. Lance, 1; W. Norris, 2; P. Read, 3; H. Martin, 4; C. George (conductor), 6; J. Alexander, 8. On Wednesday, July 14th, for practice, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles with 6-8 covering. C. George, 1; H. Martin, 3; F. Smith, 4; W. Oakley, 5; A. Lance, 6; G. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8. Also 360 Canterbury Minor. A. Lance, 1; H. Martin, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. Oakley, 4; C. George, 5; G. Price (conductor), 6; J. Alexander, 8. And 180 Bob Minor. C. George, 1; A. Lance, 2; G. Price (conductor), 3; H. Martin, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. Oakley, 6; J. Alexander, 8. Also 180 Canterbury Minor. A. Lance, 1; C. George, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. Oakley, 4; H. Martin, 5; G. Price (conductor), 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—On May 31st, at St. Peter's church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. Rev. C. G. Littlehales, 1; I. Hammond (conductor), 2; W. Chalk, jun., 3; W. Chalk, 4; C. Ballard, 5; A. Brockis, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. A. Brockis, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Chalk, jun., 3; S. Rushen, 4; C. Ballard, 5; W. Chalk (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 22nd, eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Trowles, 1; T. Hammond (conductor), 2; A. Brockis, 3; S. Rushen, 4; C. Ballard, 5; H. Syder, 6. On Sunday morning, July 4th, for Divine Service, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Seagar, 1; W. Trowles, 2; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 3; S. Rushen, 4; T. Hammond (conductor), 5; H. Syder, 6. In the evening five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. S. Rushen, 1; W. Trowles, 2; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 3; T. Hammond (conductor), 4; C. Ballard, 5; H. Syder, 6. The Rev. C. G. Littlehales hails from Goldhanger; Messrs. Chalk (2) from Malden; Richell, Young (2) and Argent to Boreham; the rest belong to Great Totham.

BOREHAM (Essex).—On Monday, June 7th, on the way to the Annual Meeting of the Association, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Andrew's church. W. Trowles, 1; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 2; W. Chalk, jun., 3; S. Rushen, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; A. Brockis, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. A. Brockis, 1; H. Argent, 2; T. Hammond, 3; S. Rushen, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; W. Chalk, jun., 6. And a touch of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Richell, 1; Jos. Young, 2; W. Chalk, jun., 3; James Young, 4; H. Argent, 5; W. Chalk, 6.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TIMBERLAND.—On Sunday evening, July 4th, 720 Bob Minor. M. Warrington, 1; F. Curtis, 2; J. Wright, 3; A. West, 4; J. Holmes, 5; W. Dickinson (conductor), 6. Messrs. Warrington, Holmes, and Dickinson hails from Heckington; the rest belong to the local band.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, June 20th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, Mr. C. Smart's Jubilee touch of Grandsire Triples. F. Hilton, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Warrington, 4; J. Clark, 5; W. Dickinson (conductor), 6; E. Houlnden, 7; G. Wood, 8. On Sunday morning, June 27th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Dickinson (conductor), 1; S. Skinner, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Hilton, 4; J. Clark, 5; J. Holmes, 6; E. Houlnden, 7; G. Ward, 8. On Sunday evening, July 11th, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Hilton, 1; S. Skinner, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Warrington, 4; J. Holmes, 5; J. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; E. Houlnden, 8.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, June 10th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. Tubb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Webb, 4; G. Miles, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. And 360 College Single. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Sparks, 4; G. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; W. Webb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; G. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And 360 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. Tubb, 3; W. Tubb, 4;

F. Carroway, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Milly Rathgeb, eldest daughter of Mr. J. C. Rathgeb, of Wolverton, Church End, Finchley, and Mr. Samuel Carey Clements, of Streatham. On Sunday evening, June 20th, after Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Mulley, 1; W. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; E. Tubb, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, July 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Miles, 1; T. Card, 2; J. Cornell, 3; R. Bevan, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. T. Card hails from Tunbridge Wells; Bevan from Gospel Oak; Martin from Hendon.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Whit Sunday, June 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) in 43 mins. W. Foster, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; E. Harris, 3; J. Basden, 4; C. Hindes, 5; H. G. Rowe, 6; A. Taber (conductor), 7; H. Browning, 8. On Saturday, June 19th, the usual whole pull and stand with the bells muffled, followed by touches of Grandsire Triples as a token of respect to Mr. G. Beauchamp, one of the old local company, aged eighty-seven years. J. Basden (conductor), 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; E. Beadle, 3; G. Ransom, 4; E. Harris, 5; C. Edwards, 6; A. Fryer, 7; A. Taber, 8. On Tuesday, June 22nd, interspersed with volleys of firing at intervals throughout the day. On Sunday, July 11th, the bells were rung for Divine Service deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to Mr. Churchwarden Boylan, who died rather suddenly the day before, aged sixty-two years. He was also an honorary member of the South and West Middlesex Guild. For morning service the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a short touch of Grandsire Triples. J. Basden (conductor), 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Naylor, 3; C. Witchlow, 4; E. Harris, 5; H. Browning, 6; A. Taber, 7; H. Stemp, 8. For evening service 1092 Grandsire Triples. W. Naylor, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; G. Ransom, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; A. Taber, 5; E. Harris, 6; A. Fryer, 7; H. Stemp, 8.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNURRY (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, July 14th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Burchell, 1; S. Phipps, 2; W. G. Symes, 3; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; J. G. Poole, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; W. Jeffries, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Davies, 1; A. J. Burchell, 2; F. Poole, 3; J. G. Poole, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; T. Alsop, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; S. Cullimore, 8. And 168 in the same method. W. Davis, 1; S. Phipps, 2; A. J. Burchell, 3; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 4; C. Eddington, 5; J. G. Poole, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; W. Jeffries, 8. The Rev. H. C. Courtney, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, hails from Minehead.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—Recently on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). A. Symonds, 1-2; F. Symonds, 3-4; R. Grimwood, 5-6. On Sunday evening, July 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Boby, 1; F. Symonds, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds, 6; R. Grimwood, 7; T. King (conductor), 8.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, July 4th, 720 New London Pleasure (nine bobs). H. Symonds, 1; F. Symonds, 2; R. Grimwood, 3; A. Symonds, 4; A. Hollocks, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs, 5th the observation). H. Symonds, 1; T. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; R. Grimwood (conductor), 5; A. Symonds, 6. On Saturday evening, July 10th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). H. Symonds, 1; F. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; C. Levett (first in the method), 4; A. Symonds, 5; R. Grimwood, 6.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, July 11th, on handbells, 336 Bob Major. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; R. Keeble, 3-4; A. Keeble, 5-6; R. Grimwood (conductor), 7-8.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSSENS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 4th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor in 25½ mins. T. Hunter (conductor), 1; T. Hosker, jun., 2; T. Hosker, sen., 3; R. Brookfield, 4; F. Ambrose, 5; J. Brookfield, 6. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of Miss Bulpit.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEWER (near Windsor).—At the monthly meeting held at Clewer, on Saturday, July 3rd, ringers attended from Boyne Hill, Burnham, Fulmer, Farnham Royal, Bray, Old Windsor, Winkfield, Stoke Poges and Slough. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock with several 120 Grandsire Doubles, and 720 of Oxford Bob, being the first 720 of Union upon these bells. G. Gutteridge, 1; R. Flaxman, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; G. Basden, 4; G. Alder, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6. A 720 Grandsire was also rung. B. Brown (his first 720), 1; J. J.



Parker (conductor), 2; G. Basden, 3; R. Flaxman, 4; C. Clarke, 5; G. Alder, 6.

MORTIMER (Berks).—On Tuesday, July 6th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Cox, 1; W. Horn, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; W. Jerram, 5; H. Busson, 6; K. Mason (conductor), 7; F. Eatwell, 8. W. Horn hails from Beenham.

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

RAWMARSH (Yorks).—On Saturday, July 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. Farmery, 4; S. Wild, 5; T. Whitworth (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Whitworth, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; W. Lambert (conductor), 6; rest as above. The above was rung after meeting one short for a practice of Bob Major. Brothwell, Lambert, Walker and Whitworth hail from Treeton; other two from Rawmarsh.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Friday evening, July 9th, eight members of the above Associations rang a date touch of 1897 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Worthington, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; H. Madin, 3; W. Daffin, 4; S. Smedley, 5; W. Worthington, 6; J. Harris (composer and conductor), 7; S. Palmer, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of F. J. Fenton, Esq., Amber Villa, Ashover, a native and formerly a well-known tradesman of Staveley. Mr. Fenton, who has left Staveley some fifteen years, takes great interest in ringing, and has just sent a donation of £5 towards the cost of the two new bells at Staveley.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 18th, for Divine Service in the morning, 240 each of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. T. Ansell, 1; E. Jordan, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan, 6. Also for the evening service, 240 each of Violet and Kent Treble Bob. T. M. Stedman, 3; E. Holloway, 5; the rest as before.—[For the foregoing no conductor is given. We shall be pleased to comply with our correspondent's request in due time.—Ed.]

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, July 20th, at the Abbey, after the annual festival of the Guild, 360 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. Rev. C. E. Matthews, 1; J. Elcombe, jun., 2; G. Newman, 3; F. Russen, 4; H. Dunn, 5; E. King, 6; T. Cole (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. Rev. C. E. Matthews, 1; J. Elcombe, jun., 2; G. Newman, 3; R. White, 4; H. Dunn, 5; F. Russen, 6; T. Cole (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRAXALL (Somerset).—On Sunday, July 11th, for morning service at All Saints' church, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Winsor, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; J. Yond, 3; J. Bishop (conductor), 4; A. Waters, 5; J. Harvey, 6; J. Winsor, 7; W. Clark, 8. C. Horton hails from Bristol; A. Waters from Barrow Gurney.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, July 4th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; W. Smith, 2; J. Bennett, 3; N. Davis, 4; T. Salter, 5; E. Hunt (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; G. Salter, 8. \*First 504 as conductor.

NETHERTON.—On Friday, July 16th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 minutes. H. Price, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Micklewright, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. W. Smith (conductor), 6. Rung to commemorate the sixty-seventh anniversary of the opening of the church. On Sunday, July 18th, 720 Oxford Bob, in 25½ minutes. H. Price, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Smith, 3; E. Hampton, 4; J. W. Smith, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the Sunday School Anniversary.

BARWELL (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, July 6th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob in 29 mins. W. White, 1; E. Smith, 2; G. White, 3; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 4; W. Needham, 5; H. Needham, 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. W. Needham, who hails from Hull, and was on a visit to his native village. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, June 20th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Grandsire Triples. G. Freeman, 1; F. Hill, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. Hill, 5; P. Allfrey, 6; W. Allfrey (composer and conductor), 7; R. Wood, 8. On Tuesday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Freeman, 1; F. Hill, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; A. Allfrey, 5; W. Allfrey (conductor), 6; P. Allfrey, 7; G. Hill, 8. The above members chimed the National Anthem on the church bells.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, July 18th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, two 720s of Grandsire Doubles on the back six. W. Joynson, 1; E. Channel, 2; C. Price, 3; H. Dew, 4; W. Moulton, 5; L. Schofield (conductor), 6. Rung as a compliment to Messrs. Swindley, Tomlinson, and Pritchard, who that morning paid a visit to the tower.

COLN ST. ALDWYN (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, July 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; H. Roberts, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchener (conductor), 5; T. Smith, 6. On Sunday, July 11th, 720 Treble Bob. H. Roberts (conductor), 1; T. Wittchell, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchener, 5; T. Smith, 6.

HATHEROP (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, July 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Barnett, 1; T. Smith, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; H. Roberts (conductor), 5; J. Kitchener, 6. On July 11th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; T. Wittchell, 2; H. Roberts, 3; H. Griffin, 4; T. Smith, 5; J. Kitchener (conductor), 6.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 11th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Ward, 1; W. Ward, 2; S. Wade, 3; A. Pittam, 4; W. Dixon, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Jacob (conductor), 1; S. Wade, 2; W. Ward, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; A. Pittam, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. A. Jacob (conductor), 1; E. King, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; S. Wade, 5; C. Fordham, 6. And 240 Bob Minor. H. Stubbs, 1; S. Wade, 2; W. Ward, 3; A. Pittam (conductor), 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; A. Jacob, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service at St. Mary Abbots church, Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. G. Brush, 1; H. W. Cotton, 2; A. E. Bradley, 3; R. A. Daniell, Esq., 4; W. E. Judd, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; H. Wilson, 8.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Wednesday, June 30th, for practice at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins. S. C. Reaves, 1; H. Gowers, 2; W. Miller, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Moule, 5; E. Wightman (conductor), 6.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, July 6th, at the parish church, 784 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Freeman, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; E. C. Bacon, 3; E. Wightman, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, July 11th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 448 Grandsire Triples. J. Cooles, 1; R. Watson, 2; T. Holmes, 3; C. Cooke, 4; H. Haigh (East Retford), 5; H. Tarver, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. Shotton, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday evening, July 11th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original in 40 mins. S. Barnes, 1; G. Cartmel (conductor), 2; R. Weatherley, 3; J. Randall, 4; R. Hammond, 5; A. Hallett, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7; G. Wright, 8.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD (Oxon).—On July 7th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Barnett, 1; W. Longshaw, 2; C. Bate, 3; T. Wittchell, 4; H. Griffin, 5; J. Kitchener (conductor), 6; H. Roberts, 7; T. Smith, 8.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, July 4th, for the children's Flower Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Burchell, 1; S. Phipps, 2; W. Symes, 3; W. Gale, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; J. Poole, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; W. Hollister, 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."

SIR,—In your issue of June 26th, I notice a report of touches rung by the ringers of St. John's Cardiff, on Jubilee Day, which was two 324s of Grandsire Caters, also 447, 504; 168, and 447 of Grandsire Triples, and 252 of Bob Triples; also on Sunday, June 20th, the touches rung and which appeared in your issue of July 3rd, read as follows: 336, 350, 256, 462, 266, 336, and 112, with a footnote, that through the bad "go" of the tenor it was impossible to ring longer touches, and the same applies to Jubilee Day. Then in this week's issue, July 17th, a report appeared that two touches of 648 Grandsire Caters was rung, which is longer than any of the touches reported before, so which of the reports is correct. I don't think, Mr. Editor, by the amount of touches reported to have been brought into rounds true, and the amount of touches which did not come into rounds by the bad striking which was not caused all by the bad "go" of the tenor, the ringers have much to complain with the "go" of St. John's tenor.

EDWARD COOK.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

From forty-four peals to five is a considerable drop. The latter number only being recorded last week. This of course we may expect, as I previously remarked that ringing would be considerably abridged during the present season. Many will be looking forward to the time when peal-ringing can be done under pleasant conditions. I hear that some extreme lengths are under consideration, in more methods than one; lengths the mention of which begets the conviction that they will not be obtained just yet. Some of them may be considered possible of attainment, but others certainly come under that denomination known as "Quixotic."

That ceremony known as the unveiling of a peal-tablet is on the increase. Well it is a very good mode of not only drawing attention to the Art, but its efficacy in enlisting the attention of the incumbent, who is generally asked to officiate. When the rev. gentleman is ignorant of the aims and objects of ringing, ceremonies of this kind lead to an introduction to the belfry, which in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred, yields good fruit. If the churchwardens can be also implicated, together with a good sprinkling of churchwomen, the company of ringers concerned are very poor tacticians if they cannot make some good out of it.

New bells, and additions to old rings, seems to be the order of the day. We can put up with a lot of this, and can wade through hosts of reports of openings of new bells before we get tired. I should just like to give a hint to those whom it may concern with regard to proposed augmentation. Don't attempt to go in for more than you are able to bear. What I mean by this is—be moderate when you are pressing upon the church authorities any restoration or addition. Don't ask for too much. If you want to make your six into eight, don't be too persistent. You may try to get the new frame made to hold eight, but be content to wait for the two new trebles when you can see a possibility of their "coming off."

Of course I am for augmentations everywhere. But I think it unwise to worry people into them. Because you know all these things mean money. And John Bull, when his pocket is about to undergo the process of tapping, is apt to jib. *Verb. sap.*

Those affairs known as "beanfeasts" or "outings," will soon be in full song, if they are not already. Do any of my readers know the origin of the former term, viz.: "beanfeast?" What sort of bean did the originator of the word feed on? I have heard the phrase "Give him beans," but I have an idea that that does not mean an invitation to partake of the vegetable, but something else. Evidently the origin of the term "beanfeast" is lost in obscurity.

There appears to be more ringing veterans who rang at the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Victoria than was at first imagined. We get a fresh one every week. What a great pity the invitation given for a list of these worthy old fellows was not responded to in the first instance, so that a complete compilation could have been published. But it was ever thus. We get the list of old veterans in pieces or parts, not in one main course, as we ought to have had them.

Next week brings up the coupon part-end. Now is the time to examine your collections, and if not complete to make them so. I expect that is what my old friend George, of Rugby, was after, when he advertised last week his want of copies of "THE BELL NEWS." It is possible some of those who are going in for this thing are a coupon or two short, and if so there is no time for them to lose.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## Ringers' Outings.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—The ringers of St. Mary's church, Bucknall, had their annual outing on Saturday, June 26th, the place selected being Crewe, the journey being made by road. Starting from Bucknall at 4 p.m., we arrived at Lawton, Cheshire, about 5.45. Here we found Mr. W. Rigby and Mr. G. Bradbury waiting for us, who conducted us to the belfry, when the bells were soon set going, resulting in a silent 720 of Superlative Surprise Minor in 26 mins. G. Clarkson, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; D. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6. And 120 Bob Minor. J. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 3; J. Wheeldon, 6; the rest as before. After refreshing the inner man we resumed our journey, reaching Alsager about eight o'clock, and as the hour was getting late, and we had still a long distance to go, we only rang a 240 of London Surprise, standing as before. After a pleasant drive through the country lanes of Cheshire, we arrived at our destination, The Anchor inn, Mill Street, Crewe. Here we were met by Mr. R. T. Holding and several others of the Crewe ringers, with whom we made arrangements to ring for service on the following morning. Sunday morning found us at the tower of the parish church punctually at 9.30, when a touch of Bob Major, conducted by W. Twigg, and a touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted R. T. Holding, were rung, two of the Crewe ringers standing in with us. At 4.30 a start was made for home again, an hour later than we had intended, owing to a sharp downfall of rain, which nevertheless refreshed the country, and made our drive pleasanter. We took a different route back, and called at Sandbach, where we had helped to ring for evening service, but owing to the delay in starting, we were only able to ring 240 of Woodbine, and lower the bells in peal. Continuing our homeward journey, we arrived at Lawton soon after eight o'clock. A silent 720 of Bristol Surprise was rung standing as on the previous day; and 240 Kent Treble Bob with W. Rigby, 4; G. Bradbury, 5. Again resuming our journey we arrived home at 11 p.m., having thoroughly enjoyed our outing. We beg through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the clergy of the various churches for allowing us the use of the bells; also Messrs. Rigby and Bradbury, of Lawton; Mr. R. T. Holding, and the ringers of Crewe, and Mr. T. Johnson, of Sandbach, for the kind way in which they received us. W. T.

THE WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.—With very pleasant recollections of the enjoyable visit last year, and with a great desire to see their old friend Mr. George Rochester again, the members of the above society happily decided to revisit Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, July 10th, for their annual outing. Among the visitors were Mr. J. Pettit and Mr. E. Wallage, two greatly respected friends of the society, and whose presence gave much pleasure. The weather was all that could be desired, and at twelve o'clock a start was made by waggone. The ride was most enjoyable, and on arrival at Sawbridgeworth, where Mr. H. J. Tucker, from Bishops Stortford, was in waiting, a visit to the tower was the first item on the programme. A few touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples brought tea time round, when an adjournment was made to The Bell and Feathers. Mr. Thomas Pallett presided, and after tea a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. H. Lipscombe for his kind permission to ring upon the bells. Mr. Rochester was next sought for, and much pleasure derived from the visit to this old friend of the Waltham Abbey society, who though now somewhat feeble, still retains a great regard for ringers and ringing. Another visit to the belfry, and touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob brought the ringing to a close. On coming down from the tower the ringers were very pleased to meet the Rev. H. Lipscombe, who cordially greeted them. The homeward journey was started at about 7.30 p.m., and after a pleasant ride, enlivened by the handbells, Waltham Abbey was reached shortly after ten o'clock.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The members of the St. Margaret's society, Leiston, Suffolk, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 10th, the place selected being Southwold. Starting punctually at two by brake, a most pleasant drive through a lovely country brought us to our destination at 2.30. The weather, that all important feature in an English outing,

was all that could be desired. After refreshing the inner man, a move was made for the grand old church of St. Edmund, a noble edifice with a beautifully proportioned tower, where we were met by the vicar and churchwardens, and who accorded us a most hearty welcome. The vicar and churchwardens had taken advantage of our projected visit, and had made it the occasion of the re-opening of the bells after restoration. Accordingly about forty-five ringers assembled from the various towers in the neighbourhood, and the bells, a handy little ring of eight, tenor about 12 cwt., were kept going at frequent intervals during the afternoon and evening, in the Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major methods. The vicar was much interested in the ringing, and spent a considerable amount of time in the tower. At five o'clock we assembled at the Mission Hall, where an excellent meat tea was provided, and to which forty-seven members and friends did full justice. The vicar and churchwardens presided at the respective tables, which were laden abundantly with good things. Tea being over, the vicar invited us to the adjoining spacious and well-kept vicarage grounds, where we were supplied with suitable refreshments, the "fragrant weed" being very much *en evidence*, and where various games were indulged in; some handbell ringing double-handed much interested the ladies at the vicarage. At length the shades of evening announced that the end was drawing near. Yes, the end of all such good things comes too soon, and nine o'clock saw us seated in our brake, and we reached home safely shortly before twelve o'clock, all acknowledging that this was one of the most successful enjoyable outings, and with warm feelings of gratitude to the vicar for the kind and hospitable reception accorded us. The bells have been re-tuned and hung in a new substantial frame of English oak. The ringers were unanimous as to the excellent way in which the work has been carried out, the "go" of the bells being all that can be desired.

W. T.

THE ST. SAVIOUR'S SOCIETY, WALTHAMSTOW.—On Monday, July 19th, the members of the above society had their annual outing. Arriving at Stratford at 9 a.m. they took train for Chelmsford, which they reached at 10.15 a.m. Here they were met by Mr. Lincoln, one of the Writtle company, and made direct for the church of St. Mary, where a couple of touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with 9, 8, 10 covering. After lowering the bells, and a look round the church, the journey was continued by brake to Broomfield, where there is a peal of six. Here some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Plain Bob Minor were rung, with some of the local company standing in. "We then," says our correspondent, "journeyed on to Springfield, where there is another peal of six, and some more 6-scores of Plain Bob were rung. A bread and cheese lunch was then enjoyed. Continuing the journey a halt was made at Boreham, where we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. — Yonge, who gave us a hearty welcome. After a look round the church, we rang some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Plain Bob Minor, with some of the local company standing in. The next place visited was Great Baddow, but on arriving here we found that we could not ring owing to a death. After having a look round inside the church, we travelled on to Galleywood, where there is a splendid peal of eight. Here a touch of Grandsire and one of Oxford Bob Triples was rung. The next place visited was Widford, and a couple of touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round. Writtle was the next place, where a hot supper was in readiness for us, and after doing justice to the good things provided, we adjourned to the tower and rang a touch each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, with two or three of the local ringers; thus finishing up a most enjoyable day. After a parting glass we journeyed on to Chelmsford in time to catch the last train, arriving at Stratford about 11 p.m. The company wish to thank, through "THE BELL NEWS," the respective vicars, also the steeple keepers of the churches, where permission was given to ring; also Mr. Lincoln, who had the day's arrangements in hand. The company consisted of Messrs. G. B. Lucas, R. Elliot, F. W. Butler, E. D. Lillywhite, H. P. Abrahams, W. Joyce, H. Wilkins, — Williams, and F. C. Perrin." P.

THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.—On Saturday, July 3rd, eleven members of this society, accompanied by J. W. Thomson, of

Derby, paid a visit to Wirksworth. On arriving at the tower they found the ringers waiting to welcome them to try their bells, which have been augmented to a beautiful peal of eight by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, which reflects great credit to the firm, as the "go" of the bells is all that could be desired. Several touches of Duffield Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples was rung, after which the ringers adjourned to the parish room where a substantial meat tea had been provided through the usual generosity of the vicar, the Rev. W. H. Arkwright, R.D., to which the ringers did justice. After tea the handbells were called into requisition for a short time. Mr. W. Hickling, of Duffield, thanked the vicar for his kindness towards them. The vicar, in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to meet the Duffield Society and hoped they would not be long before they again came to ring on his bells. The ringers wish to tender their sincere thanks to Mrs. Arkwright for so kindly presiding at the table. The ringers returned home by the 8.35 train after a very pleasant outing.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.—On Wednesday in last week several members of this association walked over to the parish church at Newbold, and, by the kind permission of the Vicar, had a practice on the bells. Under the direction of Mr. J. George, touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and afterwards they spent a pleasant half-hour in the company of the local band. On Saturday ten of the members journeyed by brake to Warwick, where several steeples were visited. They were met by Mr. Hardy, of Warwick (who had made all arrangements to that end), and some of the local ringers. All Saints, Emscote, Warwick, was the first church visited, and under the direction of Mr. George, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the eight bells. Proceeding next to St. Nicholas' Church, where there is a similar peal, more triples were tapped off, and then the party adjourned to the Dale coffee tavern, where Mr. Knowles provided an excellent tea. Afterwards St. Marie's Church, which possesses a peal of ten bells, was visited, and here both Triples and Doubles were rung. The ringers enjoyed a social evening at one of the hotels, during which Mr. George proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hardy and his local colleagues for the kind manner in which they had met the Rugbeians, and for the admirable arrangements they had made. Mr. George also gave them a cordial welcome to Rugby. The party had a pleasant drive home in the cool summer night, and altogether the outing was greatly enjoyed.

#### MANNINGHAM, BRADFORD.

A new memorial clock has been placed in The Tradesmen's Home, Manningham, by Mrs. Drummond, showing the time upon four external illuminated dials and striking the hours, with all the latest improvements inserted. The necessary work has been carried out by Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Guildford Street, Leeds, and Newcastle-on-Tyne. The above firm have also just completed a large Illuminated Turret Clock showing the time on three external dials 6-ft. each in diameter, and striking the hours on a bell of 21 cwt., for Herbert Sharpe, Esq., Bingley, Yorks.

#### ANOTHER VETERAN.

On Tuesday, June 28th, at the parish church, Leatherhead, was rung a touch of Grandsire Caters (already reported), in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, also as a compliment to Mr. J. Lisney, who assisted, he having taken part in ringing at the same church on the occasion of the Queen's Accession and Coronation 60 years ago, he being now in his seventy-seventh year and until very recently has been a constant ringer at the same parish church, but being a tenor ringer (and a good one too), he has been considerably handicapped of late on account of the bad go of his favourite. He has taken part in several peals, including one of 10,000 Grandsire Caters, he is still hale and hearty, and intends, all being well, at no distant date, of attempting another peal on those most beautiful bells of Ashted; may it be a success, we wish him health to enjoy many a pull yet.

## Notices.

**Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above will be held at St. Elisabeth's church, Reddish, near Stockport, to-day, Saturday, July 24th. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m. Tea at 6.0 p.m. Business meeting immediately after.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.**—The next meeting of this district will take place to-day, Saturday, 24th July, at Christ Church, Southgate. The business will include the election of officers, and the final report of the Middlesex Association. Bells ready at 5 p.m.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**Hertfordshire Association.**—District meeting at Hemel Hempstead to-day, Saturday, July 24th.

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

**Sussex County Association. — Central Division.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bolney, to-day, Saturday, July 24. Bells available from 4 to 9 p.m. Tea at The Eight Bells at 6 p.m.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

N.B.—Will members who have not paid their contributions for 1897 do so as early as possible and oblige.

**The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Staines to-day, Saturday, July 24th. Ringing to commence at 5.30. All members are requested to make an effort to be present.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. District Sec.*

Lampton, near Hounslow.

**Midland Counties' Association.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Shepshed to-day, Saturday, July 24. The peal of eight at the parish church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea followed by general meeting at 4.30 p.m., both in the National School. A brake free to members will leave Loughborough parish church at 2.35 p.m., returning in the evening. A train leaves Loughborough (Charnwood Forest) station at 3.30 p.m. returning from Shepshed at 8.45 p.m. 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.

**Halifax and District Association.**—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at All Souls' church, Haley Hill, Halifax, on Saturday, July 31st.

F. P. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at St. George's, Heaviley, Stockport, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

57, Alexandra Road,  
Ashton-under-Lyne.

S. BOOTH,  
*Hon. Sec.*

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—All members wishing to be in the group to be photographed are requested to attend at the church to-day, Saturday, July 24th, at 4 o'clock sharp.

C. W. WARD.

**The St. James's Society, London.**—The attendance of members is specially requested at the meeting of the society, on Monday evening next, the 27th inst., at The Shake-

spere, Wych Street, when the officers for the ensuing year are to be elected.

20, Bucklersbury,  
London, E.C.

R. A. DANIELL,  
*Hon. Sec.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Tong (6 bells), on Saturday, July 31st. A peal will be attempted at 3 p.m. Meeting house, "The Greyhound Inn."

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch.**—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, July 31st, at St. Mary's Church, Deane, near Bolton. Ringing to commence at 4 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited to attend.

HENRY MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

149, Clarence Street, Bolton.

**The Beddington Society, Surrey.**—The annual ringing meeting will be held at Beddington, on August Bank Holiday, from 2 p.m. The Flower Show and Sports will be held in Beddington Park.

C. BANCE, *Hon. Sec.*

Hackbridge, Surrey.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Cambridge, on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Members intending to be present will please communicate with the Hon. Sec. not later than Thursday July 29th.

R. M. CROFT,

The Old Manor, Wilberton.

*Hon. Sec.*

**Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dean's Refreshment Rooms, Bell Street, Reigate, on August Bank Holiday. Tea at 4.30 p.m. The peal of eight at St. Mary Magdalene, Reigate, will be available from 2 p.m. by kind permission of the rector. Will representatives kindly communicate to Mr. Wm. Argent, 4, Croydon Road, Reigate, the number of their members likely to attend the tea.

CHAS. DEAN, jun.,

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Sutton, Surrey.

**Sussex County Association. — Eastern Division.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells (eight) available 2 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Temperance Hotel (9d. per head) at 5.30. A short service and address by the Vicar of Rye at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present at the tea will greatly oblige by sending word to the Secretary on Thursday, July 29th.

101, Braybrooke Road,

S. SAKER,

Hastings.

*Hon. Sec.*

N.B.—Will those members who have not already done so, kindly pay their subscriptions for 1897 as early as possible.

## THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BEDFORD.

As several members of the St. Paul's band will be away on the August Bank Holiday, the ten bells will be available for any band to attempt a peal upon them. If a whole company cannot come it can be made up by friends at Bedford in the methods of Stedman or Grandsire Caters, or Treble Bob Royal. Apply to

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## AN APPEAL TO THE BENEVOLENT.

MR. EDITOR,—DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to bring under notice of the ringers and readers of "THE BELL NEWS" the case of Thomas Yates, of Eccles, an old brother-string, who for the past seven years has not been able to follow his employment, owing to an affliction internally, and a bad leg. Notice of this case was brought before a few members of the Lancashire Association in the early part of May, when steps were taken to hold a meeting a few days later, with representatives from the various towers in the Manchester district. A committee was formed appointing an hon. treasurer and secretary, and it was decided to see what could be done privately in the county before making a general appeal to the whole of the ringing fraternity, which is now decided upon.

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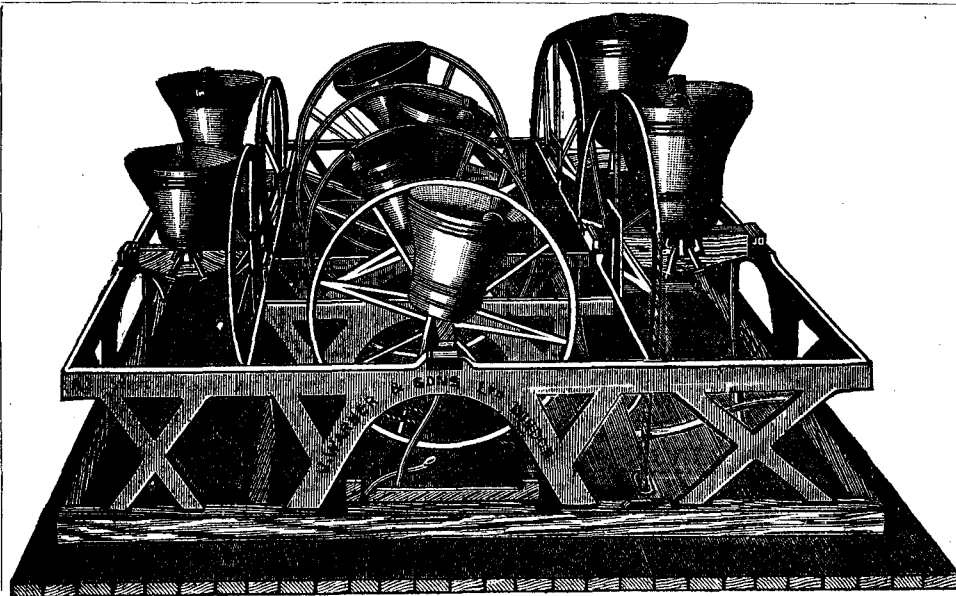
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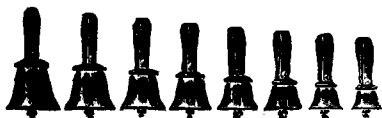
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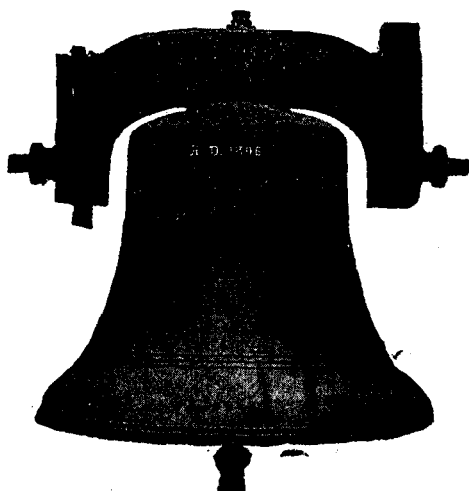
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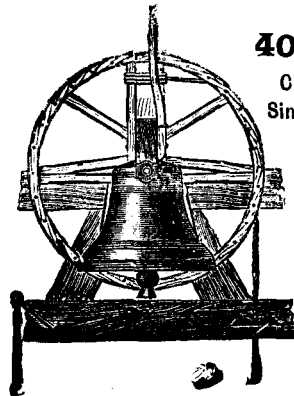
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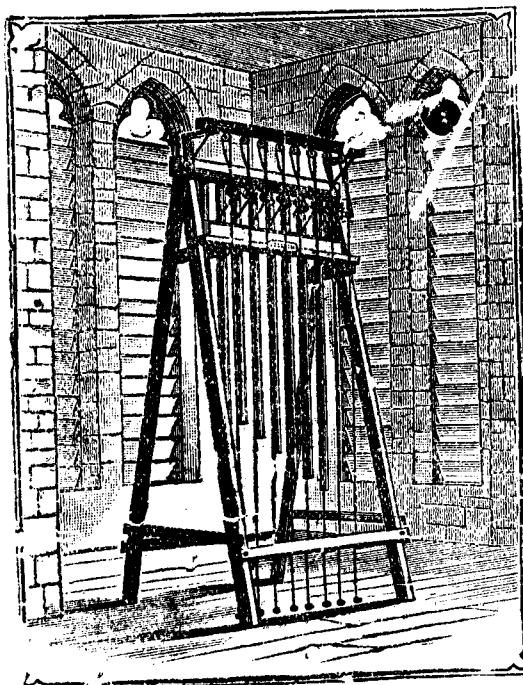
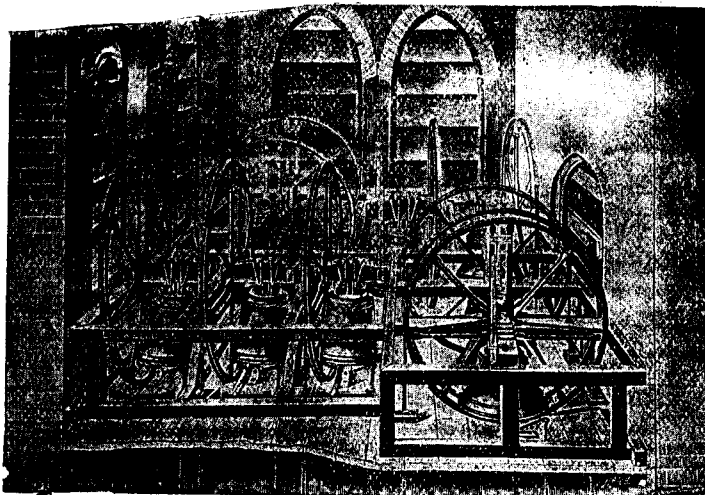
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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT ROMSEY.

This Society kept its Annual Festival on Monday, July 19th last. According to custom these yearly gatherings are held alternately in Surrey and Hampshire, in order that ringers in all parts of the extensive diocese may meet as often as possible. The day was opened on the Abbey bells by those who arrived earliest, and touches in various methods continued until 10.15., although the hour fixed for the annual business meeting was 10 o'clock. This meeting was held in the Town Hall, the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (Master), presiding in the absence of J. P. Stilwell, Esq., President. There were besides on the platform the Rev. J. J. Cooke-Yarborough, Vicar of Romsey, Rev. F. Whyley, Vicar of Alton, Rev. V. Awdry, Vicar of Ampfield, and the Hon. Secretary, Rev. C. E. Matthews. Amongst some 140 members of the Guild were the Rev. R. A. Sidebotham (Romsey), W. Scott-Evaus, Esq., churchwarden of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, who never misses an annual festival, the Misses Whyley (Alton), and the Misses White (Basingstoke).

The Secretary opened business by reading the minutes of the last quarterly and annual meetings, which were confirmed.

The officers of the Guild then retired, the Rev. F. Whyley presiding pending the election of a President and Master. The same officers were re-elected unanimously, and the Master then took the chair, and said he was very much obliged for the nomination. The Hon. Secretary was next re-elected to his office, and returned thanks to the meeting, hoping that the coming year would prove as advantageous to the Guild as the past year had been. The same district secretaries were all re-elected to their offices with the exception of Mr. G. Preston, who was chosen to look after the interests of the Christchurch district, the former Secretary having resigned. The standing committee were likewise put into their old places, on the nomination of Mr. A. Grist, seconded by Mr. Groves.

Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke, read the balance-sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1896. It shewed a balance in hand of £7 4s. 6d. as compared with £4 13s. 0d. in 1895. He said he had carefully gone through the accounts and they were correct. On the motion of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. J. W. Whiting, the balance-sheet was adopted.

The Hon. Secretary then brought forward a motion with reference to Rule XII., notice of which had been given at a quarterly meeting at Petersfield on February 20th—"That every 300 peals rung by the Guild be printed in pamphlet form, and supplied to the members at cost price." In bringing forward this motion the Secretary said that the peal books were only seen by members at an annual meeting, many did not know exactly what records they contained, they were cumbersome things to carry about, and involved a considerable outlay of the Guild's funds to maintain. He did not see why the Society should not follow the example of the Oxford Guild, and publish a list of peals which everyone could easily procure. The money which was spent on entering peals could be, he believed, better spent on the instruction of ringers.

The Master, in seconding, said that the motion as it stood did not make Rule XII. clear. He thought that it would be more clear if it was put in this form: "That the peal-book in its present form be abolished; that the Secretary keep a written list of peals rung by the Guild, every 300 peals to be printed in pamphlet form and supplied to the members at cost price."

Messrs. White, Jones and others having spoken on the subject the motion in its amended form was put to the meeting by the Master, seconded by Mr. T. Gould, and carried *nem. con.*

Another proposition—an addition to the rules—was put before the meeting by the Hon. Secretary: "That not more than two persons be elected at one time members of the Guild previous to starting for a peal. Those so elected shall pay their sub-

scription previous to starting, or the peal shall not be counted as rung by the Guild." The Secretary said he had noticed that during the past year four new members had been elected in bell-fries; out of those four two only had subscribed to the Guild. This question had been brought before the Central Council, but no resolution was carried. It was left to each ringing society to make rules upon the point for themselves. He ventured to think something ought to be done to end this unfair conduct.

Mr. J. Harper (Portsea) seconded.

Further discussion followed relative to restricting the number elected to two, and to the length of the performance, in which Messrs. Merritt, Grist, White, Whiting and others took part, it was finally decided that the following be added to the rules: "Persons who are elected members of the Guild before any performance (which it is intended to publish as rung by the Guild) shall pay their subscription before starting, or the performance shall not be counted as rung by the Guild." A resolution was then unanimously carried empowering the Secretary to provide tea for members at the quarterly meetings, provided they intimate three days before hand to the Secretary their intention of being present, the expense to come out of the funds of the Society.

A letter from the Farnham band was then read, asking why they had only received portion of their railway expenses, and the Secretary said it was impossible to pay the full amount of expenses on the occasion referred to, as there would have been no balance in hand if they had done so. Three-fourths of their expenses were paid, and the total amount they claimed in addition would be 8s. 8d.

The Rev. F. Whyley did not see how they could treat Farnham band different from the others.

On the motion of Mr. Gould it was decided that the Farnham band be referred to the rules.

The Revs. H. V. Elliott (Weybridge), M. Rice (Dorking), H. Castle-Flood (Hambledon), and Mr. T. Fairey (York Town), were elected hon. members; Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Southover), was elected a compounding member, and nineteen others—performing members. The place of the next annual meeting in Surrey was then discussed. York Town and Weybridge were mentioned, but on a show of hands being demanded fifty-one voted for York Town and thirty-three for Weybridge. The former place was chosen. A vote of thanks to the officers terminated the business.

The annual service was held at 11.30 a.m. in the Abbey. The prayers were taken by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the lessons being read by the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Cooke-Yarborough), and the choir was augmented by ringers, who were also members of their choirs. The hymns "Ring forth holy Bells," "We meet before Thy Throne," and "The Sacred Bells of England" were sung, Mr. W. Carey-Bliss, F.R.C.O., presiding at the organ.

The sermon was preached by the Master, the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Vicar of Eastleigh. His text was Philippians ii., 4-5—"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

The text, said the preacher, covered all Christian duty, and the second verse suggested an application of the words of the first. The great motive power which should be at the bottom of all their work as church ringers was the glory of God. He had noticed there were towers where men would spend much time in practice and try to get hold of new methods; but where they were satisfied with only one man to chime on Sundays. Sunday ringing was the time when they ought to show specially what they could do for the glorification of Almighty God, and all their practice, excellent as it was in itself, should be for the glory of God, and the bells in the church should be rung above all

times for service. Sometimes men rang so that they might stand in the same rank as many other distinguished ringers and get their names into print. He would ask them to do all they could to make themselves better ringers; but let it be done with the best of motives, to imitate something of the example of Jesus Christ—in all things to glorify God. The text touched on their dealings not merely with Almighty God but with their brother-ringers. Let them show forbearance and kindly assistance to the young men in the belfry; to cheerfully give up ringing for a time where illness in the vicinity called for it; and to remember that it was not merely a healthy exercise for their bodies and a training for the intellect, inculcating concentration and attention upon a single object; but that it should teach the greatest lesson of unselfishness, each trying to do some unselfish act by which they were rendered more fit for heaven, "looking not upon their own things, but upon the things of others with the mind which was also in Christ Jesus."

At the conclusion of the service some eighty-three members and guests sat down to dinner in the temperance hall. The caterer was twenty-five minutes late, consequently several who would have been present could not wait, but foraged for themselves. The President, J. P. Stilwell, Esq., presided, supported by the officers of the Guild, the Rev. Canon Fisher (Bournemouth), the Rev. Minor Canon Madge (Winchester), Councillor G. Goulding and others. Towards the end of the repast,

The President gave the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," making allusion to the recent outburst of enthusiasm which had been manifested for the Queen on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, and her reciprocation. He then moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar, who had kindly placed the Abbey at their service, and to the churchwardens, organist and choir.

The Vicar, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had great pleasure in welcoming, in conjunction with the churchwardens, the Diocesan Guild of Ringers. One of the first experiences he had after coming to the diocese was to go to Guildford to the annual meeting, where he made the acquaintance of the Guild, and his experience of the Guild ever since had led him to feel more and more what a thoroughly useful and helpful institution it was.

The Rev. Canon Madge, as one of the very oldest members, remarked upon the good the Guild had done in making people respect the bellringers more than they formerly did. His object in rising was to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to the Master for his sermon, and in concluding he commented upon the admirable way the Guild had brought ringers and clergy together.

The Master replied, and the bands separated, heavy rain having commenced to fall. This, however was not sufficient to damp the ardour of the various members of bands present, and they dispersed as follows for the afternoon: the Shedfield, Swanmore and Wickham bands went to Hursley; the Hawley, Farnham, Weybridge, Privett and Guildford bands to Winchester; the Bournemouth band to Salisbury; the Portsea, Gosport and Ryde bands to Curdridge; the Twyford, Fareham, Alton, Basingstoke and Romsey bands to Southampton; the Bagshott, Yorktown and Yateley bands to Andover; the Hambledon, Hursley, and Shalford bands to Fareham and Titchfield.

The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Andover in October.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**SOUTH AND WEST BRANCH.**—A district meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, July 24th, at St. Mary's, Staines. Representatives were present from Hillingdon, Slough, Old Windsor, Burnham, Isleworth, Ealing (St. Mary's), and Heston. Ringing was indulged in from 5.30 till 9 o'clock to the tune of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major. Eight new members were elected. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on Saturday, August 21st. A vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for granting permission to ring.

**HAYFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday, July 18th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Rangley, 1; W. Longden (Burbage), 2; T. Whitehead (conductor), 3; J. Wheatcroft, 4; G. Stafford, 5; T. Brocklehurst, 6.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 26th, a small meeting of local ringers was held at The White Hart Newcastle, when the chairman, Mr. R. S. Story, in the name of the subscribers, formally presented Mr. W. Holmes with a handsome carpet, on the occasion of his starting house-keeping, having been married at his native place, Mirfield, on Monday, June 21st. The chairman explained to Mr. Holmes the hearty and voluntary manner in which the fund for the presentation had been responded to, and the very good wishes that had been expressed towards him and his good wife in their new venture, by every one connected with the matter. He hoped that Mr. Holmes might remain in Newcastle till the carpet was worn out by him and his family, and took the opportunity to thank him for all he had done for ringing in that district. Since Mr. Holmes came to Newcastle he had been a great acquisition to the Association in innumerable ways.

Mr. Holmes suitably responded, and expressed his wish to remain in Newcastle as long as he could, and assured his friends that the advancement of ringing would continue to have his chief support.

Mr. W. Story, Mr. Lees, and several other ringers heartily endorsed the proceedings, and it may be explained that though a carpet may appear an exceptional thing to present, it was considered that something useful would be more highly appreciated than the ordinary run of presentation articles. The subscription list contained the names of bands and members in the Association, who have experienced Mr. Holmes' assistance, and several ringers from a distance for whom he has arranged bands, etc.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**FYLDE BRANCH.**—A meeting of the above took place at Lytham, July 17th, the business meeting being held in the St. Cuthbert's School, at 5 p.m. There were present, Canon Hawkins, Rev. F. G. Harris and the vicar of St. John's. Canon Hawkins presided, and said bellringing was an art, and only for his infirmity (he being blind) he should have liked to learn, not that he was old yet. He said that he should be pleased at all times to place the use of the bells at the disposal of the above association, and was sorry that there was such a poor muster. He attributed it to the two cricket matches which were being played at Lytham that day, and the extreme heat which they were having. The branch sec. here stated that at the last meeting he was compelled to resign his office, but it had been suggested to him that there might be an assistant to go to the meetings when he was unable to be present. He proposed the name of Mr. Robt. Cookson, of Lytham, seconded by Mr. J. Tipping, which was carried. The election of members next took place. The branch sec. said he had great pleasure in proposing the vicar of St. John's, Lytham, as a life member. Mr. Cookson (Kirkham), seconded. Mr. Gibbertson thanked the meeting for electing him, and said he should be pleased to do what little he was able to do, and expressed a desire to learn, which no doubt some of his ringers will be most happy in teaching the rev. gentleman the elementary part of the noble art. The place of the next quarterly meeting being discussed, Kirkham was chosen for October 16th. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and for the use of the bells and the school. The branch secretary also proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Gilbertson and Canon Taylor, (R.C.) for placing their bells at the disposal of the branch.

#### TO LANCASHIRE RINGERS.

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

An interesting diversion to the ordinary course of things occurred on Sunday, July 11th, when it became known that at the close of the evening service the Bishops of Pittsburgh and South Carolina would (accompanied by the rector) visit the belfry. The ringers rang out during their presence in the ringing-chamber, and our American friends were much interested in watching the ropes and examining the peal-boards. Their names are inscribed in the visitors' book, and the visit was duly acknowledged and appreciated. Judging from the remarks which fell from their lips, they were evidently pleased by what they saw. They afterwards ascended to the bells and saw their action, but not content with this they must go to the top. Fortunately it was a fine evening and they were able to view the surroundings.

Mr. Banister, from Devonport, has also visited the scene where he spent so much time with the ringers in manipulating the ropes, and has left his photo as a memento to the present ringers, who have had it framed, and it now hangs in the midst of the peal boards upon which the name of Banister figures so prominently as being champions of church bell ringing. There is one board containing seven Banisters out of eight names in our belfry.

Saturday, July 24th, was a memorable day for St. Mary's ringers, for it was on that day that the annual outing had been arranged; the weather proved delightfully fine, and the excursion was a success in every way. It was intended to have as much time as possible on our hands, consequently we were very early birds, leaving Woolwich before 6 a.m. and travelling by the 6.30 a.m. train from London Bridge to Eastbourne, where we arrived at 8.30 a.m. before many people had breakfasted or were even up. Several ringing friends from St. Saviour's and St. Mary's met us at the station and gave us a hearty welcome. It is characteristic of ringers when they go out that they bring into play their art in church bell ringing, consequently, after resting and looking round the neighbourhood, the party met at St. Saviour's church at 11.30 a.m. This church is worthy of a visit (situated as it is in a fashionable locality), it is lofty, spacious and handsomely furnished inside, whilst the tower is built apart from the main building. Here the ringers ascended the commodious and modernized ringing-chamber, which has eight bells about double the weight of our own, the tenor being 25 cwt. As the bells were all down they had to be raised, the tenor requiring the aid of two of our ringers in the effort. When all was ready the ringers stood to, and were somewhat nervous as to their probable success, being strangers; however, a touch of Grandsire was successfully got through, followed by a touch of Stedman, which was also brought round. This church possesses several sets of handbells which were admired by our ringers. At one o'clock the whole party, numbering twenty-two, assembled at The Garibaldi Arms for dinner, and found the tables nicely laid out. The rector, the Rev. C. E. Escreet, occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. H. U. Whelpton and Mr. Ticehurst, of St. Saviour's, and Mr. Vernon and Mr. Bodle from St. Mary's, Eastbourne. Grace having been said the party fell to, and enjoyed the plentiful repast provided by Mr. Hollobone, the host. Thanks having been returned, the rector called upon Mr. Masters to respond for St. Saviour's, and Mr. Aldridge for St. Mary's in allowing the use of the bells that day. The Rev. H. U. Whelpton and Mr. Vernon replied.

A drive to Pevensey was the next event on the programme, and brakes were procured for eighteen, and it is scarcely necessary to say that this proved simply delightful. At Pevensey the party were grouped and photographed, then the ruins of Pevensey Castle were inspected, and it is said some portions are 1800 years old. Various items of interest were pointed out to us, among which was a font in the centre embedded in the ground, a relic of bygone days, and outside the inner walls we espied a cannon in a beautiful state of preservation bearing the letters E. R., Elizabethan period. The gun appeared to be a 3 or 4-inch bore, it was unmounted, but curious to say chained to the spot. It is understood to be the property of the Duke of Devonshire, and it would seem that the Rotunda of Woolwich would be a more suitable spot for its welfare. A visit was paid to two churches in the neighbourhood within half-a-mile of each other, both possessing rings of six. It was noticed at Pevensey church that there was a very simple iron circular staircase running

from the floor to the bells, a thing so much needed at our church. The ringers were unable to ring here, but succeeded at East Ham church, a very ancient looking structure. The bells at this church are light, the tenor being only 10 cwt., and a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung upon them. Here the local ringers practice two or three times a week and ring up to 10 o'clock in the evening. We then re-entered our carriages and drove to St. Mary's, the parish church of Eastbourne, a nice church of the old style of architecture which are admired for their antiquity. The ringers made for the tower and found themselves in a quaint but roomy ringing chamber, and found the bells much of the same type as those at home; the "go" of them was exceedingly easy, and two touches, one of Stedman Triples and the other of Grandsire Triples were very creditably brought round, thus terminating the performances of the day with satisfaction to themselves as ringers, considering they were strangers to each of the towers.

At 7.45 the return journey was begun, and Woolwich was reached at 11.30 p.m. after experiencing one of the most delightful trips in connection with St. Mary's Woolwich Church Bell Ringers. The vicar of Eastbourne, the Rev. H. B. Ottley, was unavoidably prevented by a previous engagement at Brighton, from joining the party at dinner, but on his return he very kindly provided tea for the ringers, whilst the Rev. H. U. Whelpton, of St. Saviour's, and Mr. Winter, of Eastbourne, had in the morning provided breakfast for some on their arrival. Such kindness the ringers fully appreciate, and feel much indebted.

E. O. MASTERS, Hon. Sec.

## UNVEILING A PEAL-BOARD AT KILDWICK, YORKS.

On Saturday, July 24th, the ringers of Kildwick, with a few friends, along with the vicar (the churchwardens being unavoidably absent) met at the parish church at 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of unveiling a peal-board, the vicar (Rev. A. D. C. Thompson) performing the ceremony. The rev. gentleman opened the proceedings with a few short prayers and read Psalm cl. He then complimented the ringers on the success they had attained in the noble and divine art of change-ringing and hoped they would continue to ring for the good of the Church and the glory of God. Afterwards at the vicar's request a 720 of Violet was rung, followed by a 360 of Violet, John Cottam, a brother-string from Addingham, ringing the 5th. After tea a 720 of Woodbine was followed later on by a 720 of Duke of York. The evening was spent in a social manner.

The above board contains the records of two peals rung in the tower. It is written in gold letters, and was designed by R. Tillotson, and is in keeping with the old fabric; the expenses of the same were defrayed by the ringers and a few friends. After the ceremony a vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for his services, and also to Mr. Ernest Longbottom (he being present) for his gratuitous services in making the board.

## FREISTON.—EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Jubilee Day, June 22nd, the bells were set going at an early hour in the morning, and continued at intervals throughout the day, when several 6-scores of Grandsire, St. Dunstan's, and Plain Bob was rung, in which Master C. Staffurth (aged eleven), Master H. Staffurth, W. Saunby, W. Coppen, Jos. Sharp, John Sharp, E. Clayton, and A. O. Barber took part. There was a free knife and fork tea to all the villagers, and most of them assembled and partook of the good things provided. Sports were got up to amuse the company, upwards of £50 being collected, and the surplus, if any, will be devoted towards getting some new iron gates for the churchyard. On Thursday, June 24th, the same company, with E. Rollinson, of Butterwick, again rang several 6-scores on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Staffurth, eldest daughter of the esteemed vicar of Freiston, to Mr. R. E. South, M.D., of Boston. There was a large and distinguished congregation in the church to witness the ceremony, and a large company were entertained at the Priory. The bride and bridegroom left for Bournemouth about five o'clock. The presents were both numerous and costly.

## NEW CHURCH BELLS AT CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

Some time ago the Rev. W. W. Kirby, vicar, and the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel, decided to add three bells to the existing five bells, which for a long period had faithfully served the parishioners, thus making a full ring of eight bells. It was further resolved that this valuable addition should be made in commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have completed their work in a very satisfactory manner. The whole peal has been tuned on the most artistic principles to the key of E flat major, and hung in a massive iron cage of the H shape bolted to steel girders and built into the masonry of the tower. The bells are all equipped with fittings in which all the latest improvements have been introduced, notably the iron headstock, the 'Hastings' stays, and the 'Heywood' lubricators for the bearings, designed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have most satisfactorily carried out the whole work. Most of the bells bear inscriptions and dates; the fourth, which has no date, and is by far the eldest, is believed to have been cast not later than the fourteenth century. The inscriptions on the fifth and sixth only give the names of the churchwardens for the time being. The tenor, which was recast in 1887 in commemoration of the fiftieth year of the Queen's reign, besides the inscription, bears the Royal Arms. No. 1, 6 cwt. 1897, 'Sit mem Victoriae Bena Ao. 1897.' 'Let this be to the praise of God for a remembrance of Victoria, Queen;' No. 2, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs. 1897, 'Clam omnes ppl's vivt Rega 1897, 'All the people shouted, God save the Queen;' No. 3, 7 cwt. 1897, 'Iubil: est et LXUS ans,' 'It is the sixtieth year and a year of Jubilee;' No. 4, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs. 'Sancte Georgei ora pro nobis,' 'S. George pray for us;' No. 5, 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 17 lbs. 1781; No. 6, 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs., 1650; No. 7, 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs., 1742, 'God save the Church;' No. 8, 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs. 1601, 'Come at my call, to serve the Lord all.'

The total cost is over £400. The masonry work was strongly and neatly executed by Mr. Henry Pittard, of Langport.

During the afternoon eight members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, successfully rang Hollis's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5,040 changes. The ringers were: Mr. A. Pearse, 1; Mr. A. Doble, 2; Mr. H. Poole, 3; Mr. T. Doble, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; Mr. J. Mattock (conductor), 6; Mr. G. Yandell, 7; Mr. E. Harris, 8.

At the close of this excellent change-ringing, the dedication service commenced, and, as if in answer to the bell-ringing, the church was crowded. A procession was formed at the vicarage, consisting of the choir, the Rev. W. W. Kirby and the Ven. Dr. Ainslie, Archdeacon of Taunton, and entered the west door of the church, singing as a processional 'Great the glory, sweet the favour.' This was led by two cornets, the players being Messrs. F. Stuckey and J. Cross, members of the choir. The Vicar conducted the first portion of the service, which was fully choral, and read the special lessons. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to E bdon in C, and an excellent rendering of Dr. Goaring's anthem 'Awake, awake, put on the strength of Zion' being given by the choir, Mr. B. J. Tifford ably presiding at the organ. This was followed by the intonation of the dedication prayers, at the conclusion of which a short peal was rung on the bells. After the hearty singing of the hymn 'Thanks be to Thee, O Gracious Lord,' Dr. Ainslie preached the dedication sermon, taking as a suitable text the words contained in II. Peter i., 5, 6, and 7, as follows: 'And beside this, giving all diligence, add to our faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.' The preacher very appropriately likened the eight graces to the now completed peal of eight bells, stating that the tenor bell, the principal, represented faith, to which the treble bell, as representing charity, formed an octave. The congregation were delighted with this interesting discourse. After the offertory in aid of the church bell fund, which amounted to £5 6s. 8½d., the service was closed by the singing of 'Now our offering is completed.'

After the service the visiting ringers, the local ringers, and members of the choir, were invited to supper, which was

capitally served in the schoolroom by Mrs. Miles, of the Bell Hotel. In the absence of the Vicar, Dr. Vereker, captain of the Curry Rivel ringers, presided. After supper Dr. Ainslie and the Rev. W. W. Kirby joined the company, and gave suitable addresses

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The first meeting of the North and East District of this Association was held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, July 24th, and was well attended by representatives from almost every tower in union. During the evening no less than fifty members took part in the ringing which, commencing shortly after five, was kept going till half-past seven in Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise methods. An adjournment was then made to tea at The Cherry Tree hotel, as a preliminary to the important business meeting, which, though the first of the new order of things, may be said to be the last of the old Middlesex Association. The balance sheet, showing a substantial balance in hand, was read and adopted, subject to audit. The report covered a period of eight months since the last annual meeting, and comprised for purposes of record an account of the negotiations which have happily resulted in the formation of a County Association. It congratulated the members upon another period of substantial progress. The various meetings during the year had been very encouraging, and had been very well attended. A large number of new members had joined, raising the total number of ringing members to upwards of 150. Owing to the kindly interest of Messrs. Parker, David and Harold N. Davis, the ranks of unattached members had been recruited by several well-known and accomplished ringers, including Mr. F. Dench and Mr. Henry Dodd, of Rodmersham, Kent, so that it may reasonably be hoped that touches of Superlative Surprise will form a characteristic feature of all future meetings. The number of peals rung during the period of eight months covered by the report was six: one of Treble Bob Major at Bushey; one of Plain Bob Triples at Tottenham; three of Grandsire Triples at Tottenham, Southgate and Barnet respectively; and a peal of seven 720s at Finchley. Seven quarter-peals had been rung: four at Tottenham and three at Barnet. Several attempts for peals had been made, which the Hon. Secretary dwelt upon as always an encouraging feature, on the principle of "nothing venture, nothing have."

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Archdeacon of Middlesex had composed for the Association, and the Bishop of London had sanctioned for general use in the Diocese, a short belfry office, and that he would be happy to supply the clergy with copies of the office on cardboard gratis on application, to hang up in the belfry.

Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, was unanimously re-elected master of the district, and Mr. F. A. Milne and Mr. A. D. King were likewise unanimously re-elected to the offices of hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively. Three members were elected to represent the district on the executive Council of the Association: Messrs. G. B. Lucas, J. Parker and J. Waghorn, jun. The date of the next meeting was fixed for Saturday, the 2nd October, Pinner being selected as the place of meeting, subject to the necessary arrangements being successfully made.

The names of the following patrons of the County Association were announced: The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London, the Right Hon. the Earl Strafford, Lord Hillingdon, and the Hon. Justice Kekewich, and the announcement was received with acclamation.

The presence of Mr. James George, who journeyed all the way from Rugby to attend the meeting, was much appreciated; and if only the members continue to support the Association with the same enthusiasm they have shewn at the outset, the success of it will be amply assured.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. C. F. Wilson, the vicar of Southgate, whose absence from the meeting, through illness, was deeply deplored.

A final touch of Superlative Surprise on the bells, after the meeting, brought a successful and a thoroughly enjoyable evening to a close.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

Another of the Oxonians' splendid meetings—this time at Banbury—a place of great historical renown. Who has not heard of Banbury Cross? Where, as the nursery rhyme of our childhood told us:—

"A fine lady sat on a white horse."

And again, is there one who honours me by reading these lines who has not heard of Banbury cakes? Ay! and eaten them with gusto! Some weeks ago "Our Own Correspondent" in reporting a meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Pontefract, alluded with unction to the Pomfret cakes. ["Pomfret" is short for "Pontefract" you know.] But ah! they are not in it with those of Banbury. What a roaring trade the cake manufacturers of Banbury must have done among the members of the Oxford Guild on their Festival-day.

It is a great pity that on occasions like this one, the company of ringers attending could not have had more than one day's holiday, so as to enjoy the beauties of the locality. The neighbourhood around Banbury is singularly beautiful. As I have observed, it is an historical place. I don't know whether there was ever a Parliament held, or a battle fought at Banbury exactly, but an affair of the latter sort came off not many miles away. This encounter is called in history "The Battle of Edge Hill," and was fought between the Earl of Essex, one of the Generals of the Parliamentary forces, and King Charles I. As was frequent in those days, both sides claimed the victory. They did not have the magazine-rifle then, else a different result would have been told, perhaps. The King afterwards retreated to Banbury.

Edge Hill is on the borders of the two counties of Warwick and Oxford, and amidst a delightful country. There, on its summit a round tower stands, which is now part of an inn, and where can be seen some relics of the fight. Some distance from this is a place of entertainment called "The Sun Rising," much patronised by excursionists. The high road from Banbury to Warwick, past Edge Hill, through Kineton and Wellesbourne, has not I should say its superior any where, and if some of the "bikists" among the members of the Guild had essayed the journey they would have been amply rewarded. But more than one day is necessary to do the thing comfortably.

The Bath and Wells Association has had a very satisfactory Annual Festival—in fact everything was satisfactory last week. This Association, both financially and otherwise, is in a satisfactory and sound condition. The report goes on: "Too much affection was still shown for the well-worn standard method of Grandsire. Probably the cause of this was to be found in the lack of good conductors in the more difficult methods rather than through any lack of zeal on the part of members generally. Peals could not be rung as a general rule without conductors, and it required much study and practice to become an efficient conductor in some of the more difficult methods." Rather hard on our old friend Grandsire, don't you think? It is refreshing to find that the members of this Association, though they badly want to ring peals in other methods, will not resort to the contemptible—yes I repeat it, "contemptible"—modern practice of using visible aids to memory. Brethren of Bath and Wells: a little more patience, you'll be coming along by-and-by with something. Everything comes to those who know how to wait. The knack of calling peals in any method will dawn on some of you directly.

The Ancient Society of Saffron Waldens have been celebrating their 274th anniversary. This celebration also appears to have been a success. A reverend gentleman well-known years ago as vicar of Fulham—the Rev. Frederic Horatio Fisher—preached the annual sermon, for the Walden brethren keep up the good old plan of attending Divine Service on their Festival Day. Mr. Fisher is a practical ringer, and has I believe rung a peal or two. If my recollection fails me not he has also done something in composition. It is a very good sign of the increasing popularity of ringing when leading parishioners identify themselves with it on such occasions as this. His worship the Mayor of Saffron Walden presided at the dinner, and from his

published remarks I should imagine he was a "right down jolly good fellow." "And so say all of us." "With a hip, hip," etc.

Among the company was a very old friend indeed—Mr. F. W. J. Rees. As it is possible that many of the younger generation may not comprehend in their entirety the reference made to this gentleman in the report of the proceedings of the festival, I will endeavour to enlighten them. Mr. Rees was formerly located in India. In the columns of *Church Bells* many years ago appeared a series of sketches from his pen, signed "Looker-on-in-India." When he returned to England he found this journal was in existence, and us old stagers had the pleasure of reading a series of articles week after week under the heading of "How we got our peal of Bells." He also wrote, if I remember rightly, a tale for a Christmas number, a sketch entitled "Down in the Swamps" (a reminiscence of his Indian experiences), and other entertaining matter. Mr. Rees is a cheery captivating gentleman, and those who know him are all proud of him as a member of the Exercise.

Miss Alice has rung another peal on tower bells, this time in company with her younger sister Dora White, who rang the treble. The age of the last-named young lady is only 13. I hardly know what to say about such a feat. It is certainly wonderful and amazing. The house of WHITE must be renowned for pluck, courage and endurance. They are of that old race of Britishers who never look at difficulties only to overcome them. This is the race of people that has made Britain what she is, the queen among the nations of the earth. I suppose we shall in due course see the likeness of Miss Dora.

I have had handed to me the following: From Mr. J. A. Brown, of Stafford street, Bilston: "Dear Sir,—I have secured three of the Darlaston band as subscribers to your paper. Anticipate getting the other four shortly." That's the sort. Don't be weary in well-doing, Mr. Brown. You will be amply repaid I am sure for your trouble in promoting the circulation of our paper. There will be a prize for our friends some of these days I am sure. The late Jasper Snowdon used to say "I never lend a copy to anyone, on principle;" and for the good of the cause he had half-dozen copies weekly. I know a village where there are about a dozen ringers. Two of these have one copy between them, one halfpenny each. Now this fact may raise a smile, but I admire these two men. Village life in most cases is entirely void of luxury, in fact the commonest necessities are hard to obtain. These two brethren do what they can. If there was more like them in the villages it would be well.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## RYE, SUSSEX.

On Monday, July 5th, this famous old church was visited by the ringers of Christ Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, the Rector, the Rev. A. W. J. Crosse, having very kindly granted permission for a pull on the beautiful ring of eight, which have recently been re-hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The party left St. Leonard's by brake about 6 p.m., and arrived at Rye soon after 7.30, having had a very enjoyable drive. Ringing was commenced about 8 o'clock, and several short touches (including a 350) of Grandsire Triples were brought round. Under the present conditions it is almost impossible to attempt a touch of any length, as it is very difficult to hear the conductor owing to the deafening noise of the bells, there being only the floor of the bell-chamber between them and the ringers, and the draught a short one. It is earnestly to be hoped something will shortly be done to remedy this, as they are a very musical peal, and the go of them everything to be desired. The following took part in the ringing: Messrs. Willard, Norris, Weller, Hill, Watson, Harvey, Kennett, G. Watson (conductor), Taylor and Denman. Ringing over the party were cordially entertained at supper at The George hotel by Mr. J. Taylor, one of the friends who accompanied the trip, full justice being done to the good fare provided. Home was reached about 1 a.m. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Rev. A. W. J. Crosse for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal.

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SATURDAY JULY 31, 1897.

THE Annual Meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held the other day at Banbury, was of the usual successful character. The company present was satisfactory so far as number was concerned; and the items at the business meeting were the subjects of a very gratifying discussion, though not without the one customary drawback, viz.: the non-appreciation by many of the members of the ringing literature which the Guild has—at the cost of much expense, time and trouble, freely and cheerfully given—provided for their especial benefit. So much however, has been said upon this peculiar characteristic of ringers, that it need not be dwelt upon any further.

The scheme which the Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON) has in hand for the provision of a ring of twelve bells for the diocese was very much *en evidence*, and those concerned in such an important work, as well as others whose duty it is to assist the project by every means in their power, cannot object that it is being carried out privily. Every possible influence is being brought to bear towards so happy a consummation, and no one will begrudge "THE BELL NEWS" a moiety of

the honours when success has been attained, as it most assuredly will be.

The diocese of Oxford, embracing the famed University of the globe, is one of importance, whether we consider its area, or its population, or its connection with the the great seat of learning. The Cathedral of Christ Church, in Oxford City, is illustrious to most churchmen on account of the usual eminence of its capitular body. Of the Canons of this Cathedral, six in number, one is the Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University; another is the Regius Professor of Divinity; another of Hebrew; another of Pastoral Theology; another is the Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity; the sixth is a Suffragan-Bishop and Archdeacon. Like many of their predecessors, these reverend gentlemen are celebrated for their learning, and attainments in the arts and sciences which they profess. It may not therefore be an exaggeration to say that they are generally the most learned capitular body in the Church.

It is not presumed that this is sufficient ground why Oxford Cathedral should have a ring of twelve bells. But the eminence of the Diocese through some of the above-stated reasons, makes it very desirable that it should possess, both in point of number and quality, as good a ring of bells as possible. The proper place for such a ring is of course the mother church of the Diocese—Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. The Master of the Oxford Guild sees the importance of this, and we may suppose he has not under-rated the advantage of having a good heavy ring of ten already in position. Many would think that the difficulties in such a case were not great. But there are prejudices to be overcome, and apathy to be converted into interest and co-operation.

Towards such an end it is the duty of every member of the Guild to contribute his share of work, and we think such will be cheerfully given. The reverend Master is hard at work in the cause, but not feverishly anxious about it, because he knows the object will be attained. Perhaps we shall hear that the reverend professors above alluded to will come forward, and not only aid the movement pecuniarily, but will remove any real or supposed obstruction that exists which may have a tendency to limit the periodical ringing of the bells, for practice—when they are placed in the steeple.

**THE HANDBELL GIFTS.**—This week is the last time the coupons for the present gifts will appear. The 2nd of August (Monday next), has been announced as the day the coupons must reach us, but in reply to several solicitations we have consented to extend the period until the following Monday, August 9th. Coupons may be sent before that date, but any received afterwards will not be recognised. It is not thought necessary to explain further the working of these gifts arrangements; it has already been made clear. As before, we shall invite two gentlemen belonging to the two principal London Societies to conduct the examination, which takes place on Wednesday evening, August 11th, and the result of their award will be published in the following number. It will be remembered that collections of coupons from all and sundry is not allowed: before forwarding the handbells to the gift-winners, therefore we reserve the right to ask, if we see fit, for such evidence to assure us that every stipulation has been complied with.

### The Provinces.

#### FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

##### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 20, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN J. CREASY* .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. .. 2.	JAMES DURRANT .. .. 6.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM E. H. BULLOCK 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN and  
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal in any method. This peal has only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6ths place at the course-ends, and is now rung for the first time.

#### CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, July 21, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART (No. 2.) Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lbs.

HENRY PEARCE .. .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
ARTHUR DOBLE .. .. 2.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. 6.
HENRY J. POOLE .. .. 3.	GEORGE YENDALL .. .. 7.
THOMAS DOBLE .. .. 4.	EDMUND HARRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

First peal on the bells, which go splendidly.

#### MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF CANON WOODHOUSE, ST. ANDREW'S RECTORY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

ALFRED CROSS .. .. 1-2.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE 5-6.
DR. H. C. WOODHOUSE* 3-4.	*EDMUND L. WOODHOUSE 7-8.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by G. F. WOODHOUSE.

\*First peal. Umpire—Harry Chapman, who ticked off all course-ends.

#### PENDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, July 23, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK SMITH .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 5.
ALFRED CROSS .. .. 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 3.	*GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE .. 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

\*First peal in the method.

#### KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

##### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

##### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. BARKER .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 2.	*JOHN B. MARTIN .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\*First 5040 in seven methods. J. Houghton hails from Irthlingborough; Martin from Higham Ferrers; the remainder to St. Paul's, Bedford. This is the quickest peal on the bells.



## FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

SAMUEL SLATER .. .. Treble.	*ROBERT GRIMWOOD .. .. 5.
FREDERICK SYMONDS* .. .. 2.	*CHARLES BIXBY .. .. 6.
ERNEST AMBROSE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOWELL .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. 4.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who attained his thirty-second year that day, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Ambrose and Bixby hail from Long Melford; Symonds (2) from Lavenham; Slater from Glemsford; Grimwood from Hitcham; Howell and Sillitoe belong to the All Saints' company, Sudbury. \*First peal. \*First peal in the method.

## BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5165 CHANGES.

JABEZ HEADES .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HAYWARD .. .. 6.
OLIVER JAMES .. .. 2.	JOHN PARRY .. .. 7.
THOMAS COLLISON .. .. 3.	ALFRED MOORE .. .. 8.
JOHN MASON .. .. 4.	GEORGE BOURNE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM JAMES .. .. 5.	JAMES PARRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th. First peal by J. Heades. Messrs. Perry and Collison hail from Birmingham; Moore from Hanbury; Mason from Stoke Prior; the rest are local men. The bells have recently been rehung in a new frame by Mr. Barwell, of Birmingham, and the "go" of them is all that can be desired.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY WHITE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS* .. .. 2.	*BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. .. 7.
HARRY LAWES* .. .. 4.	*FRANK BLONDELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. \*First peal of Treble Bob. Messrs. Hawkins hail from Yateley; Lawes and White from Basingstoke; Bennett from Brighton; the remainder from Guildford.

## YORK TOWN, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 25, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.  
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK FRANCIS .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. .. 6.
DENISON HAYWARD .. .. 3.	FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 7.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 4.	EDGAR COLLINS .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Francis and Collins hail from Bagshot; Hayward from Yarmouth. The peal was rung on the occasion of the Friendly Societies Church Parade.

## BRIGHTON—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 26, 1897, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JAMES N. FROSSELL .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON* .. 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method, and first attempt. Messrs. Bennett and Salter hail from Kidderminster; and A. W. Brighton (late of Norwich), from London, for whom this peal was arranged.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 17th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Symonds (Lavenham), 1; W. Howell (Sudbury, All Saints), 2; C. Bixby (Melford), 3; C. Poulson (Preston), 4; W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), 5; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, All Saints, conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Hollocks, 1; W. Howell, 2; C. Bixby, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 5; H. S. Richold (Melford), 6.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, July 19th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Bobby, 1; F. Symonds, 2; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 3; J. Moore, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; A. Symonds, 6; T. King, 7; W. Moore, 8. Also a touch of Kent Treble Bob. A. Symonds, 1; Rev. M. Kelly, 2; F. Symonds, 3; J. Moore, 4; C. Jarvis, 5; T. King, 6; R. Grimwood, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. A touch of Bob Major was also rung. The Rev. Maitland Kelly is vicar of Ottery St. Mary, Devonshire, and President of the Devonshire Guild; Grimwood hails from Hitcham; Sillitoe from All Saints, Sudbury.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by F. Hawkins, 1; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 2; W. Bacon, 3; R. Grimwood (Hitcham), 4; H. Brackett, 5; W. Howell, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; E. Making, 8. After service 350 Grandsire Triples. F. Hawkins, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Bacon, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Brackett, 5; R. Grimwood, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. S. Richold (Melford), 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On May 23rd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Hannam, 1; E. Newman (conductor), 2; C. Groves, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Symons, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. Webb, 8. On June 6th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; E. Newman, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; H. Reynolds, 5; E. Reynolds, 6; A. Tomlins (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. On June 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. \*J. Harper, 1; \*J. Harris, 2; \*C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; A. E. Tomlins, 5; J. Gould, 6; \*A. Pye (conductor), 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. \*First quarter-peal. On June 15th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; J. Symons, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; E. Newman, 6; A. Pye, 7; — Ingram, 8. On June 26th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. Gould, 4; A. Pye, 5; E. Newman, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; — Ingram, 8. On June 27th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; C. Harris, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Symons, 5; E. Newman, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; — Ingram, 8. On July 7th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; E. Newman, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Gould, 5; E. Reynolds, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8. On July 18th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. Newman, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8.

HURSLEY (Hants).—On Monday, July 19th, on the occasion of the annual festival held at Romsey, the following members rang 720 Bob Minor: W. Singleton, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; W. Cooper, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; S. Cummins, 5; A. Millard (conductor), 6. And 360 Grandsire Minor. A. Millard, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Carpenter, 6.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, July 14th, at the cathedral, 503 Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; G. Smith, 2; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; E. J. Heathorn, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. Lebbon, 7; J. Harris, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. The Rev. M. Kelly hails from Ottery St. Mary, Devon. On Tuesday, July 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples, with 6-8-10 covering. F. Smith (first 500 away from the tenor), 1; W. Lebbon, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; W. Andrews, 5; W. S. Lampard, 6; J. Harris, 7; C. Russell, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. Rung on the occasion of the Queen's visit to the city.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, an attempt was made to a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2464 changes in 1 hr. 40 mins. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. Norris, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; E. Hatcher, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. On Sunday, June 27th, 490 Grandsire Triples. S. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. Norris, 4; W. Jennings, 5; E. Hatcher, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. On Tuesday, July 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. S. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. Norris, 4; F. L. Edwards, 5; E. Hatcher, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. F. L. Edwards hails from Cambridge.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAISWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, July 6th, the local band rung a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins. G. Browning, 1; H. Scrivens, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Hale, 4; S. Baker, 5; J. Poole, 6; W. Bateman, 7; A. Hanks, 8. Longest touch by the new band. On July 13th, 518 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, in which Dr. Walker rang the 2nd, and H. Scrivens the 6th, conducted by W. Hale.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins., co-conducted by R. A. Barrett. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles), in 26 mins., conducted by W. T. Pegler. Also several 6-scores of Stedman, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Withington, Plain Bob Doubles were rung during various times of practice, the following members taking part: H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite, G. Miles, R. A. Barrett, G. Smith, C. Browett, W. T. Pegler, A. E. Pegler, and J. Gillett.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—Recently, at the parish church, by the local band during various practices, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), 720 Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 70 mins., conducted by W. T. Pegler. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins., conducted by A. E. Pegler. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins., and 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins., conducted by A. E. Pegler; 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins., conducted by W. T. Pegler. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), 120 of Kent, 60 each of College Single, Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Minor, in 38 mins. W. T. Pegler (conductor). Also 1897 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles, in 60 mins., H. Doughty ringing the tenor, this being his longest touch, conducted by W. T. Pegler. And 720 Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins., conducted by W. T. Pegler. Several 6-scores of Stedman were rung during the practices, the following taking part: H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett, W. T. Pegler, A. E. Pegler, J. Austin, E. E. Davies, F. May, G. Taylor, J. Gillett, H. Doughty.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. Peter's church, in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 720 Arnold's Victory. E. Carr, 1; W. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Also 720 College Treble Bob standing as above. And 720 Duke of York. W. Thickett, 6; the rest as before.

DRIGHLINGTON (Yorks).—On Saturday, June 26th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Duke of York. E. Carr, 1; W. Giggie, 2; E. Brooke, 3; G. Hunt, 4; H. Rowley (conductor), 5; G. Pickles, 6.

TONG (Yorks).—On Saturday, June 26th, at St. James' church, 720 Violet Treble Bob standing as above. On Sunday, June 27th, 720 Tulip. E. Carr, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, July 11th, 720 London Surprise. On Monday, July 12th, 720 Wells Surprise and 720 Durham Surprise. On Wednesday, July 14th, 720 Carlisle Surprise and 720 York Surprise standing as above. Tenor 10½ cwt.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Saturday, July 17th, five members of the Lancashire Association from Manchester paid a friendly visit to this place, and assisted by the local band rang the following touches at St. George's church: 640 Kent Treble Bob. W. Brown (Manchester), 1; T. Marshall (Stockport), 2; G. E. Turner (Manchester), 3; A. Cross (Manchester), 4; G. F. Woodhouse (Manchester), 5; J. W. Bailey (Stockport), 6; A. Sidebotham, 7; H. Chapman (conductor, Manchester), 8. Three courses of Stedman Caters. T. Marshall, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Eachus, 3; A. Sidebotham, 4; G. E. Turner, 5; J. W. Bailey, 6; A. Cross, 7; G. F. Woodhouse, 8; H. Chapman (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. And 572 Grandsire Caters. T. Jackson, 1; G. E. Turner, 2; W. Brown, 3; G. F. Woodhouse, 4; H. Chapman, 5; J. W. Bailey, 6; A. Cross, 7; J. Eachus (conductor), 8; A. Sidebotham, 9; E. Williamson, 10.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday evening, July 4th, at Christ Church, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Hunt, 1; W. Lancaster, 2; J. Browell, 3; C. Waugh, 4; G. Dix, 5; J. E. Keen (conductor), 6; G. R. Holmes, 7; A. Dowell, 8. On Sunday, July 11th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hunt, 1; J. Browell, 2; G. W. Dix, 3; A. Tully (conductor), 4; C. Waugh, 5; G. R. Holmes, 6. On Tuesday, July 20th, for practice, 720 Bob Major. W. Hunt, 1; W. Reed, 2; J. Browell, 3; G. W. Holmes, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; R. Morrison, 6; J. E. Keen

(conductor), 7; A. Tully, 8. On Sunday, July 25th, for morning service, 504 Bob Triples. R. O. Hall (Newcastle), 1; J. Browell, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; G. W. Dix, 4; C. E. Waugh, 5; G. R. Holmes, 6; J. E. Keen (conductor), 7; A. Dowell, 8.

## THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday morning, July 25th, for Divine Service at St. Philip's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Jones, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; T. Collinson (first as conductor), 3; C. Sparkes, 4; J. Perry, 5; J. Carter, 6. This is T. Collinson's 100th 720.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. P. P. W. Meadows, 1; S. M. W. Meadows, 2; J. Fayers, 3; W. Whiting, 4; J. Sadler, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. Fayers hails from Mitcham, Surrey; Sadler from Witleham; Whiting from Helmingham; the rest belong to the local company.

FRAMSDEN (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, July 6th, for practice, 840 Bob Triples. J. Creasey, 1; W. Wightman, 2; S. Wightman, jun., 3; G. Thurlow, 4; A. Wightman, 5; G. Wightman (conductor), 6; W. Bullock, 7; J. Balaam, 8. Also 360 Bob Major. A. Woods, 8; the rest as before. On Tuesday, July 13th, 336 Bob Major. G. Wightman, 1; E. Hicks, 2; W. Wightman, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; R. King (aged 43), 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6; W. Bullock, 7; A. Wightman, 8. Also 224 Bob Major. J. Creasey, 1; A. Woods, 8; the rest as before.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WADHURST (Sussex).—On Saturday, July 17th, eight members of the St. Peter's society, Tunbridge Wells, paid a visit to this place to have a pull on the nice little ring of six. Four touches were started for and brought round. A 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Pollard, 1; G. Head, 2; G. Smithers, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Card (conductor), 6. This is said to be the first 720 in the method on the bells. Also 720 Bob Minor. W. Card, 1; G. Head, 2; S. Perkins, 3; E. Mankelaw, 4; G. Smithers, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. The visitors wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the ringers for providing such a pleasant evening.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROYDON (Essex).—On Wednesday, July 14th, seven members of the Harlow company with W. Watts, of Stansted, paid a visit to this place, and rang at the parish church 720 Bob Minor. H. Perrin, jun., 1; G. Dent, 2; W. Watts, 3; C. French, 4; T. Ellis, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And another 720 in the same method. W. Marrable (first 720), 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent, 4; W. Watts, 5; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 6. Another 720 in the same method (eighteen singles and three bobs). Composed by H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford. E. Parish, 1; I. Cavill, 2; R. Tabor, 3; C. French, 4; T. Ellis, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Messrs. Cavill and Marrable belong to the local company. Tenor 9 cwt.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, July 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Parsons, 1; C. Parsons, 2; E. Wright, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; E. Runter, 5; A. Bradley (conductor), 6. Also a 240. G. Clarke, 1; C. Parsons, 2; E. Wright, 5; J. Bond, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; T. Crozier, 6. On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Clarke, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; E. Runter, 4; T. Crozier, 5; A. Bradley (conductor), 6.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, July 24th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1 hr., owing to the 7th wheel giving way. W. G. Hall, 1; H. J. Balcombe, 2; R. Pickering, 3; W. Smith, 4; J. A. Brown, 5; A. Griffiths, 6; J. Jaggar (conductor), 7; W. Harley, 8. W. Smith hails from Darlaston; J. A. Brown from Bilston; J. Jaggar from Barton; the rest belong to Wolverhampton.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, June 13th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 720 Oxford. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent standing as before. On Tuesday, June 15th, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; D. Heys (conductor),

5; T. Mouncey, 6. Also 720 Woodbine. T. Mouncey, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, June 20th, for Divine Service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Heys, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday evening, June 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford. T. Duxbury (Padiham), 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 4th, for Divine Service 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth (conductor), 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Mouncey, 6. On Tuesday, July 6th, for practice, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, July 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. D. Heys, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 20th, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). D. Campbell, 1; F. Towns, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; R. Hartley, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On July 11th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Barker, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Hull, 6; H. Sharp, 7; J. Sear, 8. Also 305 Grandsire Caters. W. Barker, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. Allen, 6; I. Hills, 7; F. Keech, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; J. Sear, 10. Both touches conducted by H. Sharp. On July 16th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Barker, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; F. Hull, 7; W. Allen, 8. W. Allen, late of the St. Paul's company, hails from New Brunswick, North America, he being on a visit to his native home (Bedford) after an absence of nearly eight years. On July 6th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Ball, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Barker, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Toll, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. Also 720 Double Oxford Bob. F. Ball, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Toll, 6. On July 13th, 720 Woodbine. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. Barker, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6.

OLNEY (Bucks).—On July 15th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Wright, 1; W. Wright, 2; R. Raban, 3; R. Perkins, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; C. R. Lilley, 6.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 25th, at the parish church, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Goodwin, 1; J. Brown, 2; W. Slater, 3; J. Smith, sen., 4; J. Walker, 5; J. Scholey (conductor), 6; M. Adams, 7.

#### THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Saturday, July 24th, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, 1458 Grandsire Caters. W. Newnham, 1; A. Hardy, 2; W. Otway, 3; G. Mulley, 4; W. R. Crockford, 5; H. Barton (conductor), 6; C. Burdan, 7; W. Passmore, 8; W. Smith, 9; G. Bishop, 10. Messrs. Crockford and Otway hail from Leatherhead, Surrey.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR.—On Thursday, July 22nd, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Trigg, 1; G. Doughty, 2; J. Yates, 3; H. Whittle, 4; R. Sear, 5; E. Reader, 6. On Sunday morning, July 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). R. Sear, 1; G. Doughty, 2; J. Yates, 3; W. Purvin, 4; H. Whittle, 5; E. Reader (conductor), 6. R. Sear hails from Bletchley, and this is his first 720 in the method, and first attempt at ringing Minor.

BILSTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, July 25th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Marks, 1; T. Lowe, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. Foster, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. Brown (conductor), 7; W. Eyre, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Atkins, 3; J. Harper, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Adams, 6; J. Brown (conductor), 7; W. Eyre, 8. Messrs. Harper, Brown, and Eyre belong to Bilston; Pitt, Atkins, and Adams to Willenhall; the remainder belong to Darlaston.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Wednesday, July 14th, at Bishop Ryder's church, 496 Bob Major. W. Hancox, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. Short, 3; A. Flowers, 4; T. Miller, 5; R. Hackley, 6; A. Hackley, 7; T. Wakeman, 8. Conducted by W. Short. And 291 Stedman Triples.

W. Short, 1; J. Porter, 2; T. Wakeman, 3; A. Flowers, 4; T. Miller (conductor), 5; R. Hackley, 6; W. Hancox, 7; G. Ellis, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Perks, late caretaker of the schools.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 11th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; H. Halham, 2; H. R. Passmore, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. Hill, 5; W. H. Passmore, 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; R. Wood, 8. On Sunday evening, July 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; A. Allfrey, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. Hill, 5; H. Halham (conductor), 6; H. Davis, 7; R. Wood, 8. And 42 in the same method. H. Hill, 2; A. Allfrey, 4; P. Allfrey, 7; the rest as before.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, July 18th, 420 Darlaston Bob Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; E. Unitt, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. Also 420 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; D. Chapman, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; E. Unitt (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown, 7; J. Hamilton, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. J. A. Brown (conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; the rest as before. On Thursday, July 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; D. Chapman, 4; J. A. Brown, 5; E. Unitt (conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Hamilton, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; J. Pardoe, 2; G. Morgan, 3; D. Chapman, 4; J. Foster, 5; T. Lowe, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Hamilton, 8. On Sunday, July 25th, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; J. Foster, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6; J. A. Brown, 7; E. Unitt, 8. And 224 Darlaston Bob Triples. J. A. Brown (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6; E. Unitt, 7; J. Jones, 8. Messrs. Chapman and Hamilton belong to Walsall; J. A. Brown to Bilston.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Saturday, July 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's) in 42 mins. J. Preston (conductor), 1; J. Edwards, 2; E. Dunk, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Wallis, 5; S. Wallis, 6; R. Jenner, 7; J. Malyar, 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method.

GARBOLDISHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, July 22nd, on the occasion of the Flower Show, 720 Bob Minor. H. Eavas, 1; J. Tite, 2; J. Chenery, 3; J. Bennett, 4; G. Haylett, 5; J. Woods, sen. (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method. W. Bloomfield, 1; J. Tite, 2; J. Chenery, 3; J. Bennett, 4; G. Haylett, 5; J. Woods, sen. (conductor), 6. And 360 in the same method. J. Woods, jun., 1; G. Haylett, 2; J. Chenery, 3; J. Bennett, 4; J. Tite, 5; J. Woods, sen. (conductor), 6. J. Woods, sen., and G. Haylett hail from Quidenham; J. Woods, jun., and J. Tite from Banham.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, July 20th, for practice, 720 Bob Major in 29 mins. H. Lindsay, 1; J. Whitaker, 2; T. Flint, 3; B. Shaw, 4; J. Logan, 5; H. Williams, 6; W. Wood, 7; A. Haste (conductor), 8. First 720 by H. Lindsay, and rung at the first attempt.

LONDON.—On Thursday, July 15th, for practice at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples in 29 mins. W. Smith, 1; \*W. Webber, 2; W. Berry, 3; J. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; W. Passmore, 5; F. Clements, 6; T. Langdon, 7; †C. Witcombe, 8. \*Longest length with a bob bell. †First touch of Triples.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. \*A. Balchin, 1; H. Tidy, jun., 2; R. Stains, 3; G. Kite, 4; H. Simpson (conductor), 5; E. Allen, 6; S. Snelling, 7; W. Walker, 8. Messrs. Stains, Allen, and Kite hail from Borden; Walker from Upchurch. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, July 25th, for Divine Service, 252 Stedman Triples. A. Burchell, 1; S. Phipps, 2; W. Symes, 3; W. Gale, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; J. Poole (conductor), 6; F. K. Howell, 7; T. Alsop, 8. For evening service 168 Stedman Triples. \*A. Phelps, 1; S. Phipps, 2; W. Symes, 3; W. Gale, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; J. Poole (conductor), 6; F. K. Howell, 7; W. Jefferies, 8. \*First touch of Stedman Triples.

WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—For practice at the parish church, 377 Grandsire Triples. G. Turnell, 1; W. H. Ette, 2; W. Perkins, 3; W. Wood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; T. R. Hensher, 7; T. Craddock, 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Turnell, 1; W. Perkins, 2; F. Wood, 3; W. Wood, 4; T. R. Hensher, 5; E. West, 6; J. T. Tompkins, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Turnell, 1; F. Wood, 2; W. H. Ette, 3; E. West, 4; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 5; J. Tompkins, 6; W. Perkins, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Messrs. Tompkins and Perkins belong to Finedon; these were the former's first touches of Triples. Recently on a Sunday morning, P. Manning, also of Finedon, rang the treble in a touch of Triples for the first time.

### Ringers' Outings.

**THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, WINCHESTER.**—On Saturday, July 17th, the members celebrated their fourth annual outing, Oxford being the place selected. Arriving there at 10.15, the party was met by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who piloted the visitors through the colleges and other places of interest. At one o'clock they repaired to St. Giles' Parish Room, where ample justice was done to a capital spread, due to the catering of Mr. A. Fox, a well-known Oxford ringer. The Rev. F. E. Robinson having arrived before dinner, was asked to preside, being supported by the Master (Mr. W. H. George), and Mr. Washbrook, the vice-chair being ably occupied by Mr. D. Froome. The cloth having been removed, the chairman proposed "The Queen." The Master proposed "The Health of the Dean and Chapter," and said it was chiefly through them that their annual outings were so successful. Mr. D. Froome proposed "The Health of the Master," speaking very highly of the way in which he had worked to bring the ringing to its present state of efficiency. Mr. W. H. George in responding, thanked the members for the kind manner in which they had acknowledged the toast, and said how glad he was to see such a good muster present, twenty in number, and that they went on increasing year by year. He was pleased to say he was the promoter of their annual outing, and believed that such gatherings tended to bind the friendly feelings which should exist in all societies. When he first went to Winchester there was no change-ringing there, but he was pleased to say they were now progressing very favourably, and could now boast of a Stedman Caters band. He had already conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters, and hoped shortly to do the same with Stedman. He thanked Messrs. W. J. Sevier, W. Lebbon, R. Hasted and C. J. Chooet for their assistance in making the company what it was and as Winchester Cathedral was the chief church of the Diocese he was anxious to see the ringers of that Cathedral foremost in the art. In conclusion he proposed the health of Mr. D. Froome, who responded. Mr. Lebbon proposed "The Healths of the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. Washbrook," both of whom said how pleased they were to meet such promising ringers from the place where change-ringing was first instilled into the minds of the former by the sound of the magnificent peal. Mr. Robinson hoped before long to have the pleasure of ringing a peal of Stedman Caters there. The rev. gentleman, and the Master of the Winchester Cathedral Society, spoke very highly of the vast amount of good done by "THE BELL NEWS," remarking how pleased ringers ought to feel that such a valuable paper was in existence. Before that paper was brought into existence it was with great difficulty that any ringing matters were heard of. Afterwards the members made for a pull on the grand ring of eight at Merton College, and the ten at Christ Church Cathedral, and at seven o'clock a move was made for the station, leaving by the 7.24 train, when the handbells were brought into use, and between Oxford and Reading short touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob were rung by W. H. George, C. J. Chooet, G. Smith, and W. Lebbon; arriving home at 10 o'clock, all having spent a most enjoyable day.

**THE CIRENCESTER SOCIETY.**—On Tuesday, July 20th, the members of the Parish Church and Holy Trinity Church bands of ringers had their annual outing. They left Cirencester at 6.45 a.m., and journeyed by the M. & S.W.J.R. to Southampton, where they arrived at 9.15. After a short interval for refreshments some of the party paid a hurried visit to the Dock Yard where there was much to instruct, the principal attraction being the liner, St. Paul, of New York, which sailed on Saturday. A move was then made for the pier, and the party were soon all abroad, and had a delightful sail down the Southampton water to Cowes. On landing at Cowes, a brake was soon chartered, as we had previously decided to go to Newport, and we found that by starting earlier than was at first intended, there would be a splendid opportunity of seeing Her Majesty, this being the day when she returned to Osborne House, after the conclusion of the Jubilee festivities. Of course I need not say we gladly embraced the offer, East Cowes was *en fete*, the line of route through which the Royal party were to pass being gay with flags and

bunting; also school children, about 1400 or 1500, and a guard of honour, were drawn up outside the Town Hall. We were driven up through the assembled crowds, and our Jehu took us opposite the entrance gates of Osborne House, where an halt was made. We had but a few minutes to wait before Her Majesty and suite drove up, and she most gracefully bowed her acknowledgment as she passed. She was in an open carriage and seated by her side was the Princess Henry of Battenberg. We were not a little proud to think that we were the last body of men to welcome Her Majesty, after all the brilliant receptions she had met with during the Jubilee, and it will not soon be effaced from our minds. We then continued on our road to Newport, and we soon had the bells of St. Thomas's Church going, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. The use of the bells had been granted by the Vicar through the kindly offices of the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, of Cirencester. Time was pressing and we were soon on our way again, reaching Cowes through Parkhurst, passing by the barracks and convict establishment. We left Cowes at 5.45, and 7.15 found us all at the South Western Hotel, Southampton, where we dined with the choirs of the Cirencester churches who had their outing the same day, the Ven. Archdeacon of Cirencester presiding. The usual loyal toasts were most enthusiastically drunk, among the other toasts being that of the Cirencester church choirs and ringers, Mr. S. Moore and Mr. C. Boud, responding on behalf of the latter. Cirencester was reached shortly before midnight and thus ended a record day with "Queen's" weather. S. M.

**THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.**—The members of this society had their fourteenth annual outing to Campsall, on Saturday, July 10th. They arrived at Askern shortly after 11, and proceeded to walk across the fields to Campsall; it being a grand day the walk was much enjoyed. The church is an ancient edifice and five of the bells were cast in 1723, but they are now a peal of eight. The bells were raised and after an unsuccessful attempt 448 of London Surprise Major was rung. Stedman Triples was attempted but unfortunately came to grief. The ringers afterwards adjourned to The Bell inn, and sat down to a good tea, which was much appreciated. Several of the ringers came over from Doncaster in the afternoon and took part in the ringing after tea, which consisted of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, while some preferred a ramble round the village. Leaving Campsall they arrived in Doncaster shortly before 7. The Doncaster friends quickly obtained permission of the Vicar and rang several good touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples. The Sheffield ringers after a good day's ringing made their way to the station, arriving in Sheffield about twenty minutes to 11, after an enjoyable outing. The following were the members who took part in the ringing: Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, T. Hattersley, A. Brearley, D. Brearley, W. Lomas, J. Mulligan, W. Bugar, J. Holman, S. Silvester, E. Woodward, S. Seed. And the Doncaster ringers including Mr. J. F. Mallaby, bell-hanger, of Barnby Don.

**THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, BRIGHTON.**—The members and friends of the above Guild travelled to Battle on July 10th, for their annual outing. Leaving Brighton by the 7.25 a.m. train, and arriving at St. Leonard's, breakfast was partaken of. They entrained at 10.30, arriving at Battle about 10.50, and a move was at once made for the church, where touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Dinner was the next item on the board, and it was served in the most approved style by Host Wagstaff. Then the members and friends were conducted over Messrs. Newberry's jam factory, where raspberry jam was in process of manufacture, and as a small memento of the visit, Mr. Newberry presented to each one a half-pound pot of hot jam. A drive through Ashburnham, Crowhurst, Coltsfield and Normanhurst, brought tea-time round. Afterwards the church was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung by mixed bands of Brighton and Battle, conducted by W. Franks, W. Alfrey and H. Stalham. A start was made for the station, and Brighton was safely reached at 10.45 p.m. after a most enjoyable day.

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### Notices.

Halifax and District Association.—The adjourned annual meeting will be held at All Souls' church, Haley Hill, Halifax, to-day, Saturday, July 31st.

F. P. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at St. George's, Heaviley, Stockport, to-day, Saturday, July 31st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

57, Alexandra Road,  
Ashton-under-Lyne.

S. BOOTH,  
*Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Tong (6 bells), to-day, Saturday, July 31. A peal will be attempted at 3 p.m. Meeting house, "The Greyhound Inn."

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, July 31st, at St. Mary's Church, Deane, near Bolton. Ringing to commence at 4 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited to attend.

HENRY MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

149, Clarence Street, Bolton.

The Beddington Society, Surrey.—The annual ringing meeting will be held at Beddington, on August Bank Holiday, from 2 p.m. The Flower Show and Sports will be held in Beddington Park.

C. BANCE, *Hon. Sec.*

Hackbridge, Surrey

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Cambridge, on Bank Holiday, August 2nd.

R. M. CROFT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Old Manor, Wilberton.

Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dean's Refreshment Rooms, Bell Street, Reigate, on August Bank Holiday. Tea at 4.30 p.m. The peal of eight at St. Mary Magdalene, Reigate, will be available from 2 p.m. by kind permission of the rector. Will representatives kindly communicate to Mr. Wm. Argent, 4, Croydon Road, Reigate, the number of their members likely to attend the tea.

CHAS. DEAN, jun.,  
*Secretary.*

"Royston," Court Road,  
Sutton, Surrey.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells (eight) available 2 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Temperance Hotel (9d. per head) at 5.30. A short service and address by the Vicar of Rye at 5 p.m.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

N.B.—Will those members who have not already done so, kindly pay their subscriptions for 1897 as early as possible.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge in the rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society, St. Edward's Passage, on Monday next, Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Meat Tea at 3.30 p.m. The bells of Great St. Mary's church have been kindly granted, and it is hoped that one or two other peals will also be available to members.

WALTER W. CRUMP, *Hon. Sec.*

Haddenham Rectory, Ely.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Chester on Monday, August 2nd. 10.30—Service in the

Cathedral, with sermon by the Rev. Canon Blencowe; 12.0—General Meeting in the Refectory; 1.30—Dinner at the Assembly Rooms, Watergate Street. City towers will be open for ringing. RICHARD GREENALL, *Grappenhall Rectory. Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Waterfoot, instead of Bury, as formerly announced, on August 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

Helmshore. J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—Owing to the bells at Hale not being available, the next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Grassendale, on Saturday, August 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 6 p.m. Members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1896-97 will please do so at this meeting, or forward the same to me before August 31st.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

3, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Alteration of meeting night at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The next meeting takes place on Friday, August 13th, at 8 p.m., and every alternate Friday.

A. JACOB.

Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 14th at Shrewsbury. Ringing at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by service at St. Chad's at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Salop, President of the Guild. Business meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Corn Exchange at 5 o'clock. Price 6d. per head for those sending their names to the Hon. Sec.

### Compositions.

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By F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

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2 3 4 5 6 I 5 6

2 4 3 5 6 - S

4 5 3 2 6 - -

2 3 5 4 6 - -

3 5 2 4 6 - -

5 4 2 3 6 - -

4 3 2 5 6 - -

5 2 3 4 6 - -

3 2 6 4 5 - -

Five times repeated.

Bob for single in remaining parts except the 4th part. Contains the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths.

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By HENRY W. WILDE, *Belgrave, Cheshire.*

6048.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

3 5 4 2 6 - -

6 2 5 3 4 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

6 3 2 5 4 - -

3 2 6 5 4 - -

2 6 3 5 4 - -

6 5 3 2 4 - -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

Five times repeated, with single instead of bob at 6 in the seventh course of the third and sixth parts. This peal contains the extent of the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place at the course-ends.

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2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 6 4 5 2 2 - I 2

2 5 3 6 4 - 2

6 3 4 2 5 1 1

2 5 3 4 6 2 - 2

4 6 5 3 2 2 - 2

2 3 5 6 4 2 - 2 I

2 3 6 4 5 - - I

3 4 2 5 6 2 2

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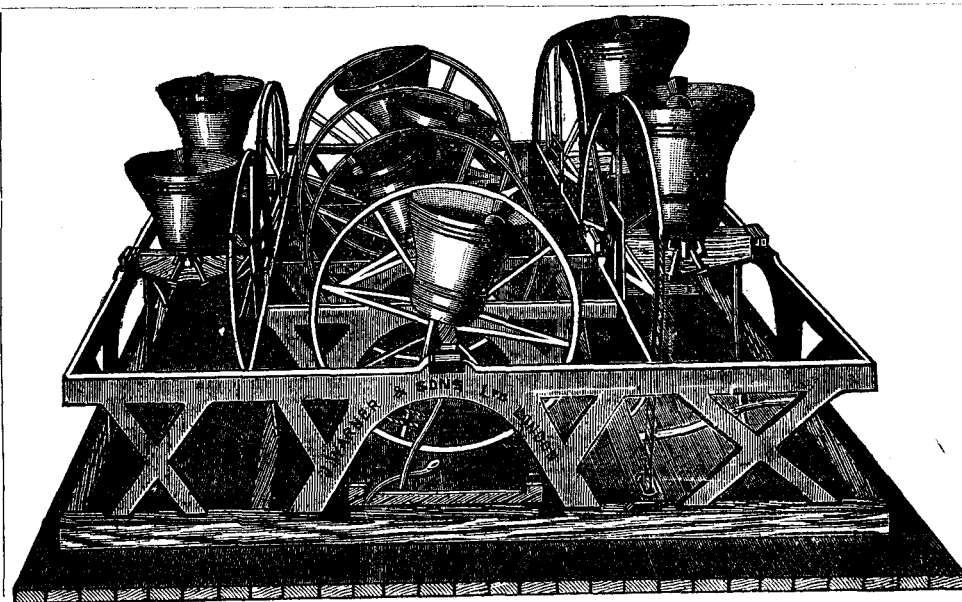
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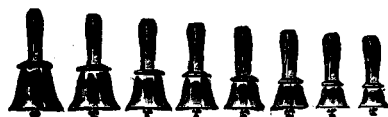
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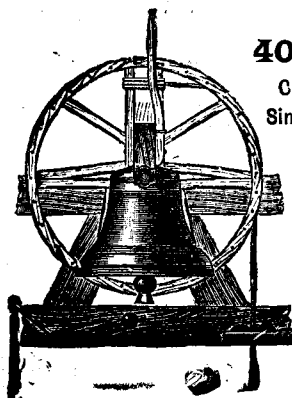
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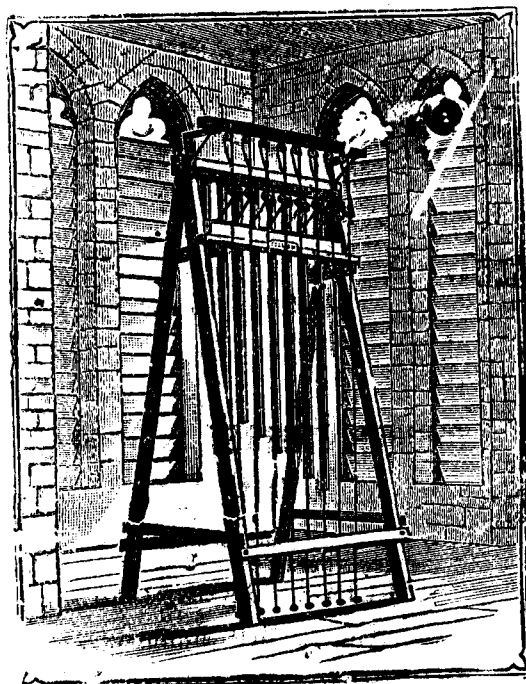
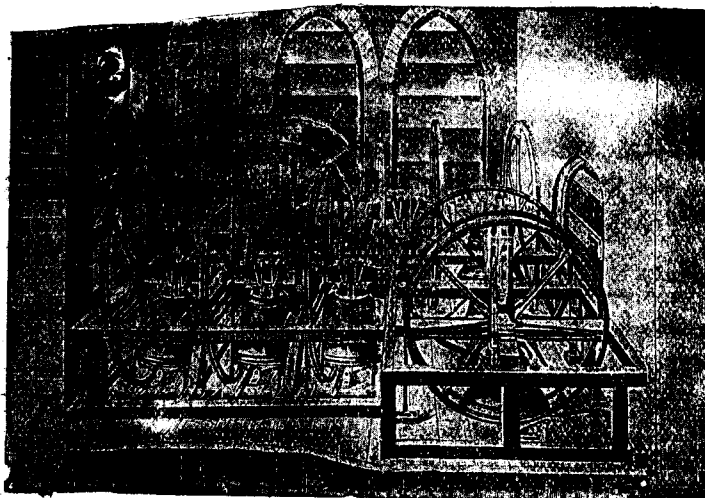
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### DEDICATION OF THE BELLS BY THE BISHOP OF READING.

To the inhabitants of Kidlington the year of the Diamond Jubilee will always be associated with the practical completion of the series of works of restoration, which, for some years past, have been in progress at the fine old parish church of St. Mary, whose tall and graceful spire, rising above the undulations of the surrounding country, is a striking feature of the landscape, when viewed even at a distance of many miles. [The annexed sketch of the church appeared some time ago, but it is thought advisable to reproduce it here.] Most of the improvements have been effected during the tenure of office of the present vicar (the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn), and the culmination of this marked evidence of influence and progress was attained on Thursday, when the bells, which had been thoroughly overhauled and



increased in number, were dedicated afresh to their manifold uses by the Bishop of Reading (Dr. Randall). Kidlington has long been famous for its peal of bells, and history records that as far back as 1715, five of the six bells then in existence were re-cast. A smaller one was added in 1800, and thirty-seven years later saw the erection of a platform in the tower for ringing the bells, which hitherto had been rung from the floor. The sermon on that occasion was preached by the Archdeacon of Oxford (Dr. Clerke), and it was appropriate, therefore, that the present holder of this important post should be called upon to officiate, when sixty years later, the ravages of decay and the necessity of keeping in touch with modern requirements, led to the holding of a somewhat similar service. The urgency of doing something to improve the belfry and its contents was made forcibly apparent about twelve months ago, when, during the ringing of a muffled peal, one of the bells slipped from its bearings, an examination of the remaining bells and their surroundings resulting in an order being placed in the hands of Messrs. Webb and Bennett, local church bell-hangers, to make the fittings more secure, and at the same time, advantage was taken of the opportunity to have three of the bells re-cast, and to add two additional ones to their number, the latter being presented by Mr. William Brain, one of the churchwardens. This has been effected with most satisfactory results at a cost of £400, of which sum £300 has already been raised.

It was to take part in the ceremony of dedication that a large number of parishioners and friends assembled at three o'clock in the church, which, by the time the service had commenced, was crowded in every part. Preceded by the church banner, the choir, some thirty strong, and several surpliced clergy walked in procession to the churchyard gate to meet the Bishop, the hymn "Blessed City, heavenly Salem" being sung as they returned to the church. The Bishop took up a position within the Communion rails, while the clergy, who consisted of the Revs. Dr. Yule (Shipton), R. F. Dale (Bletchington), V. Doyne (Beckley), T. J. Hearn (Wootton), J. K. Kirby (Weston-on-the-Green), H. Sayers (Christ Church, and acting curate of the parish), C. A. Smith (Summerstown), and E. R. Buckley, Kirtlington, occupied seats in the chancel. The service was commenced by the vicar, and the selected Psalms were cxii., "I was glad when they said unto me," and cl., "Praise ye the Lord." The first lesson, taken from 1 Chronicles, xxix., was read by the Rev. R. Dale, and the second from Revelations v. 6, by the Rev. T. J. Hearn, the choir, which was augmented for the occasion, and rendered excellent service, singing the "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" to Garrett in F. The anthem was Stainer's "Sing a song of praise," and at its conclusion, the Bishop advanced, and standing beneath the tower, offered the dedicatory prayers. His closing sentences were followed by a burst of melody from above, and the ringers in the tower having rung a course of Grandsire Triples, the congregation united in the hymn "Like silver trumpets pealing, our bells ring out to-day."

The Bishop, who took his text from Hebrews xii. 25, said it was a great pleasure and a great privilege to be allowed to come and take some part in that most happy day, which they were spending with all the goodwill of the parish around them, and he hoped with all the goodwill of their neighbours also, to do what they could to help them through the last and most difficult stage of the work which had been set on foot there. It was the last stage which was almost always the most difficult, and so let him begin by imposing upon all the necessity of doing their part in wiping off the debt which still remained, £20, to finish the work of the restoration of the bells. There had been a great effort made for some years past to restore the church to something of its old dignity and beauty—most successfully made—and he did not think it was unbecoming to say that one of the officers of the church had done his utmost to bring about its restoration, and the completion of the work which had been undertaken in the tower. One of the great lessons to be learnt from the restoration of the bells was that it did not follow that the time of the restoration of the material fabric was a time of spiritual advance. They must remember whilst they were thinking of church restoration, there was a special restoration given to them, namely, that of the true ideal of worship. Of course, it was quite right that the material fabric should be put in such a position as to make restoration of true worship more easy and more convenient, but they must not stop there, they must go on, and that was the point to which God called this particular generation. The last generation had the work of restoring the material fabric, but the work of the present generation was the restoration of the true ideal of worship, and the carrying out of true worship in their own hearts and lives, and for the benefit of all those around. The bells would tell them of the church, of the presence of that material building, and the presence of that material building was a sign and token to them of the invisible presence of Him, who sat above with the Father, and was there invisibly present with them. And when they thought of the church, the church would tell them of the altar, and the altar would tell them of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, and all that it meant. Then they had to carry the lesson on, and ask what it meant to them. It meant everything. He did not think there was anything which had made so much advance



of late years as care for the belfry, the bells, and the ringers. There was a time when to be a member of a belfry was almost to put a mark on a man for the bad. But thank God it now put a mark upon a man for his good, and they could not be too thankful for this. Addressing the ringers, the preacher urged them to try as far as they could to be true to God in their work. It was a grand work for God they might do if they only put their hearts into it. There was everything in the work of the belfry which could make a man understand what was the meaning of the corporate work of the Church—that each man must do his own individual part as much as he possibly could, but all must do it together if the work was to be perfect. He bade them God speed with all his heart. He thought everybody would be glad to see that the parish had been doing what it could to make the House of God all that it ought to be.

The hymn following the sermon was "For all the saints who from their labours rest," and the service was concluded by the Bishop, the recessional hymn being "Through the night of doubt and sorrow." Then the bells rang out another joyous peal, and the stone changed to the lawn in front of the Vicarage, where Mr. and Mrs. Freeborn hospitably entertained a numerous company, which included the Revs. W. E. Sherwood (Oxford), W. D. Sargent (Wolvercote), F. E. Robinson (Drayton, Berks), G. Duucan (Steeple Barton), R. F. Mallam (Bloxham), Messrs. W. Brain and E. H. Martin (churchwardens), Warwick Hunt (Hampton Poyle), J. T. Dodd and A. F. Milton Druce (Oxford.)

An account of the dedication ceremony would be incomplete without a description of the bells. The treble weighs 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs. and bears the following inscription: "Presented by William Brain, in memory of his grand parents, William and Mary Brain. A. C. R. Freeborn, vicar; W. Brain and E. H. Martin, churchwardens; Webb and Bennett, church bell-hangers, Kidlington; Mears and Stainbank, founders, London. The second bell is also a new one, and bears a similar inscription, the weight being 7 cwt. 11 qrs. 21 lbs. No. 3 has been re-cast by the above-mentioned founders, and weighs 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs. It is inscribed, "Richard Keene made me, 1621." The fourth has also been re-cast. It weighs 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 31 lbs., and bears the quaint wording: "Bartholomew Atton made me the Treble of this peal to be. 1621." The date of the 5th is 1715, the weight 11 cwt. 2 qrs., and the names upon it William Coster, Thomas Dawson and William Turrell, presumably those of the incumbent and the churchwardens respectively. Re-casting has also been tried in the case of No. 6, which dates from 1610, and weighs 13 cwt. 6 lbs. Upon the 7th bell appear the names of John Sanders, John Springhatt, and Lawrence Penn, with the 1700. The weight is about 19 cwt. The tenor bell was founded by "A.R." in 1708, weighs 26 cwt., and displays the names of Thomas Dawson, Richard Stimpson and Lawrence Penn. The bells are hung on an improved wrought-iron frame of the contractors' own construction, in which limit of space has not been allowed to interfere with the stability of construction. The solid new oak base on which the frame stands weighs over 2½ tons, the frame itself turning the scale at 5½ tons, which, with the bells and fittings, constitute a total weight of about 14½ tons. The whole of the work, with the exception of the casting of the bells, has been carried out by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, who, in the course of the next two or three weeks, intend to insert a clock in the tower to strike the hours on the tenor. The offertory, after deducting the expenses connected with the service, amounted to £8 10s.

#### FREISTON, LINCQLNSHIRE.

On Sunday, August 1st, for Divine Service, the bells of the parish church were raised in peal, and the plain hunt rung by five brothers, sons of Alexander Sharp, formerly sexton, and whose wife and mother of the said sons, with the help of one of them, still acts as sexton, and I believe the sextonship has been in the family upwards of 100 years. It is believed to be the first time that five brothers have rung together on these bells, although a John Harrod and four sons once rung together, and also a John Barber and four sons rang together, most of whom are still alive. Afterwards several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob were rung by the Freiston company, assisted by Messrs. Phillips (2), and Rollinson, of Butterwick, members of the East Lincolnshire Association.

#### Ringers' Outings.

THE STOWMARKET SOCIETY.—On Tuesday, July 20th, the Stowmarket branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association had their annual outing to Framlingham, via Stonham and Framsdan. A brake was hired from The Fox hotel, and started sharp at 7.15 a.m. Everything was all that could be wished, for it was a glorious morning, and everything was in a mellow ray. Arriving at Stonham Aspal (where there is a fine musical ring of ten bells, kindly lent to us by the Rev. — Pooley), we were met by Mr. Hawkins English, of Coddensham, who pulled up as we arrived at The Ten Bells inn, and said he should like to have a pull with us, as all old friends would do. We ascended the tower and rang two courses of Bob Major and two courses of Grandsire Triples. After bidding our friend good-bye, and thanking the rev. gentleman for the use of the tower, we made our way to Framsdan, where we were met by Mr. Thurlow and Mr. Bullock. Here we found a splendid ring of eight, tenor between 17 and 18 cwt., in fine ringing order. A good 1008 was rung, and two courses of Grandsire Triples. We then thanked the Rev. V. Rowe for the use of the tower, and we bid our two friends good-bye. We made another move on to Framlingham, where we were met by the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, and Messrs. Read, Folkard, and Howlett. At 1.30 we all sat down to a good repast provided by host Howlett at The Hare and Hounds. Everything was all that could be desired, after which we ascended the fine lofty tower and rang a 1008 of Bob Major and several courses of Oxford Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Time getting on the wing we were obliged to make a move towards home, so after thanking the rev. gentleman and friends we started off for Debenham, through the pretty little village of Soham. Arriving at Debenham at 6.20, we were met by Messrs. Grimes, sen. and jun., Messrs. Rumsey and others. A 1008 Bob Major and courses of Oxford Treble Bob were rung. After spending a social evening we made our way for home, which was safely reached after a most enjoyable day's outing. The following were the ringers: Messrs. Wade, Rouse, Souter (2), Welham, Buckle, Draper, Mr. S. Turner (auctioneer), and Mr. C. Gladwell (verger). The party wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank all the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness. J. W.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF SWANSCOMBE.—The members of the above band had their annual outing on Saturday, July 24th, paying a visit to Rodmersham, at the invitation of Mr. Dixon. After partaking of refreshments on the lawn, we paid a visit to the church close by (while the ladies rambled in the orchard), the following ringing a 720 London Surprise:—W. Lane, 1; Geo. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Lane, 1; Geo. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also a course of London Surprise, with H. Milhams at the treble and J. Dixon, M.A., on the 4th. The above desire through our paper to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells.

THE ST. LAWRENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.—On Monday, August 2nd, the members of this society had their annual outing, leaving Reading at 6 a.m. for Southampton, thence to Cowes, Isle of Wight, by boat thence to Newport, Isle of Wight. On arriving at St. Thomas' church, they were met by some of the local ringers and conducted to the ringing-chamber, where 489 Grandsire Triples, and 224 Bob Major, conducted by F. Hopgood; also 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by C. Giles were successfully brought round. The next move was dinner, which needless to say was partaken of most freely after so long a journey. After dinner the party took a walk to Carisbrooke. Arriving at St. Mary's church a 209 Grandsire Triples, and 504 Stedman Triples was rung, conducted by F. Hopgood. After falling the bells in peal with the assistance of several of the local band, a hurried view of the castle was had from the churchyard, and the party made tracks for Newport once more. Tea was partaken of, much to the appreciation of all. Train time was drawing near, so they took their departure for the homeward journey, Reading being reached at one o'clock on Tuesday

morning, all having enjoyed themselves to their utmost. The long journey was enlivened by touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, etc., on the handbells. The ringers taking part in the ringing of the day were Messrs. Newell, Hopgood, Giles, Osborne, Watmore, Hern, Tucker, Tubb, Foxell, Sawyer, and Jennings (Ryde, Isle of Wight). The ringers take this opportunity of the vicars, steeplekeepers, and ringing friends for making them so welcome, and having everything in readiness.

**THE TONBRIDGE SOCIETY.**—The Tonbridge parish church choir and ringers visited Folkestone on the 21st inst., for which they were indebted to the congregation. Only three members of the ringing society, with four young probationers, availed themselves of this splendid opportunity for a day at the seaside, so that no arrangements for ringing could be made. However, a most enjoyable day was spent, visits being paid to nearly everything of interest in Folkestone, and to the well-known crypt in Hythe church, which contains a large collection of skulls and bones of a long since forgotten generation. Two substantial meals were provided, and with lovely summer weather, a day was passed which has left pleasant and healthy memories. It is hoped that if such an opportunity occurs again the whole band of ringers will show their appreciation by putting themselves out a bit and availing themselves of it.

**THE TONG SOCIETY, YORKSHIRE.**—The members of this company determined upon availing themselves of the bank holiday for an outing. Several places of interest were suggested, but owing to the exigencies of business, two of the party were unable to leave, therefore Morecambe, Lancashire, a well-known seaside place was chosen, as they were sure of a welcome and assistance from Mr. John Cordingley, a former resident of Calverley, and a veteran in the art of fifty-two years' service. Leaving Bradford on Saturday afternoon by the Midland Railway, in a reserved compartment, the party were enabled, *en route*, to enliven the journey with the handbells, both in tunes and changes. On arrival, "tracks" were made at once for Mr. Cordingley's residence, but here a disappointment awaited them, as he was unable to accommodate them all, but made arrangements with his next door neighbour so to do. After a refreshing tea, a stroll on the promenade was indulged in and the band were pleased to meet with Mr. James Angus, of Bradford, who accompanied the party to a local hostelry, and handbell ringing was then the order of the evening, courses of Grandsire Triples, Major, Oxford and Bob Minor, following each other in quick succession. Sunday morning opened so highly, it caused the band to be astir early and as it was proposed to drive to Silverdale, twelve miles away, to ring at St. John's church, they made an early breakfast and arrived there about 9.30, after a pleasant ride along rural country roads and lanes. At one point, near Carnforth, they were halted by the keeperess of a gate which opened to a private road, but the driver succeeded in convincing the good lady it was a *business* party he had in charge, and not a "boozing" one as she evidently, by her remarks, thought! On arrival, one of the local ringers (Mr. Dowthwaite) was quickly sought and permission asked if the party might ring for service, and whilst he gained the Vicar's sanction, they mounted the belfry. Permission being readily given, the bells were quickly raised in peal, but time only permitted of 240 changes each. Violet and Oxford being rung by—C. J. Gallaway, 1; J. Cordingley, 2; H. Oddy, 3; G. Bolland, 4; F. Hargreaves, 5; J. Haley, 6. The bells are a nice handy peal by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Tenor about 12 cwt. and go well. It was pleasant news on descending to be asked by one of the officials, "has anyone thanked you—as you have well pleased all." Regret was expressed that they could not stay longer in this lovely dale and get better acquainted with the local ringers, but coachy was desirous of returning early, and the party were back in Morecambe again at one o'clock, ready for dinner and a rest before proceeding to Lancaster! 5.15 found the band in this county town, and steps were wended towards the tower of the church and permission readily given to ascend. The bells were quickly raised by Messrs. Sallaway, Oddy, Wheeler, Bolland, Hargreaves, and Haley, but owing to the "bad go" of the 1st and 4th, not much could be accomplished. The party was here augmented by the

arrival of Mr. Angus, and a move was suggested to the tower of the Roman Catholic Church, which contains a splendid peal of eight, tenor 26 cwt. Here the ringers were busy at work, but readily gave way for the visitors, and Messrs. Sallaway, Cordingley, Oddy, Angus, Wheeler, Bolland, Hargreaves and Haley, essayed to ring Kent Treble Major, but did not succeed to their own satisfaction, the treble ringer being out of practice and not familiar with eight bell ringing, and a substitute could not be found in the local men. The band had here to break up, five of the party returning homewards, leaving only Mr. Bolland and a novice. This was thought to be a stop for any further handbell ringing, but on returning to Morecambe Mr. Bolland was recognised by a Keighley ringer, Mr. W. Lawrence, now residing in the seaside town, and who proved himself a substitute for those who had left; therefore an adjournment was made for practice by Messrs. Cordingley, Angus, Lawrence, and Bolland. Another meeting was arranged for Monday evening, when the welcome presence of Mr. W. Walker, of Leeds, made it possible to ring Royal, and several courses were rung by Messrs. Lawrence, 1-2; Cordingley, 3-4; G. Bolland, 5-6; W. Walker, 7-8; Angus, 9-10. And a course of Oxford Minor by Messrs. Cordingley, Walker, and Bolland. It may here be stated that at present there is not a peal of bells in Morecambe, but one is expected this week—a peal of six from the foundry of Charles Carr, Smethwick, Birmingham—intended for the tower of the parish church, and will be opened shortly.

#### FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

**THE NEW BELLS.**—What with the taking down and rebuilding of the church spire and the addition of two bells to the old ring of six, Finedon folks will have plenty whereby to remember the Jubilee year of 1897. The fact of a "steeple-jack" and bell-founder both being at work in a tower at the same time is not a usual occurrence. After a short sojourn in the churchyard, the two new trebles have now been hoisted aloft to their positions in the bell-frame. They are excellent specimens of the work turned out by the ancient Leicestershire foundry, being powerful, shapely, well-cast bells, which will brighten up the chiming, and add increased harmony to the ringing for generations to come. The Finedon ringers are taking a practical interest in the work, and in addition to having collected a considerable amount towards the bell fund, have at the same time contributed handsomely themselves. The new bells bear the following inscriptions:—Treble: "In everything give thanks. In commemoration of the Jubilee of the vicar, the Rev. G. W. Paul, M.A., 1847—1897." Second: "Fear God, honour the king. In commemoration of the sixtieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria, 1837, T. Meadows, R. Robinson, churchwardens."

#### THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Monday, August 2nd, at Halton Holgate, near Spilsby. The bells were set going soon after 11 o'clock, and after some touches a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by E. Clayton, 1; A. O. Barber, 2; F. Ladds, 3; J. How (conductor), 4; E. Mason, 5; J. Hastings, 6. The bells were then lowered, and as there was no one in the village to provide dinner the ringers journeyed to Spilsby, where a first-class dinner was provided by the landlord of The White Hart, the chair being taken by the Rev. J. P. Cheales, of Friskney, President of the Association, who was supported by twelve members from Frieston, Butterwick, Boston, Spilsby and Halton. After dinner the usual business was transacted, Boston being the place selected for the next meeting. The company then adjourned to the parish church, and rang 720 of Minor. J. Hastings, 1; J. Ladds, 2; A. O. Barber, 3; E. Mason, 4; J. Shaw (conductor), 5; D. Clark, 6. The bells being lowered tracks were made for home, all having spent an enjoyable day.

**GENTLEMEN'S** Curb Alberts. Heavily Plated with Pure Gold. Guaranteed 18 carat, 4s. 6d., 22, 5s. 6d., Double, 7s. 6d. and 8s. 6d. Member of Norwich Diocesan Association.—SKINNER, 3, Mayes Terrace, East Dereham.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**CENTRAL DIVISION.**—The pretty little village of Bolney, situated in the heart of the picturesque county of Sussex, received a visit, on Saturday, July 24th, from the County Association of ringers, the occasion being the quarterly meeting of the central division of that society. Bolney is distant some five miles (Irishmen's in the opinion of some) from the nearest railway station, and therefore the Secretary's forethought in providing traps for the visitors no doubt attracted the majority of the party, and the day was an ideal one for a drive. The meeting place for those coming by train was Haywards Heath, and here some fourteen or fifteen assembled, and with an amount of squeezing managed to find room in the cab and small waggonette awaiting them, and in which the journey was made as far as Cuckfield. Two or three of the company from that village then joined the party, two of them appearing on bicycles, and a third with a pony trap which relieved to some extent the overcrowding of the other vehicles. The remainder of the journey was soon performed and the ride was enlivened by a touch or two on the handbells. A couple of touches of Grandsire and a course of Superlative on the beautiful bells, which, heard inside the tower, sounded like a musical box, was the order of things before tea. An adjournment was then made to the hostelry opposite with the most appropriate sign of "The Eight Bells," and there "go" was soon called on the first class spread provided by Mr. Evans. During the progress of the meal the Rev. T. Austen Holcroft, the newly appointed vicar of Bolney, dropped in to see the party, and as he had to leave before the opening of the business meeting, Mr. S. Saker moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the rev. gentleman for allowing them the use of the bells. The proposition was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar in response warmly welcomed the Association to Bolney. At the meeting which was held immediately after tea, representatives to the number of twenty-four were present from the towers of St. Nicholas and St. Peter, Brighton; Christ Church, Blacklands; Southover, Lewes; Lindfield, Crowley, Cuckfield, Bolney and two unattached. Mr. S. Saker (hon. secretary, Eastern Division), took the chair, but the business was of a formal character and very little of that. Mr. G. Williams (secretary of the division) read the minutes of the last meeting, held at Southover, Lewes, and the election of members followed. Rev. T. A. Holcroft was elected an honorary member, Mr. A. W. Brighton (Norwich), Mr. C. W. Clarke (Bedford) and Mr. C. Chasty (Bedford), were elected non-resident life members and Mr. C. Cole was elected to the Heathfield branch. A vote of thanks having been passed to Mr. Walder for making such satisfactory arrangements for the meeting, the tower was again visited and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major were tapped off. The "Eight Bells" was then revisited and after the "loving cup" had been passed round and a touch knocked off on the handbells, in addition to "The Blue Bells of Scotland," the return journey was commenced. While on the way to the station the bells were once more brought into requisition, but in the middle of a course of Stedman they came to a full stop owing to the leading Jehu, whilst consulting his chronometer, dropping that instrument, the wheel of his chariot passing over it and rendering it an unrecognizable mass. An amusing episode at the railway station concluded a most enjoyable outing. A concertina band at one end of the platform, a cornet solo with vocal accompaniment at the other and the irrepressible handbells between, greatly distressed two officious porters, who made themselves a laughing-stock for all by rushing from one party to the other in a vain endeavour to suppress the music? EARWIG.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first Quarterly Meeting of the year was held at Shepshed on Saturday, July 24th, when members attended from Burton, Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, Beeston, Loughborough, etc.

Many of the visitors availed themselves of a drive of some five miles from Loughborough to Shepshed, through a charming country, with fine views of the Charnwood Forest hills, in a brake provided by the generosity of the Shepshed company. On arrival the old parish church was inspected by many, much

to the disgust of a rather officious beadle, who (in expectancy of a visit from the Dean of Peterborough) was afraid lest a speck of dust from the visitors' feet should mar the appearance of the church.

At 4.30 the Rev. W. H. F. Hepworth (Vicar of Shepshed), Messrs. H. W. Bosworth and W. Thurman (churchwardens), and some forty-one members and friends sat down to a capital meat tea in the national school.

In the unavoidable absence of the president, the Vicar was requested to take the chair at the meeting which followed.

To commence business, the Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were signed: as also the names of five new honorary members, viz.: the Rev. W. H. F. Hepworth, and Messrs. H. W. Bosworth, W. Thurman, J. Wood, and T. A. A. West, and seven new ringing members, who were all duly admitted.

The list of peals rung during the past half-year included three by the Duffield company; three by Burton; three by Birmingham; two by Leicester; one each by Long Eaton, Melbourne, Derby, Stanford, Whitwick, Loughborough, Chesterfield, Nuneaton, and Birmingham friendly companies; twenty peals in all.

The Chairman then addressed the meeting, more especially upon their duties as churchmen. He urged upon them so to fulfil those duties that their influence should be for good. Unless the ringers, whose habits were keenly scrutinised by others, attended consistently to these higher duties, they brought a reproach upon the Church.

Nuneaton was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lancashire.

Mr. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the churchwardens for so kindly honouring them by their presence.

Mr. Wakley seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

Mr. A. Wakley thanked the Shepshed company for so generously providing the brake, and Mr. Cleal seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

After tea members adjourned to the tower, and finished with a few musical touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob, and Stedman.

## THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at All Souls' church, Haley Hill, Halifax, on Saturday, July 31st. There was a rather meagre attendance, owing no doubt to the general exodus to the sea-side for Bank Holiday, and to the tropical heat. Nevertheless representatives were present from Staniland, Sowerby, Lightcliffe church, Lightcliffe Congregational chapel, Brighouse, Heptonstall, Halifax parish church, with a strong muster of the local band. A business meeting was held in the evening, at which the chair was occupied by the President, Mr. F. Prince (Brighouse). The chief business was the adoption of the balance-sheet, which shewed a satisfactory credit balance of £1 6s. od., and the election of officers for the ensuing year. On the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Robertshaw, Mr. Prince was re-elected as President, while Messrs. Lawson and Stewart were elected vice-presidents of the Association. On Mr. Barrett's refusal to stand for re-election as Treasurer, Mr. Rushworth, of Lightcliffe, was nominated and elected. On the proposition of Mr. S. W. Stewart (All Souls'), seconded by Mr. Sharman (Lightcliffe), Mr. F. P. Powell (Heptonstall) was re-elected Hon. Secretary. On the kind invitation of Mr. Prince it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Brighouse on Saturday, October 10th, the business meeting to take place at 5.0 p.m. A vote of thanks to the vicar of All Souls' and to the local band was proposed by Messrs. Lawson and Nowell, and carried with acclamation. Votes of thanks to the retiring officers, for whom Mr. Barrett briefly responded, and to the chairman, concluded the business. Despite the heat of the weather, several touches of Treble Bob Major and Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening on the splendid-toned ring of eight bells, tenor 20 cwt., of which the All Souls' ringers are so justly proud, while the Woodside swimming baths across the road attracted many of the visitors.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Reigate on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Only by those who have visited Reigate can its beauty be realised, and it was generally agreed by those who climbed Reigate Hill and South Park Hill, that the call was worth making, even if only for the magnificent views obtainable from their summits. The peal at the church of St. Mary Magdalene (tenor 20 cwt. in E flat), was open from two o'clock. At 4.30 the members present to the number of thirty-two, adjourned to Dean's Refreshment Rooms in Bell Street, where they partook of a capital meat tea.

The usual business meeting followed, the chair being occupied by the Rev. C. G. Lynn Fryer, of Reigate. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, and the same were duly confirmed. It was reported that the Bishop of Rochester had gladly consented to become President of the Association in the place of the late Archbishop of Canterbury. It was also reported that since the previous meeting there had been rung two peals of Grandsire Triples (Ashted and Reigate), one of Stedman Triples (Benhilton), and seven 720s of Bob Minor each called differently (Buckland). It was proposed by Mr. Burkin (Beddington), seconded by Mr. Webb (Croydon), and resolved that the same be entered in the peal-book.

The Secretary reported that a meeting of representatives was held at Benhilton on July 17th last, and that they recommended the issue of the annual report for 1896 should be deferred, and that the reports for both 1896 and 1897 be printed within one cover and sent out before the next annual meeting. They also recommended that future annual meetings should invariably be held at Croydon as being the most accessible town within the district, and so give all members an opportunity of being present.

On the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Verrall (Croydon), it was agreed that the representative's recommendation respecting the place of annual meeting, be adopted. It was also agreed on the proposition of Mr. Bryant (Benhilton), seconded by Mr. Pederick (Epsom), that the 1896 report be issued as recommended.

Mr. Northfield (Cheam) proposed, and Mr. Reeves (Reigate), seconded, and it was resolved that Mr. Charles Dean (Benhilton), continue as Hon. Secretary until the annual meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ashted on the second Saturday in October.

The Rev. Lynn Fryer, in welcoming the members to Reigate stated he was very fond of bells, and wished he himself could ring. He also remarked that no doubt within a few months the bells at Reigate would be increased by two trebles.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Lynn Fryer concluded the meeting.

The members again returned to the tower and brought round several touches, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and last but not least, a course of Double Norwich.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this association was held at Longton, on Saturday, July 3rd, and was attended by about forty members from Bucknall, Cheddleton, Hanley, Kidsgrove, Leek, Longton, Stoke, Tunstall and Wolstanton. Ringing commenced at 4 o'clock, several touches of Grandsire Triples being brought round. At 5 o'clock an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea was partaken of. Immediately after tea the annual meeting was held, the Rev. J. W. Alston presiding. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed the chairman presented the statement of accounts for the year, which shewed a balance of £16 os. 10d. to the credit of the Association. The Annual report was read by the hon. lay secretary, Mr. W. Twigg, and adopted. The officers were all re-elected, with votes of thanks for their past services.

On the motion of the Rev. J. W. Alston, seconded by Mr. J. Mason, it was decided to pay the travelling expenses of the Honorary Secretary to the monthly meetings. It was also decided that the Association pay half the travelling expenses of the members attending the monthly meetings, when the distance from their tower is six miles and over. It was proposed by Mr.

Twigg that a band of six members be selected to visit some of the towers that were not in union with the Association, with a view of inducing them to become members.

Mr. G. Woods said he had very great pleasure in seconding Mr. Twigg's resolution, as he thought it would be a very good thing to do.

The motion was carried, and the following were appointed to visit Madeley: Messrs. Twigg, Page, Woods, Miller, Barratt and Mason; for Biddulph and Horton Mr. Birks in place of Mr. Mason. After the meeting the members attended Divine Service in the parish church, when an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Oliver (Rector), after which the members adjourned to the tower, where the rest of the evening was spent in ringing. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Longton for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and also to the ringers for the excellent arrangements they had made.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—On Saturday, July 24th, a meeting of the above was held at Reddish, when the members attending were kindly invited to tea (in the school room) by the rector, the Rev. E. Oldfield, when about thirty ringers sat down to the good things provided and did ample justice thereto. Tea over, the members adjourned to the class room to hold a business meeting, the rector presiding. He gave the ringers a hearty welcome to his church, he was pleased to see so many of them, and said he loved to hear the bells scientifically rung by skilled ringers; he was pleased also that the Lancashire Association, or members of that branch, should so soon have arranged a monthly ringing meeting there, after the opening ceremony of the new peal of bells, and as it was the first meeting of the kind under the auspices of the association held there. He should be pleased to see the ringers again there in the future, when he, the Rector, would try to treat them in like manner. Whitefield was then fixed upon for the place of next meeting, on Saturday, August 28th. The rector kindly called the ringers' attention to Yates, of Eccles, and the Distress Fund; also the L.A.C.R. certificate was on view, and a little business done, and many of the new diagrams issued by the Association were distributed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and his friends for the tea, use of bells, schoolroom, and many other kindly offices, which brought the business to a close. The bells were set going about 3 p.m. till 6 p.m., then 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Methods rung during the time were—Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise Major. The new peal of eight at this church are a credit to the Loughborough Foundry, the "go" of them is all that could be desired.

## THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Caythorpe, on Saturday, July 24th. Members from Stamford, Hough-on-the-Hill and Peterboro', were present. After the service, the members dined at the Red Lion inn, the Rev. E. T. Lewis presiding; after which the usual business was transacted, when the Rev. E. T. Lewis (rector of Caythorpe) and D. J. Evans, Esq., were elected honorary members and Mr. G. Martin a skilled member. It was decided that the next meeting be held at Market Deeping in October next. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of the parish church, which are a very fine peal and in good order. Tea was kindly provided by the Rector, which was heartily appreciated by all the members, thus concluding a most successful and enjoyable day.

## THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the annual meeting held on Monday, July 26th, the following members were elected officers of the society for the ensuing year: Mr. C. F. Winney, Master; Mr. W. Weatherstone, Treasurer; Mr. W. Truss and Mr. G. R. Fardon, Stewards; and Mr. R. A. Daniell, 20, Bucklersbury, E.C., Secretary.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1897.

A FORTNIGHT ago a short account appeared in these columns of a visit which a party of ringers had paid to a little village called "Willersey," on the borders of the two counties of Worcester and Gloucester. In this report it was pointed out that the bells were in a dilapidated condition, and a hope was expressed that some of the church authorities would have their attention drawn to the fact, in order that the bells may be rehung. This short account may be found at page 144 of the present volume.

The writer of this paragraph has got his hopes realised. The Vicar of the Parish, the Rev. CHARLES OLDFELD BARTLETT, writes a letter which may be seen in another column. In this letter the rev. gentleman objects to the mild—very mild, we think—criticism which our correspondent passed upon the "go" of the bells at Willersey. With the greatest deference to the rev. gentleman, surely such a criticism ought not to be looked upon with disfavour or hostility. Let us suppose a parallel or two. If an organist, bearing a great name in the musical world, had while sojourning in the village stated that the church organ badly wanted repair, would the Vicar have objected



to such a statement if it was true? Or if he lent his glebe for a football match, or his lawn for tennis, would he have thought it wrong if some one had said that the ground in both cases required levelling, or needed some other improvement? We think the Vicar is making a mountain out of a molehill. He may take it as absolutely certain that wherever ringers go to ring, they will express their opinions upon the condition of the bells they ring, be such good, bad, or indifferent.

Our readers will join us in the hope that the Vicar will soon be able to get his bells put into a safe condition for ringing. In such a work the sympathies of all would be with him, and possibly he might get some assistance from those ringers whose action he now dissents from. We write in no hostility to him; we should say he is a gentleman who by the aid of a very little tact can be enlisted in our ranks, and become a leader of the Exercise in his diocese.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE H. DAYNES.. .. 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT .. .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. .. 3.	†THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 8.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE† 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN ... 5.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ..Tenor.

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS and  
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Treble Bob Royal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for so kindly granting permission to attempt the peal, also Mr. Davis, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF MARY, WOOLWICH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and  
Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

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

### The Provinces.

#### BENHILTON, SURREY.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 24, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN CHIVERS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	GEORGE H. STONESTREET .. 6.
HARRY CARD .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 7.
B. WADMORE .. .. 4.	JOSEPH SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. A. CARD.

The above, with the exception of H. Card, of Tunbridge Wells, are members of the Tunbridge company. A note to this will be found on another page.

#### OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 30, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
FRANK A. SMITH .. .. 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 3.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 7.
HERBERT MARTIN .. .. 4.	JOHN ALEXANDER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

W. H. Newell hails from Great Berkhamstead, this being his first peal.

#### CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1897, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	HARRY WESTON .. .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH* .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

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

On Monday, August 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM STEED .. .. 6.
CHARLES W. CLARKE* .. 2.	*JOHN STEDDY .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER* .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 8.
ROBERT J. DAWE* .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. 9.
CHARLES CHASTY* .. .. 5.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and  
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition has the 6th fixed in 2nds place throughout. Mrs. C. W. Clarke and C. Chasty hail from Bedford; J. Steddy from Edenbridge; W. Steed from Tonbridge; T. J. Salter from Kidderminster; the rest are local men.

#### NORWICH.

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

On Monday, August 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 43 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 7.
FREDERICK W. WATLING. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 9.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 10.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 5.	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 6.	FREDERICK J. TILLET .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HUDSON, of Sheffield, and  
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the first peal of Oxford Maximus on the bells in which the present tenor has taken part. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

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

On Monday, August 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. Treble.	*ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 6.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 3.	*HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

The ringers desire to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Garard, for kindly making the necessary arrangements. \*First peal in the method.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

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

On Sunday, August 1, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.  
This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

## SWANSEA.

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

On Monday, August 2, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

RICHARD BRUNSDON .. .. Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
FRED. G. MAY .. .. 2.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.  
The above peal is believed to be the first peal of Major in South Wales.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED TARBUN* .. .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5.
GEORGE W. SORRELL* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. DORAN .. .. 3.	*ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.  
\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and the first ever rang in the neighbourhood of Chelmsford.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

On Monday, August 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

G. W. WILD .. .. Treble.	G. ARCHER .. .. 5.
J. SMITH .. .. 2.	*G. E. SYMONDS .. .. 6.
W. C. CHENERY .. .. 3.	F. DAY .. .. 7.
W. H. PASSMORE* .. .. 4.	J. SOUTER .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal of Oxford, and is now rung for the first time. This peal has the extent of the sixth in all positions, four times wrong and five times right at the course-ends. Messrs. Wild, Passmore and Symonds are from London, spending their holidays in the country, for whom this peal was arranged.

## SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD J. BOTTLE .. .. Treble.	HENRY WOOD .. .. 5.
CHARLES MILLWAY* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS. 6.
STANLEY HUTSON .. .. 3.	SAMUEL SNELLING .. .. 7.
ERNEST ALLEN .. .. 4.	HARRY SCATTERGOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MILLWAY.

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung and the two trebles recast. Messrs. Millway, Hutson, Allen and Wilkins, hail from Borden; H. Wood from Rodersham, the rest belong to the local band.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 5.
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 3.	DAVID COLLINS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. 4.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and  
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the third and first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Ernest Clayton and Miss Ella May Cotton. Messrs. Clayton and Barber hail from Worcestershire.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HAYES (Kent).—On Whit-Sunday, June 6th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six singles). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). F. Keech, 1; G. Harwood, 2; A. Killick, 3; J. Hack, 4; J. Town, 5; H. Reader (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and six singles). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Harwood, 3; E. Stone, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (composer and conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 22nd, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, 720 in the same method (thirty bobs and six singles, composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton-on-the-Hill). H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Town, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 4th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles). F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader (conductor), 5; J. Hack, 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Town, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 15th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Maude Allen and Mr. E. M. Moon, 720 Bob Minor. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs fourteen singles, by C. E. Wilson, Walton). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack (conductor), 5; H. Reader, 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs six singles). F. Keech, 1; H. Reader, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack, 5; H. Brown (conductor), 6.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, July 18th, at the parish church, 720 Double Bob Minor. J. A. Lambert (first in the method), 1; E. Lambert, 2; W. Lambert, 3; F. J. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 1st, 480 Double Bob, 360 Double Stedman Slow Course, and 360 Violet Treble Bob Minor. W. Lambert, 1; E. Lambert, 2; E. C. Lambert, 3; J. Beach, 4; F. Butchers, 5; F. J. Lambert (conductor), 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday morning, July 25th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 336 Stedman Triples. G. Smithers, 1; W. Pollard, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Head, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Franks (first touch of Stedman), 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; E. Mankelow, jun., 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. A. Welsh, 1; W. Pollard, 2; E. Mankelow, sen., 3; S. Perkins, 4; G. Smithers, 5; W. Franks, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. W. Franks hails from Battle, and this is his first quarter-peal in the method.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Saturday, July 24th, at St. Leonard's church, with the bells half-muffled in consequence of the death of Miss M. J. Denne, 1036 Grandsire Triples. P. W. Crunden, 1; S. Binfield (conductor), 2; H. A. Pitts, 3; A. R. Manning, 4; C. W. Blaxland, 5; S. Gower, 6; W. D. Smith, 7; W. Fright, sen., 8.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, June 15th, for practice, 720 Morning Exercise. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; C. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, June 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Lichfield Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; D. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Chichester Sur-

prise, standing as before. On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service, 720 Killamars Treble Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; D. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 11th, 720 Chelsea Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday, July 18th, for morning service, 720 Bristol Surprise. D. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; the others as before. And for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. On Tuesday, July 20th, for practice, 720 College Exercise. J. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On July 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Wells Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; C. Preston, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; D. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, July 27th, for practice, 720 Cumberland Exercise. G. Clarkson, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 4th, 1897, at Christ Church, for morning service, 720 Primrose:—A. E. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Tulip. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. H. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. S. Lomas, 1; G. Shotten, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. Shepherd, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Shepherd hails from St. Saviour's, Bacup. For evening service, 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; W. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, July 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Shotten, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, July 9th, 720 Bob Minor. J. S. Lomas (conductor), 1; J. H. Barnes, 2; L. Holt, 3; G. W. White, 4; T. Smith, 5; G. Shotten, 6. On Sunday, July 11th, for morning service, 720 Imperial. A. E. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; G. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, July 16th, 720 Bob Minor. J. S. Lomas (conductor), 1; J. S. Smith, 2; L. Holt, 3; G. H. White, 4; J. H. Barnes, 5; E. J. Cockcroft, 6. On Sunday, July 18th, for evening service, 720 College Treble. A. E. Hardman, 1; E. J. Cockcroft, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, July 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. H. Barnes (conductor), 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; Z. Lord, 6. On Sunday, July 25th, for morning service, 720 Arnold's Victory. A. E. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 College Exercise. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, July 5th, for practice at St. Michael's Church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Webb, 4; E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, July 7th, 360 Bob Minor. H. Collins, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; P. Holmes, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. And on Sunday, July 11th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; W. Webb, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. For evening service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Webb, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. And for practice, Monday, July 12th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Webb, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Webb, 4; E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade, 6. First 720 Treble Bob, by Webb and Wachter, and first by the guild, which has not been formed twelve months, and all of which, except Messrs. Howard and Slade, could not manage a bell a year ago. On Thursday, July 29th, being the annual treat of the Church of England Schools, the bells were rung at 6 a.m. and continued at intervals the whole of the day. Amongst the various touches were 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; H. Collins, 2; W. Chalk, junr. (Maldon), 3; W. Webb, 4; E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade, 6; and at 9 a.m. to finish the day's ringing, 360 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; W. Chalk, junr., 4; W. Webb, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor 26 Singles. H. Collins, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; E. Wachter, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure (12 singles). P. Holmes, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; E. Wachter, 4; W. Webb, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 720 New London Pleasure. W. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 240 Kent Treble Bob. W. G. Melbourne, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Radley, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

##### SUDBURY BRANCH.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 18th, afternoon for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor, (26 singles). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. Hollocks, 5; H. Poulson, 6. After service, 720 of Kent (nine bobs). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; C. Levitt, 2; H. Poulson, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Hollocks, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. Also on Wednesday, July 28th, 720 of New London (nine bobs). H. Symonds, 1; F. Symonds, 2; H. Poulson, 3; A. Hollocks, 4; A. Symonds, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. This was rung to celebrate the eighteenth birthday of F. Symonds, who attained that age on the 27th.

#### THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday morning, August 1st, for Divine Service at St. Philip's church, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Jones, 1; J. Carter (conductor), 2; C. Sparkes, 3; T. Collinson, 4; G. Hitchman, 5; J. T. Perry, 6. First in the method by all except the conductor.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, August 1st, at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1259 changes), in 48 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; G. A. King, 2; H. Rann, 3; C. Tyler, 4; C. Chasty, 5; W. Steed, 6; J. Steddy, 7; W. Palmer, 8; C. W. Clarke, 9; R. Fentiman, 10.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, July 25th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Larby, 1; H. Lover, 2; W. Bulpitt, 2; H. Brooker (conductor), 4; G. Burt, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8.

#### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TIMBERLAND (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, July 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung for evening service. F. Cobb, 1; F. Curtis, 2; J. Wright, 3; G. W. Bemrose, 4; C. West, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6. G. Bemrose belongs to the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln; the rest are local men.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM (Berks).—On Thursday, July 8th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). F. Wigmore, 1; H. Richardson, 2; W. Lucas, 3; F. Richardson, 4; R. George, 5; W. Horne (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Holland, 1; H. Richardson, 2; R. George, 3; W. Horne, 4; W. Lucas, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. On Monday, July 19th, at 5.30 a.m. for service held at commencement of the harvest, 720 Bob Minor. F. Wigmore, 1; W. Lucas, 1; R. George, 3; J. Hatto, 4; F. Richardson (conductor), 5; H. Keal, 6. On Tuesday, July 20th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). F. Wigmore, 1; H. Richardson, 2; R. George, 3; W. Lucas, 4; F. Richardson, 5; W. Horne (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Horne, 4; W. Lucas, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. F. Wigmore, 1; H. Richardson, 2; W. Horne, 3; J. Hatto, 4; E. Bruce, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. After service 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Wigmore, 1; H. Richardson, 2; F. Richardson, 3; W. Lucas, 4; W. Horne, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. E. Bruce hails from Reading.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Holden, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; J. Bentley, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. First 720 Treble Bob on the bells by an entirely local band; also first by T. Holden, and first by J. Bentley away from the treble. On Tuesday, July 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Holden, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; J. Bentley, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 13th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, July 14th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Francis Haslewood (seventh daughter of the Vicar) to John Maughan, Esq., of Wensleydale, Yorkshire, two 720

Plain Bob. J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 18th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single. J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; T. Holden, 3; C. Sharples, 4; I. Whalley, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, July 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. First in the method on handbells by all. Also 720 College Single, standing as before. On Monday, July 19th, 720 Kent. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Parkinson, 1-2; I. Whalley, 3-4; C. Sharples (conductor), 5-6. First Treble Bob as conductor by C. Sharples. On Monday, July 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Sharples, 1-2; R. Parkinson, 3-4; I. Whalley (conductor), 5-6. First Treble Bob as conductor by I. Whalley.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TICKHILL (Yorks).—On Saturday, July 31st, four of the Rawmarsh and Treeton companies paid a visit to this place to attempt a peal of Bob Major, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2648 changes, in 1 hr. 36 mins. J. H. Brothwell, 1; J. Ensor, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Farmery, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; T. Wild, 7; T. Whitworth (conductor), 8. Whitworth, Lambert, Walker and Brothwell are from Treeton; the rest from Rawmarsh.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD.—On Saturday, July 24th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Bishop, 1; G. Harbour, 2; C. Horton, 3; L. Moore, 4; J. Nisbett, 5; W. Gillingham (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. J. Bishop hails from Wraxall; Harbour from Taunton; Horton from St. Stephen's, Bristol.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, 870 Stedman Caters. W. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; F. Elles, 2; C. Horton, 3; W. Knight, 4; H. Howell, 5; F. Perrin, 6; W. Pickard, 7; C. E. Boutflower, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10. Also several touches of Triples were rang at the Temple Church after the evening service.

BENGELO (Herts).—On Sunday, August 1st, at Holy Trinity Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Parcel, 1; T. Barker, 2; D. Bennett, 3; B. Warner, 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; J. Pomfret, 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Bennett, 1; T. Barker, 2; D. Bennett, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; W. Parcel, 5; J. Pomfret, 6. Both conducted by J. Pomfret. W. H. Dallimore hails from West Ham.

ASTLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, July 31st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Earp, 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; H. Smith, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 rung on the bells. J. Earp hails from Newport Salop, and this is his first 720; H. Smith from Kidderminster; the rest from Areley Kings.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 1st, for evening service at All Saints' church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Newnham, 1; A. Gower, 2; C. Lewis, 3; J. Sharp, 4; G. Howes, 5; A. Reed, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; J. Rich, 8. On Monday, August 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Parker's 5-part), but was lost after ringing about 4030 changes in two hours and twenty minutes, through a change-course. J. Newnham, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; Lewis, 3; G. Howes, 4; J. Sharp, 5; A. Reed, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; T. Deadman, 8. This is the longest length and the first attempt for a peal on the bells. H. Rann hails from Brighton, A. Reed from Waldron.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday morning, July 25th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Doody, 1; R. Watson, 2; J. W. Watson (Lincoln), 3; C. Cooke, 4; H. Argyle (Nuneaton), 5; T. Holmes, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; S. Manning, 8.

SNATH (Yorks).—On Thursday, July 8th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). G. Holmes, 1; S. Pickup, 2; E. Pick, 3; T. Bullock, 4; J. Norton, 5; J. D. Bullock (conductor), 6.

SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 1st, at Christ Church, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Hill, 1; J. Rimmer, 2; James Rimmer, 3; J. Holden (conductor), 4; H. Heywood, 5; D. Rimmer, 6; A. W. Holden, 7; J. Rimmer, 8. J. Holden and son hail from Mossley; the rest belong to the local company.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 1st, at the parish church, 360 Bob Doubles. E. Youngs, 1; H. Symonds, 2; W. A. Symonds, 3; W. H. Passmore, 4; E. G. Symonds (conductor), 5.

W. H. Passmore and E. G. Symonds hail from London. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. A. Symonds, who attained his 15th year that day, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On the occasion of the annual visitation of the Worshipful Company of Skinners to Tonbridge School, the following touches were rung by the local ringers:—742, 447, 336, 517, and several shorter touches of Grandsire Triples, with a few courses of Stedman Triples, conducted by Messrs. T. Card, G. Card, W. Steed, G. Stonestreet and H. Card.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, August 1st, for evening service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Harman, 1; H. Hill, 2; J. E. Beavan, 3; E. Wells (conductor), 4; R. Carter, 5; A. Phillips, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; G. Carter, 8.

#### Correspondence.

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

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

#### THE RING OF TWELVE FOR THE DIOCESE OF OXFORD.

SIR,—The two new trebles for Christ Church Cathedral being a gift to the Chapter and College from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, those members only of the Cathedral body who are also members of the Guild have been asked to contribute to their cost, and they have done so liberally. Corporately, the Dean and Canons have undertaken the expense of the hoisting of the 6th bell out for recasting, and of the three new bells and gear into the tower.

F. E. ROBINSON, *Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.*

#### AN OBJECTION.

SIR,—In reference to the paragraph in your issue of July 17th, headed Child's Wickham and Willersey, I think I am called upon to reply in the interests of clergy who like myself are willing to allow ringers from neighbouring parishes to ring a peal. I am not going to deny that the fine bells of my old parish church need rehanging, that is a necessity I have lately had to face, and which will soon I fear oblige me to discontinue ringing until I can raise sufficient money to set about the work. I do not quarrel with any fair criticisms that others may offer, but, Sir, I do object to ringers from a neighbouring parish, whom I allowed in my belfry on a certain Sunday evening, being so discourteous as to rush into print over a certain disappointment they experienced in their handling of our bells, and to express themselves in language which, to say the least, is unjustifiable. I can only assert that our tenor ringer finds no difficulty in raising the tenor bell (19 cwt.), while my critics state that it took two of their number to raise it, giving its weight erroneously as 11 cwt. My critics seem to imagine that the church bells are placed in the belfry for the express use of "young men in the parish who are willing and anxious to learn change-ringing," but while I am quite in sympathy with change-ringing and the efforts of my ringers in that direction, still I must say that I always thought that the first use of the bells was for the honour and glory of God and not "young men." I echo the hope that our bells may be rehung. It is easier said than done in a poor agricultural parish such as mine. Perhaps my critics may be willing to help me. There is however one advantage that I have gained by their action, and for which I am duly thankful, namely, to be on my guard for the future against allowing my bells to be handled by ringers from other parishes who mistake courtesy for licence, and who abuse a privilege which, as a rule, the clergy are only too willing to extend to them.

CHARLES O. BARTLETT, *Rector of Willersey.*

#### A LETTER OF THANKS.

SIR,—At the annual meeting of the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held at Lichfield, July 10th, it was mentioned that Mr. F. Hallsworth, tower keeper of St. Matthew, Walsall, was seriously ill in the Walsall and District Hospital, where he had been for the last eight months. A collection was made for him which realized £1 6s. 6d. Will you kindly allow me through your paper, to thank on behalf of my father, all who contributed to this present, and for the sympathy expressed, and to thank the Revs. D. Jones and W. S. Swayne, for their kindness in conveying the money.

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## The 5-lead Plan.

No. 1.	No. 2.
256734	256734
273456 A	273456 A
- 642573	- 642573
657342	657342
634257	- 236457
- 726534	- 245736
- 457326	- 672345
432657	- 536472
- 764532	547236
- 257364	- 625347
236457	- 736425
- 742536	742536
- 753642	753642
- 267453	- 267453
245367 B	245367 B

These divisions contains 210 changes each, and the calls marked in the following peals are extra calls at the leads where marked A. or B. Either division may be used to any of the peals, but not both divisions to one peal. The first ten peals, No. 6 to 15, are to be five times repeated. And No. 16 and 17 to be three times repeated. No. 18 to 25 to be once repeated. These are the first peals published on this plan.

No. 6.	No. 7.
5040.	5040.
2345 A	2345 B
2453	2453
5234 S	2534
3542 S	5342 S
3425	3425 S

Bob for first single in the 3rd and 6th parts.

No. 8.	No. 9.
5040.	5040.
2345 A	2345 B
4352 I	3452 S
5324 I	4532 I
2543 S	5342 I
4235 S	3425 S

Omit last single in the 3rd and 6th parts.

No. 10.	No. 11.
5040.	5040.
2345 A	2345 B
4253 S	2453
5234 I	4532 S
3542 S	5342 I
3425	3425 S

Omit first single in 3rd and 6th parts.

No. 12.	No. 13.
5040.	5040.
2345 A B	2345 A B
2354 I S	4352 I
5342 I	3542 I
4523 S	5342 S I
4235	3425 S

Omit first single in 3rd and 6th parts.

No. 14.	No. 15.
5040.	5040.
2345 A B	2345 A B
4352 I	4352 I
5324 I	5423 S
3542 S S	4523 S I
3425	4235

Omit first single in the 3rd and 6th parts.

Bob for first single in 3rd & 6th parts.

No. 16.	No. 17.
5040.	5040.
2345 A	2345 B
2453	3452 S
5234 S	3524
5342	5243 S
5423	5432
2435 I	5324
3254 S	3254 I

Omit last single in the 2nd and 4th parts.

Omit first single in the 2nd and 4th parts.

No. 18.	No. 19.
5040.	5040.
2345 A	2345 B
4253 S	2453
4532	4532 S
3524 I	4325
3245	3245 I
3452	3452
5423 I	3524
5234	5234 I
5342	5342
4325 I	5423
2354 I	4253 I
2543	2543 I
2435	2435

No. 20.	No. 21.
5040.	5040.

2345 A	2345 B
4253 S	3425 I
5234 I	3254
5342	2534 I
4325 I	5324 I
2354 I	5243
2543	2453 I
4532 I	4523 I
3524 I	4235
3245	4352
3452	3542
5423 I	5432 I
2435 I	4325 S

No. 22.	No. 23.
5040.	5040.
2345 A B	2345 A B
2453	3245 S I
2435 I S	3452
2354	3524
2543	5234 I
5423 I	5342
5234	5423
5342	4253 I
4325 I	4532
4253	4325
4532	2354 I
3524 I	2543
3245	2435

No. 24.	No. 25.
5040.	5040.
2545 A B	2345 A B
2453	4253 S
2534	4532
5324 I	4325
5243	2354 I
5432	2543
3425 I	5423 I
3254	5234
3542	5342
4523 I	3452 I
4235	3524
4352	3245
4325 I S	2435 I

(To be continued.)

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6240.

By GEORGE F. ALEXANDER, *Bungay.*

	B W H
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Contains the 4th and 5th each sixteen times, and the 2nd and 3rd each eight times in 6th's place, with the 6th at home only six times.

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5 2 4 6 3
2 6 3 5 4 S
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5 2 3 4 6

Eleven times repeated. Omit third s in 3rd and 4th parts; second s in 8th part; second and third s in 10th parts; third s in 11th part.



## Notices.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Waterfoot, instead of Bury, as formerly announced, to-day, Saturday August 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.  
J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec.  
Helmshore.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—Owing to the bells at Hale not being available, the next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Grassendale, to-day, Saturday, August 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 6 p.m. Members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1896-97 will please do so at this meeting, or forward the same to me before August 31st.  
HENRY COLEY, Branch Sec.  
3, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

**Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.**—Alteration of meeting night at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The next meeting takes place on Friday, August 13th, at 8 p.m., and every alternate Friday.  
A. JACOB.

**Salop Archidiaconal Guild.**—Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 14th at Shrewsbury. Ringing at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by service at St. Chad's at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Arch-deacon of Salop, President of the Guild. Business meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Corn Exchange at 5 o'clock. Price 6d. per head for those sending their names to the Hon. Sec.  
REV. J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.  
Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, August 14th, on which date the twelve bells of the above church will be opened. Service will be held in the church at 3 p.m. After the service the meeting will be held in the schoolroom, and when the meeting is over the bells will be at the service of the visiting ringers until a late hour. All ringing friends invited. The preacher will be the Rev. H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association.  
EDWIN B. SHAW, Branch Sec.  
14, Thomas Street, Lees.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Leek, on Saturday next, August 14th. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. T. Turner, Westwood, near Leek.  
Rev. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.  
W. TWIGG, }

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held at Woodchurch, on Saturday, August 14th, at 6 p.m. The question of the Tontine Society will be gone into, and it is hoped there will be a full attendance.  
HENRY WOOLCOTT, Hon. Sec.  
Grange Mount, West Kirby.

**The Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—The next monthly meeting will take place on Saturday, August 21st, at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. Ringing, etc., commence at 5.30.  
C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.  
Lampton, near Hounslow.

N.B.—Will those members who have not already done so, kindly pay their subscriptions as early as possible.

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester

Branch.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Margaret's, Rochester, on Saturday, August 21st. Tower will be opened at 3.30 p.m. for ringing. Short service at 5.30. which ringers are specially invited to attend. Tea will be provided at 6.30 in the mission room, Langley Road. Business meeting after tea. Half fares up to two shillings will be paid. Applications for tea tickets must be received by me not later than Wednesday, August 18th.  
A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The usual weekly practices will be suspended during the month of August, and resumed again as usual in September.  
A. HARDY, Hon. Sec.  
43, Kay Road, Stockwell.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT BENHILTON.**—This peal was entirely arranged by Mr. Wadmore, who has a residence at Sutton, a short distance from the church. Leaving Tonbridge early in the afternoon, the ringers were oscillated to London by the S.E.R., and from thence to Sutton by the L.B. and S.C.R., where they were met by Mr. Wadmore and escorted to his house. Here they were recruited by a most refreshing tea, which was very gracefully presided over by Mrs. Wadmore. Thus revived the tower was soon reached, and after admiring its fine proportions, together with the church, which stands on rather an imposing eminence, a start was soon made for the object of the journey, and, as recorded elsewhere, success attended their efforts. Then a return being made to Mr. Wadmore's house, supper was the next acceptable item, and the writer cannot pass over this without expressing the very real gratitude felt by all the band for this substantial repast. The company was augmented by two of the resident ringers and the curate of the church, which further enhanced the pleasure of the gathering. Time would not permit any vote of thanks, etc., but the ringers wish through this medium to express, firstly, their very great appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Wadmore for their kind entertainment, without which probably there would have been no peal; secondly, to the Vicar for his kind permission to use the bells; and thirdly, to the local ringers for having everything in such good order. Although some of the ringers endeavoured to get home to their anxious wives the same night, it is sad to relate they were not successful, and one or two were still aimlessly wandering about London on Sunday night.

**THE PEAL AT NORWICH.**—It is 119 years since a peal of Oxford Maximus was rung on these bells, and therefore twenty-six years before the old tenor was broken. The ringers of the 4th, 5th, 7th, and 11th are local men, 2nd hails from Saxmundham, the remainder from Ipswich. It is C. E. Borrett's fiftieth peal, and F. Watling's first on twelve bells. The ringers wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells and for allowing them to ring through a wedding service. It is believed to be ninety-five years since a peal of Oxford Maximus, with the large bells in the plain-course position was rung, viz., the 7, 104 by the Royal Cumberlands at St Saviour's, Southwark, in 1802.

**THE PEAL AT WOOLWICH.**—This peal was rang as a compliment to Mr. Henry G. Hill, the steeplekeeper, on the occasion of the anniversary of his wedding day, his brother-ringers wishing him health and happiness. The thanks

of the band are due to the Rector for his kind permission to use the bells, also to Mr. Hill for having everything in readiness. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, is the longest length on the bells, and the longest length in the method by the Association.

**TONBRIDGE (Kent).**—On Accession Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band after Divine Service in the evening, conducted by G. A. Card.

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6	5	2	4	3	-	-	-	-
3	5	6	4	2	-	-	-	-
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Twice repeated, adding three bobs at 6 in the second part at each place marked \*. Contains the in-course extent of 4th, 5th and 6th in 6ths, and 6th the in-course extent in 5ths.

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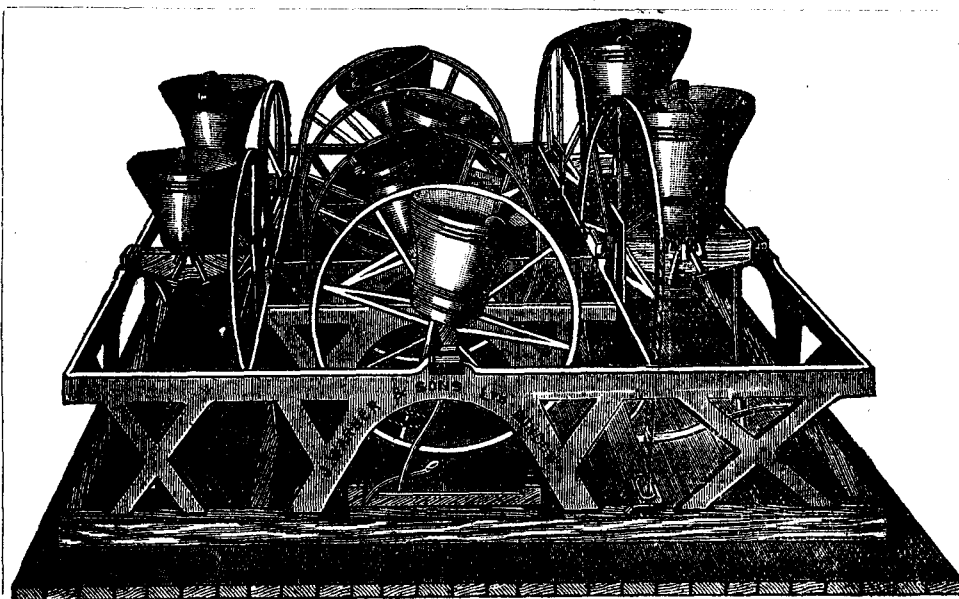
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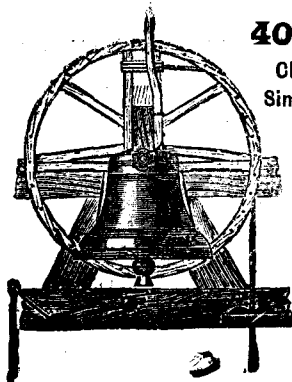
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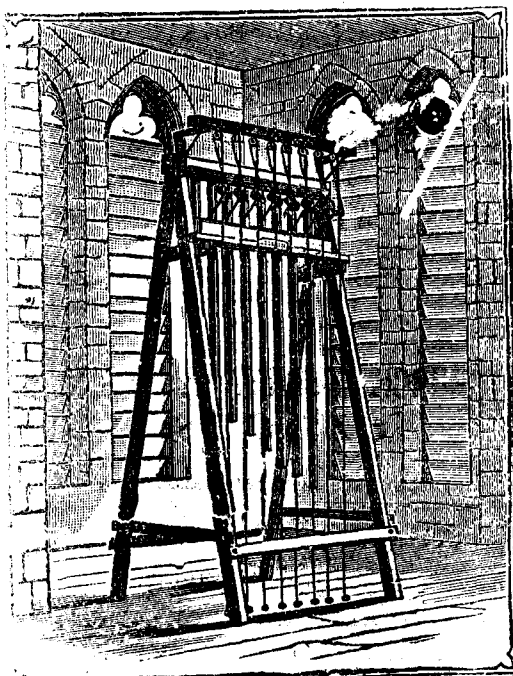
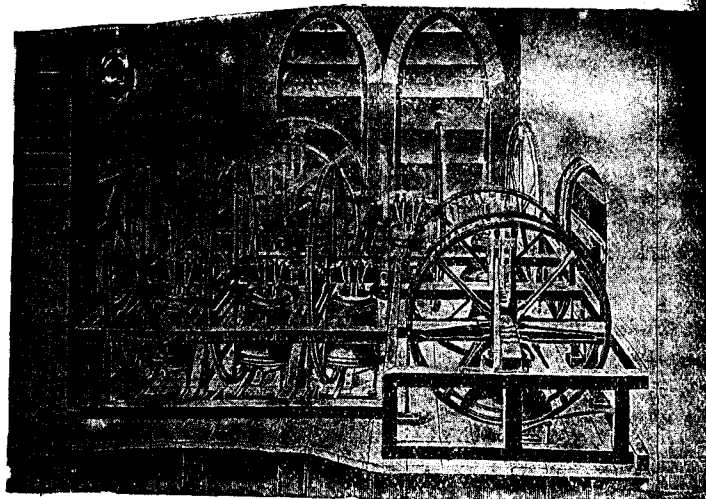
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## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 2nd, the above-named Guild held its annual festival and meeting in Chester. The weather was all that could be desired, though possibly too hot for some. Service was held in the Cathedral at 10.30 a.m., and the ringers from all parts of Cheshire had the opportunity of hearing how the services can be rendered by a thoroughly instructed choir, and it would be strange indeed if any heart in the congregation escaped from its inspiring influences, so beautifully enforced. This was followed by a sermon preached to the members of the Guild by Canon Blencowe, a sermon most appropriate and valuable. He told how the church bells in proclaiming the hours of public service reminded all within their reach of the duty of drawing near to God. He said that they proclaimed God to be near us, and that the church was ready to take her part in instructing, guiding, and ministering. He said that church bells also, as in the case of the late Diamond Jubilee, took part in the national rejoicing, and gave forth their measure of joyful sound, to swell a nation's outburst of gladness for the mercies and blessings enjoyed for sixty years under a good and great Queen, and then concluded his sermon with some apt and practical remarks.

The meeting was held in the Refectory at 12 noon, and was largely attended by members from far and near. The Master of the Guild, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Chester, presided; Canons Blencowe, Holme, the Revs. G. J. Howson, S. A. Boyd, H. H. Wright, Hatt Cooke, Esq., the Hon. Secretary, and about 200 members. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer read the minutes of the last meeting, which were signed. The Treasurer's statement of accounts for the year ending 1896, which had been previously approved of by the General Committee, were taken as read and passed. From this it appears the balance in bank at that date amounted to £65 17s. 11d. after the payment of all accounts. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Chester was unanimously re-elected Master of the Guild. The Rev. Richard Greenall was unanimously re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The following six Honorary Members were unanimously re-elected on the General Committee: Revs. Canon Blencowe, Holme, Revs. G. J. Howson, S. A. Boyd, H. Leigh Mallory, H. Hatt Cooke, Esq. Six ringing members, viz., Messrs. Forster, Bethell, Holding, Walmsley, Dillon, and Spence, were after a vote taken by papers, declared to be duly elected on the General Committee. Grants of £5 each were made to Stockport parish church, and Gawsworth parish church, for the restoration and increasing of their peals; money to be paid on the completion of the work. Northwich was carried by a large majority as the place of meeting on August Bank Holiday next year.

The usual votes of thanks were passed. Dinner was held in the Assembly Rooms, Watergate Street, at 1.30, and an excellent repast was provided, to which over 200 members sat down. After full justice had been given to the various eatables, the ringers separated to the towers open to them in the city and outside, thus ending a very successful day.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.—A meeting of this Association was held on Bank Holiday, August 2nd, but owing no doubt to the many counter attractions, the number present was considerably less than expected. The towers represented were St. Mary's Battle, Christ Church, Blacklands, St. John's Southover, St. Andrew's, Deal, and St. Mary's, Rye. Ringing commenced soon after two o'clock, the methods practised being Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob Minor and Major. A 504 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Franks (Battle), was rung for the service which was held expressly for the ringers at

five o'clock. The vicar (Rev. A. J. Crosse), officiated at the service, and gave a splendid address full of advice and encouragement to the ringers, which they all fully enjoyed and appreciated. The tea was prepared by host Radford at the Temperance hotel, to which fifteen sat down, including the vicar, who presided, Mr. Denne (Deal), and Mr. Goldsmith (Lewes). The usual business meeting followed the tea, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the following additional members of the Rye society were elected: Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, Rev. P. E. F. Berry, Messrs. L. A. Vidler, G. Henley, J. Henley, H. Lucas, E. Curd, S. E. Reed, G. Almond, and C. Price. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously to the vicar for the use of the bells and for the hearty welcome accorded the Association. The Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, in responding, expressed very great pleasure in welcoming the members of the Association to Rye, and hoped they would soon come again, mentioning that he was very pleased indeed with the ringing he had heard, and he hoped that he might some day be able to take part himself. A vote of thanks to Mr. Radford for the very excellent tea provided, was proposed and unanimously carried, the members returning to the tower for further ringing until 9 a.m.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting in connection with the above Society was held on Saturday, July 10th, 1897, at Lichfield, and was attended by members from West Bromwich, Handsworth, Tipton, Dudley, Walsall, Tamworth, Lichfield, Barton, Burton-on-Trent, Bloxwich, Wolverhampton, Wombourn, and other places. The bells at the Cathedral, and St. Mary's, and St. Michael's churches were kept going during the afternoon. At four o'clock a committee meeting was held in the Cathedral belfry, the Rev. O. W. Steele in the chair. At 5 o'clock a short service was held in St. Mary's Church, where the Rev. Prebendary Bolton gave a short but very interesting address, after which an adjournment was made to the coffee house for tea and the general meeting of the society, the Rev. Prebendary Bolton presiding, when the Secretary produced the balance sheet, which showed an adverse balance on the year, owing chiefly to outstanding subscriptions and extra outlay in providing cards of membership. All officers were re-elected, and the three centres re-elected for the next quarterly meeting were, Blakenhall, where a new peal of eight has just been put in by Messrs. J. Barwell, bell-founders, Birmingham; Willenhall; and Smethwick, where a new peal has also been put in by Messrs. W. Carr, bell-founders, of Smethwick. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and to the officers for part services, brought the meeting to a close.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON DISTRICT.—On Saturday, July 24th, a meeting of the above was held at Hinckley, when members attended from Nuneaton, Hinckley and Barwell, and the following touches were rung on the tower bells: 216 of Bob Minor, 377 of Grandsire Triples and 209 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Messrs. Aldham and Clarke. An adjournment was then made to the meeting house, when in the absence of Mr. Chapman, Mr. Aldham took the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. It was proposed to hold the next meeting on Saturday, September 25th, at Sharnford. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and the Chairman, the rest of the evening being spent in handbell-ringing; and songs were rendered by Messrs. Aldham and Humfreys.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—On Monday, August 2nd, the Capel Branch of this Guild held their annual outing, the places selected being Upper Beeding, Steyning and Henfield in Sussex. The party, nine in number, started about 6 a.m. for a seven mile drive to Horsham station, in order to catch an earlier train than could be procured at the Capel station, which enabled them to reach Steyning about 9 o'clock, where they were met at the station by Messrs. G. Gatland, J. Smart and A. Muggeridge, of The Railway inn, he being an old friend, having gone from our own village to that place. We soon repaired to his hostelry, where bread and cheese was awaiting us. Having satisfied the inner man *pro tem.* a move was soon made with Messrs. Gatland and Smart towards Beeding church, a distance of a little more than half a mile. The church being reached, the bells, a light ring of six, where soon set going to the tune of Cambridge Surprise, a well-struck 720 in 24 mins. being rung by E. Holloway, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 360 College Exercise. G. Ansell, 1; R. Jordan, 2; J. Akehurst, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Mr. Gatland having to leave to fulfill another engagement, we were piloted by Mr. Smart through the village and past the historical old ruins known as Bramber Castle, and back to the hostelry, where another good meal was awaiting us. After full justice had been done to this a move was made to Steyning church, and 576 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; J. Smart, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; C. Taylor, 5; R. Jordan, 6; D. Jordan, 7; D. Jordan (conductor), 8. And a plain course in the same method. G. Ansell, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Taylor, 5; T. M. Stedman, 6; R. Jordan, 7; E. Jordan, 8. Afterwards a stroll was made in the town, where there are some very old-fashioned houses. Then, after taking leave of Mr. Smart (who we heartily thank for spending so much time with us), we took the train back to Henfield, where we were unexpectedly met by our old friend, Mr. Marcus Heffer, whose name a few years ago used to figure with the Charlwood (Surrey) band, but whose duties now prevent him taking much part in ringing, but he is as fond of it as ever he was. Living about three miles distant, and hearing we were going to be in the neighbourhood, he endeavoured to meet us, and we were all very pleased to see him. He took part in ringing a course of Treble Bob Major and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Henfield, which brought the ringing to a close for the day. After a stroll through the village, and a little leave-taking from a few friends, a move had to be made towards the station for the home journey. After arriving at Horsham the band separated, some staying in the town to witness the carnival, having availed themselves of the opportunity of another ride home by road, while others that wished to be home before the small hours of morning stuck to the rail, arriving home about 11 o'clock, and thus ended one of those pleasant days the band are wont to enjoy when they have their annual excursion. They wish to thank, through "THE BELL NEWS," the respective Vicars for the use of their bells, and also all those who took part in making the outing an enjoyable one.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, BISHOPS STORTFORD.—The members of this Society had their annual outing on Monday, August 2nd, the place selected being Braughing. A start was made by brake at 9 a.m. from Bishops Stortford, and by 10 o'clock Great Hadham was reached, where permission having been obtained, the bells were raised and 720 Grandsire Minor and two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. After refreshing the inner man another start was made, which brought them to Standon, where another 720 was rung. A further drive brought them to their destination. Here the bells, a very nice peal of eight, were soon raised and set going to the tune of Oxford Bob Triples, a good touch of 504 being brought round. The next operation was a touch upon the knives and forks, which was brought round in about 45 mins. without a hitch of any sort. Then a stroll round the village and some more ringing on the tower and handbells brought the time round for home, but before they reached Bishops Stortford they had the pleasure of seeing the fireworks that were being let off at a

fete and carnival where Professor Fleet had had a balloon ascent and a parachute descent during the earlier part of the evening. They arrived home safely about 9.50, everyone expressing themselves thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing. They wish to thank the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells at the different churches, and the sextons for having everything in readiness.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, HORBURY, YORKS.—On Saturday, July 31st, the members of this Society had their annual trip, the place selected being the English lake district. We started from Horbury at 1.20 p.m. and walked to Ossett station and caught the 2.1 train to Leeds. Arriving at Leeds we changed from the Great Northern station to the Midland, and at 4.15, having got our cargo aboard, we steamed out of the station smoking the health of our esteemed secretary, Mr. W. H. Giggles, who had been married four years that day. Leaving Armley gaol behind us, we were soon speeding through delightful country past Kirkstall Abbey, Rawdon Convalescent Home, Calverley church, etc., enlivened by courses on the handbells. Arriving at Lake Side station we changed from train to steamer, and after a pleasant voyage we landed at Waterhead (the entire length of Lake Windermere) at 9.40 p.m. We had a mile to walk to Ambleside (our headquarters). Here we had supper, and after a stroll round the village retired for the night. On Sunday morning we were up in good time, and had a stroll down by the lake, where we lounged about until breakfast time. Ten o'clock saw us in the belfry of Ambleside church, where touches of Duke of York and Violet were rung for morning service. E. Carr, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; E. Brooke, 3; G. Hunt, 4; H. Rowley, 5; G. F. Pickles, 6. After a chat with the local ringers we visited Stock Ghyll waterfall, arriving at Glenamble restaurant just in time for dinner. After dinner we had a walk to Grassmere (the birthplace of Wordsworth, the poet), a distance of about four miles, which nearly fried us. Grassmere church is a very old one, having been built in 1111. After looking round the church we visited the graves of Wordsworth and Coleridge, who are buried side by side in the churchyard. Between Ambleside and Grassmere are several water fountains, one of which is erected in memory of the Queen's Jubilee, and another to Wordsworth. At everyone of these we had to stop to quench our thirst, our tenor-man remarking every time he drank—"By gum, but that's like life." On Monday morning we had a walk to Skelwith, through delightful scenery, past Brathay church and Rydal; we had also a splendid view of Wansfell, Nab Scar, and numerous other mountains, while on both sides of the road raspberries grow abundantly. In the afternoon we had a drive to Langdale: we were met on the road by Mr. Robert Smith, one of the local ringers, and he took us round a slate quarry, which we enjoyed very much. Arriving in Langdale village we were joined by Mr. Benson, another local ringer. Mr. Smith then took us to his house, where we had a chat with Mrs. Smith, who by the way hails from Horbury. Having got aboard the waggonette again we drove to Dungeon Ghyll Waterfall, preceded by Messrs. Smith and Taylor on their bikes. These falls are the best in the district, the water falling over the rocks a distance of ninety feet. Following the stream after leaving the fall we came across another fall, which, our guides informed us hadn't got a name, our tenor man promptly naming it "Horbury Fall." We then drove back to Langdale, where we had tea. After tea we adjourned to the church, where, after raising the bells in peal, we started for a 720 Duke of York, which we lost three leads from home. After a touch with three of the local men standing in, we lowered the bells and came down. We were met at the belfry door by all the people in the village, who were anxious to hear us ring the handbells. So we rang a course of Grandsire Triples and Major in the churchyard. While we were ringing the Vicar came and asked us to go down to the Vicarage and have some refreshments. Having drunk the health of the Vicar and his good wife (who is a Yorkshire lady), we rang another course of Grandsire Triples and then departed amid much cheering for Ambleside. Tuesday morning was spent in fishing, and at two o'clock we were aboard the steamer *en route* for Leeds, which we reached a little after 8 o'clock. We then made tracks for a refreshment room, where we had tea. One of our party had spent up, but he came sailing into the room. Somebody said

to him "What's ta come for?" and he said "Does ta think am barn ta be left art i t'cowl." Leaving Leeds at 9.30 we landed home at 11 o'clock, well satisfied with our outing. We take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Langdale and Messrs. Smith and Taylor for the kind way in which they treated us during our stay amongst them. G. H.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, July 31st, the members of this society had their annual outing to Bakewell and Youlgreave. Starting by the 8.45 train, we were met at Derby by Messrs. Draper and Shaw, both members of the society. Reaching Bakewell at 11 o'clock, a short time was allowed for refreshment. On going to the church we were met by Mr. R. Smith. After being shown round the church, and having every little item explained to us, we ascended the tower. The bells were raised in peal, and 210 Oxford Bob Triples was rung. W. Shaw, 1; L. Hollingworth, 2; H. Snape, 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earle (conductor), 5; F. Hollingworth, 6; C. Draper, 7; G. Tunnichiff, 8. And 364 Grandsire Triples. W. Shaw, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; A. Lee, 3; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; G. Tunnichiff, 5; —. Wallace, 6; W. Earle, 7; R. Smith, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. C. Draper, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; T. Clark, 4; H. Turner, 5; —. Wallace, 6; W. Earle (conductor), 7; R. Smith, 8. And 336 Bob Major. G. Tomlin, 1; L. Hollingworth, 2; H. Snape, 3; A. Lee, 4; C. Draper, 5; G. Tunnichiff, 6; W. Earle, 7; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 8. After lowering the bells it was time for us to leave for Youlgreave. A brake being engaged, we drove through the splendid scenery which surrounds Bakewell, and on to Youlgreave. On arriving at The Bull's Head hotel, the ringers and friends sat down to an excellent dinner served up by the host, Mr. W. E. Davis, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. After dinner we wended our way to the church, where we were met by Mr. James Rowland, who took us to the ringing-chamber, and rang 420 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Shaw, 1; G. Tunnichiff, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; T. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; W. Earle, 5; C. Draper, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; R. Smith, 8. And 434 Grandsire Triples. W. Shaw, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; H. Snape, 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earle (conductor), 5; F. Hollingworth, 6; C. Draper, 7; G. Tunnichiff, 8. On leaving Youlgreave we wished Mr. Smith and friends good-day, and then we put ourselves in the hands of Mr. C. Draper who was the guide to Darley Dale. It was a splendid walk to Robin Hood Stride and the Hermit's Cave, where there is a splendid piece of work cut in the rock, which represents Christ on the Cross. From there we travelled to The Druids Arms, Birchover. Having a few minutes to spare, we had a look around the rocks and in the caves. On making another start we landed at Darley Dale in time to catch the 8.50 train. On arriving in Derby we saw two of our old friends, Messrs. Maskrey and Willis. After spending a hour with them, we had to wish our friends good-bye, Melbourne being reached safely, after having spent a most enjoyable day. The society wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicars of Bakewell and Youlgreave for the use of the bells; also Mr. R. Smith and Mr. J. Rowland for having everything in readiness. W. E.

THE WRITTLE SOCIETY, ESSEX.—On Wednesday, August 4th, eight members of this company paid a visit to High Easter, a village about nine miles distant, to ring upon the newly-rehung peal of six. Leaving Writtle at 5.20 they arrived about 6.45, and were met at The Punch Bowl by one of the local ringers (the sexton), who informed them that a feast was awaiting them. A start was at once made for the object of their visit, viz., to try and ring the first 720 on the bells, as the treble has just been added. After having a few rounds a start was made for 720 Kent Treble Bob, with W. Emery ringing the treble. This was lost after 240 had been rung, it being impossible to correct a mistake owing to the noise of the bells. Another start was made, and the first 720 on the bells was an accomplished fact. G. W. Sorrell, 1; E. W. Davis, 2; F. J. Radley, 3; R. Wood, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. Several 120s of Doubles were rung to give F. Edwards and the sexton a pull, and 240 Bob Minor, W. Emery ringing the treble. It being the parish festival they next visited the meadow adjoining the vicarage lawn, and brought the handbells into use, Messrs. W. Lincoln, F. Radley and R. Wood playing several tunes on

them, much to the astonishment of the natives of High Easter, to think that anyone could ring four each. Some of the members made use of the swingboats and other enjoyments: then, getting all together, a move was made for the excellent tea provided for them, after which the handbells were kept going till time for the return journey. The bells are a very nice-toned ring, but something must be done to prevent the noise before a band can be taught to ring them. The tenor weighs about 18 or 19 cwt., and the ringing-chamber is immediately under them. A very pleasant return journey was made in the cool of the evening, Writtle being reached about midnight, all being very well satisfied with the outing and the kind reception, for which they thank the Rev. E. F. Gepp, vicar of the parish.

THE LINDLEY SOCIETY, YORKS.—This Society and a few friends had their annual outing on July 31st and August 1st, the rendezvous being Ripon and Sharow. Leaving Lindley at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the party were enabled to while away the time on the journey with the handbells. Arriving at Ripon, a wagonette was in readiness to take them to Mr. Raymond Walker's, where a very substantial tea was provided, and to which ample justice was done, the "go" of the eatables being startling after the journey in the train. After tea the handbells were again brought into use in the garden, tunes and courses being rung. Mr. Menzies' butler asked if they would kindly ring a few tunes for Mr. Menzies, which they freely consented to, and tracks were at once made for his residence, which is known as Fair Lawn, and is situated at Sharow. Arriving there they were at once invited into the hall, and there they gave a choice selection of tunes, intermixed with courses, of which Mr. Menzies and family were delighted. Mr. Menzies thanked them, and the visitors drank his health in the kitchen. They then made their way to the Cathedral, where permission had been given to ring. Courses of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung here by Messrs. Sykes, Schofield, Royston, Crossland, Turner, Craven, Haigh and F. Schofield. They then went to The Star hotel, the headquarters for the night. Mr. R. Walker was voted to the chair, and in the course of a few remarks said he hoped they all had enjoyed the pull on the Cathedral bells, and wished to inform them that they had come to Ripon on a very auspicious day—namely St. Wilfrid's Day—on which day St. Wilfrid rode around the city on a white horse, headed by the Ripon brass band; and also that on that very day the Marquess of Ripon had presented to the Corporation of Ripon the Town Hall. In concluding he hoped they would all enjoy their trip to Ripon. Having received a well merited applause the chairman called upon the ringers for a tune on the bells, which was well received. Mr. D. Haigh (an old Lindley ringer), sang a song entitled "The Fat Grey Man," for which he received a well-merited encore. Tunes, songs and recitations having been rendered the chairman was informed that it was 11 o'clock. Toasts were given to the Cathedral and Sharow ringers, and to Messrs. Walker and Pick for their help to make the first day a success. Up in good time on Sunday they at once made their way to Sharow, when again Mr. Pick had all in readiness. Two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung for morning service by Messrs. Sykes, Schofield, Rhodes, Crossland, Turner, Craven, Royston and Schofield. Having rung for service they journeyed to The Star hotel for dinner. Having done the needful to a forced appetite arrangements were made to have a drive to Studley Royal and Fountains Abbey. On arriving at Studley Park a few hymns were sung, accompanied by the handbells, and then forward again to view the old and splendid ruin, Fountains Abbey. Having examined and expressed their admiration of this noble ruin they wended their way back to The Star, where a splendid tea was provided. After tea a few tunes were rung, and then tracks were made for home. Tunes were rung on the platform till the train arrived. The "go" of the bells both at the Cathedral and Sharow are all that can be desired. The company arrived home at 11 o'clock expressing themselves highly-satisfied with their trip to the ancient city of Ripon. The Lindley Society wish to thank the Bishop and ringers for the use of the bells at the Cathedral, and also the Vicar and churchwardens of Sharow for the use of their bells; also Messrs. Walker and Pick for their kind help in making their first trip to Ripon a success.

\* \* \* Other reports of Outings next week.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

Plenty of news, of almost every kind, in the last two numbers. Meetings, annual or otherwise; outings, peals, touches, editorials, compositions, notices, and last, but not least, yours fraternally, "P. S." The Annual Festival of the Winchester Diocesan Guild has been held. A very progressive body this. Progression is shown all round, larger finances, additional members, etc. The report of proceedings reads very business-like. One or two items may be touched upon, and first I may mention the proposal to abolish the peal-book, as at present existing. This kind of record is known to all my readers. There was a great deal to be said in its favor when peals were remarkable by reason of their scarceness and infrequency. But now their fecundity is astonishing, and it is a pleasant feature of their growth that they are as much thought of as ever. But it is getting to be generally admitted that the ornate peal-book belongs to the past. It is a cumbrous affair when it has to be carried about from one meeting-place to another, and at other times it is unseen. This does not apply to what I may term strictly local Associations, like the Birmingham or London, and other localised societies. We shall be very sorry to part with our old friend, but its doom is inevitable.

The resolutions passed at this meeting with regard to the election of members in the tower will be welcomed. Everyone knows that this question required some drastic treatment. Members of similar organisations, take a leaf out of the book of your brethren of Winchester. At the next meeting of your Association or Guild, give notice of the following motion: "That persons who are elected members of the Guild before any performance (which it is intended to publish as rang by the Guild) shall pay their subscription before starting, or the performance shall not be counted as rang by the Guild."

I must compliment the Winchester Executive on the healthy and prosperous condition of the Guild. I know fully well that my old and very dear friend the Honorary Secretary—who will, as he does always, read these paragraphs with great eagerness—is to be credited with a large share of the praise due. May he live many years to control its fortunes.

That ardent ringer of Newcastle, whom his near friends denominate "Billy" Holmes, has had a testimonial presented to him by his local admirers. It wasn't a clock of doubtful parentage, not a scarf pin of inappropriate design, nor a silver chain with ugly massive appendages, or any such unmeaning lumber. What do you think it was? Well you know William has just taken to himself a wife, so the present, or testimonial, or whatever you may call it, was a carpet (Kidderminster I hope) for Mrs. Holmes' sitting-room. There is sense in such a gift. I hope William will never do anything to deserve being "carpetted" by Mrs. H. or any one else. Many good wishes to you, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes.

Whenever the head-line—"St. Mary's Society, Woolwich," meets the eye, attention is sure to be immediately directed to that which follows. Do you know why? If not take a visit to the tower some day, and just observe the peal-boards. The records of doings of the Banister family are there. They are sufficient to impress upon the mind of a thinking person what remarkable men the members of that family were. By the way how comes it that no one has ever thought to propose that distinguished man, Mr. William Banister, as an honorary member of the C.C. I had an idea that the institution of hon. members was for the express purpose of connecting the fathers of the science with it. The C.C. would be honored in the election of this gentleman at the next meeting. And most of us have now heard of Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S., a gentleman of great attainments in bell-ology, who is working very hard to spread the practice of the Art in his country. We have all read some very interesting contributions to ringing literature from his pen. Certainly it would be a graceful compliment to elect him on the

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers without delay. The wonder is that the election of these two gentlemen has never been thought of.

To return to the St. Mary Woolwich Society. The young people of this Society are going along. They have as Hon. Sec. one who is full of energy and enthusiasm—Mr. E. O. Masters. Nowadays energy and activity is not quite enough for the welfare of a ringing company. The mainspring of the concern—the hon. sec.—must often be an enthusiast, in short, a fanatic almost. In the ruling or managing of men it is sometimes necessary to be a bigot, or even a tyrant. We may assail occasionally what appears to us as antics of some jacks-in-office, but these antics in some instances are an immense factor in keeping people together. They however have not the least connection with the gentleman I am alluding to. He is devoid of offence, and the members of the Society are people of sense, and can be managed by gentlemanly acts.

St. Mary Woolwich has a lightish ring of eight. They used to run along at a remarkable quick rate, and being generally kept in good order, the practice was attractive. The architecture of the church I don't think much of, and the entrance to the ringing-chamber is through a trap-door, and from that the descent is not inviting to nervous people. My recollections of the place is a violently-oscillating or vibrating tower; or as a friend once remarked on descending—"the steeple seems to twist." But such trifles are nothing, when bells go well, and everything is in favour of the ringer.

The newly-formed, or newly-amalgamated, Middlesex County Association seems to be going ahead. When first the suggestion of such amalgamation was mooted, I ventured to doubt its propriety. For that I received a sort of castigation from "the powers that be." I should belie my title were I to hesitate in saying what I think. The man who hesitates is lost, you know, "a sad disaster, that befel" an opponent of mine during a rubber on last bank-holiday. The reason for doubting the success of such an amalgamation was not un-reasonable altogether. Middlesex is I think the smallest county in England in point of acreage, but it holds a great many people. Any one who is acquainted with the divisions of the county from the standpoint of the *ci-devant* bodies, will I think, be of opinion that whatever the condition of things may be now, the ringing companies of the two divisions were as oil and water, elements which exhibit a difficulty in combination. Though so close together, neighbours so to speak, I regarded their idiosyncracies as actually opposite to each other, and thought therefore that the proposed amalgamation might suffer.

Such a reason might appear childish to many, no doubt, but I was not singular in the idea. By no means. But now the job is done I have nothing further to say against it. Every one appears satisfied; feelings and convictions on both sides have been respected; mutual explanations have been made; satisfactory guarantees have been exchanged; and all is now as merry as a marriage bell. If the President of the new Association with its indefatigable Hon. Secretary, cannot keep up a healthy lubrication between the branches of the society, there are no two men alive who can. The activity and disinterestedness of the Hon. Sec. is beyond all praise. He is that kind of official we want more of.

"Outings" are, not the question of the hour, but a prominent topic just now. I find the Rev. F. E. R. and Captain J. W. W. among their Winchester friends, the latter visiting Oxford City. "The powers that be"—in this case the Editor of this journal—will no doubt reciprocate the kind observations of the rev. gentleman, and also those of my old friend, W. H. George, the Master of the Winchester Cathedral Society. I am sorry to record that these compliments to our paper are few and far between, very. But my old friend and pitcher, W. H. G., whom I always like to call by that old and endearing *soubriquet*

of "Pinner," whatever possessed you to omit all mention of your old familiar—"P.S.?" Not the smell of an allusion, though the first thing you do, when you get your "B.N." every Friday evening, is to look what "P.S.?" has to say. What a complex and intricate method is that called "human nature." *Vale!*

I see there is an attempt being made to assist another unfortunate brother—Thomas Yates, of Eccles, who is suffering from a painful affliction, which prevents him from following his employment. We can't do much, it is true, but what little is in our power it is our bounden duty to do. I am one of those old-fashioned fellows who are adamant in the belief that whenever we ungrudgingly do a kindness, or a charitable action, to those who are in want, we sooner or later get it returned fourfold. I invite you, my dear readers, to make the experiment. Help this poor brother as well as you can, the act performed graciously will benefit you in this life.

The village of Kidlington and neighbourhood comprises a very picturesque district of the county of Oxford. The church is a handsome structure, and those who know the place will be glad to read that the peal of bells has been restored and augmented to eight. Kidlington boasts of a good firm of bellhangers, Messrs. Webb and Bennett, who are both practical ringers. They have rehung the bells in an entirely new steel or iron frame, with great success. I should recommend any one who, like the famed Dr Syntax, is about to begin a search for the picturesque, to get a safety bicycle and roam about Kidlington. Plenty of good ringing is to be had, as well as other innocent enjoyments. I have heard that Kidlington is the place selected by a very great peal-ringer as the place in which he purposes to spend the evening of his life in retirement. No doubt the restoration of the bells will clench that intention. Among the ringing fraternity at Kidlington is a worthy gentleman named Judge. He writes to say that he hopes to induce every one of the Kidlington men to take in our paper regularly. I am sure you will all hope that his efforts in this direction will be crowned with success.

The peal records have begun to assume larger proportions. We are getting well into August, which is generally looked upon as the hottest month of the year; that over we shall begin to look for cooler weather, when peal-ringing can be done with some amount of comfort. Then we shall hear some more of Double Gloucester, perhaps, and another record peal of Stedman Cinques, perhaps. We may also reasonably expect, as Oxford is to possess a ring of twelve, to hear of peals of London Surprise Royal and Maximus. How would it look to have a silent peal of the latter. When such a thing happens, what next can be looked for? Surely no one can go further than that. There is no knowing however in these days to what length the enterprise and ambition of a man will take him. When such a feat as the above is done, the only thing to beat it will be to reverse the present order of bells and ringers—the bells at the bottom of the tower, the ringers at the top. They will thus be prepared to do the job—on their heads.

By the time this paper appears the successful coupon-holders will be known, if possible. I add the saving clause, because I hear that so many have come to hand it will be an impossibility to count them in one night. I hope no one who is unsuccessful will feel disappointed. You know you can't all get the prizes. To those who don't I say—don't be disheartened; better luck next time; it's a long lane that has no turning, etc., etc. Don't be spiteful to "THE BELL NEWS" any of you, because you are unlucky this time. I should like all my readers to get a prize, but you see they can't. Therefore take your luck, whether good or bad, good-humouredly.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 1st, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watkinson (conductor), 1; W. Brook, 2; G. Wilcock, 3; T. Pease, 4; H. Strangward, 5; W. Heckingbottom, 6. First 720 of Kent by all except Messrs. Watkinson and Heckingbottom.

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

On Saturday, August 7th, six members of the above Guild met in the Old Square, Birmingham, where they found a conveyance waiting, which they at once mounted and soon found themselves on the road for the beautiful village of Knowle. The afternoon turned out to be fine, which made the journey a very pleasant one, and arriving at their destination about three o'clock, a halt was made and the inner man refreshed. Then a visit was made to the church, where a dedication service was being held for the purpose of dedicating a new peal of bells just put in as a Diamond Jubilee Commemoration. Service over, the bells were raised in peal and a start made for a 720 Bob Minor, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing about 15 mins. However, not to be beaten, another start was made, which brought to a finish the first 720 Bob Minor on the bells, the ringers being, S. Reeves, 1; T. Miller (conductor), 2; H. Bastable, 3; R. Hunt, 4; W. Short, 5; T. Reynolds, 6. After a short stop, during which several made a journey up the tower to inspect the framework and hanging gear of the bells, which was found to be in a very satisfactory condition, another start was made for a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, which was successfully brought round in about 25 mins.; H. Bastable, 1; S. Reeves, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; W. Short (conductor), 4; R. Hancox, 5; T. Miller, 6. This over, the ringers, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Hatton, M.A., went to the "Red Lion" where they found in readiness a good substantial meal. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wakefield, who had given the tenor bell and also supplied the ringers with refreshment: this was seconded by one of the ringers and carried unanimously. The hand bells being introduced, the "Blue Bells of Scotland" was played and a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the visiting friends, after which another visit was made to the tower and 120 each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were successfully brought round, the bells being lowered in peal. The ringers once brought the brake again in requisition and started on the return journey, Birmingham being reached about 9.30 p.m., after a pleasant afternoon's outing.

The bells, which are the work of the firm of Messrs. J. Barwell, Birmingham, are a very sweet peal of six, the "go" of them is everything that could be desired, and the tone and tune of the bells gave very great satisfaction to all who had the pleasure of hearing them.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A six-bell meeting of this branch took place at Waterfoot on Saturday, August 7th. Very few members attended, and this was all the more disappointing, because diagrams of a number of methods have recently been issued gratis to encourage ringing in Minor methods. However by five o'clock two of our own members and four from Oswaldtwistle (Blackburn Branch), attempted a 720 of Kent, which was successfully brought round. The same band started for the extent of Woodbine, but this was brought round at 240, owing to the arrival of more members. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. White, of Waterfoot. Rawtenstall was decided as the place for the next meeting. The bells were again started, and 720 Woodbine was rung, some of our Oswaldtwistle friends taking part. The remainder of the evening was taken up with ringing courses and touches in various methods. Bury, Helmshore, and Bacup were the only places represented.

J. B.

Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, would be glad to hear of any other member of the United Patriots Benefit Society who is a ringer and is elected as a delegate for the Birmingham Conference fixed for the last week in September.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 25th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six bobs and two singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley (conductor), 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. Stout, 6. On Monday, July 26th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Gough, 1; J. Wilson, 2; A. Oxley, 3; W. Oxley, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. Stout (conductor), 6.



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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1897.

THE thirst for higher numbers of bells is becoming contagious. In another column, Mr. BENJAMIN KEEBLE advocates, with his accustomed ingenuity, the provision of a ring of twelve for the County of Essex. He asks "Why should not Essex have a ring of twelve?" Why indeed: or for the matter of that, every other county in the United Kingdom? The suggestions he has the temerity to make for the carrying out of such a desideratum are certainly heroic, but hardly to be commended in their entirety. No one would be more glad than ourselves to hear that a ring of twelve for Essex was a *fait accompli*, or even a probability, but the pleasure of such news would be lessened if we thought the present ten at the church of St. Mary, Chelmsford, were to be utilised for the purpose. If Mr. KEEBLE is so anxious for his native county to be honoured by a ring of bells of the maximum number, surely he would prefer something better than a splice on to a light ring of ten, the success of which would be doubtful. Twelve bells to be effective require weight of metal; very few, if any, of the light peals of this number can be regarded as satisfactory.

If a good heavy ring of twelve can be erected at Chelmsford or Colchester, or any other Essex town, we should be very pleased, but let us have them worthy of the edifice in which they may be placed.

There has been a great deal of supposition and rumour with regard to an augmentation of the bells at the Abbey Church of Waltham, but it has got no farther than talk. Now this ancient edifice is well worthy, if only from an historical standpoint, to have a ring of twelve, and the tower is capable of holding such a number. Unless our friend Mr. KEEBLE is more certain than we are of having a Cathedral in Essex, we would advise him to throw his influence into the Waltham Abbey scheme. This edifice would also be more adapted for a Cathedral should one be required for the County.

A great loss has been sustained by the Church in the death of Dr. WALSHAM How, the Lord Bishop of Wakefield. The deceased Prelate was not especially identified with the Exercise, but he was so well-known from his energy and popularity, that we deem it fitly to take some account of him. A leading daily says:—

"There used to be a notion, and we believe it still lingers in some minds, that the life of a Bishop was one of dignified ease. Possibly it may have been so once: but if any one now makes such a statement he must be singularly ignorant of the facts. Except, perhaps, a certain number of very successful number of barristers or London physicians, few men are more hard worked than the Bishops of the Church of England. Confirmations, church openings, conferences, meetings, visitations, and appointments of all kinds fill up their days, and yet they are expected to make telling speeches, to preach eloquent or profound sermons, and to express authoritative opinions upon a host of different abstruse questions. Such a life was led by the late Bishop, and the story is true of all who have charge of the larger dioceses in this country. No wonder, then, that breaking down under the strain is becoming not infrequent, and that the main-spring of life snaps with startling suddenness, as it did with FRASER and BENSON, and now with WALSHAM How. He was not a man who gave the idea of great physical strength; but he seems to have possessed that toughness of constitution which is especially required for such a life as he led. Something of the kind was true of his mental qualities, for he swayed men by his rectitude and nobility of character, who in intellectual contests might have been his superiors. All his life he had been one of the most industrious of men."

And much more to the same effect. Men like Dr. How are greatly needed in the Church, and the See of Wakefield will be fortunate if his successor is of a similar calibre.

**THE HANDBELL GIFTS.**—We are compelled to postpone until next week the publication of the names of the successful recipients of these gifts. Further explanation will be given in our next number.

### The Provinces.

#### PORTSMOUTH.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 5, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE <i>Treble</i> .	GEORGE INSTRALL .. .. 5.
JOHN STAPLES .. .. 2.	GEORGE GRAHAM .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
HENRY STUBBINGTON .. 4.	*WILLIAM CROSSLAND .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal. This is the first peal rung on these bells since 1749.

#### SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PLATTS .. .. <i>Treble</i> .	JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 2.	JOHN A. MOULT .. .. 6.
ALBERT WHITMORE .. .. 3.	THOMAS START .. .. 7.
WILLIAM JOHNSON .. .. 4.	LEVI PARTRIDGE .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by J. A. MOULT.

Messrs. Moul, Whitmore, and Partridge hail from Whitwick; Inglesant from Quorn; Grundy from Loughborough; the rest belong to the local band. First peal of Grandsire Triples by W. Platts; and first peal as conductor by J. A. Moul.

#### HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM PALMER* .. .. <i>Treble</i> .	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of Superlative on these bells, and the band wish to thank the vicar, the Rev. C. S. Dunlop, for kindly granting them permission; and to Mr. Allen for having everything in readiness. \*First peal of Superlative.

#### BENNINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob Minor, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ERNEST ROLLINSON .. .. <i>Treble</i> .	ALFRED O. BARBER .. .. 4.
JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. 2.	ENOS CLAYTON .. .. 5.
HARRY STAFFURTH .. .. 3.	*CHARLES R. LILLEY .. <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Messrs. Rollinson and Phillips belong to Butterwick; Staffurth, Barber, and Clayton to Frieston; Lilley to Bedford. \*First peal as conductor.

#### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. <i>Treble</i> .	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. .. 5.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 3.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 7.
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Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 1st, for Divine Service, 720 London Surprise Minor. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, and first on the bells.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 1st, after Divine Service, 720 London Surprise Minor in 29 mins. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Pye (conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, July 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich, but after ringing 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 27 mins, it came to grief owing to the lamp going out. A. Tarbun, 1; A. Edwards, 2; E. Wightman, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; E. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. On Sunday evening, July 18th, for Divine Service, 1008 Stedman Triples. J. Tarbun, 1; W. Pye, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; G. Pye (conductor), 4; E. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6; W. J. Piper, 7; A. Tarbun, 8.

WRITTE (Essex).—On Monday, August 2nd, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Sorrell, 1; A. Edwards, 2; E. Davis, 3; T. Lincoln, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; E. Pye, 6; F. Radley, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. Also five courses of Stedman Triples conducted by A. Edwards.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, July 18th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. Harman, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Simpson, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, July 20th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Simpson, 1; T. Richards, 3; J. Town, 4; E. Dunn, 5; P. Harman, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Miles, 1; T. Durling, 2; G. Dickens, 3; R. Himmis, 4; J. Hack, 5; E. Dunn, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; H. Durling, 8.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Monday, August 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. C. H. Walker, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; H. Hoskins, 3; H. Barrett, 4; F. W. Thornton, 5; S. Lawrence, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; G. Goodwin, 8. S. Lawrence hails from Salisbury; G. Goodwin from Boston, Lincolnshire. The latter has not taken part in ringing for ten years, and despite his age rang the tenor exceedingly well.

LEE (Kent).—On Thursday, August 5th, at St. Margaret's church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss A. L. Norton, of Lee, with Mr. A. W. G. Batchelor, of Greenwich, 588 and 504 Stedman Triples. Also 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major and 308 Grandsire Triples, in which the undermentioned took part: J. Crowder (Lee), W. Berry, W. Foreman, H. Hoskins, J. J. Lamb, I. G. Shade, F. W. Thornton, H. Flanders, and T. Taylor (Lewisham). The Greenwich ringers (as on a similar occasion recently at Eltham) attended by special request.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Friday, July 30th, for practice at St. George's, Heaviley, 2520 Grandsire Triples, being the first half of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' ten-part peal. Tenor 30 cwt. C. Barber, 1; H. Meakin, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; J. Bayley, 5; A. Markwell, 6; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 7; J. Markwell, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Barber, Meakin, Jackson, and J. Markwell. A. Markwell hails from Wilburton, Cambridgeshire. On Sunday morning, July 25th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Bayley (conductor), 6; A. Sidebotham, 7; J. Pearson, 8. First touch by T. Barber. On Monday, July 26th, for practice, 560 Grandsire Triples. J. Mottershead, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; J. Bayley, 5; J. Pearson, 6; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 7; C. Barber, 8. First touch by Messrs. Mottershead and Pearson.

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On July 4th, at the Parish Church of St. Thomas's, Norbury, Hazel Grove, a 720 of Plain Bob for morning service in 25½ mins. as follows: J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On July 4th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob in 25 min. as follows: J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley (fiftieth 720), 4; S. Rutter, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On July 11th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob in 25½ min. as follows: J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (fiftieth 720), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter (conductor), 4; J. Dean, 5; A. Fernley, 6. On July 18th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25½ min. as follows: J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter (fiftieth 720), 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On July 18th, for

evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 min. as follows: J. Dean, 1; A. Fernley, 2; G. D. Warburton (fiftieth 720), 3; S. Fernley, 4; S. Rutter, 5; J. Shallcross (conductor), 6. It is worthy of note that the band rung their first 720 in September last.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 1st, being Feast Sunday, the Eckington ringers paid a friendly visit to this place, and rang various touches during the day including 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Sarel, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; J. Atkin, 4; A. Slater, 5; G. Butcher, 6; G. Marsden, 7; W. Biggin, 8. Also 720 Oxford. W. Biggin, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; J. Atkin, 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. This band rang a 720 on the Feast Sunday August 1st, 1896, all standing as above.

## THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.

OXLEY (Herts).—On Sunday, July 18th, for morning service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. P. H. Read, 1; C. George, 2; H. Martin, 3; W. Norris, 4; G. N. Price (conductor), 5; Walter Norris, 6; F. Edwards, 7; F. Smith, 8. On Wednesday, July 28, for practice, 532 Grandsire Triples. A. Lance, 1; F. A. Smith, 2; C. George, 3; W. Norris, 4; H. Martin, 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8. On Friday, August 6th, on handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples. C. George, 1-2; H. Martin, 3-4; G. N. Price (conductor), 5-6; W. Norris, 7-8. On Sunday, August 8th, for morning service, 448 Grandsire Triples. A. Lance, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; W. Norris, 3; Walter Norris, 4; C. George, 5; G. N. Price (conductor), 6; H. Martin, 7; P. H. Read, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; E. Streeter, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine. F. Streeter, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. Gasson, 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. \*C. Cole, 1; J. Gasson, 2; A. Gasson, 3; F. Streeter, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. \*First attempt at Minor and hails from West Hoathley; Smart from Brighton. On Thursday, July 29th, on the return of the local doctor (Mr. Newton), from his honeymoon, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor was rung. G. Backshall, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; C. Holman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 720 Violet. R. Bourn, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; C. Holman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob. G. Backshall, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; C. Holman (conductor), 6. Also 240 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Wedge, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; C. Holman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.—On Thursday, August 5th, in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. Norris, 1; C. Hill, 2; S. Watson, 3; H. Harvey, 4; G. Watson (conductor), 5; F. A. Kennett, 6; S. Saker, 7; H. Denman, 8. All the above are local men. Longest touch by all except S. Saker. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—At the Parish Church, May 30th, 720 Plain Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; F. Timbrell, 3; J. Kenyon, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Timbrell (conductor), 6. June 2nd, 720 College Pleasure. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. 720 Violet as above. June 27th, 720 Plain Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5; T. Seed, 6. July 18th, 720 Plain Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Timbrell (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Timbrell, 6. July 25th, 720 Duke of York. July 30th, 720 Woodbine as above. July 30th, 720 Grandsire as above. On July 31st, an attempt for a 5040 in seven Methods, but came to grief, owing to darkness coming on suddenly, after ringing 720 each of the following, Plain Bob, College Single, Grandsire, Duke of York, Woodbine, and about 400 of Oxford Treble Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. August 1st, 720 Oxford as above. August 8th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Timbrell, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5; T. Seed, 6. Handbell-ringing: Aug. 2nd, two 720s Plain Bob. F. Timbrell, 1-2; E. Timbrell, 3-4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5-6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHARSFIELD (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, August 4th, three members of the Otley company with Messrs. Tarrant and Brooke, of

Monewden, rang a 6-score of Bob Doubles. E. Brooke, 1; Dr. Meadows, 2; P. P. W. Meadows, 3; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 4; P. Tarrant, 5. Tenor 10 cwt. These bells are sadly in need of repair, the treble having a large piece out of the crown, and all requiring no little skill and labour to ring properly.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Friday, June 30th, at St. Mary's church, a peal of Treble Bob Major was attempted, but in consequence of the excessive heat the bells were brought round at 2176 changes, in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. Scholes, 1; J. Bradley, 2; R. Grimwood, 3; W. Dallimore, 4; S. Joyce, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; S. Hayes, 7; E. Hall, 8.

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

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, July 31st, 720 each of Chester and Carlisle Surprise. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 720 Lincoln Surprise. For evening service, 720 York Surprise. W. Lambert, 4; the rest as before. On Tuesday, August 3rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Surprise Minor, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 720 each of Chester and Carlisle, owing to a change-course in the last two leads of Lincoln. T. Bettison, 1; W. Lambert, 2; J. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; the rest as before. J. E. Wheeldon hails from Bucknall; Lambert from Treeton.

#### THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Thursday, July 22nd, in the belfry of St. Alkmund's, 168 of Grandsire Triples upon handbells. G. J. Taylor, 1-2; W. Espley, 3; F. Taylor, 4; G. Byolin (conductor), 5-6; A. Fullick, 7-8. On Wednesday, July 28th, in the belfry of St. Chad's, a six-score of Grandsire Doubles on handbells. C. Clarke, 1; E. Jones, 2; G. J. Taylor (conductor), 3-4; G. Tipton, 5-6. Also several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles upon handbells, each called different. G. J. Taylor, 1-2; G. Tipton, 3; G. Scarratt, 4; A. Fullick, 5-6. Conducted by G. J. Taylor and A. Fullick. Also a touch of Grandsire Minor upon handbells. C. Clarke, 1; G. Tipton, 2; G. Scarratt, 3; A. Fullick, 4; G. J. Taylor (conductor), 5-6.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY.—At Christ Church, on Sunday evening, August 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford. Joseph Thackray, 1; A. Windsor (Leeds parish), 2; B. Cowling, 3; John Thackray (conductor), 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6. This was rung on the twenty-third anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

ACCRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Horrocks, 1; A. Scholes, 2; C. Rodgers, 3; J. Rollerson, 4; G. Lord, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Messrs. Horrocks (2), and Lord hail from Church; Rollerson from Rawtenstall; the rest belong to the local band.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, July 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. Freeman, 1; A. Allfrey, 2; W. Allfrey, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. Hill, 5; H. Stalham, 6; P. Allfrey, 7; R. Wood, 8. Composed by W. Franks, London; conducted by H. Stalham. Sunday evening, August 1st, 700 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; W. Allfrey (conductor), 2; A. Allfrey, 3; H. Hill, 4; F. Hill, H. Stalham, 6; P. Allfrey, 7; G. Hill, 8. Thursday, practice, August 5th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Palmer, 1; G. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; J. N. Frossell, 3; H. Stalham, 4; C. Chasty, 5; P. Allfrey, 6; K. Hart, 7; G. Hill, 8. And a 252 in the same method. K. Hart (conductor), 1; C. Chasty, 2; F. Hill, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; W. Palmer, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; P. Allfrey, 7; R. Wood, 8.

CASTLE DONINGTON (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, July 20th, for practice, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Saxilby, 1; W. Fowkes, 2; R. Tunnicliff, 3; G. Wilkins, 4; J. Clark, 5; J. Tunnicliff, 6. On Wednesday, July 28th, seven 6-scores. W. Fowkes, 1; J. Hutchby, 2; R. Tunnicliff, 3; G. Wilkins, 4; J. Clark, 5; G. Wheildon, 6.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering, in 26 mins. E. Williams, 1; H. Morgan, 2; J. Prickett, 3; S. Hopton, 4; R. Thompson (conductor), 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Bye, 7; F. James (first 720), 8. On Sunday evening, August 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), with 7-8 covering, in 26 mins. E. Williams, 1; J. Prickett, 2; S. Hopton, 3; H. Morgan, 4; R. Thompson (conductor), 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Bye, 7; F. James, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, August 8th, for Divine Service at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. \*C. Deer, 1; H. Green, 2; W. Truss, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; F. Clements, 5; J. Langdon, 6; W. Humberstone, 7; G. Woodage, 8. \*First quarter-peal. The above was rung on the occasion of the rector, the Rev. J. G. Gardiner, preaching his farewell sermon, being compelled to resign through failing health.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—Recently, several touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob, by the local band, assisted by G. J. Smith (Hackney), Horton (Bristol), and Wallage (London). On Sunday, August 8th, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Perry, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; A. Chicken, 3; W. Dudley, 4; E. Wallage, 5; C. Anderson, 6; W. H. Judd, 7; —. 8.

QUEX PARK (Kent).—On Saturday, July 24th, at the Waterloo Tower, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins., it came to grief. G. Pointer, 1; L. Willshire, 2; H. Wilson, 3; A. Sayer, 4; P. Reed, 5; T. Reed, 6; G. Willshire (conductor), 7; W. Diplock, 8. On Saturday, July 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Pointer, 1; E. Wilson, 2; Rev. H. G. Bird (Uxbridge), 3; H. Wilson, 4; A. Sayer, 5; L. Willshire, 6; G. Willshire (conductor), 7; T. Wilson, 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."

#### WHY SHOULD NOT ESSEX HAVE A RING OF TWELVE?

SIR,—When the Essex Association was formed it found Chelmsford tower with a ring of eight. Miles' Boy however insisted that there was in a neighbouring tower two trebles, which at some period were mysteriously taken from Chelmsford. It is generally known that it was through the tact and skill of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, as secretary of the Association, that these two trebles found their way back to the foot of Chelmsford tower, where for some time they rested. By continual pegging away at the authorities, the Association at last had the satisfaction of finding these two bells restored to their former position. Now I submit, Sir, that there is something further the Association might do, and it is because, if all is well, I hope to bring the matter forward at our next annual meeting, that I venture to suggest that we might before the ringing season is again upon us, discuss the question in your columns. My proposal will be that we endeavour to set the ball rolling, to increase the present ring by the addition of two more bells, so that Essex may have a ring of twelve. Of course I am aware that to make any proposal to devote any portion of the nest egg that the Association has to such a purpose, would bring about me, literally speaking, a hornet's nest. I freely admit; however, that I should not have any hesitation in doing so, provided of course that the authorities undertook first to put in the present ten into a fair ringing order; secondly, to keep them so when once thoroughly ringable. Essex and Hertfordshire form the St. Albans diocese. Sooner or later they must be separated. The question has been already been in the air for years. Chelmsford is the county town. It has a magnificent parish church fairly adapted to become, what it will one day be, a cathedral church. [Chelmsford is in a central position, can be reached from all parts of the country, it is there partly because of the surrounding facilities for ringing, that the Association holds its annual meetings, in fact it is regarded as the home of the Association. If therefore through the exertions of the Association a couple of trebles could be added so that there was a fairly good ring of twelve at St. Mary's, not only could the Association look back with pride upon the work it had accomplished, but a lasting memorial of its early founders would exist, while the authorities of the new cathedral, come when it may, would have something to prove to them that an Association worthy of recognition existed. Of course under no circumstances would I advocate any such proposal without some kind of guarantee such as I have before mentioned. There is at Chelmsford a thorough genuine worker as rector of the parish, one in whom I have every confidence that all would be right.

August 9th, 1897.

"MY" PARISH CHURCH.

SIR,—Will the rev. gentleman who writes so strongly upon the little friendly criticism passed upon the ringable condition of a certain ring of bells, kindly inform me what he refers to as "my" parish church.  
CHURCHWARDEN.

#### NORTH'S ENGLISH BELLS AND BELL LORE.

Illustrated. Price 12s., Postage 6d. Should be in the hands of all Bell lovers.—W. H. EATON, Publisher, Leek, Staffs.

## THE ST. STEPHEN'S WESTMINSTER SOCIETY.

The Annual Excursion of this Society took place on Saturday, July 31st, 1897. "The early bird catches the worm," and as we were early we caught the 5.10 a.m. train, at Liverpool St. Station, and had a right pleasant journey to Homersfield, Suffolk, where at the Swan Hotel, thanks to our worthy stewards, Messrs. Brice and Oxborrow, everything was ready for our reception. Here we were met by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, who had performed the journey the previous day so as to be in time. Breakfast was the cry and it would have done a hungry man good to have seen the eggs and bacon, etc. polished off. After a rest a move was made for the beautiful tower and bells at Redenhall, Norfolk, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles distant. Superlative was the order, and for three hours and five minutes the bells told their tale, but unfortunately when within two courses of the end a mistake occurred and the attempt came to grief. A quiet stroll back to headquarters, cricket and other amusements, filled up the afternoon till dinner was announced, for which all were quite ready. The cloth was removed and friends from the neighbourhood called in and a very pleasant musical evening was spent, time being called much too early. Sunday morning found most of us out betimes for a walk before breakfast. Alburgh was visited and touches of Cambridge and Stedman Triples rang for morning service. An early dinner and then three traps carried us all off to Pulham St. Mary, for another attempt for a peal between afternoon and evening services. Thanks to the local band everything was in readiness and a capital peal of Superlative, an account of which has appeared in its proper column, was tapped off, much to our delight and also to that of those who were listening. A quiet drive back in the cool of the evening, supper and early to bed ended the day.

On Monday, another visit was paid to Redenhall, and a start made for Cambridge, but owing to blistered hands below and want of oil above, this did not come off. Touches in various methods were afterwards rung and the handbells were brought into use. On leaving the tower we were met by the Ven. Archdeacon Perowne, who kindly invited us to his house and refreshed us with wine and cake, expressing his regret that being Bank Holiday he was unable to provide us with anything more substantial. Here on the lawn our photographer, Mr. A. G. Ellis, came to the front and a capital group was taken with the Archdeacon in our midst. After returning thanks for the use of the bells and refreshments we formed up with our band, one instrument in front, and gaily marched back to Homersfield. The bats and ball were again brought out and a friendly game took place, the ball being several times struck clean out of Suffolk into Norfolk. A swimming race also took place in the river between two of the company, the loser being well wiped down with thistles and nettles upon landing. After dinner the evening was given up to music, when we had a large gathering of friends who were kept highly amused by the comical songs and performances of our jolly member, Mr. J. Payne.

On Tuesday, after breakfast, Alburgh was again visited, and a peal of Stedman Triples attempted, which unfortunately followed so many more attempts. A early dinner brought to our minds that our time was drawing to a close, and soon after 3 p.m. we bade farewell to our excellent host and hostess and wended our way to the station for the return journey to London.

Through this paper we wish to heartily thank all those ringing friends who so kindly met us at the various towers and greatly added to our enjoyment.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, August 5th, at St. Mary's church, the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Lady Fitzhardinge, who died at Thornbury Castle on Friday, July 30th. As the funeral procession wended its way to Berkeley church, where the deceased lady was interred, the ringers rang some call-changes with the bells deeply muffled. In the evening a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung. W. Davis, 1; A. Burchell, 2; A. Phelps, 3; W. Gale, 4; F. K. Howell (conductor), 5; A. Trayhurn, 6; J. Poole, 7; W. Jefferies, 8. Also 352 Stedman Triples. A. Burchell, 1; A. Trayhurn, 2; S. Phipps, 3; W. Gale, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; J. Poole, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; A. Phelps, 8.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of this Association since its re-organization (in January last), was held on Monday, August 2nd (bank holiday), at Cambridge, in the rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society, and was attended by representatives from some twenty parishes in different parts of the diocese. In the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacons of Ely and Huntingdon (Vice-Presidents), the chair was taken by the Rev. Kenelm H. Smith (treasurer), who in a humorous and encouraging speech, reminded the members that for the present they must regard themselves as a "feeble folk," and he therefore trusted they would do all in their power to increase its sphere of usefulness.

The general secretary (Rev. W. W. Crump) then gave a brief account of the negotiations now pending with the Bedfordshire Association, to arrange if possible some plan of mutual co-operation. It is hoped that at the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire men, next Easter Monday, the matter may be arranged to the satisfaction and advantage of both parties concerned; the result being one healthy, flourishing society of change-ringers, working in archidiaconal districts throughout the whole diocese. All the retiring officers were unanimously re-elected. After which Mr. A. H. Osborne (Bury St. Edmunds) brought forward a motion proposing that in future Easter Monday should, if possible, be the fixed date of the annual meeting, instead of the August bank holiday, as much more convenient to the members generally. The proposal was seconded by Mr. W. Taylor (Newmarket), and (on behalf of the officers), supported by the rev. chairman, and was carried. It was therefore subsequently arranged for the next annual meeting to be held on the proposed date, at Bury St. Edmunds'. A motion for the amendment of one of the rules was then introduced by the Rev. W. W. Crump (secretary). He explained that if the executive committee (distinct from the local committees who control the affairs in the various archdeacons) were elected under the old rule, it would now, under the altered circumstances of the Association, involve a committee of over fifty, a number palpably unnecessary and inadvisable. He therefore moved that all the elected officers (above twelve) should together constitute the committee, with power to add to their number (from the local committees) to the extent of five. After some discussion, the proposal was adopted. The election of new members, and customary votes of thanks concluded the business. The bells at Great St. Mary's (12), St. Benet's (Fabian Stedman's old parish), Old Chesterton, and the Roman Catholic churches, were kindly placed at the service of members, and touches at each were rung during the day.

## THE BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD SOCIETY.

On Bank Holiday last, Monday, August 2nd, 1897, the amateur ringers belonging to this society drove to Hanbury, Staffordshire, which is pleasantly situated amidst rural scenery. On arrival the ringers visited the church, which they much admired. Afterwards ascending to the belfry, the bells were raised, and several plain courses of Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers then adjourned to The Cock inn, where a substantial repast was served by Mrs. Pegg, to which the ringers did full justice. After dinner the belfry was again visited, and 161 and 336 Grandsire Triples were rang. F. Barton, 1; T. Meredith (conductor), 2; C. Otley, 3; E. Allsopp, 4; G. Allsopp, 5; W. Mee, 6; G. Griffiths, 7; W. Jones, 8. The bells are a nice light peal in F sharp, but rather too noisy in the belfry. The ringers through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" wish to thank the vicar for granting them permission; and also Mr. Dunn and Mr. Botham for their kindness in conducting them round.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THOS. G. DEAL (and others).—Before our next number appears we will give the matter in your letter due consideration.

WINWICK (Lancashire).—On Saturday, July 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; J. Pomfrey, 4; W. Brammer (conductor), 5; F. Stout, 6.



## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE CATERS.

By WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, *Dudley.*

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23564	-	-	-	-
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## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY W. WILDE, *Belgrave, Cheshire.*

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32564	-	-	-
53234	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
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25364	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

This peal contains all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 5rd are never in 6ths place at the course-ends. If the first eight courses are five times repeated, with bobs instead of singles except at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts, a 5472 will be produced, having the same qualities as the above.

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE ROYAL.

By WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, *Dudley.*

5000.

23456	1	2	4	6	7	8	9
63524	s	-	-	-	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52463	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24563	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32546	s	-	-	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By HORACE HOWLETT, *Framlingham.*

5040.

23456	W	M	H
64235	-	-	-
62435	-	-	-
46235	-	-	-
24635	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-
32645	-	-	-
63245	-	-	-
26345	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

In this peal the 2nd is never in 5-6 at a course-end; 4, 5, 6 being only in 6ths place. First rung at St. Mary's, Debenham, on June 7th, 1897, conducted by W. Grimes.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By W. WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield.*

13440.

23456	W	M	R
42635	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-

Continued—

25346	W	M	R
63254	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
26543	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-
65243	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
52643	-	-	-
63524	-	-	-
45632	-	-	-
26453	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
35624	-	-	-
46352	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-

To be three times repeated, calling B for S halfway and end. This peal contains the 120 course-ends, being the extent with the tenors together, and contains the greatest possible number of calls, viz. 326.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By FRANK HOPGOOD, *Reading.*

5184.

23456	W	B	M	H
52364	-	1	-	-
24365	-	3	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
35264	-	1	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-

Five times repeated; single mid-way and end. This peal has the full combination of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end.

## A QUARTER-PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

By H. LOVER, *South Croydon.*

234567

672534	1
346572	1
723546	1
s 257346	5
*s 532746	5
P.L 524367	

Fives times repeated; bob for \*single in the 3rd and 6th parts. Contains eighteen 4-6s, six 7-4s, and six 6-7s.

G. WATSON (St. Leonards).—The quarter-peal you send has been published before. There is nothing new to be had in the same direction.

### Notices.

Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—Annual Meeting to-day, Saturday, August 14, at Shrewsbury. Ringing at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by service at St. Chad's at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Salop, President of the Guild. Business meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Corn Exchange at 5 o'clock.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, to-day, Saturday, August 14, on which date the 12 bells of the above church will be re-opened. Service will be held in the church at 3 p.m. After the service the meeting will be held in the schoolroom, and when the meeting is over the bells will be at the service of the visiting ringers until a late hour. All ringing friends invited. The preacher will be the Rev. H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association.

EDWIN B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*  
14, Thomas Street, Lees.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Leek, to-day, Saturday, August 14th. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. T. Turner, Westwood, near Leek.

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

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held at Woodchurch, to-day, Saturday, August 14th, at 6 p.m. The question of the Tontine Society will be gone into, and it is hoped there will be a full attendance.

HENRY WOOLCOTT, *Hon. Sec.*  
Grange Mount, West Kirby.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next monthly meeting will take place on Saturday, August 21st, at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. Ringing, etc., commence at 5.30.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*  
Lampton, near Hounslow.

N.B.—Will those members who have not already done so, kindly pay their subscriptions as early as possible.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester Branch.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Margaret's, Rochester, on Saturday, August 21st. Tower will be opened at 3.30 p.m. for ringing. Short service at 5.30, which ringers are specially invited to attend. Tea will be provided at 6.30 in the mission room, Langley Road. Business meeting after tea. Half fares up to two shillings will be paid. Applications for tea tickets must be received by me not later than Wednesday, August 18th.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. District Sec.*  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The usual weekly practices will be suspended during the month of August, and resumed again as usual in September.

A. HARDY, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Kay Road, Stockwell.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Quarterly meeting at Painswick on Saturday, August 21st. Divine Service at the parish church at 4.30 p.m. Meat tea at The Falcon hotel at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Sixpence allowed to each member who sends a shilling postal order on or before Wednesday,

August 18th, to the Hon. Secretary, St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol. Business meeting after tea. Conveyances run frequently between Stroud and Painswick.

C. H. JOBERNS, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—A special general meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. Business of great importance will be under consideration, and the executive earnestly request that every member will make an effort to be present.

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

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Normanton, on Saturday, August 28th. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Whitefield, on Saturday, August 28th. Towers open for ringing from 1 till 3.30 p.m. and from 4.30 till 9.0 p.m. Members in arrears are requested to pay up, in order to facilitate the work of the General Secretary in making up the books. Business meeting 7.0 p.m.

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

### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL at IRTHLINGBOROUGH.—Messrs. W. R. Hensher and Matthews hail from Kettering, and it is their first peal in the method, and was rung at the second attempt, the attempt on the previous Monday unfortunately coming to grief after ringing nearly 4800 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. T. H. Hensher hails from Wellingborough. The composition has the full combination of 4 5 6 in 5-6, with the 2nd never there, and is now rung for the first time. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Herbert Baldwin, of Wellingborough, with Miss F. Pentelow, of Little Addington, which took place at Little Addington on Monday, August 2nd. There are only three bells at the latter place, but the ringers wished them long life and happiness.

### Compositions.

#### A DATE TOUCH OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield.*  
1897.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	4 3 2 5 6	1 6
2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7	3 2 4 5 6	-
2 3 1 6 4 8 5 7	5 4 2 3 6	-
3 2 6 1 8 4 7 5	4 2 5 3 6	-
3 6 2 8 1 7 4 5	3 5 2 4 6	-
6 3 8 2 1 7 5 4	5 2 3 4 6	-
3 6 8 1 2 7 4 5	2 3 5 4 6	-
6 3 1 8 7 2 5 4	4 5 3 2 6	-
6 1 3 8 2 7 4 5	5 3 4 2 6	-
1 6 8 3 7 2 5 4	3 4 5 2 6	-
1 8 6 7 3 5 2 4	2 5 4 3 6	-
	5 4 3 2 6	s
4 5 2 7 3 8 6	4 3 5 2 6	-
6 3 8 2 7 4 5	2 5 3 4 6	-
5 7 4 8 2 6 3	5 3 2 4 6	-
3 2 6 4 8 5 7	3 2 5 4 7 6 8	-(87)
6 7 8 5 6 3 2 4		
4 3 2 5 6 7 8		

Round at the 11th change from the above.

This touch has the 6th with the tenor throughout, and the whole of the plain course reversed to come home at hand.

### AN APPEAL TO THE BENEVOLENT.

MR. EDITOR,—DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to bring under notice of the ringers and readers of "THE BELL NEWS" the case of Thomas Yates, of Eccles, an old brother-string, who for the past seven years has not been able to follow his employment owing to an affliction internally, and a bad leg. Notice of this case was brought before a few members of the Lancashire Association in the early part of May, when steps were taken to hold a meeting a few days later, with representatives from the various towers in the Manchester district. A committee was formed appointing an hon. treasurer and secretary, and it was decided to see what could be done privately in the county before making a general appeal to the whole of the ringing fraternity, which is now decided upon.

#### RESULT OF OUR APPEAL TO THE COUNTY UP TO PRESENT.

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St. George's Bolton .. .. .	0	5	0
St. Saviour's " .. .. .	0	15	6
Holy Trinity " .. .. .	0	10	6
All Souls' " .. .. .	0	10	0
St. Mary's Deane " .. .. .	0	10	0
Radcliffe " .. .. .	0	2	6
Henry Moss, Bolton " .. .. .	0	5	0
Jas. Gratrix, Prestwich " .. .. .	0	2	6
Leigh Ringers " .. .. .	0	10	0
West Boughton Ringers " .. .. .	0	10	0
Tyldesley " .. .. .	0	6	0
Halliwell " .. .. .	0	6	0
East Crompton " .. .. .	0	8	6
Moorside " .. .. .	0	5	0
Glodwick " .. .. .	0	5	3
Christ Church, Bacup " .. .. .	0	7	6
St. George's, Stockport " .. .. .	0	5	0
Cathedral, Manchester " .. .. .	1	10	0
St. John's " .. .. .	0	7	0
St. Philip's Hulme " .. .. .	0	9	6
J. R. Pritchard, Wallasey " .. .. .	0	2	6
St. John's, Lytham " .. .. .	0	8	0
St. Peter's " .. .. .	0	7	0

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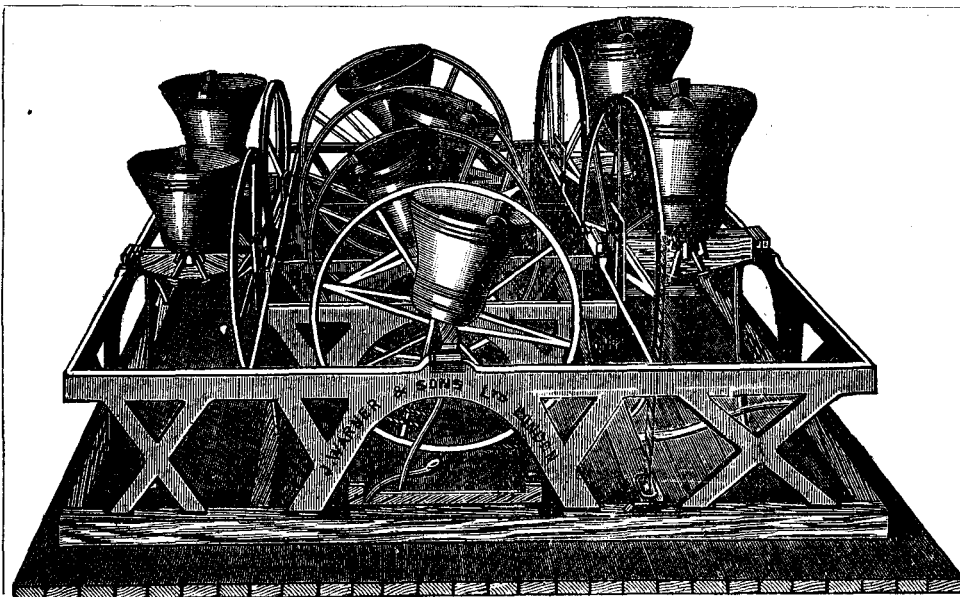
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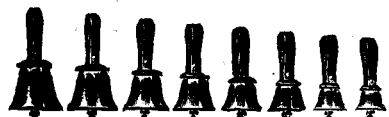
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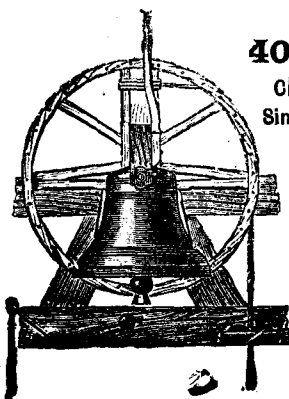
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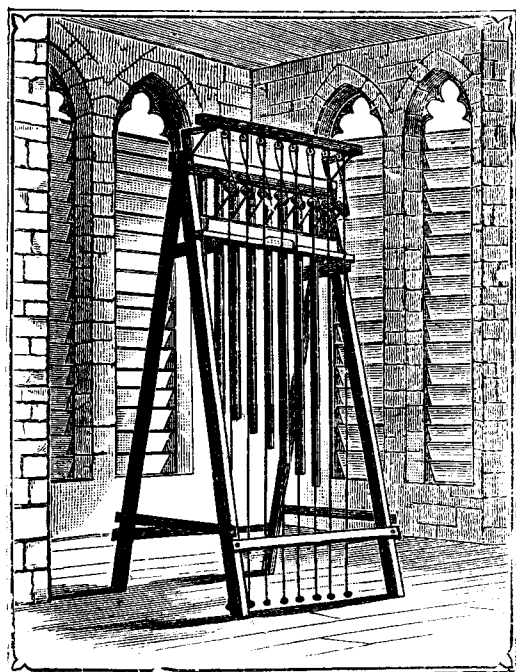
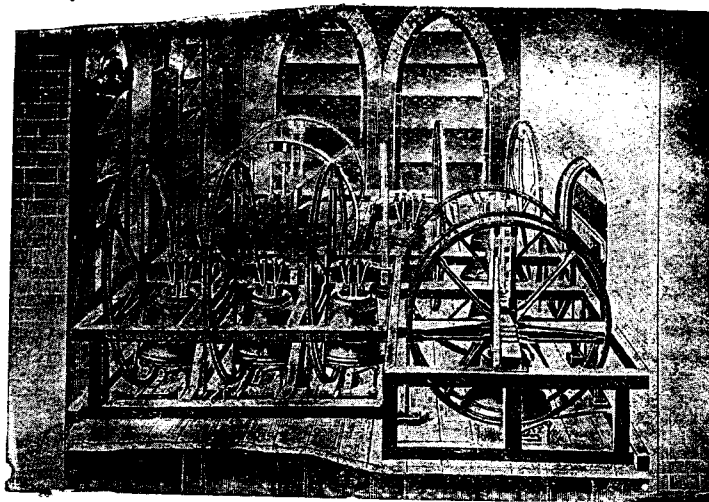
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## THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday last the Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Shrewsbury. The meeting was well attended, and included contingents from St. Chad's, St. Mary's, St. Alkmund's (Shrewsbury), Welshpool, Edgmond, Shifnal, and other places in the Archdeaconry. The towers in Shrewsbury were thrown open, and the bells were made use of by many of the ringers.

A short service was held in St. Chad's church by the Vicar (the Ven. Archdeacon Maude), and the Secretary of the Guild (the Rev. J. Mackey, Leaton). The Archdeacon gave an excellent address from Zech xiv. 20, and basing his remarks on "Holiness unto the Lord," said they all knew there was a little difficulty in finding anything in the Bible about church bells. What the prophet, whose words were quoted in the text alluded to, was holiness to be connected with the bells on the horses. The Archdeacon thought these words might help to bring home to his hearers the sacredness of their office as ringers in the house of God. In many churches they entered the belfries from outside: this did not indicate that they did not belong to the Church; they were connected with the Church, and should dedicate their work as holy unto the Lord. There had been a time when ringers came to the belfry, rang the bells, and then went away as though they did not belong to the Church. They did belong to the Church, and the office of ringer was as sacred as that of a chorister, although the ringer did not sit in the sanctuary. Since the church reform, he was pleased to say that had been altered, and the men who rang the bells were of a different class, and their behaviour in the belfry was of a different kind than in the days gone by. What the Archdeacon impressed upon the members of the Guild was the sacredness of their office, and to do their duty as unto the Lord. The bells themselves bore the inscriptions and told out the glory of God. In them they proclaimed the Christmas carol, and they seemed to always tell forth "Peace and Good Neighbourhood." The preacher alluded to inscriptions upon bells he had seen, and also the silent tower of Montroth, and closed his remarks by urging the ringers to carry away with them the resolution and the message "Holy unto the Lord," which he hoped they would remember when they rang the bells.

The Guild meeting was afterwards held in the vestry in St. Chad's, presided over by the Archdeacon. The Secretary read the report of the past year, which was of a satisfactory character. It was seen that during the year a good number of ringers had joined the Guild, and a good financial balance was in the hands of the Treasurer. An important step to further the interests of change-ringing was reported. It was the part-payment of an instructor for bands of ringers who were desirous of learning the art. The Guild was considered to be in a flourishing condition and the report was unanimously adopted.

After the meeting tea was provided in the St. Chad's parish room, to which a good number sat down. Touches were rung at several belfries, and thus ended one of the most successful meetings of the Guild.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 8th, after Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 of Kent, (15 bobs). H. English, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. P. Bradley, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. H. English hails from Coddendam, Suffolk.

## EIGHT DAYS IN EAST ANGLIA.

Saturday, July 31st, saw us, W. H. Barber and F. Clayton, at New Street Station, Birmingham, awaiting the arrival of the 11.20 train to take us on to Peterborough, which place was reached about two hours after the usual time for that train. On arrival there we had nearly three hours to wait before we caught the Continental Express for Ipswich, so we took a quiet stroll through the ancient city, greatly admiring the cathedral, which by the way is a grand structure. After having some refreshments we wended our steps towards the station, arriving there about a quarter of an hour before our train was due. After getting comfortably seated in the train which was to take us on to Ipswich, which was reached quite safely, the only misfortune being that we had no copy of "THE BELL NEWS" to read going down, as we were unable to get ours before starting. Upon our arrival at Ipswich we found, as usual at holiday times, trains all late. However we reached our railway destination, viz., Wickham Market, about 11.45, where we found a pony and trap awaiting us. Having some refreshments we started on the long course, viz., a twelve-mile drive, which was nearer twenty-five, as our Jehu changed course, instead of taking us Framlingham he took us through Melton and Woodbridge to within seven miles of Ipswich. After arousing a peaceful slumberer, who told us we were about seven miles from where we should have turned off (as he called it), but I defy any one who was not well acquainted with the roads to have known where they were, as it was a "six ways." However we got into the coming-home course at last, reaching Worlingworth at four o'clock on Sunday morning, where we aroused Mr. and Mrs. J. Clayton, who quickly had some breakfast ready for us, which was much needed after our long journey. Some other members of the family began to appear on the scene, congratulating us on our safe arrival. After satisfying the inner man we thought (we might as well wait till Sunday night before we had a decent sleep), so we had a stroll round the village, and soon were calling up Mr. D. Collins, of Debenham long peal renown, who was quickly on the scene, and arranged for a pull at the church for morning service, where 360 Double Court was rang. W. Burgess, 1; H. Creasy, 2; F. Clayton, 3; W. Barber (conductor), 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Double Oxford. C. Revell, 1; H. Creasey, 2; D. Collins, 3; W. Crickmer, 4; W. Barber, 3; F. Clayton (conductor), 6. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung on the handbells. On Monday morning, prior to the wedding of Mr. E. Clayton, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). F. Clayton, 1-2; W. Barber (conductor), 3-4; E. Clayton, 5-6. Two o'clock being the time arranged for the ringing of the belle, the bridegroom and his brother, Mr. F. Clayton, who acted as best man, arrived true to time, being quickly followed by the bride, Miss Ella May Cotton, and her father, who gave her away. The bridesmaids were Miss Bessie and Ethel Cotton, sisters of the bride, and Miss Emma and Laura Clayton, sisters of the bridegroom. As the happy party left the church amidst a shower of rice, the bells struck up a merry peal, and continued to ring at intervals during the day, the most noticeable being an excellent 720 of Bob Minor. H. Beecroft, 1; H. Creasey, 2; F. Collins, 3; C. Revell, 4; W. Barber (conductor), 5; D. Collins, 6. Among the many presents received were a handsome pair of oak picture frames, presented by Mr. D. Collins and his wife, they being thought very much of, as Mr. D. Collins instructed both E. and F. Clayton the Art of change-ringing. The evening was spent with tunes on the handbells by Messrs. Barber and Clayton. Songs were also sung by other members of the company, which numbered about twenty-four, every one seeming to enjoy themselves up to the nines till about 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, when the company broke up, wishing the bride and bridegroom

long life and happiness. Tuesday found us on the road to Debenham for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on the famous peal of bells there. "Go" was called at 6.30, and at 9.37 the welcome word "that's all" was heard, a splendid peal being the result. Ringers outside from Framlingham and other places, and some of the local men, congratulated us on the fine striking, so after a pleasant glass together, we wished our Debenham friends good-bye, reaching home about one o'clock. Next morning found Mr. and Mrs. Clayton off to their new home, viz., London, and F. Clayton to Birmingham, to which places they arrived quite safe. Thursday morning found W. H. Barber at Eye, from which place he went to Norwich to attempt a peal on the beautiful bells of St. Peter Mancroft, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 55 mins. The ringers afterwards adjourned to Mr. F. Knights's, where courses of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung. J. A. Trollope, 1-2; C. E. Borrett, 3-4; W. H. Barber, 5-6; F. Knights, 7-8. And a course with G. Smith, 7-8. After bidding the Norwich friends good-bye, we started by the 10 o'clock train for Ipswich, which was reached about twelve o'clock. We went and had a look round the beautiful church of St. Mary-le-Tower, and a stroll round the town, I made my way to Ufford, where a peal of Double Norwich was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 30 mins. Afterwards a good touch of Double Norwich was rang, then an adjournment was made to Mr. A. Ward's, the genial host of The Crown inn, to have a farewell glass together before parting. On Saturday morning we started for home, which was safely reached about 10.30. The visitors wish to thank Mr. D. Collins (Worlingworth), and Mr. W. Grimes (Debenham), Messrs. Trollope, Borrett, Knights, and others of the St. Peter's society; also Mr. Ward, of Ufford, for kindly making arrangements, and for doing all in their power to make the outing a success.

W. H. B.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Woodchurch, on Saturday, August 14th. Ringing was commenced about 5 o'clock, a touch of Bob Minor was rung, also a 720 College Single, standing as follows: J. Pickin, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; J. Hughes, 3; G. R. Newton, 4; E. Breeze, 5; J. Dillon, 6. Composed by G. R. Newton, and conducted by J. Dillon. Tea time having arrived, the company adjourned to the schoolroom, where full justice was done to the good things provided. After tea the meeting was held, and in the absence of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Dillon was elected to the chair, and right well did he fulfil the duties devolving upon him. Opportunity was taken at this meeting to present to Mr. C. Taylor, of Woodchurch, a silver-mounted umbrella from the ringers of St. Saviour's parish church, Oxton, as a mark of esteem from them and for initiating them into the art of bellringing. Mr. Dillon, in making the presentation, said he had known Mr. Taylor for a number of years, and it gave him the greatest pleasure in handing the present to him. The recipient said that it was a great surprise to him, as it was unexpected, and it had been a pleasure to him to instruct others in the art of ringing, and he would cherish the gift made to him, and thanked the Oxton ringers for their kindness to him. A hearty vote of thanks was conveyed to Canon Robin for such an excellent tea, and also to the Chairman. The ringers then returned to the tower and secured 720 Oxford Single (forty bobs and two singles). S. Breeze, 1; E. H. Hough (conductor), 2; J. Hughes, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; E. Breeze, 5; G. Rogers, 6. The bells were rung down at 8.30 p.m.

#### CRICKET MATCH.

A novel and interesting cricket match took place on August Bank Holiday, on the Leicester Pasture, between the ringers and chimers of St. Martin's church, and the ringers and chimers of St. Margaret's church, which ended in a victory for the former by nineteen runs. The best form shown for St. Margaret's was by Messrs. Morris, Jarvis, Cook, Smith and W. P. Cooper (the latter in Grace-like form making several splendid cuts); whilst for St. Martin's Messrs. Mackness, Martin, Taylor (the organ blower, and he did blow), and G. Cleal (of silent Stedman fame) were seen to best advantage, the latter being applauded by the

company present for a fine piece of fielding. Messrs. S. Cooper and W. Willson were absent from St. Margaret's team, the former being with the "High Court meeting of Foresters" at Norwich, whilst W. Willson was trying his first experiment of London Surprise, at Oxford. St. Martin's team likewise were without the aid of Mr. J. C. Lancashire, who was away for his holiday; whilst S. Cotton (the Worcester crack) was indisposed.

During the game a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells, and at the conclusion of the match "The Blue Bells of Scotland," which was greatly appreciated, and so ended one of the most pleasant and interesting games of the day. Afterwards the combined teams, with their friends, adjourned to the Seven Oaks; the old coach J. Buttery being voted to the chair. After congratulating St. Martin's on their victory, it was unanimously agreed that the match become an annual one. The handbells were again soon in use, and songs were sung by the following: J. Morris 'When Johnny used to grind the Coffee Mill'; G. Chessire, 'Thy Face'; Alfred Martin (in his most powerful voice), 'The Holy Friar'; and Fred Cooke, 'Twilight,' bringing a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

#### THE YPRES TOWER OF RYE, SUSSEX.

This tower, erected between 1135 and 1154, at the south-east corner of the town, on the edge of a steep cliff, in the course of 700 years has undergone great mutations; having served its original purpose of a fortress for nearly 300 years, it was sold by the Corporation of Rye, in 1430, to John de Iprys, probably a descendant of the founder; was again sold by the latter to Thomas Stoughton, in 1451; he disposed of it to James Hyde, sometime between this last date and 1473; from James Hyde it passed to his daughter Joan, who, in 1473, conveyed it to Lord Stanley. This nobleman, after the defeat of Richard III. at Bosworth, placed the crown on the head of Henry of Richmond and proclaimed him King of England; for which act Henry, in 1485, created him Earl of Derby, and under this name we find him conveying this same tower to John Newbirtb, in 1492, in exchange for certain lands he held in the county of Chester. In 1464 the Corporation purchased it of Mr. Newberty (for this spelling is now assumed for Newbirtb), and used it to transact their business in till the building of the Town Hall, whence it got the name of the Court-House. It was thus used for about 150 years, when it was converted into a gaol, being used for that purpose until 1891. The lower part is now used as a mortuary. But when the stranger goes to examine Ypres Tower, he must bear in mind that the original only consists of that part which constitutes the south-west angle of the present building, the other part having been added a few years ago, when there was a necessity to enlarge it. The original consists of a square building with a round tower at each angle, each tower being about forty feet in height, and fifteen in its interior circumference. There are two rooms in the central square one on the ground floor and one above, each room about fifteen feet square. There is a door at each of the corners of these two rooms, communicating with one of the towers. There are stairs only in the north-east tower, but these do not at present reach to the top. Of course they did formerly, when the warder ascended by means of them to the summit to survey the horizon, to see that no hostile sail approached the town.

THE HANDBELL GIFTS.—The successful company for the peal of fifteen handbells is the Retford company, Notts. Coupons—286—all signed by the Secretary, Mr. Haigh.—The private member's prize is awarded to Mr. F. G. Gray, 3, Barnet Villas, Tong Road, Leeds—260 coupons. We have received satisfactory assurances from these gentlemen that our issues containing these numbers of coupons have been purchased in the ordinary manner.—The collections sent by Mr. A. J. Neale, of Woolwich, and Mr. Dodd, of Dorking, were highly commendable from their regularity and number, though the latter quality was insufficient. We hope these gentlemen, as in fact all our friends, will be induced to try on the next occasion.

## Compositions.

## PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, *Norwich.*

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 W B R

5 2 4 3 6 -  
 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 - -

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

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 W B R

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

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 W M R

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

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

Each three times repeated; singles half-way and end.

5056.

By J. E. BURTON.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M R

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

Three times repeated; single half-way and end.

6160.

2 3 4 5 6 W M R

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This composition consists of eleven five-course blocks, in all of which the work of the sixth is identical, and the calls at W and M are full throughout the peal. To minimise space the last two courses only of each five-course part (after the first) are given. This peal is the extent on the plan.

6096.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M R

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

Twice repeated.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth each their extent right and wrong in the parts. The first peal published with these qualities in the minimum number of changes.

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield.*

11520.

2 3 4 5 6 M R

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

Three times repeated, calling S R half-way and end.

In this peal the tenors are not parted one single change, being their extent together, as it contains the 120 course-ends, and is produced with the least possible number of calls, viz., 154.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE, BOB MAJOR,

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5056.

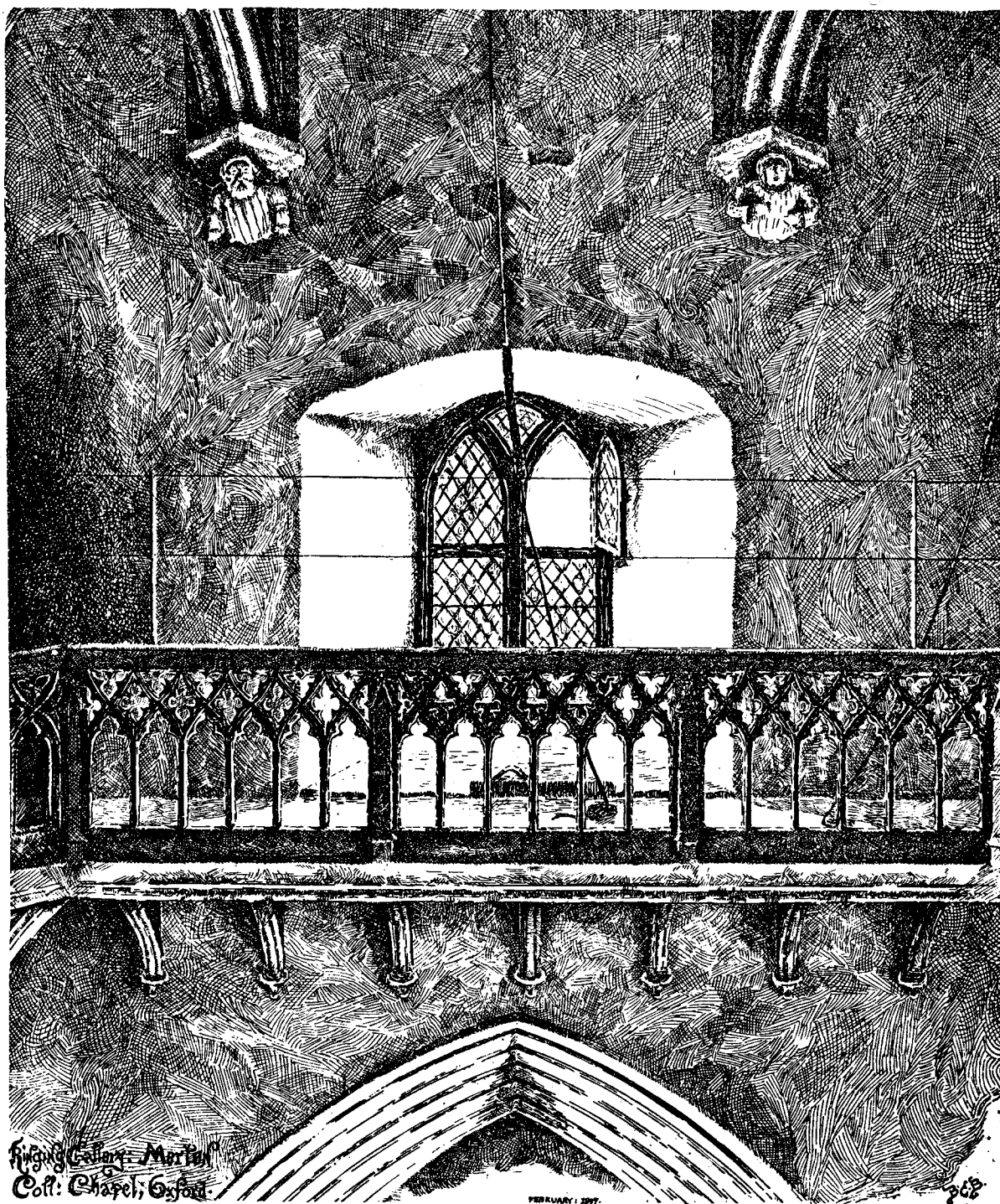
2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

This peal (in fifteen courses) contains the 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths place: the 4th and 6th being the extent and the 5th short of the extent by one lead only.

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## MERTON COLLEGE, OXFORD:

## ITS CHAPEL, BELLS, AND RINGING-GALLERY.

Merton College possesses the most ancient collegiate buildings in Oxford. It was founded in 1264 by Walter de Merton at Malden in Surrey, but was transferred to Oxford some ten years later. The Chapel—by far the finest in the University—was begun in 1277. The interest attached to the building is increased by the

existence of Bursars' Rolls dating from the foundation of the College. These Rolls show that the Chapel was built bit by bit, according to the state of the College revenues. The most beautiful feature of the spacious choir—120 feet long—is the splendid east window of seven lights. It is of the intersecting mullion type, with a fine wheel under the point; but, in addition to the tracery, each light is surmounted by a fine pediment with pinnacles in between. There are seven three-light



decorated windows on each side. Like all other Oxford College Chapels, Merton possesses no nave, the choir being used for the College Services; while the transepts were originally intended for the Scholars' "Disputations;" though at a later time they were used as the parish church of S. John.

The beautifully moulded tower arches rise from lofty clustered piers, and date from 1330. The tower—one of the most conspicuous in Oxford—has eight large belfry windows, and is crowned by tall pierced battlements with bold pinnacles rising some 120 feet above the ground. Owing to its breadth it has a somewhat stunted appearance, though it is to some extent relieved by the skilful disposition of the ornamentation. It was built in 1420; but a tower of some description must have existed previously, as mention is made of bells in the Bursar's Rolls as early as 1288; and in 1330-1 there is an account of a heavy outlay upon the belfry tower. A new peal of five was given by Henry Abyndon, the Warden, in 1448: the work took two years to accomplish, and was superintended by Thomas Edwards. On September 15th, 1655, a great part of the roof of the south transept adjoining fell, breaking many of the monuments below. It was decided in January 1657, to melt down the old bells and to recast them into a peal of eight. This decision met with great opposition, especially from Antony Wood, who advocated the simple addition of a treble, saying that the great bell passed for one of the finest in England. The new peal, by Michael Derby, was not a success; and the bells were once more recast by Christopher Hodson, of London, in 1680.

The bells had originally been rung from the ground; but in 1680 a floor was made just above the top of the tower arches. This remained till 1845, when it was taken down to display the finely carved tower-roof, and the present ringing-gallery was erected. The tower itself is square, the internal measurement being twenty-five feet each way: the gallery is octagonal, woodwork fifteen feet long running parallel to each wall, alternating at each corner with woodwork three feet nine inches long, running off at an angle of 45 degrees. The woodwork is three feet six inches wide, except of course at each corner of the tower. The distance between each pair of ropes averages about ten feet.

It is hoped that this description will, with the help of the accompanying sketch by Mr. B. C. Boulter, Exhibitioner of Brasenose College, render some conception of this extraordinary ringing-chamber possible. The rope shown in the sketch just in front of the window belongs to the seventh: the window looks west, and provides all the light available, except any that may come from the Chapel below.

The diameter of the tenor is 4 feet 6½ inches: but the weight is probably more than this measurement would imply.

#### A HOLIDAY ON THE SOUTH COAST.

Two members of the Kidderminster company and a friend having decided to spend their holiday at Brighton, Mr. Williams was communicated with to make some arrangements for ringing, and with assistance from other Brighton ringers events proved he was able to do so. On Monday, July 26th, we left Kidderminster station at 6.15 a.m., arriving at Brighton at 2 p.m. After depositing baggage, etc., at our host's we were informed that a peal of London Surprise was to be attempted in the evening at St. Peter's, so accordingly at 6.25 "Go for London" was heard, and after ringing 3 hrs. 16 mins. a good peal was the result. We naturally felt pleased at our early success, for after

travelling 176 miles in a stifling railway carriage we thought it was not so bad. Tuesday being practice-night at St. Nicholas, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were brought round, conducted by K. Hart and A. W. Brighton: also a course of Treble Bob Royal. Thursday night we attended practice at St. Paul's, touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples being rung, both conducted by K. Hart. On Saturday, July 31st, we paid a visit to Cuckfield, where a peal of Cambridge was rung, and in this peal the physical abilities of the conductor was severely tested, and the way he performed his task was marvellous for even such a famous ringer as he. Sunday morning found us at St. Peter's, Stedman and Double Norwich being rung for service. For evening service 448 Superlative. J. Jay, 1; K. Hart (conductor), 2; F. Bennett, 3; J. Bennett, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; H. Weston, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. On Bank Holiday, a peal at St. Nicholas was successfully accomplished, no less than six of the band ringing their first peal of Stedman Caters. Tuesday a visit was paid to Southover, Lewes, for Superlative, but the peal was lost after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. Wednesday, on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; T. J. Salter, 3-4; K. Hart, 5-6; G. Williams (conductor), 7-8. On Friday Holt's ten-part was attempted, but the third part-end not being what it should be we stopped, T. J. Salter, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; K. Hart, 7-8. On Saturday we journeyed to Henfield. The bells here go very well, and a peal of Superlative was tapped off in excellent style. These peals have all appeared in the peal columns. On Sunday morning, for service at St. Peter's church 384 Superlative. J. Jay, sen., 1; G. Williams, 2; K. Hart, 3; C. Chasty, 4; J. O. Bennett, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; H. Weston, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. For evening service 448 London Surprise. R. S. Cherriman, 1; F. Bennett, 2; R. Hart, 3; J. O. Bennett, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; G. Williams, 8. On Monday, August 9th, we started for home, leaving Brighton station at 7.35 a.m., Mr. Williams coming to see us off. Arriving at Victoria station, London, we were met by Mr. A. W. Brighton, who escorted us to many places of interest. We got back to the carpet borough at 8.50. We wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank all Brighton ringers who helped in no small way to make our holiday as pleasant as one could wish. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams we are greatly indebted, who done all that was possible for our creature comforts. For obtaining the use of bells thauks are due to Mr. Palmer, of St. Nicholas, Mr. Hounsell, of Cuckfield, Mr. Goldsmith, of Lewes, and Mr. Alliss, of Henfield. We derived great benefit by sea trips to Eastbourne, Worthing, Newhaven, Isle of Wight and Boulogne. On the way home, after a little discussion, we came to the conclusion that for good ringing and a bracing air, Brighton is unequalled. S.

The Dean of Raphoe (the Rev. M. Bell Cox) died on Tuesday. Educated at Trinity College, Dublin, he was ordained deacon in 1850 and priest in 1851. He occupied curacies in Galway and Roscommon until he was appointed incumbent of Glenties, county Donegal, in 1856. In 1880 Mr. Cox became Archdeacon of Raphoe, and only last week he was appointed to the Deanery.

The parish church of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, was burglariously entered during Monday night. The thieves effected an entrance by forcing one of the south cloister windows. Fortunately nothing of value was to be had, and after tampering with an iron safe and breaking open an offertory box, the burglars departed empty handed.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1897.

It cannot be said that the DUKE and DUCHESS of YORK are not fulfilling to the utmost the numerous duties which their exalted position entails upon them. This week they have made a visit to the Emerald Isle, and if we can judge by the warmth of the reception, or as a leading paper says: "from a spectacular point of view, it has been a brilliant success. The Irish people were sincerely glad to see them, and the Royal visitos were made pleasantly acquainted with the warmth of an Irish welcome. The bulk of the Home Rulers pique themselves on their loyalty to the British Crown, so there was nothing to prevent the national enthusiasm of the people from having free play, not the least enthusiastic cheering came from some of the most dubious-looking streets which bordered on the line of route. Why the Irish Party, who draw so marked a line of distinction between the British Crown and British Parliament, should have ever shown any reluctance to celebrate the QUEEN'S Jubilee, it is difficult to understand—or,

rather, it would be difficult to understand, but for the known peculiarities of the Irish character. No reluctance of this kind, however, showed itself publicly—no signs of disaffection were visible or audible in the streets of Dublin, and the Duke of York might well have echoed the words of the wittiest of the STUART Kings, that as the people were so glad to see him it was a pity he did not come before. In the address presented to him reference was made to a Royal Residence in Ireland, with regard to which the Duke maintained a discreet silence. But we are not to infer from this that the idea has been abandoned, since half the good effect of the present visit would be lost if it was understood that nothing would be done towards the consulting the wishes of the Irish people in this respect. If a Prince in the direct line of succession had a home in Ireland, not only would he gain a close knowledge of an important class of his future subjects, but they would be drawn more closely to himself and that element which he represented in the Constitution. We want the great bulk of the Irish people to become as familiar with the Royal family as the English people are, and a flying visit like the present one will only go a little way towards promoting the end. We trust it may be the prelude to many more."

This Royal visit to Ireland is certainly a fitting sequel to the grand Jubilee celebration. Much is often said of the disloyalty of our Irish brethren, but it is not deep-seated. They require occasions on which to show their loyalty, and if opportunity is afforded them we shall see all grievances disappear.

### The Provinces.

#### SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. (LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

WILLIAM PLATTS* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD READER .. .. 5.
THOMAS START .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 6.
WILLIAM JOHNSON† .. .. 3.	†ISRAEL LOVETT .. .. 7.
JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. INGLESANT.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. \*First peal. †First peal of Major. First peal of Major in the method by Messrs. Reader and Matthews.

#### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. (LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 10, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

HARRY WHITTLE* .. .. Treble.	EDWARD READER .. .. 5.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 6.
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ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 4.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by Messrs. J. Smith and J. W. Taylor, jun. \*First peal of Major. Messrs. Whittle and Reader hail from Stanford-on-Sear; Lovett from Sibley; the rest belong to Loughborough.

#### OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 13, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

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

ARTHUR LANCE* .. .. Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. 6.
HERBERT MARTIN .. .. 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM NORRIS .. .. 4.	JAMES ALEXANDER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

\*First peal.

#### WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

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

On Saturday, August 14, 1897, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
THOMAS A. ELLIOTT .. 2.	FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DRAKE .. .. 3.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 7.
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT .. 4.	HENRY MOORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

This is the first peal on the bells. C. F. Winney hails from London; T. A. Elliott and J. Grabham from Dunster; A. J. Chilcott from Withycombe; Rev. F. C. Courtney and H. Moore from Minehead; F. Shepherd and W. Drake from Exeter. These bells have just been re-hung, with new English oak frame, wheels, etc., and the go of them leaves nothing to be desired. W. Drake was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

#### DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

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

On Monday, August 16, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. Treble.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. .. 5.
THOMAS A. ELLIOTT .. 2.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE .. .. 3.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 7.
JOHN PUGSLEY .. .. 4.	JOHN PAYNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

C. F. Winney hails from London; Rev. H. A. Cockey from Oldland, near Bristol, Rev. H. C. Courtney and J. Pugsley from Minehead, the rest belong to Dunster. Rang as a birthday peal for J. Pugsley, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

#### KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

##### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE & YORKS. ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, August 14, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Being seven 720s of the following;

College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Killamarsh Treble Bob, City Delight, Duke of York and Oxford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS BETTISON .. .. Treble.	THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 4.
WALTER ALLWOOD* .. .. 2.	WM. HENRY TURTON .. 5.
SAM WALKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.

\*First peal. This peal was rung at the first attempt. Great credit is due to W. Allwood for the manner in which he rang his bell in the different methods, he not knowing anything about Treble Bob a few months ago.

#### MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

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

On Tuesday, August 17, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

REV. H. A. COCKEY .. .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
ALBERT J. CHILCOTT .. 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 6.
JOHN PUGSLEY .. .. 3.	*HENRY MOORE .. .. 7.
JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 4.	JAMES REED .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

\*First peal of Stedman.

**OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION***On Wednesday, August 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDK. J. GLENNERSTER Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
FRANK A. SMITH .. .. 2.	HERBERT MARTIN .. .. 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 3.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 7.
WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. 4.	JAMES ALEXANDER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss C. E. Price, daughter of the Rev. Newton Price, vicar of Oxhey.

**Miscellaneous.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

DRIFHLINGTON (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 15th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 6 mins., with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Wakefield. G. Bolland, 1; H. Oddy, 2; H. Clapham, 3; D. Newton, 4; L. Snowden, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6; E. Wheeler (conductor), 7; R. Thornton, 8. Messrs Bolland, Oddy, and Hargreaves hail from Tong; Wheeler from Bradford; the rest belong to the local company. Longest length as conductor.

**THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.**

WORCESTER.—On Saturday last, August 7th, the following members met at St. Helen's tower for an attempt for a peal on handbells, but owing to the organist practising, it was all off, several touches being rung, including 320 of Grandsire Major. W. H. Johnson, 1-2; W. Powell, 3-4; W. Page, 5-6; W. S. Pritchett (of King's Norton), 7-8. On Sunday morning, for service at the Cathedral, 665 changes of Grandsire Caters were rung by the following members. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; G. Hinton, 4; L. Longney, 5; W. S. Pritchett, 6; G. Checketts, 7; W. H. Johnson, 8; W. Payne (conductor), 9; S. Martin, 10.

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, July 25th, for morning service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Wright, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence (conductor), 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; G. Phillips, 6. Also for evening service, 180 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Lawrence, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, 108 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. For evening service, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. Lawrence (conductor), 4; A. Phillips, 5; A. Wright, 6. On Sunday, Aug. 8th, for evening service, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Carter, 4; J. Heady, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 15th, for morning service, some Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and for evening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; W. J. Rumney (Hatfield), 3; W. Lawrence (conductor), 4; A. Phillips, 5; L. Collin (Ponders End), 6. An attempt was made for 260 Grandsire Minor, but time would not allow of its being brought round. H. Carter, 1; W. J. Rumney, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, July 11th, at St. John's Parish Church, for evening service, 324 Grandsire Caters. J. H. Aldridge, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; R. C. Balcombe, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Biss, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Combes (conductor), 9; B. Tilley, 10. Also for practice, July 15th, 324 Grandsire Caters. J. H. Aldridge, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; R. C. Balcombe, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Biss, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Combes (conductor), 9; B. Tilley, 10. Also 396 Grandsire Caters. J. H. Aldridge, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; C. Lloyd (conductor), 3; R. C. Balcombe, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Biss, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Combes, 9; B. Tilley, 10. Also 324 Grandsire Caters. W. Lloyd, 1; J. Harris, 2; R. C. Balcombe, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; W. Biss, 5; C. Lloyd, 6; A. Rowley, 7; G. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Combes (conductor), 9; J. H. Aldridge, 10. For Divine Service on Sunday, July 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. G. White, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Harris, 3; A. Rowley, 4; G. Watkins, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Combes (conductor), 7; B. Tilley, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; W. Biss,

2; J. Harris, 3; A. Rowley, 4; G. Watkins, 5; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 6; W. Combes, 7; B. Tilley, 8.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday morning, July 11th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Clutterbuck, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; W. Biss, 5; A. Rowley (first as conductor), 6; W. Combes, 7; B. Tilley, 8. Also on Monday, 12th, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples. C. Lloyd, 1; J. Harris, 2; R. C. Balcombe, 3; W. Lloyd, 4; W. Biss, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; J. W. Aldridge, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. J. H. Aldridge, 1; J. Harris, 2; R. C. Balcombe, 3; W. Biss (conductor), 4; O. W. Layng, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. O. W. Layng hails from Swindon.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, July 25th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. Matthews, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; J. Gould, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (first 500 as conductor), 7; J. Dover, 8. On Sunday morning, August 1st, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; J. Harper, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. Matthews, 4; E. Newman, 5; A. Tomlins, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; —. Ingren, 8. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Matthews, 5; A. Tomlins, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; —. Ingren, 8. On Tuesday, August 10th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Matthews, 5; A. Tomlins, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; —. Ingren, 8. On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service, 216 Stedman Triples. E. Reynolds, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Matthews, 4; A. Pye, 5; E. Newman (conductor), 6; A. Tomlins, 7; —. Ingren, 8. For evening service 420 Stedman Triples. E. Reynolds, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. Harper, 4; E. Newman, 5; J. Gould, 6; A. Tomlins, 7; —. Ingren, 8.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.**

OXTON (Cheshire).—At St. Saviour's Parish Church, July 29th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, (thirty-four bobs and two singles). C. Owens, 1; W. Hughes, 2; J. Owens, 3; G. R. Newton (conductor), 4; J. Evans, 5; W. Grimant (covering), 6; J. Hughes, 7; S. Moston, 8. First 720 by W. Hughes. On Thursday, August 12th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 30 minutes. C. Owens, 1; H. Brocklebank, 2; J. Owens, 3; W. Hughes, 4; G. R. Newton (conductor), 5; W. Grimant (covering), 6; J. Hughes, 7; J. Evans, 8. First touch of Plain Bob Minor by the band, and first attempt.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, August 3rd, for practice at Christ Church, 504 Bob Triples. W. Hunt, 1; A. Tully, 2; J. Browell, 3; R. Hall (Newcastle), 4; G. Dix, 5; R. Morrison, 6; C. Waugh (conductor), 7; G. Holmes, 8. On Sunday evening, August 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hunt, 1; J. Keen, 2; G. Dix, 3; J. Browell, 4; G. Holmes, 5; A. Tully (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Hunt, 1; A. Tully, 2; J. Browell, 3; G. Dix, 4; G. Holmes, 5; C. Waugh (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 17th, for practice, 966 Grandsire Triples. W. Hunt, 1; G. Dix, 2; C. Waugh, 3; J. Keen (conductor), 4; J. Browell, 5; R. Morrison, 6; G. Holmes, 7; A. Dowell, 8.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Monday, August 2nd, the following attempted a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 8 mins. N. J. Pittow, 1; J. Betts, 2; R. Whiting, 3; F. Borrett, 4; E. Poppy, 5; J. Tann, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8.

DISS (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, August 13th, after ringing 1 hour, a peal of Stedman was lost by the following. G. Archer, 1; W. Chenery, 2; F. Borrett, 3; F. Houchin, 4; F. Day, 5; E. Hayward, 6; J. Souter, 7; W. Ireland, 8.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, August 4th, after ringing 30 mins., a peal of Double Norwich was lost by the following. J. Tann, 1; G. Howchin, 2; L. Howchin, 3; F. Borrett, 4; F. Surridge, 5; E. Poppy, 6; J. Betts, 7; R. Whiting, 8.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Thursday, August 5th, the following attempted a peal of Stedman, which came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 5 mins. owing to a change-course. W. Ireland, 1; W. Chenery, 2; F. Borrett, 3; F. Howchin, 4; G. Archer, 5; F. Day, 6; J. Souter, 7; C. Palmer, 8.

**THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BRANSTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, August 14th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. W. Clifton, 1; G.

Flintham, 2; J. Mackman, 3; G. Bemrose, 4; A. Craven (conductor), 5; W. Sparrow, 6. This is W. Sparrow's first 720 of Treble Bob. The remainder belong to the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln.

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—NORTHWICH BRANCH.

WITTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, August 10th, for practice, 784 Bob Major. G. Johnson (conductor), 1; W. Sutton, 2; S. Johnson, 3; S. Forster, 4; R. Chantler, 5; A. Johnson, 6; J. Bell, 7; W. Forster, 8.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 43 mins. H. Hill, 1; W. Jeffries, 2; J. Bevan, 3; E. Wightman, 4; R. Carter, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; G. Daynes (conductor), 7; R. Sandiford, 8. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Sunday morning, August 8th, for Divine Service, 556 Bob Major. J. Paling, 1; F. Price, 2; J. Hutchby, 3; G. Oldham, 4; W. Clifford, jun., 5; R. Clifford, 6; W. Clifford, sen. (conductor), 7; A. Lowe, 8. For evening service 576 Bob Major. J. Paling, 1; W. Clifford, jun., 2; F. Price, 3; W. Clifford, sen., 4; G. Oldham, 5; R. Clifford, 6; A. Lowe, 7; J. Hutchby (conductor), 8.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On July 3rd, at the parish church, a 720 Double Stedman's Slow Course. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 6. On July 4th, a 720 of College Exercise. R. G. Lewis, 1; H. Moston, 2; J. Burrows, 3; F. T. Spence (conductor), 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On July 11th, a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; F. T. Spence, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On July 15th, 720 Kent. J. E. Ashcroft, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. T. Spence (conductor), 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. And 720 London. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On July 24th, a 720 Imperial. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. On July 29th, a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. H. Moston, 1; F. T. Spence (conductor), 2; C. R. Greenall, 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, August 1st, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Chandler, 1; W. Smith (conductor), 2; E. Hims, 3; F. Castle, 4; W. Willson, 5; C. H. Fowler, 6. Also 720 Double Stedman's Slow Course. J. Muggridge, 1; E. Hims, 2; W. Willson, 3; F. Castle, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; W. J. Smith (conductor), 6.

WOODSTOCK (Oxon).—On Monday, August 2nd, at St. Mary's church, 3456 London Surprise Major in an attempt for a peal. C. Houslow, 1; F. Exon, 2; C. Fowler, 3; W. Willson, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; A. Roberts, 6; E. Hims, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. A. E. Parsons hails from Old Hill; Roberts late of Gloucester, now of Stourbridge; Fowler late of Oxford; Willson from Leicester.

ALTON, (Hants).—On Thursday, August 12th, at the Parish Church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. (first in the method by the present band on their own bells). A. Evans, 1; Miss F. Whyley, 2; Miss W. Whyley, 3; F. Hoaley, 4; R. Applegath, 5; A. Burgess, 6; W. Brambley (conductor), 7; F. Noakes, 8. On Sunday evening, August 15th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Burgess, 1; Miss F. Whyley, 2; Miss W. Whyley, 3; A. Evans, 4; R. Applegath, 5; W. Brambley (conductor), 6; F. Healey, 7; F. Noakes, 8. Also 126 Grandsire Triples. A. Burgess, 1; Miss F. Whyley (conductor), 2; Miss W. Whyley, 3; A. Evans, 4; R. Applegath, 5; W. Brambley, 6; F. Healey, 7; F. Noakes, 8.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, August 8th, at the parish church, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; E. Carter, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 240 Kent Treble Bob. On Wednesday, August 11th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; E. Clarke, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Friday, August 13th, a 720 of New London Pleasure. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; E. Carter, 6. And

720 of Cambridge Surprise. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warner, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; E. Carter, 6. On Sunday, August 15th, for morning service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Radley, 2; G. Livermore, 3; H. Hammond, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; A. Saunders, 2; E. Carter, 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Burst, 5; E. Howard (conductor), 6. E. Carter hails from London; G. Livermore from Ireland; E. Radley from Stisted; W. Burst and A. Saunders from Greenstead Green.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 4th, for morning service at St. Michael's Church, 720 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; H. Howlett, 2; W. Flory (conductor), 3; J. C. Hill, 4; W. Last, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read, 8. For evening service, 672 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; A. Read, 3; H. Howlett, 4; W. Last, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; W. Flory (conductor), 8. On July 24th, 336 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; H. Howlett (conductor), 3; W. Last, 4; A. Read, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; H. Folkard, 8. August 1st, 756 Bob Triples. W. Ostler, 1; —2; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 3; C. Harper, 4; H. Howlett, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read, 8. On handbells, 360 Bob Minor. W. Last, 1-2; H. Howlett, 3-4; J. O. Nevill, 5-6. August 1st, 688 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 2; W. Flory, 3; W. Last, 4; H. Howlett, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read, 8. The following touches were rung deeply muffled as a last token of respect of the late Bishop of Japan, late rector of this parish: a long course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 2; W. Flory, 3; W. Last, 4; H. Howlett, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read, 8. 672 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; W. Flory, 3; W. Last, 4; H. Howlett (conductor), 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read, 8. 592 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; W. Flory, 3; J. O. Nevill, 4; W. Last, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read, 8.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Boby, 1; F. Symonds, 2; H. Smith, 3; A. Symonds, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; J. P. Bradley, 6; T. King, 7; H. S. Richold, 8. Longest rung in the method by F. Symonds, R. Grimwood, and Richold. Conducted by T. King; composed by Mr. Bradley, of West Ham, who had the pleasure of taking part in the same for the first time on tower bells.

MILVERTON (Somersetshire).—On Monday, August 16th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. T. Langdon, 1; W. Andrews, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; F. Norman, 4; J. Richards, 5; A. Andrews, 6; W. Chapman, 7; C. Pulsford, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Langdon and Norman.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On August 8th, on handbells retained in hand, 630 of Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Triples. H. Argyle 1-2; W. Stone, 3-4; S. W. Chapman (conductor), 5-6; G. Winter, 7-8. And 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Argyle, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; W. Stone, 5-6. W. Stone (late of Nuneaton), hails from Worcester. On Sunday morning, August 15th, at the Parish Church, for Divine Service, 216 Stedman Triples. J. W. Chandler, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; H. W. Horwood, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; H. Denny, 8. Also two courses of Bob Major. F. Adams, 1; J. W. Chandler, 2; H. W. Horwood, 3; H. Argyle, 4; G. Winter, 5; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. W. Chapman, 8. And for evening service, 516 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. W. Chandler, 1; H. Argyle, 2; H. W. Horwood, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Devey, 5; J. F. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, July 27th, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Freeman, 1; F. Pitstow, 2; Fredk. Pitstow, 3; C. Freeman, 4; N. J. Pitstow (conductor), 5; A. Pitstow, 6; A. James, 7; E. Pitstow, 8. On Tuesday, August 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Freeman, 1; F. J. Pitstow, 2; C. Freeman, 3; \*F. Shedd, 4; E. Pitstow, 5; A. James, 6; N. J. Pitstow (conductor), 7; \*W. Parrish, 8. \*Longest touch in the method.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Sunday, July 25th, at St. Mary's church, for morning service, a 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). And for evening service 720 in the same method (ten bobs and fourteen singles). W. Charlton (Newcastle), 1; R. Leonard, 2; F. Charlton (South Church), 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; G. W. Shipp (Evenwood), 6. On Sunday, August 1st, 360 of Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs and twelve singles), and for evening service 360 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and twelve singles). W. McLean, 1; R. Leonard, 2; W. E. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (composer and conductor), 5; C. Walker, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

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### Ringers' Outings.

**THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—On Tuesday, August 3rd, the Norton Branch of this Society, together with the choir and several ladies had their annual outing to Bakewell. The party, numbering upwards of twenty, left Norton at 8.30, and having a good team of four horses we soon made up for half an hour's delay through three of the party being late. I expect, being feast time, they called to wish their old friend at The Bagshaw Arms good morning. After a warm but pleasant drive of sixteen miles, enlivened by a few calls, we arrived at our destination. To describe a drive through this part of Derbyshire I must leave to some future time when all ringers take a copy of "THE BELL NEWS," then we shall have an enlarged paper. But sufficient to say, if some of our brother-ringers in the large towns could only spend a few days with their wives and families amongst the hills and dales on the moors of Derbyshire they would derive a great benefit and something to remember. Having had no time to make any previous arrangements for the use of the bells, we lost no time in making for the vicarage, and finding the Vicar at home, and having explained our mission we gained permission to ring for a short time, providing Mr. Smith, one of the local ringers, would accompany us to the tower. We soon found that this gentleman was the right man in the right place, leaving his business at once. We were soon at the ropes, and finding everything in good going order, being a large room with plenty of ventilation, and clean. After raising the bells in peal a 640 of Kent Treble Bob was rung. G. Oates, 1; J. Atkins, 2; E. James, 3; G. Sarel, 4; A. Slater, 5; G. Butcher, 6; J. Allen, 7; W. Biggin, 8. Also 576 in the same method. J. Goacher, 1; the others as above. The "go" of the bells, together with the mellow tone, was perfection. Having thanked Mr. Smith for his kindness and the Vicar for the use of the bells, we joined our friend at a knife and fork tea, and at 6.30 a start was made for home, the choir giving a finishing touch by keeping the company alive all the way home. I hope our Bakewell friends will soon score their first peal, which I understand they will shortly attempt. E. J.

**THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.**—On Saturday, July 31st, was the day fixed for the annual outing of this Guild, the place selected this year being Douglas, Isle of Man, arrangements being left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. H. Johnson. The programme was made, and carried out as follows. Starting from Worcester at 10 a.m., the train landed us in Birkenhead about 3 o'clock, and we at once made for the Ferry and crossed over to Liverpool, where our first dinner was partaken of, after which we had a stroll through the main streets and back to the landing stage where we embarked on board the steamer *Queen Victoria*, and after a pleasant voyage we were landed safely in Douglas about 10 o'clock. The first thing was to get rid of the luggage, and this was soon done at the well-known residences of Bolton Hall and Castleford House. Supper being over, the last hours of Saturday were spent in a jovial conversation together. On Sunday morning we were soon about again, and before 6.30 a.m. we were indulging in a sea bathe at Port Skillion, a place specially prepared for bathers. After breakfast a walk was taken through the Nunnery grounds to the old church of Kirk Braddon, where through the great number of visitors, the service was held in the churchyard, some five or six thousand persons being present. After service the return journey was made by road, and the second day's dinner partaken of in Douglas. After dinner a trip was taken by the electric railway to Growdale, where the scenery of the glens far surpassed that ever seen by those members who had not visited the island before. After walking through the glens we came to the station of the smallest railway in the world, which runs a distance of about two miles along the rugged rocks, and of course taking advantage of this we were soon deposited at the enclosure on the sea shore for the sea lions, and were just in time to see the attendant feed them and put them through some very interesting feats, such as could hardly be expected by these sea monsters. Tea being had in the glens, a pleasant ride back brought the second day's outing to a close. Monday morning found us out again at the early hour of 6 a.m., and another dip in the briny ocean was indulged in, some of the

members evidently showing proof of being in it before. After breakfast a stroll was made to Douglas Head, where we spent an hour or so amidst plenty of amusements, including the Marx minstrel troupe. Our next journey was by the electric cars to Port Soderick, and after a ramble on the beach and through the Smuggler's Cave, and sampling of oysters, we adjourned to the refreshment rooms for our third day's dinner, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Time being on the wing, our next move was by the Isle of Man railway to Douglas, and in a few more minutes we found ourselves seated on board the *Fairy Queen* steamboat, bound for Laxey, the lead mines being visited, also the great Laxey water wheel, used for clearing the mines of water. A stroll round, and then to tea at the refreshment rooms on the beach, and the return sea trip to Douglas, landing about 6.30, the rest of the day being spent at the Palace, a place capable of entertaining three or four thousand persons at all kind of amusements. Monday finished up with a concert at home, several songs, tunes, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells so kindly presented to the Guild by a native of the "Faithful City." Tuesday morning was again opened with another bathe, after which breakfast was partaken of, and then a scramble down to the pier to embark on that splendid new steamer the *Empress Queen*, which was making her first trip to Dublin, the sea being beautifully calm. A pleasant journey was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and Dublin was reached about 12.30, and soon we found ourselves seated for dinner, the Irish murphies being deserving of another hour's boiling. Dinner being over we made for the tramcar, and went as far as Phoenix Park, where the several items of interest were visited, and an hour spent. Then returning into Dublin the rest of the time allowed was taken up by viewing the several buildings and main streets. A cup of tea, and then down to the boat for return, which started about 5.30, and reached Douglas about 10 o'clock, something like 3000 persons being on board. To finish up the day we had another jovial evening at home, and which was kept up till the early hours of the morning. On Wednesday we started from Douglas at 9 o'clock, and landed in Liverpool about one o'clock, when our fifth day's dinner was soon before us, after which we had a stroll through the main streets of Liverpool, then across the ferry to Birkenhead, and thence by train to Worcester, arriving there about nine o'clock. There was no doubt as to this being the best outing the members ever had, and as a proof of the members all enjoying themselves, it was proposed and carried that we select Douglas, Isle of Man, as the place for our next outing. W. H. J.

**THE ROMSEY HANDBELL SOCIETY.**—The members of this Society had their annual outing on Monday, August 3rd, Salisbury being the place selected. A very pleasant day was spent with the local company and some members of the Fareham band. Several touches were rung as follows: 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Dunn, 1; J. Elcombe (conductor), 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Cole, 4; F. Russen, 5; T. Cole, 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8. Also 360 Grandsire Triples. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; G. Grafham, 4; F. Stevens, 5; S. Macey, 6; A. Goddard, 7; J. Walker, 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. G. Grafham, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; F. Stevens, 3; A. Goddard, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; S. Macey, 6; J. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. Walker, 8. After dinner a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. it came to grief. The visitors wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells; also the Salisbury and Fareham men for kindly meeting them.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.**—On Monday August 2nd, the members of this Society had their thirteenth annual outing. Leaving Reading at 6.55 a.m. Hastings was reached about 10.30, and after partaking of refreshments a start was made for the cliffs, which are reached by a lift through a tunnel 462 ft. long, the top being 157 ft. above street level. Next was a ride on the sea to Rye Bay, on the fine steamer, *Britannia*, arriving at Hastings again after an hour's ride. After this we were soon seated on the top of a brake having a ride to Fairlight, where a fine view of the sea was obtained. Returning back to the town we were just in time for tea. Then off to the station, where we had promised to meet Corporal Hancell, of Reading, whose company we had the pleasure of till we reached home at 12.30. The return journey was enlivened with songs by Messrs.

T. Newman, E. W. Menday, G. Essex, H. Simmonds, A. Callum, and Corporal Hancell, thus bringing a most enjoyable day to a close, all having enjoyed themselves very much. H. S.

**THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.**—On Bank Holiday, August 2nd, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the place selected being Swansea. The chief object in visiting Swansea was to attempt a peal on the bells of St. Mary's church, and as there had not previously been a peal rung on them the Juniors thought they would like to break record by scoring a peal if possible. The party arrived in Swansea at 10.30, and were met at the station by Mr. H. West and several of the local ringers, who conducted them to a restaurant, where breakfast had been ordered for them. After attending to the inner man a move was at once made for the tower, where a short touch of Stedman, to try the "go" of the bells, was brought round, and being satisfied with the "go" of them, they started for the peal, which was successfully brought round under the able conductorship of Mr. John Austin in the quick time of 2 hrs. 50 mins., as recorded in a recent number of this paper. As they were leaving the tower the local ringers met them and congratulated them on being the first and last to ring a peal on their bells. The church has recently been rebuilt, and now the old tower will be pulled down and rebuilt to correspond with the body of the church, and when finished there is great hopes of the peal being augmented to ten or twelve. While the peal was being rung the remainder of the party visited Sketty, a village about two miles from Swansea, and rang several touches on the nicely-toned eight. As the time left at the disposal of the party after ringing was limited, a hurried visit was made to the sands, many of the party wishing there had been time for a bathe, but had to be content with watching others. A start was then made for the station, when some of the party who were looking after the wants of the company for the homeward journey managed to miss the train, and had to be brought on by a later train. However, Gloucester was safely reached, after having spent a most enjoyable day's outing. The company wish to thank the Vicar for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal, also Mr. H. West and the rest of the local ringers for so kindly looking after their comfort.

**THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY CARDIFF.**—On Saturday, July 24th, the members of the above had their annual outing. As we skimmed the bright sea, with its ever-varying hues of blue and green, and inhaled the fresh breezes which broke it here and there into tufts of snowy foam, we felt that Ilfracombe was none too far, when the journey could be performed under such healthful and enjoyable conditions. Immediately on our arrival we found an excellent meal awaiting us, which afforded all the one longed for opportunity, for the measure of justice was done by every member present. The evidence went to show that the debt incurred was a heavy one, but that it was man-taced and honestly discharged. After this satisfactory settlement of accounts, the ringers, with the kind permission of the Vicar, found their way to the belfry of Holy Trinity church, where they rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; W. Biss, 2; R. C. Balcombe (first quarter-peal), 3; A. Rowley, 4; W. Coombes (conductor), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; G. Watkins, 7; B. Tilley, 8. All met again on the boat at 7.30 for home, the handbells being rung, much to the enjoyment of the passengers on the boat. Cardiff was reached about 11 o'clock, and another happy outing was a thing of the past.

**THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.**—On Saturday, August 14th, the members of this society had their sixth annual outing. Starting from the school at 1 p.m. in a pair-horse brake, a pleasant twelve miles drive brought us to Silchester, Hants. Here an inspection was made of the ruins of an ancient Romish city. The next move was to Mortimer, where we found Mr. H. Cox, the steeplekeeper, with everything ready for ringing, the first order being 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by A. E. Reeves; after which some short touches of Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Sweetzer. Thanking Mr. Cox for having everything ready, also the vicar (Rev. Love'tt Cameron), for allowing us the use of the bells, a move was made to the Temperance Hotel, where a knife and fork tea was awaiting us, and to which it is needless to say ample justice was done. The cloth being cleared, the brake was once more brought out, and

a forty minutes drive brought us to Burghfield. Here we found a very pretty church with a nice little ring of six bells, which were all ready, and very soon a 360 Bob Minor was rung, conducted by A. E. Reeves; then some Grandsire Doubles. The Six Bells inn was visited, and with some of the local ringers a pleasant evening was spent, comprising a few songs by Messrs. Reeves and Sweetzer, a 447 Grandsire Triples on the handbells, conducted by F. Sweetzer, and a short touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by A. E. Reeves. A few more songs, and then the word from the conductor to take their seats, and shaking hands with the local ringers, the driver was told to "go." A drive of five miles brought us into Reading, all having spent a most enjoyable day. The ringers taking part in the days' ringing were: Messrs. F. Sweetzer, H. Coffee, A. W. Reeves, G. Boddington, A. E. Reeves, jun., A. E. Evans, C. House, H. Neville, A. Mayo, A. W. Higgs, and A. E. Reeves (conductor). R.

**THE ST. ALPHEGE COMPANY, CANTERBURY.**—The Annual outing of the above company took place on Monday, August 9th, when Margate was visited. The members, accompanied by the Rector and Messrs. Marshall and Saxby and a few friends, left Canterbury about 7.30, and drove to Birchington, where through the kindness of the Rector, the members were allowed to go over the church and to have the use of the bells. A touch of Grandsire was first rung, and then a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25mins. by Messrs. Fox, Jenkins, Marriott, Saxby and M. W. and P. H. Pierce, the latter conducting. Returning to the brakes, after a short drive Quex Park was reached, where through the kindness of Captain Cotton, the peal of twelve in the Waterloo Tower was placed at the service of the company. A very pleasant hour was spent here, ascending the tower and getting a splendid view from the top, then ringing short touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters. Margate was reached shortly before 1 p.m. and the rest of the day was spent in sight-seeing. Dinner and tea was provided at the Terrace Hotel, and the return journey made shortly after eight, everyone having spent a very enjoyable day.

**THE WINSHILL SOCIETY, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Saturday, July 31st, this company had their pic-nic, the places visited being Tickenhall and Repton. A start was made at noon in a brake drawn by two horses, and after a pleasant ride of two hours through the beautiful country all bright with the golden corn, Tickenhall was reached. Here a little refreshment was had, and the church was visited, permission having been granted for a ring. A start was made for a 720, but after ringing about 460 the 5th rope broke. After splicing the rope, and partaking of refreshment, a start was made for Repton, which was reached about one hour after. Here a start was made for a 720 of Plain Bob, after ringing 27mins. the conductor called "this is all," so ended a good struck 720 on these beautiful bells. C. Brown, 1; Wm. Wylde, 2; G. Wright, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. Then 360 of Grandsire Minor, with F. Shepherd at the 6th; then a refresher at The Red Lion, and a few tunes on the handbells by the Brothers Shepherd and Wright. Then home had to be thought of, which was reached at 10.30 p.m. all having enjoyed their outing. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicars for the use of the bells, and all those who helped to make their outing so pleasant.

## Obituary.

JAMES KING.

We have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which occurred at his residence in Edde Cross Street, Ross-on-Wye, on Thursday, August 12th. Deceased was an old and esteemed member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The interment took place on Saturday, August 14th, when as a last mark of respect to the memory of their departed colleague, the members of the Guild rang a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Davies, 1; \*P. Lane, 2; \*H. Colwell, 3; W. Clarke, 4; C. Davies, 5; F. Voyce, 6; J. Clark (conductor), 7; J. Buffery, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. \*First quarter-peal.

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## Notices.

**The Middlesex County Association.—**South and West District.—The next monthly meeting will take place to-day, Saturday, August 21st, at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. The bells of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, will be available for ringing. Ringing, etc., commence at 5.30. C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*  
*Lampton, near Hounslow.*

N.B.—Will those members who have not already done so, kindly pay their subscriptions as early as possible.

**The Kent County Association.—**Rochester Branch.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Margaret's, Rochester, to-day Saturday, August 21st. Tower will be opened at 3.30 p.m. for ringing. Short service at 5.30. which ringers are specially invited to attend. Tea will be provided at 6.30 in the mission room, Langley Road. Business meeting after tea. Half fares up to two shillings will be paid. A. OSBORNE, *Hon. District Sec.*  
*65, Clive Road, Rochester.*

**The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The usual weekly practices will be suspended during the month of August, and resumed again as usual in September. A. HARDY, *Hon. Sec.*  
*43, Kay Road, Stockwell.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Quarterly meeting at Painswick to-day Saturday, August 21. Divine Service at the parish church at 4.30 p.m. Meat tea at The Falcon hotel at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Conveyances run frequently between Stroud and Painswick. C. H. JOBERNS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—A special general meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. Business of great importance will be under consideration, and the executive earnestly request that every member will make an effort to be present. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*  
*61, Roland Road, Handsworth.*

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Normanton, on Saturday, August 28th. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends invited. T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.—**Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Whitefield, on Saturday, August 28th. Towers open for ringing from 1 till 3.30 p.m. and from 4.30 till 9.0 p.m. Members in arrear are requested to pay up, in order to facilitate the work of the General Secretary in making up the books. Business meeting 7.0 p.m. W. 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 Drighlington (eight bells) on Saturday, August 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting House The Spotted Cow. Handbells provided. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
*18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.*

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Quarterly Meeting at Rushden on Saturday afternoon, August 28th. Usual arrangements. *Wellingborough.* E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

**Kent County Association.—**Lewisham

District.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, August 28th. Tower open for ringing 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting in vestry at 6.30 p.m.

W. BEDWELL, *District Sec.*  
*221, High Street, Lewisham.*

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will take place at the Clifton Road Mission Room (close to St. Woolos' church), at 3.30 on Saturday, September 4th. The bells of St. Woolos' will be available for ringing.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*  
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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. G. DEAL (and others).—We are unable to insert your letter. To explain the reasons would occupy too much space.

RIME.—We cannot supply the information; address the Editor of *The Athenaeum*. "THE BELL NEWS" is supposed to deal specially with matters pertaining to bells.

## Compositions.

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**CORRECTION.**—In the 13,440 of Bob Major in last week's issue there ought to be an omit at r in the 17th and 28th courses. Also the number of calls in the peal ought to be 332, and not 326 as stated. It was the first of a series of four-part extents with the tenors together in several plain methods, and are produced on a fresh system, which has not been published before. W. WALMSLEY.  
*Macclesfield.*

## AN APPEAL TO THE BENEVOLENT.

MR. EDITOR,—DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to bring under notice of the ringers and readers of "THE BELL NEWS" the case of Thomas Yates, of Eccles, an old brother-string, who for the past seven years has not been able to follow his employment owing to an affliction internally, and a bad leg. Notice of this case was brought before a few members of the Lancashire Association in the early part of May, when steps were taken to hold a meeting a few days later, with representatives from the various towers in the Manchester district. A committee was formed appointing an hon. treasurer and secretary, and it was decided to see what could be done privately in the county before making a general appeal to the whole of the ringing fraternity, which is now decided upon.

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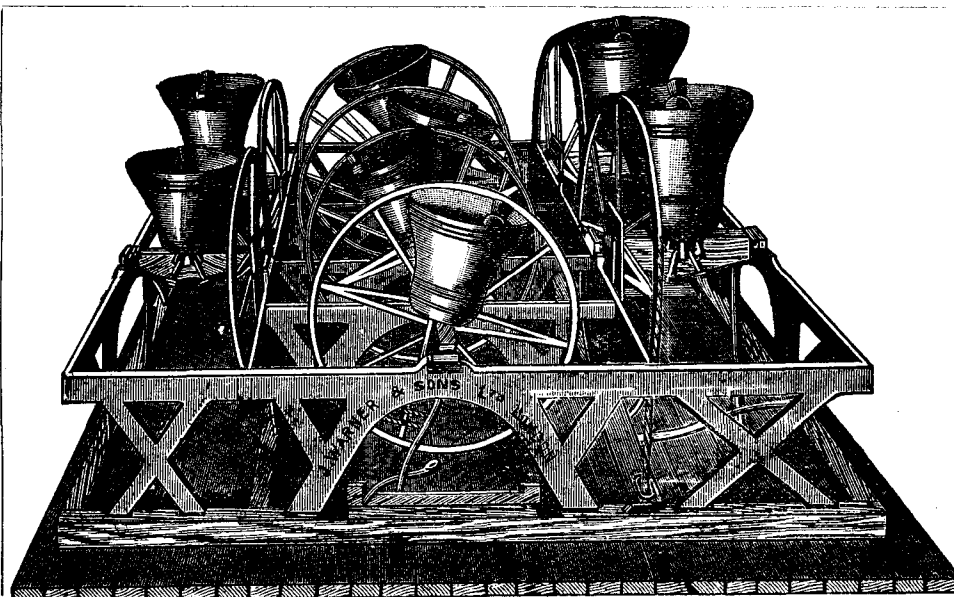
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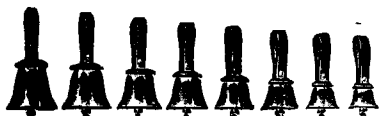
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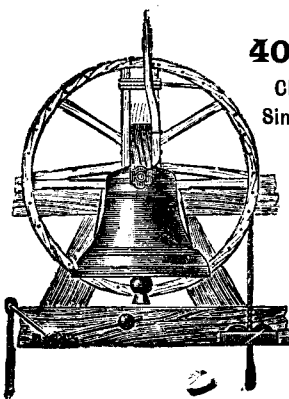
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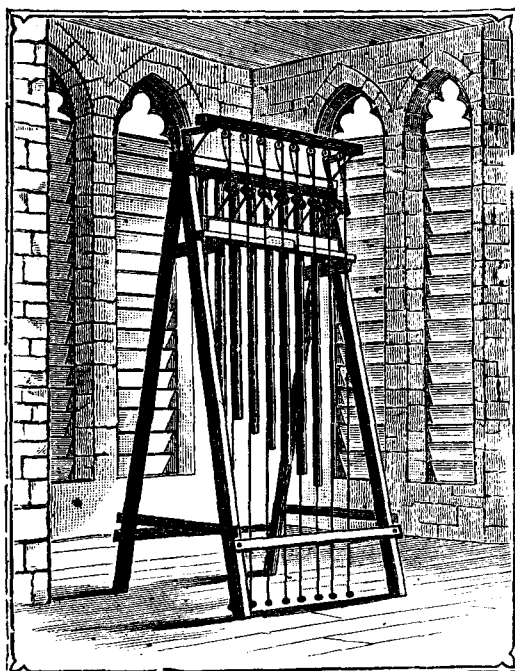
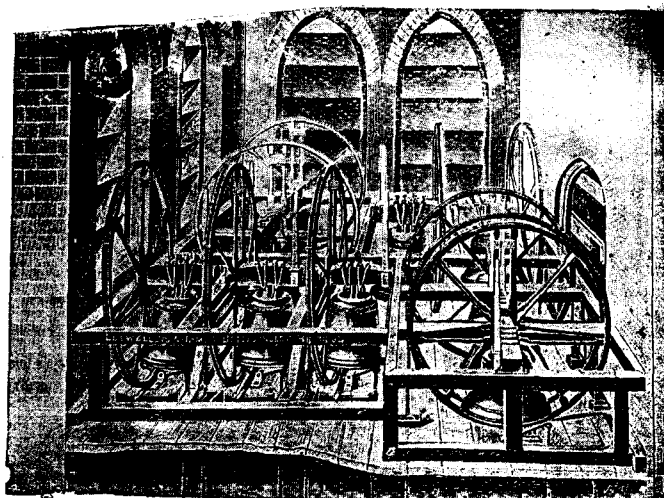
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## RE-DEDICATION AND OPENING OF ST. MARY'S BELLS, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

After the elapse of several years, the silence of Oldham bells was broken on Saturday, August 14th, by their pealing forth for their re-dedication service, which was held in the above church after having been rehung in a new iron frame and fittings by Mears and Stainbank. The preacher on the occasion was the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association. There was a fair congregation present at the special church service, the sermon being preached from 1 Peter 2 chapter, v. xvii—"Love the Brotherhood." At the outset the rev. gentleman said it was rather a difficult thing to find in the Bible some text which would be appropriate for such a service as theirs that afternoon, for as most of his hearers were aware, very little was said in God's Word about bells, and nothing at all was said about such bells as they had met together that afternoon to re-dedicate. In the Biblical days silver trumpets were used to call the people together for public service, to give notice of an alarm, or mark some great festival day. But for the last 1200 years, amongst Christians, bells in the church towers had taken the place of those silver trumpets. And now the bells called to the minds of hearers a great many associations; they called them to think of higher things, even in the midst of work here below. But when did those bells come to be used in the Christian Church? It was very hard to say, but it seemed clear that it was in Italy in the fifth century that bells were used for public service. In the first three hundred years of the Church's history, where there were great persecutions, the bells were little used. But afterwards, not only were splendid churches built, but bells gave notice of the time of prayer, and thus from the fifth century it had been the custom to have one or more bells in the tower of the church, which were dedicated to the Church of God. But a few centuries ago a change passed over the bells as to the way in which they were regarded. They seemed to lose all their sacred use, and from common report it would appear that this was forgotten; forgotten that the belfry was part of God's House, and that the bells had a sacred duty to perform. Their presence however, in the church that afternoon showed them that another change had occurred, and their bells, after years of silence, were re-dedicated for God's service, dedicated to convey a message to all hearers. And what lessons could be learnt from the bells? They could remember how the bells called them to higher things, as they sounded out, it might be on the weekday over the traffic in the streets, bidding their hearers even in the week to remember to live and work as servants of God. And when the traffic in the streets was stopped on the Sunday, the bells again called to those around to think of God, and to direct to Him their thoughts. The bells also preached a lesson of brotherhood. If every one could only learn the lesson—if employers and employed could look at questions as brothers, and recognise that they had interests together as brothers in the sight of God, then probably there might not be the troubles and anxieties with regard to lock-outs and strikes. Concluding the discourse, the rev. gentleman said he hoped those bells would speak of the brotherhood of man, and that they might ring in future to the honour and glory of God, as

instruments dedicated afresh that day to His praise. An offertory was then taken on behalf of the bells fund, and amounted to £6 os. 6d.

After the service a meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association was held in the Schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. H. J. Elsee. The business of the meeting being over the ringers then adjourned to the belfry and set the bells in motion, several touches of Grandsire Cinques, Caters, Treble Bob Royal and Major being rung. Owing to the ropes springing very much it was rather difficult to ring. Ringers were present from Manchester, Ashton, Pendleton, Worsley, Rochdale, Moorside, Glodwick, Heywood, Middleton, Burnley, Padiham, Mossley, Friezeland, Saddleworth, Huddersfield and Macclesfield.

## ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, STOCKPORT.

On Tuesday evening, August 17th, a little ceremonial took place at the above church in connection with the last ring on the old bells and broken tenor, prior to their being taken in hand by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, for complete restoration and renovation. It was at first thought possible that a peal might be rung with two men at the 7th and three at the tenor, but that idea had to be abandoned owing to want of time, and a date touch of Grandsire Triples was substituted, which was successfully accomplished in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Gordon (composer and conductor), 1; T. Sale, 2; W. Gordon, jun., 3; J. Barlow, 4; A. S. Gordon, 5; J. A. Gordon, 6; P. Brickell, 7; J. Derbyshire and J. Wilde, 8. Afterwards with the first seven men as above, and with A. Sidebottom at the tenor, 252 Stedman Triples was rung. And then for the final 168 Grandsire Triples with two learners on the 4th and 5th, this being their first recorded touch. W. Gordon, jun. (conductor), 1; T. Sale, 2; J. Bayley, 3; A. Gordon, jun., 4; A. Birch, 5; J. Gordon, 6; A. Sidebottom, 7; A. S. Gordon, 8. After the bells had been lowered in peal by the St. Mary's ringers, the quaint ceremony of the evening took place. Mr. H. Gregory, a churchwarden, declared in a neat speech that these bells having been in use for eighty years without ever being repaired by a bell hanger, were now considered unfit for further service. He thereon decreed they should be rung no more until rehung, etc., and producing a huge knife, severed the rope of the tenor bell at the wheel. Mr. J. Blackshaw (sidesman) then cut the rope of the 7th; Mr. W. Gordon (steeple-keeper) that of the 6th; and Mr. Darwin (parish clerk) that of the 5th. The ringers, invited guests, warden, clerk, etc., then adjourned to The Pack Horse hotel, opposite the church, and partook of a substantial supper, provided by Mr. J. Blackshaw, and capitally served by Mrs. Thorpe, the hostess. Extra refreshments were supplied by Mr. H. Gregory, who took the chair. He gave the usual toasts, and a welcome to the invited ringers from Didsbury and Northenden—Messrs. Brickell and Son, and Derbyshire and Wilde. This was seconded by Mr. W. Gordon, and responded to by Mr. Peter Brickell. A very pleasant evening was then spent with the handbells, the company separating shortly before eleven o'clock.

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### Australian News.

The following extracts from *The Melbourne Church of England Messenger* has been sent us for insertion:—

#### ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Cathedral Society of bell-ringers was held in the Council Chamber, Cathedral buildings, on June 4th, the Rev. George Sutton (in the unavoidable absence of the Dean of Melbourne) occupying the chair. A large number of honorary members were present, and after the business a most enjoyable evening was spent, several ladies and gentlemen rendering songs, interspersed with handbell ringing, autoharp, mandoline, and "glassiphona," the Cathedral quartette adding greatly to the enjoyment by their excellent singing. The treasurer's report showed that the society had held its own during the first year of its existence, having a balance on the right side. The secretary reported that two appeals to the public had been made during the past year for volunteers to learn the art of change-ringing. A few had come forward, and were doing well, but the society would gladly welcome more. The society was now in close touch with the Cathedral Chapter, and was honoured by the presence, as members, *ex-officio*, of the Bishop and Dean of Melbourne. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for presiding, and to those who had contributed to the enjoyment of a pleasant social evening.

The Bishop and Mrs. Goe entertained the Cathedral bell-ringers' association at Bishops Court at supper on Monday evening, 21st ult. A very agreeable evening was spent. The toast, the Queen's health, proposed by the Bishop, was responded to with enthusiasm, after which the Bishop, in his usual happy manner, welcomed the bell-ringers, and spoke of the interest he took in their work. The Dean, on behalf of the Association, thanked the Bishop and Mrs. Goe for their hospitality; and the bell-ringers, with handbells, gave imitations of steeple chimes appropriate to the occasion.

#### REPORT OF THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE.

The committee, in presenting the first report of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society of bell-ringers, this society having just completed its first anniversary, desire to express their thanks to the honorary members, who have largely helped not only to launch it into existence, but enabled it to carry out the Society's original intention, viz., that of saving, as far as possible, expense to the Cathedral Chapter. This generous assistance, together with the quarterly subscription of 2s. 6d. by the ringing members, has placed our Society on a firm basis, and the committee trust that by the renewed help of those who have already shown their practical sympathy with the movement, and with the addition of further subscribers, better results as regards the financial statement may be laid on the table at the next annual meeting. It is not too much to say that in these days of depression, and of so many calls on the public purse, great credit is due to any young society that can pass through its initial stage, and arrive at its first anniversary with a balance on the right side of the ledger; this the St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bell-ringers has accomplished, and although the balance is a small one, still it shows signs of vitality, and the despised threepenny bit (for that is the amount, I believe, which stands to our credit) comes to the fore, and tells us that our efforts have not been unavailing. I should not be surprised to see our worthy treasurer wearing that coin of the realm upon his watch chain, as a memento of his first year of office as custodian of the exchequer. Although two appeals during the present year have been made, one by our secretary, to the public through the medium of the daily press; the other by the Rev. George Sutton, to members and friends of St. Paul's Cathedral, they have not quite met with the success the Society had anticipated in the matter of augmenting our ringing members by volunteers. This fact must not, however, discourage us. Bellringing does not seem to "catch on," so to speak, with the young men in Melbourne. The music of the bells has not the same charm for Victorians as it has for those in the old country; but no doubt in time, as the fascination of the art takes a stronger hold upon the younger members of our Society, they in their turn will in-

duce others to join. Many of our change-ringers who are capable of instructing the uninitiated have passed the meridian of life. The ropes will have to be handled in the effluxion of time by other hands; therefore, now is the best time for young men to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded. May it never be said that the belfry door is closed; that the bells hang mute and silent in the tower, with the exception, it may be, of one only whose solmen notes will toll rather than ring for service, toll for the memory of its twelve companions, whose tongues from iron throats no longer join with it in sweetest harmony. True, we have now four or five very promising young gentlemen, who seem to have taken up the art of ringing in earnest, and who, under the able tutorship of Messrs. Murray, Shenton, and Albinson, are making good headway; it is also true that a few have joined us, but not finding the work as easy as kicking a football, or wielding a bat, have sacrificed the intellectual to bone and muscle. The two combined, for they are inseparable, if a man is to make a good change-ringer, transcendently proved too much for them. It must be gratifying to the Society to know that the Chapter has frequently, since the inauguration of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bell-ringers, expressed its satisfaction at the way in which the bells have been manipulated. This, I believe, is mainly owing to the wisdom of the older ringers, who for the sake of the learners, and none the less for harmony's sake, have, on Sundays especially, confined their efforts to "rounds," or simple changes, well understood by them, thus avoiding the clashing and changing which must jar most unpleasantly on the sensitive musical ear. Amidst many difficulties, a word of encouragement from the parent to its youngster of only twelve months old is stimulating and helpful, and the Society greatly appreciates it. The Society regrets that during the past year it has lost two of its members, in the persons of Messrs. Wollard and Baines, both accomplished change-ringers, the former having gone to Tasmania, and the latter having resigned. On New Year's Eve a most enjoyable evening was spent in the belfry by the ringers and their friends, when the old year, with its strange intermixture of joys and sorrows, was rung out, and the new year, with its bright hopes, rung in by the tongues of the finest bells in the colony. It is a cause of much satisfaction to us that we are no longer left out in the cold. We hold a very exalted position; in a sense we are far away and above the organ, or pulpit, lectern, or reading desk; it is we who take the "lead" in all that pertains to the services in the Cathedral; it is the dignitaries of that grand structure who act in obedience to our summons; it is we who first call the careless and indifferent to a sense of their duty on the Sabbath day. Our voice they must hear, whether they like it or not—so far away and yet so near, for we are now in close touch with the Chapter, and we trust also with what is better, with the ordinances of our beloved Church. We ensure the constant recognition of the governing body; we are animated by the fact that we form no mean part in the necessary working of the Cathedral; we are honoured by the presence of Bishop and Dean as members *ex officio* in our society, and last, but not least, we are servants of Him, as was Samuel, the doorkeeper of the Temple—God. His position, like ours, was inferior to the higher functions of the sacred edifice, but none the less honoured. May we, like him, perform our duties as unto the Lord, and sing not to the music of the harp but to that of the bells. "We would rather be bell ringers in the House of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness."

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 1st, 720 College Exercise. J. Rice, 1; C. Gasson, 2; G. Smart, 3; E. Streeter, 4; F. Rice, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Smart (conductor), 1; B. Payne, 2; E. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Paice, 5; F. Dench, 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. F. Rice, 1; G. Rice, 2; J. Gasson, 3; G. Paice, 4; F. Dench, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 240 College Pleasure. C. Gasson, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. Gasson, 3; E. Streeter, 4; F. Dench, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. G. Smart hails from Brighton; Gasson (2) from Balcombe; J. Rice and Paice from Crawley; F. Rice and Payne are local men.

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting of this district was held at St. Margaret's, Rochester, on Saturday, August 21st, when members attended from Woolwich, Lewisham, Northfleet, Swanscombe, Milton, Maidstone, Frindsbury, Upchurch, Borden, Rainham, Shorne, Gillingham, Charing, and Harrietsham. Some very good touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire, and Oxford Treble Bob, etc., was rung during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held at the church, at which a good number of members were present, including the vicar (Rev. A. J. W. Thorndike), and the Rev. — Lewis. They then made for the Mission Room where a splendid tea was provided, every one expressing their delight at the catering of Mrs. Happes, of Rochester. The vicar presided at the tea, after which a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and mission room for the meeting. The vicar in responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to St. Margaret's, this being the first time a meeting of this kind had been held in Rochester. He looked upon this meeting as the fruits of the effort made a short time back when two new bells were added to the peal. He hoped it would not be the last time he would have the pleasure of meeting the ringers in Rochester. At the business meeting, Mr. W. Haigh in the chair, two new members were elected, and the District Secretary and Representative were unanimously re-elected. It was then proposed that Lewisham should be suggested to the Central Committee as the place for the next Annual Meeting, to be held alternately on Saturday and Monday. The next district meeting will be held at Sittingbourne in December.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH.—The parish church ringers, for practice on Monday evening, accomplished a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 47 mins. G. Turnell, 1; F. Wood, 2; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. H. Ette, 5; E. West, 6; W. Wood, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Also a 168 of Grandsire Triples. T. Abbott, 1; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 2; P. Manning, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; J. T. Tompkins, 7; W. H. Ette, 8. Abbott, Manning, and Tompkins belong to Finedon. This was Manning's first touch with a bob bell, and Abbott's first of Triples. The Finedon and Wellingborough ringers afterwards had a very useful and enjoyable practice on the handbells. Finedon bells will be re-opened as a peal of eight when the spire is completed, and the local ringers are doing their best to render themselves competent to manage them in a satisfactory manner.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

On Sunday, July 15th, a very pleasant visit was paid by five members from the church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Bromley, Kent, and accompanied by their friends from Chislehurst, Hayes, Beckenham and Penge, to St. George's church, Gravesend. By kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. John Haslam, ringing commenced at 5.15 p.m. for evening service, and three touches were successfully brought round, viz. 420 Oxford Bob Triples, 378 Bob Major and 336 Grandsire Triples. The peal consists of a good ring of eight, tenor 19½ cwt., and the tower contains many interesting and notable peal-boards. It is sincerely hoped that the local band will soon be able to ring some peals, and so keep up the reputation of the bells. The Bromley band and their friends beg to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and also for his kindness in pro- them with a tea which was fully appreciated by the following: G. Durling, E. Dunn, G. Simpson, R. Humphrey, W. James (Bromley); T. Durling, W. Ingham (Chislehurst); J. Hack (Hayes); J. Town (Beckenham); T. P. Richards (Penge).

## FULMER, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 31st, a most enjoyable six-bell ringers meeting took place at Fulmer. Ringers were present from Burnham, Bray, Boyne Hill, Beaconsfield, Farnham Royal, Slough, Stoke Poges, Winkfield, and the local ringers. Ringing

commenced at 4 o'clock and was kept up until 9 o'clock. Amongst the touches rang was a 720 of Grandsire. Rev. R. P. Newhouse, R. Flaxman, J. J. Parker (conductor), J. Mitchell (first 720), R. Buckland, C. Clarke. Touches of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, 120s Doubles. The vicar of Fulmer, the Rev. C. Joyce, most kindly provided tea for the visitors which was much appreciated, to which twenty-two sat down. J. J. Parker proposed a vote of thanks for the kind reception they had received. In response, the rev. gentleman said it gave him great pleasure to do so, and that he would be pleased to do so again, he would even like to have seen more present.

## ANCIENT BELFRY ARTICLES.

The following lines we believe was first published in *Practical Remarks on Bells and Bellringers*, by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. They may be welcome to some of our young readers.

He that in ringing takes delight,  
And to this place draws near;  
These articles set in his sight,  
Must keep if he rings here.

The first he must observe with care,  
Who comes within the door;  
Must if he chance to curse or swear,  
Pay sixpence to the pore.

And whoso'er a noise does make,  
Or idle story tells;  
Must sixpence to the ringers take,  
For mending of the bells.

If any like to smoke or drink,  
They must not do so here;  
Good reason why, just let them think,  
This is God's House of Prayer.

Young men that come to see and try,  
And do not ringing use;  
Must sixpence give the company,  
And that shall them excuse.

He that his hat on his head doth keep,  
Within this sacred place;  
Must pay his sixpence e'er he sleep,  
Or turn out with disgrace.

If any one with spurs to heels,  
Rings here at any time;  
He must for breaking articles,  
Pay sixpence for his crime.

If any overthrow a bell,  
And that by chance he may;  
Because he minds not ringing well,  
He must his sixpence pay.

Or if a noble-minded man,  
Comes here to ring a bell;  
A shilling is the sexton's fee,  
Who keeps the church so well.

If any should our parson sneer,  
Or wardens rules deride;  
It is a rule of old most clear,  
That such sha'n't here abide.

The Sabbath day we wish to keep,  
And come to church to pray;  
The man who breaks this ancient rule,  
Shall never share our pay.

And when the bells are down and ceas'd,  
It should be said or sung:  
May God preserve the Church and King,  
And guide us safely home.

P.S.—A printed and framed copy of these rules may be seen in the church tower of St. Wolfran's, Grantham, Lincolnshire, and until just recently in the church of St. Swithin's, East Retford, Notts. In the latter it is either lost or stolen. P. H.



## CURRENT TOPICS.

The Salop Archidiaconal Guild is getting on. When we read of a ringing Association having a well-attended meeting, and special services being held for the particular behoof of the members, our minds can be made up that such association is moving in the right direction. Keep on moving, ye brethren of Shropshire. Don't be afraid of hard work, be unflinching in the cause of progress, and success will surely reward you. You have not set the Severn on fire yet, but you have shown that you intend doing something of more worth than talk. Keep on moving. You will rapidly acquire force and stability as you go along; don't get weary at little embarrassments. Follow the example of your energetic Hon. Sec., and look right ahead.

This is the piping period of peace and plenty relative to ringers' excursions. "Eight days in East Anglia" is a very attractive heading to an account of a peregrination. The wonder is to me how ringers can afford to have such a lengthy period of enjoyment. Reading of the doings of Messrs. Barber and Clayton in the eastern counties made one's mouth water. Perhaps those gentlemen won't mind telling us how such things are done. I should like to be able to do a similar thing for the same period, but I shall have to be satisfied with a long day at Southend, where me and my old friend Judd can imbibe together plenty of sea water.

The outing of the Worcester Cathedral Guild was certainly something out of the common. From Saturday till Wednesday they revelled in enjoyment. They were "much pleased with their outing" I should say. Liverpool, Birkenhead, and the Isle of Man wasn't sufficient for them, they had the face to go to Paddy's land, consume imperfectly-cooked specimens of the Hibernian *pomme de terre*, ride on jaunting cars, and parole through that historical glade known as "the Phaynix," etc., etc. These jovial Vigornians intend to do ditto next year, they say, and if so I hear there is another old Vigornian who purposes being in the same swim with them.

Our old friend Mr. Edwin James, of "Old East Derbyshire Association" fame, never speaks without saying something. And the something always points a good moral. Mr. James never hesitates to say what he means; always forcible, but always polite. Figuratively speaking, he is very good at a back-hander; and he is one of the most worthy officials of a ringing association in the kingdom. His interest never flags in anything he takes up, and he has a wonderful knack of brushing away any difficulties that may present themselves. There is a specimen of his plain speaking in last Saturday's paper anent the outing of his Association. I believe more than once the chief has had to water down some of our friend's rhetoric, though it was all honest and true. He is a tremendous supporter of this paper, and I believe the proprietary have fixed upon him as a worthy successor to yours truly, when the period of retirement arrives.

The appeal on behalf of T. Yates, of Eccles, hangs fire apparently. This is wrong, my masters. Among the contributions to the fund I see scarcely any names out of Lancashire. Apathy is it, think you? I know plenty of operative ringers, I mean ringers among that section of the community called "the working class," who lift a good screw every Saturday, and who could well afford to finally and completely divest themselves of one of those coins of the realm denominated "a tanner" towards this praiseworthy object. It would not be a bad idea if secretaries were to place a box in the room at their meetings labelled "contributions for the Yates fund." But in the meantime let your contributions flow Ecclesward. See the notice-page.

It is very seldom indeed that we hear of a course of Grandsire Caters being rung upon handbells during a game of cricket. Yet such was the case at Leicester the other day. You have all read the account in last Saturday's "BELL NEWS," of the exciting contest between ringers and chimers of one part, and ringers and chimers of the other part. The scene beat every-

thing else hollow. At the first "over" the celebrated George Cleal was heard to say "Let's have a rattling good course of Stedman, Jack, before we begin again!" And they had a course. Then the next time, when the ball went out of bounds, John Buttery, thinking for the moment he was up in Margaret's, shouted out "A touch of Grandsire Caters next, please." And so they went on. It was as good as a play. Better, in fact. Afterwards they had "a convivial," with more handbells, and songs, one of the "harmonies" being "When Johnny used to grind the Coffee Mill." No wonder our old friend "John" is so fond of—coffee.

The picture last week of the ringing gallery at Merton College Oxford, with the splendid description given, was most interesting. Now we can see what difficulties have been surmounted by those celebrated bands of the Oxford Guild who rang peals there. Every reader of our paper will be willing to confess their obligations to those University gentlemen who so kindly furnished the particulars. I am led to understand that we are going to begin again with illustrations, many being in course of preparation.

Look out for the next gifts. They will be startling; more so than a Swiss alarm clock in the early hours of the morning; and that is saying a great deal. I just allude to this so that you may all take time by the rowlock or forelock (which is it?) and not when the matter has been made public months before, write and ask on the eve of award for explanations.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS (KENSINGTON) GUILD.—On Monday, August 2nd, twelve members of this Guild proceeded by an early train to Redhill, *en route* for Bletchingley, where owing to the courtesy of the authorities, it had been decided to spend a pleasant day together. On our way to Nutfield we were met by Mr. E. Burkin, who accompanied us to the church, of which he kindly pointed out to us the objects of interest. He then conducted us to the ringing-chamber, where some Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung on the curious peal of six bells in that tower, Mr. Burkin and his father joining us. After ringing and thanking our kind friends, we proceeded to Bletchingley, and partook of some welcome refreshment at The Red Lion inn, whence we were conducted by Mr. Boniface to the church. After ringing some touches of Grandsire we returned to The Red Lion, where an excellent dinner was provided for us by Mr. and Mrs. Bashford, which we thoroughly enjoyed. The early part of the afternoon having been spent in enjoying the fresh air and bright sunshine, we returned later to the steeple, where with Mr. Thain and Mr. Boniface, some touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Triples were rung. After we had had our tea, we adjourned to a field in the rear of the house, where some courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on some of the splendid handbells belonging to the local society, and kindly lent by them for that purpose. The day had been in every respect a most enjoyable one, but as it would not last for ever, we were obliged to say goodbye to our friends, and start on the walk back to Redhill, bearing with us a grateful sense of the kindness with which we had been received and treated, both at Nutfield and Bletchingley. Our members who took part in the ringing during the day were Messrs. Garrard (conductor), Phipps, Davey, Powell, Harris, Fox, Edwards, J. Judd, W. E. Judd, Brush, Bradley, and Daniell. D.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, DERBY.—By the kind invitation of the late Warden (Mr. L. J. Greensmith), on Saturday, August 14th, seven of this society, accompanied by Mr. T. Anthony, (local honorary secretary of the Midland Counties Association) and Mr. J. Thompson, paid a visit to Cromford, *en route* for Wirksworth. Arriving by the 1.40 train, after a drive through the beautiful scenery of the surrounding district, we got to our destination at 3.45. At the church we were met by the verger, Mr. C. Hanson, and after looking through the building we turned our attention to the belfry. Raising the bells, a quarter-peal of

Grandsire Triples was rung in 51 mins. by Messrs. W. Shardlow, J. Dent, T. Anthony, J. W. Thompson, S. Maskrey, G. Mottershaw, A. E. Thompson, (conductor), and G. Wheeldon. At 5.45 we made our way to The Red Lion hotel, and sat down to an excellent meat tea provided by our esteemed friend Mr. Greensmith, who was accompanied by Mr. B. Varley and another gentleman. After tea, a pleasant half-hour was spent with the handbells belonging to Mr. Fox. The Vicar just then returning home, wished to hear the bells rung again, so we repaired to the church and rang [another touch of Grandsire. Lowering the bells, we made our way to the station to catch the train for home, where we arrived safely after a very enjoyable outing. Through the medium of our paper we thank the Vicar for the use of the bells; Mr. Fox for the use of his handbells; and Mr. Hanson for having everything in readiness. S.

**THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.**—On Saturday, August 21st, the members of this society went to Lichfield for their annual picnic; several of the members' wives accompanying. The Rev. Dr. Gardiner wrote to the cathedral authorities on behalf of Bishop Ryder's branch for the use of the bells, but as there is a rule that "permission is only granted to ringers in the diocese, and that but rarely," it could not be granted. However, the peal of eight at Shenstone was available, and ten of the members alighted there, and rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Stedman Triples; the remainder of the party proceeding direct to Lichfield, and attending Divine Service at the cathedral. Then partaking of refreshment, and afterward viewing the objects of interest in the city, they were joined by the party from Shenstone, and the remainder of the time was spent in the feast of reason and the flow of soul, songs being contributed by Miss Amy Hodson, Mrs. Wild, and Mr. G. Lee, Mr. Scott acting as accompanist. Thanks are tendered to the Vicar of Shenton for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hiley for having all things in readiness.

**THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.**—On Monday, March 2nd, this Guild had its annual outing. The party left Bristol at 6.40 a.m. in a first-class saloon carriage, their destination being Plymouth. During the journey songs were contributed by Messrs. Elles, Tomkins, York, Millard, Hinton, Bawn, and Cave, tunes on the handbells by Messrs. Elles, Pring, and Hinton, and touches of Triples and Caters, and a course of Grandsire Cinques. Plymouth was reached at 11.40, and tracks were immediately made for St. Andrew's church (where the ring of ten has lately been rehung) which we found locked, so that we had to make our way to Charles church, where our friend Mr. Taylor had everything in readiness, and two touches of Stedman Triples and one of Grandsire were rung. The bells were then lowered in peal; and Messrs. Hinton and Taylor went into the hunt for the steeplekeeper of St. Andrew's, but that gentleman not being aware of our visit, and as there was a wedding at the church at 2.30, we abandoned all hope of having a ring there. The next item on the programme was dinner at 5.0 p.m., at The Borough Arms, and to which the Rector of St. Stephen's (Rev. C. H. Joberns) had invited the Guild, a previous visit having been paid to the Hoe, pier, etc. After dinner, Mr. G. Staddon proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind hospitality as shown in providing them with such a liberal and excellent repast. This proposition was heartily carried, and three cheers were given for him, with an additional vociferous one for Mrs. Joberns. The rev. gentleman having replied, a course each of Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters on the handbells brought round the time when a start for the station was necessary. Leaving Plymouth at 7 p.m., a very pleasant return journey was made, and Bristol reached at 12.50. As the train was stopped outside the station, Mr. York proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Sec. (W. A. Cave) for undertaking the supply of refreshments. This was carried unanimously, and in reply Mr. Cave said that it was the first occasion on which he had had anything to do with commissariat arrangements and he hoped they would excuse any shortcomings. The success of the outing rested chiefly with Mr. Hinton, as had it not been for him several pleasures would have been missed. A letter has since been received from the Vicar of St. Andrew's, explaining that he had omitted to tell his steeplekeeper of our visit. C.

**THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.**—On Saturday, August 14th, the members of this society had their annual

outing, Reigate and Bletchingley, Surrey, being the places selected. The majority of the members left Brighton terminus by the 7.35 a.m. train for Redhill, the remainder following by a later train. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung on the fine ring of eight at St. Mary Magdalene, Reigate, before dinner, which was partaken of at The Grapes hotel at 1 p.m., where an excellent repast had been provided by the Hostess, Miss Lacy, and which was brought round to the satisfaction of all. One disappointment was the absence of the Master of the society (Mr. G. F. Attree) owing to a business engagement. After dinner a hasty look round the historic castle grounds and baron's caves was made. Two waggonettes being now in readiness, we were soon on the road for Bletchingley, which was reached (after a delightful drive of six miles) at 3.40 p.m. Not being able to ring for a short time, the opportunity was taken of ascending to the top of the tower, where we got a splendid view of the surrounding country. The bells are a fair ring of eight by Janaway, dated 1780. Tenor about 19 cwt. A touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Superlative was brought round before tea, which had been provided for us at The Red Lion inn by Mr. J. Bashford, a member of the local band, and which was much enjoyed. Then another stroll out and a visit to the tower again, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, Messrs. Boniface and Mayne of the local band taking part. Another course of Superlative and a touch of London Surprise Major, 576 changes, brought our tower ringing to a close. Afterwards an adjournment was made to Mr. Bashford's, and two good touches of Grandsire Triples, and a course of Grandsire Caters was brought round on the handbells, and a very pleasant evening was spent with our Bletchingly friends till 10 p.m. Our conveyance then being in readiness, we were soon on our way to catch the 11.6 train at Redhill. Brighton being reached about 12.30 p.m., the journey being enlivened by songs by Messrs. Jay, Palmer and Hart. The society wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank Messrs. Argent and Knight, of Reigate; and Mr. Mayne of Bletchingley, for making the arrangements, and the Vicars for the use of their bells. W.

**THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, HULL.**—The annual wayzgoose of the above society was held on Saturday, August 21st, when a visit was paid to Barnsley. Leaving Hull at 1.25 p.m. the party, which included Mr. C. Jackson, relieved the tedium of a fifty miles railway journey by frequent use of the handbells. Barnsley was reached about 4 o'clock, and under the guidance of Mr. Lyas, who met the train, we made our way to St. Mary's church. A look round the interior, which is rich in stained glass, and possesses a very nice reredos and choir screen, and then up the steps of the tower. Here was found a very nicely appointed belfry with the bells all up. Permission to ring had been obtained from the Rev. Canon Kirby, rector, and a start was at once made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and successfully accomplished by the following: F. Moulson, 1; H. W. Needham (conductor), 2; W. Southwick, 3; G. T. Marshall, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; C. Jackson, 6; D. W. Brown, 7; W. Marshall, 8. Contains the twenty-four 6-7s at back stroke. Other touches in which J. Patchett and Mr. Lyas took part were rung. The bells are a tuneful peal of eight, key F., weight about 15 cwt. and the "go" is everything that can be desired. An adjournment for tea, and a stroll through the town, where merry-go-rounds and other accessories of fairs and feasts were busy catering for the public pleasure, brought us to the ringers' head quarters. An hour with the handbells, and train time was announced, good byes were said, and the home journey commenced. An hour's wait at Cudworth, which, as everybody acquainted with that junction knows, is very much out of doors, was enlivened with further handbell ringing, and then we start on the last stage of our journey, reaching Hull about 11.25 p.m. thus bringing to a successful close another of those pleasant social gatherings which tend to advancement and encouragement amongst ringers. We wish to record our thanks to the Rev. Canon Kirby for the use of the bells, to Mr. Lyas for the excellence of the arrangements, and to our other Barnsley friends for their efforts to make our visit a pleasurable success.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1897.

THE peal records of this week contain a somewhat remarkable feature, viz.: the accomplishment of a peal upon a new ring of ten bells in the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick, in that part of the United Kingdom known as the Emerald Isle. As is known to most of our readers, the City of Dublin, the metropolis of Ireland, has two Cathedrals belonging to the Reformed Church—St. Patrick's and Christ Church. The former edifice has benefited greatly through the munificence of the GUINNESS family, and now one of them, Lord IVEAGH, has furnished it with a new ring of ten bells, the tenor weighing no less than 45 cwt. This is a magnificent bequest to the National Cathedral of Ireland. Would that we could witness similar acts of munificence bestowed upon many of our English Cathedrals and Abbeys. Truly Lord IVEAGH has set a noble example to wealthy English churchmen.

In our next issue a full account will appear of the proceedings connected with this opening ceremony; and

it has been suggested to us that as an incentive to the establishment of the Art and science of change-ringing among our Irish brethren we should as soon as possible give a group portrait of those who achieved the first peal of Royal in Ireland. If by this means we can create such an interest, we shall be pleased indeed to accede to the representations made to us upon the matter. The ringers of England, Scotland and Wales, would be greatly delighted to welcome Irishmen among their ranks as ringers. Irishmen are to be found in England among the Exercise; and they are far from the bottom of the ladder as exponents of the Art. We are of opinion that the known characteristics possessed by Irishmen would enable them to soon become clever ringers. It is to be hoped that Lord IVEAGH will not be content until an excellent company of ringers has been established in St. Patrick's Cathedral. There is no difficulty whatsoever in the matter. Let the Cathedral authorities co-operate with his lordship, and the difficulty if any is surmounted.

### The Provinces.

#### TONBRIDGE, KENT.

##### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 5.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 2.	GEORGE HEAD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM STEED .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

This peal, which has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, without the 2nd there at a course-end, is now rung for the first time. It is also the first peal of Major on the bells since the recasting of the tenor.

#### BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. (BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Friday, August 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE GLOBE TAVERN, GRANVILLE STREET,  
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

##### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

ROBERT J. HUNT .. .. 1-2.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM A. HANCOX* .. 3-4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7-8.
RICHARD HACKLEY .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD and Conducted by WM. A. HANCOX.

This composition has the 6th twenty-three times each behind the 9th and 8th.

#### WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

##### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5059 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

FARRINGTON JONES .. .. Treble.	HENRY DAWKES .. .. 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 2.	*JOHN A. BROWN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 3.	GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 8.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 9.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 5.	ISAAC PURSER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Aaron Griffiths, aged 20 years, eldest son of one of the St. Peter's ringers. Deceased was taken ill at Aldershot Camp. \*First peal of Caters.

#### HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

##### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lbs.

JAMES LIVERMORE .. .. Treble.	SYDNEY SAKER .. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. HARDING .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 6.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 7.
BENJAMIN HOBBS .. .. 4.	JOHN T. GOLDSMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

#### PENSHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, August 21, 1897, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE IZZARD* .. .. Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
ANDREW WELSH† .. .. 3.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 7.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 4.	*GEORGE MORTLOCK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

\*First peal and first attempt, and belong to the local band. †First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Triples on the bells.

#### MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, August 21, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

WILLIAM ANDREWS .. .. Treble.	HENRY J. POOLE .. .. 5.
HENRY PEARCE .. .. 2.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. 6.
ROBERT SCOTT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. .. 7.
FRANCIS MILLARD .. .. 4.	GEORGE H. YENDALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 7th belong to the local company; the rest hail from St. James's, Taunton. This peal was rung here instead of at Wiveliscombe, owing to a funeral. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells.

#### HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

##### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 21, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY GROSVENOR* .. .. Treble.	*ALBERT WALKER .. .. 5.
JAMES JONES .. .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON* .. .. 3.	JOHN CARTER .. .. 7.
THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. 4.	†EDWARD HANCOX .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is in three parts, and this variation is now rung for the first time. \*First peal in the method. †First peal.

#### PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

##### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 23, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK SMITH .. .. Treble.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 5.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 2.	*HARRY SHUKER .. .. 6.
BROGDEN TAYLOR .. .. 3.	†C. R. GREENALL .. .. 7.
ALFRED CROSS .. .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY and Conducted by R. RIDYARD.

Taylor belongs to Waterfoot; Greenall to Grappenhall; Ridyard to Eccles; the remainder to the local band.

## AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Monday, August 23, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	FREDK. R. BORRETT .. 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 2.	*JOHN MOY .. 7.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 3.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS .. 8.
GEORGE MOY .. 4.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. 9.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

\*First peal Royal. This composition (in ten courses, with the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 6th place) is now rang for the first time. Messrs. Moy are local men; J. George hails from Rugby; W. E. Garrard from London; F. R. Borrett from Pulham and the remainder from Norwich.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, August 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 43 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	WILLIAM BALES .. 6.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS .. 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 8.
FREDK. R. BORRETT .. 4.	GEORGE SMITH .. 9.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE and Conducted by WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

This composition has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, and is now rung for the first time. Garrard hails from London; George from Rugby; Borrett from Pulham.

## Ireland.

## DUBLIN.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday August 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 45 cwt. in C.

ARTHUR MATHEWS .. Treble.	WILLIAM A. TYLER .. 6.
WILLIAM T. BILLINGHURST .. 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. 7.
RICHARD F. LANE .. 3.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 8.
JOHN SMITH .. 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. 9.
SAMUEL SMITH .. 5.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal on the bells, which are a magnificent new ring by Taylor; and it is the first ten-bell peal ever rung in Ireland. A full account of the proceedings will be found in next week's issue.

## Date Touches.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, August 21st, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; H. Heyworth, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; J. Mather, 7; T. Redman, 8. Conducted by T. Redman. J. Mather hails from Higher Walton, and it is his longest touch in the method. Rung after an attempt for a peal in the same method.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, August 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. \*F. Adams, 1; H. Argyle, 2; J. Chandler, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Devey, 5; J. Clarke, 6; T. Chapman (conductor), 7; †H. Denny, 8. \*Longest length on the treble. †Longest length.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR (Notts).—On Sunday, August 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Trigg, 1; G. Doughty, 2; J. Yates, 3; W. Pervin, 4; H. Whittle (conductor), 5; E. Reader, 6. On Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). A. Trigg, 1; E. Reader, 2; J. Yates, 3; W. Pervin, 4; H. Whittle (conductor), 5; G. Doughty, 6. On Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). A. Trigg, 1; G. Doughty, 2; W. Pervin, 3; J. Yates, 4; H. Whittle (conductor), 5; E. Reader, 6.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, August 22nd, before service at St. Saviour's church, 672 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffed as a tribute of respect to the memory of J. W. Hitchcock, for many years a ringer in Leicester. S. Cooper, 1; J. Jarvis, 2; S. Cotton, 3; G. Burrows, 4; F. Cooke, 5; J. Morris, 6; C. Fowler, 7; J. Mogridge (Oxford), 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On June 6th, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by J. Parker. And a 720 of the same, conducted by C. Clarke. On June 7th, 720 of the same, conducted by A. Crook. On June 21st, a 720 of the same, conducted by J. Elderfield. On July 4th, a 720 College Single, conducted by J. J. Parker. On July 11th, a 720 Court Bob, conducted by J. J. Parker. On July 18th, 720 Grandsire, conductor G. Basden. And 720 Plain Bob, conducted by J. J. Parker. On Sunday, August 1st, a 720 of Oxford Bob, conducted by J. J. Parker, in which W. Brant, took part, it being his first 720 in the method.

STOKE POGES (Bucks).—On Saturday, July 24th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. J. Parker, G. Basden, J. Elderfield, J. Parker, A. Crook (conductor), C. Clark.

PADWORTH (Berks).—On Saturday, August at St. John's church, in an attempt for a peal, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 College Single, and 600 Oxford Bob were rung in 1 hr. 23 mins. J. Tucker, 1; F. Richardson, 2; E. Holloway, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; C. Giles (conductor), 5; W. Horne, 6.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUTTON (Cambs).—On Tuesday, August 17th, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. R. Croft, Esq., 1; A. Saymor, 2; A. Pilgrim, 3; A. Haxel, 4; H. Sharp, 5; A. Markwell (conductor), 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. A. Pilgrim, 1; A. Markwell (conductor), 2; J. Taylor, 3; H. Sharp, 4; A. Hazel, 5; W. Kempton, 6. Also short touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob. A. Pilgrim, 1; W. Kempton, 2; J. Taylor, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Sharp, 5; A. Markwell (conductor), 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by A. Pilgrim, and second attempt. Messrs. Markwell, Sharp, Hazel, and Croft hail from Wilburton; Pilgrim and Seymour from Ely; Taylor and Kempton from Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, August 18th, for practice at St. Leonard's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Waldock, 1; D. Springall, 2; W. Smith, 3; S. Greenwood, 4; G. Pell, 5; A. G. Freeman (conductor), 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob, which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 59 mins. W. Drew (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson, 3; H. Howlett, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; W. Flory, 6; J. Button, 7; G. Hardy, 8. The bells were rang half-muffed as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. Blathwayt, relict of the Rev. J. C. Blathwayt, who was for thirty-seven years the much respected vicar of Leiston, and who was interred at Leiston on that day. Messrs. Hardy and Drew hail from Kelsale; Howlett and Flory from Framlingham; the rest are of the local company.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON FITZWARRREN (Somerset).—On Wednesday, August 11th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. F. Bellamy, 1; F. Saunders, 2; I. Creed (conductor), 3; T. Creed, 4; H. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. First by all and on the bells. On Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. I. Creed (conductor), 1; F. Saunders, 2; F. Bellamy, 3; H. Creed, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. First 720 with a bob bell by F. Bellamy.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Treble Bob in 25



mins. J. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6.

**EAST RETFORD (Notts).**—On Sunday evening, August 8th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples in 25 mins. A. Winter, 1; T. Barlow, 2; F. Bramley, 3; R. Miles, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; G. Winter, 7; G. Metcalfe, 8. On Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 279 Grandsire Triples. F. Bramley, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; F. Abbott, 3; R. Miles, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; G. Metcalfe, 6; G. Winter, 7; G. Clayton, 8. Both these touches were composed by J. George, of Rugby, the 630 being the first half a quarter-peal. In the evening 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Abbott, 1; G. Clayton, 2; W. Metcalfe, 3; G. Winter, 4; T. Spurr, 5; H. Warburton, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. This is the longest completed touch in the method by this company without outside assistance; until just recently only Messrs. Haigh, Joynes, and Winter had rung it before.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Monday, June 28th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' 100th 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday morning, July 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise (5th the observation) in 24 mins. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Worcester Surprise. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, June 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, July 18th, for Divine Service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' 1450th 720. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

**LONDON.**—On Saturday, August 21st, at St. Stephen's church, on the occasion of unveiling a peal-board recording a peal of Duffield Major rang there last year, three courses of Cambridge Surprise. The members of the above society wish to thank Mr. Heywood for his kind subscription towards the cost of the peal-board.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**COLWALL (Herefordshire).**—Recently at St. James' church, 560 Grandsire Triples. W. Evans, 1; S. Hope, 2; Rev. G. M. Custance, 3; C. Layton (conductor), 4; J. Field, 5; T. Williams, 6; C. Greening, 7; G. Peacey, 8. On Monday, August 16th, 560 Grandsire Triples. C. Evans, 1; C. Layton (conductor), 2; W. Evans, 3; S. Hope, 4; G. Peacey, 5; H. Allen, 6; A. Layton, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. Also a 504. G. Peacey, 1; C. Evans, 2; C. Greening, 3; T. Williams (conductor), 4; J. Field, 5; H. Allen, 6; C. Layton, 7; W. Smart, 8. On Monday, August 23rd, 168 Grandsire Triples. C. Layton, 1; C. Evans, 2; G. Peacey, 3; W. Evans, 4; C. Greening, 5; T. Williams, 6; J. Field, 7; W. Smart, 8.

#### THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, August 15th, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 46 mins. W. Brook, 1; J. Porter, 2; A. Hunt, 3; T. Miller, 4; R. Hackley, 5; T. Wakeman, 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. Hancox (conductor), 8.

**BENGEO (Herts).**—On Sunday evening August 15th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Southern, 1; T. Barker, 2; D. Bennett, 3; G. Barker, 4; W. Parcell, 5; F. Harvey (conductor), 6.

**BEXHILL (Sussex).**—On Monday, August 16th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Ades, 1; C. Hill, 2; H. Hobbs (conductor), 3; H. Hardy, 4; G. Watson, 5; F. Kennett, 9; T. Hunnissett, 7; N. Cruttenden, 8. Messrs. Hill, Hardy, Watson, and Kennett are members of the Christ Church Guild, St. Leonards; the rest are local men.

**CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday evening, August 22nd for Divine Service, 1260 Bob Royal, in 48 mins. G. M. Farr, 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; W. J. Thyng, 4; G. Topliss, 5; S. Price, 6; E. Diaper (Stowmarket), 7; J. Hunt, 8; G. Davies, 9; A. Knights (conductor), 10. First quarter-peal in the method by all

except the ringers of the treble and 2nd, and first touch on ten bells by the ringer of the 7th. On Tuesday, August 24th, for practice, 1312 Bob Major, in 52 mins. J. H. Bell, 1; J. Hunt, 2; G. Topliss, 3; S. Price, 4; E. Diaper, 5; G. M. Farr, 6; W. J. Thyng (conductor), 7; A. Knights, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt.

**COLCHESTER (Essex).**—On Monday, August 16th, for practice, a two-course touch of Bob Major. W. Scott, 1; G. Rashbrook, 2; G. Burch, 3; E. Rose, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Howell, 6; S. Saker, 7; W. Burch, 8. On Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Major. W. Scott, 1; R. Stannard (conductor), 2; G. Andrews, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Schofield, 5; W. Burch, 8. For evening service 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Harvey, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; G. Rashbrook, 3; G. Burch, 4; G. Andrews, 5; R. Stannard, 6; W. Burch (conductor), 7; W. Schofield, 8. S. Saker hails from Hastings; G. Andrews from Thorington.

**DARLASTON (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, August 22nd, 405 Darlaston Bob Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; S. Atkins, 3; E. Unitt, 4; T. Lowe, 5; J. A. Brown, 6; John Carter (conductor), 7; J. C. Adams, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; S. Atkins, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. C. Adams, 4; F. Edwards, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; T. Lowe, 8. Messrs. Brown and Haper belong to Bilston; Adams and Edwards to Bloxwich; Atkins to Willenhall; the remainder to Darlaston.

**HARWICH (Essex).**—On Thursday, August 19th, for practice on the back six, 720 Bob Minor. C. Ellis (Harwich), 1; A. Redwood (Harwich), 2; H. Mendham (Clifton), 3; G. Knock (Harwich), 4; C. Ramplin (Harwich), 5; F. Watling (conductor, Saxmundham), 6.

**HITCHAM (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, August 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Sewell (first 720 in the method), 1; H. Sewell, 2; T. Levett, 3; C. Grimwood, 4; R. Grimwood (conductor), 5; W. Stiff, 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and six bobs). J. P. Bradley, 1; A. Symonds, 2; T. Leverett, 3; H. English, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. J. P. Bradley hails from West Ham; A. Symonds from Lavenham; H. English from Coddensham; the rest belong to Hitcham.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday evening, August 15th, for Divine Service at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 53 mins. G. Brush, 1; W. J. Elson, 2; R. A. Daniel, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; A. E. Harvey, 5; W. E. Judd, 6; A. L. Preece, 7; W. Fox, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; J. Judd, 10.

**OLD WINDSOR (Berks).**—On Thursday, August 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. T. Collins, 1; A. Wicks, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; T. Gosling, 4; T. Couch, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; J. Gutteridge, 7; F. Gutteridge, 8. Messrs. Wicks and Couch hail from Staines.

**SHENSTONE (Staffordshire).**—Recently 531 Grandsire Triples. W. Carrod, 1; W. Ellis, 2; J. Porter, 3; T. Miller, 4; R. Hackley, 5; A. Hackley, 6; W. Hancox, 7; T. Wakeman, 8. And 181 Grandsire Triples. T. Wakeman, 6; A. Hackley, 7; G. Ellis, 8; the rest as before. Also three courses of Bob Major. W. Ellis, 1; W. Hancox, 2; J. Porter, 3; A. Thomas, 4; R. Hackley, 5; T. Wakeman, 6; A. Hackley, 7; T. Miller, 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. W. Ellis, 1; T. Miller, 2; T. Wakeman, 3; A. Flowers, 4; R. Hackley, 5; J. Porter, 6; W. Hancox, 7; A. Hackley, 8. All the above were conducted by T. Miller.

**SPOUGHTON (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, August 15th, during the afternoon, several 120s of Stedman Doubles. C. Mee (conductor), 1; W. Brown, 2; R. Grimwood (first attempt at Stedman), 3; R. Rivers, 4; F. Mee, 5. Also 120 Grandsire, with C. Grimwood ringing the 4th. C. and R. Grimwood hail from Hitcham.

#### 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,—Perhaps some of your readers can give me some information. I lately came across a quaint old sample of bell music, printed on the ordinary five-line music stave, in the key of D, headed as follows: "A favourite and compleat peal on eight bells, consisting of 350 changes, rung by the College Youths. Composed by Mr. Webb. Printed and sold by A. Bland, No. 23, Oxford Street." (Long s's; no date.) The method is Grandsire Triples, every change given, but the touch is false. Any information concerning this will be gratefully received by  
W. H. JUDD.  
Southend.

**Compositions.****UNION TRIPLES.**By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

The following peals are upon the 3-lead plan, and may be varied a number of ways. The first four are six-part peals; the next two are three-part peals; and the following two are in two parts with only two singles. These peals are given by the division ends, containing five courses to each division, or 210 changes.

**No. 26.****5040.****Courses.**

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
2345	I	I 2	I	I	I 3
2534	-	-	-	-	-
2453	-	-	-	-	-
5342	-	-	-	-	- s
4235	-	-	-	-	- s

Bob for first single in the 3rd and 6th parts.

**No. 27.****5040.**

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.
2345	I	I 2	I 2	I	I	I 3
3542	-	-	-	-	-	-
5243	-	-	-	-	-	-
2354	-	-	-	-	-	- s
3425	-	-	-	-	-	- s

Single for the last Bob at the end of the first division in the 3rd & 6th parts.

**No. 28.****5040.**

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
2345	I	I	I	I 3	I 3
2534	-	-	-	-	-
2453	-	-	-	-	-
5342	-	-	-	-	- s
4235	-	-	-	-	- s

Bob for first single in the 3rd and 6th parts.

**No. 29.****5040.**

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
2345	I	I 2	I	I	I 3
2543	-	- s	-	-	-
5324	-	- s	-	-	-
3452	-	- s	-	-	-
4235	-	- s	-	-	-

Bob for first single in the 3rd and 6th parts.

**No. 30.****5040.**

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
2345	I	I 2	I	I	I 3
4523	-	-	-	-	-
4352	-	-	-	-	-
5243	-	-	-	-	-
4325	-	-	-	-	- s
4532	-	-	-	-	-
4253	-	-	-	-	-
5342	-	-	-	-	-
4235	-	-	-	-	- s

Twice repeated.

**No. 31.****5040.**

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
2345	I	I 2	I 2	I	I 3
4523	-	-	-	-	-
5324	-	-	-	-	-
2453	-	-	-	-	-
4325	-	-	-	-	- s
3524	-	-	-	-	-
5423	-	-	-	-	-
2354	-	-	-	-	-
3425	-	-	-	-	- s

Twice repeated.

**No. 32.****5040.**

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
2345	I	I 2	I	I	I 3
4523	-	-	-	-	-
4352	-	-	-	-	-
4235	-	-	-	-	-
3542	-	-	-	-	-
3254	-	-	-	-	-
3425	-	-	-	-	-
2534	-	-	-	-	-
2453	-	-	-	-	-
5325	-	-	-	-	-
5432	-	-	-	-	-
5243	-	-	-	-	-
4325	-	-	-	-	- s

Repeated.

**No. 33.****5040.**

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.
2345	I	I 2	I	I	I 3
3524	-	- s	-	-	-
4532	-	-	-	-	-
2543	-	-	-	-	-
4325	-	-	-	-	-
5342	-	-	-	-	-
3254	-	- s	-	-	-
2435	-	- s	-	-	-
5423	-	-	-	-	-
3452	-	-	-	-	-
5234	-	-	-	-	-
4253	-	-	-	-	-
3245	-	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

The following seven peals conclude Union Triples. These are on the three-lead plan. I have given them by the course-ends, and they are to be eleven times repeated. I have a large number of others, but they are simply variations.

**No. 34.****5040.**

	2	3	4	5	6	7	I	2	3
2 4 7 5 6 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 7 2 5 3 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 2 6 5 4 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 6 3 5 7 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 3 4 5 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 4 6 5 2 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 6 7 5 3 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 7 5 3 4 6	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 6 3 5 4 7	I	s	s	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 7 6	-	s	I	-	-	-	-	-	-

Call bob for first single in the second, third, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, eleventh and twelfth parts, also adding a single where marked \* in the sixth and twelfth parts.

**No. 35.****5040.**

	2	3	4	5	6	7	I	2	3
2 4 7 5 6 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 7 2 5 3 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 2 6 5 4 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 6 3 5 7 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 3 4 5 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 4 6 5 2 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 6 7 5 3 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 7 5 3 4 6	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 6 3 5 4 7	I	s	s	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 3 2 5 7 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Call a bob at \* in the second, third, fourth, sixth, seventh, eighth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth parts, and bob for first single in the second, fourth, sixth, eighth, tenth and twelfth parts.

**No. 36.****5040.**

By calling a bob at \* in the second, fourth, sixth, eighth, tenth and twelfth parts of the peal No. 35, and a bob for the first single except the seventh part.

**No. 37.****5040.**

By calling a bob at \* in the second, fourth, eighth and tenth parts, and a single in the sixth and twelfth parts.

## No. 38. 5040.

2	3	4	5	6	7	I	2	3
6	2	4	5	7	3		s	-
7	4	6	5	3	2			-
3	4	6	5	7	2	s	-	-
7	6	3	5	2	4			-
2	3	7	5	4	6			-
2	6	7	5	4	3	-	s	-
4	7	2	5	3	6			-
3	7	2	5	6	4			-
6	2	3	5	4	7			-
4	2	3	5	7	6			-

Omit the first single in the 6th and 12th parts.

## No. 39. 5040.

2	3	4	5	6	7	I	2	3
6	3	4	5	7	2		-	-
7	4	6	5	2	3		-	-
2	4	6	5	7	3	s	-	-
7	6	2	5	3	4		-	-
3	2	7	5	4	6		-	-
3	6	7	5	4	2	-	s	-
4	7	3	5	2	6		-	-
2	7	3	5	6	4		-	-
6	3	2	5	4	7		-	-
4	3	2	5	7	6		-	-

Omit the first bob in the 2nd, 4th, 8th, and 10th parts, and calling single for the first bob in the 6th and 12th parts.

## No. 40. 5040.

Omit the first bob in the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th parts of the peal No. 39, and also omit the second single except in the 7th part.

I should like to continue my composition in that method known as "Darlaston Bob Triples." It has not been properly dealt with in your valuable journal, although peals are frequently rung and published therein.

## PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5021.

23456	
42356	7th in and out at three
25346	8th in three
54326	8th in three
24356	1 s
45326	8th in three
52346	8th in three

Three times repeated, calling the first course 9th in three, produces—

23456	
43652	89
63254	89
45362	8th in two
34562	9th in three
53462	9th in three
43265	89
24365	9th in three
32465	9th in three

## Continued—

42563	89
54263	9th in three
35462	9th in three s
45263	89
24563	9th in three
52463	9th in three
42365	89
34265	9th in three
23465	9th in three
43562	89
54362	9th in three
25463	9th in three s
32564	9th in three s
53264	9th in three
25364	9th in three
65324	1 s
52364	8th in three
35264	9th in three
23564	9th in three

Round by 9th in and out at two, and 8th in three.

This peal contains the 6th her extent each way.

First rung at Chesterfield on June 22nd, 1897, conducted by George Toplis.

## TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, *Lincoln.*

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
34256				2
25346		I	I	
54326			2	
46325	2	-	I	2
62534	2	-		
62345	-		I	
43265		2	2	
65324	2	-		2
63254			I	2
35426	2	-		
35264	-		I	
56234			2	
64235	2	-	I	2
43526	I		2	
25634	2	-	2	
52436	2			2
23456	I	-		

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths at a course-end, being eleven times each in that position.

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
42356				I
25634	2	-		
25346			I	
54326			2	
46325	2	-	I	2
62534	I		2	
35426	2	-	2	
53624	2			2
26354	I	-		2
35264			I	I

M B W H

56234			2	
64235	2	-	I	2
43526	2	-		
24365				2
62345	I	-	2	
45236	2	-		2
23456			I	I

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths at a course-end. The 4th and 6th being each eleven times.

## PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR,

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
23564				I
32465			I	2
42635	I	-		I
24536			I	2
35426	I	-		2
63254	2		I	2
62534			I	2
36524	I	-		2
62345	2			2
25346	2	-	I	2
42356	I	-		2
53624	2	-		2
34625	2	-	I	2
23645	I	-		2
23456	2		2	I

This peal (which is the first obtained in fifteen courses) contains the 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in the 6ths place, the 6th being the extent at home, and also eleven of the twelve 8-4s, 8-5s, and 8-6s. By calling 2M and 2H in the second course the number of changes would be extended to 5056.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By EDGAR WIGHTMAN, *Woodford, Essex.*

5056.

23456	I	4	5	6
54326	-			-
42356	-			-
25346	-			-
43526	-			-
32546	-			-
24536	-			-
35426	-			-
52436	-			-
34256	-			-
45236	-			-
53246	-			-
64352	-	-	*	
24653	-	-	*	
23645	-	-		

Add three bobs at 6 in courses marked \* in third part.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th each twelve times in 6th place, and the 6th twelve times in 5ths at a course-end.

## Notices.

**The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The usual weekly practices will be suspended during the month of August, and resumed again as usual in September.

A. HARDY, *Hon. Sec.*  
43, Kay Road, Stockwell.

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Normanton, to-day, Saturday, August 28th. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Whitefield, to-day, Saturday, August 28. Towers open for ringing from 1 till 3.30 p.m. and from 4.30 till 9.0 p.m. Members in arrear are requested to pay up, in order to facilitate the work of the General Secretary in making up the books. Business meeting 7.0 p.m.

W. 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 Drighlington (eight bells) to-day, Saturday, August 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting House The Spotted Cow. Handbells provided.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, to-day, Saturday, August 28th. Tower open for ringing 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting in vestry at 6.30 p.m.

W. BEDWELL, *District Sec.*  
221, High Street, Lewisham.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—Quarterly Meeting at Rushden on Saturday (to-day), August 28th. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Evensong in the parish church at eight o'clock. The large room at The Wheatsheaf hotel will be reserved for members during the evening, and handbells provided by the Rushden ringers. By the kindness of the rector, the Rev. W. R. Morse, the rectory grounds will be open to members. Rushden bells are a ring of six. Diameter of tenor 48 inches.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*  
Wellingborough.

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will take place at the Clifton Road Mission Room Newport, Mon. (close to St. Woolos' church), at 3.30 on Saturday, September 4th. The bells of St. Woolos' will be available for ringing.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Colum Road, Cardiff.

H. G. WHITE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*  
18, Cymmer Street, Cardiff.

**Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, September 4th, at St. Mary's church, Leigh. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited to attend.

HENRY MOSS, *Branch Sec.*  
149, Clarence Street Bolton.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Horton on Saturday next, September 4th, instead of Cheadle as previously arranged, the tower at the latter place not being available.

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

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Woolton, on Saturday, September 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*  
3, Rumsford Place, Liverpool.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of this Branch will be held on Saturday, September 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

Helmshore. J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at Roydon, six-bell tower. Tea will take place after business meeting at 5 p.m. Holders of tickets on the Colchester line, who travel via Witham and Stortford will be allowed to return via Stratford. Members intending to be present, must signify their intention not later than the previous Monday.

Gt. Totham. HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Ass. Sec.*  
Witham.

## Compositions.

### TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By F. HORGWOOD, *Reading.*

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

6 4 2 3 5 - - -

3 6 2 4 5 - - 3

4 3 2 6 5 - - 3

6 3 2 5 4 - - 3

5 3 2 4 6 - - 3

5 2 4 3 6 - - 2

5 2 3 6 4 - - 3

3 5 4 2 6 - - -

3 2 4 5 6 - - 3S

Repeated.

Contains the full combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, with the 6th eighteen courses at home, 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end.

5024.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

5 4 2 3 6 - - S

3 5 2 4 6 - - 3

4 3 2 5 6 - - 3

5 3 2 6 4 - - 3

6 3 2 4 5 - - 3

6 2 4 3 5 - - 2

6 2 3 5 4 - - 3

3 6 4 2 5 - - -

2 3 4 6 5 - - 3

Repeated.

Contains the full combinations of 4, 5 and 6, in 5-6, the 5th eighteen courses at home, 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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## AN APPEAL TO THE BENEVOLENT

MR. EDITOR,—DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to bring under notice of the ringers and readers of "THE BELL NEWS" the case of Thomas Yates, of Eccles, an old brother-string, who for the past seven years has not been able to follow his employment owing to an affliction internally, and a bad leg. Notice of this case was brought before a few members of the Lancashire Association in the early part of May, when steps were taken to hold a meeting a few days later, with representatives from the various towers in the Manchester district. A committee was formed appointing an hon. treasurer and secretary, and it was decided to see what could be done privately in the county before making a general appeal to the whole of the ringing fraternity, which is now decided upon.

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St. Saviour's .. .. .	0	15	6
Holy Trinity .. .. .	0	10	0
All Souls' .. .. .	0	10	0
St. Mary's Deane .. .. .	0	10	0
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Leigh Ringers .. .. .	0	10	0
West Boughton Ringers .. .. .	0	10	0
Tyldesley .. .. .	0	6	0
Halliwell .. .. .	0	6	0
East Crompton .. .. .	0	8	6
Moorside .. .. .	0	5	0
Glodwick .. .. .	0	5	3
Christ Church, Bacup .. .. .	0	7	6
St. George's, Stockport .. .. .	0	5	0
Cathedral, Manchester .. .. .	1	10	0
St. John's .. .. .	0	7	0
St. Philip's Hulme .. .. .	0	9	6
J. R. Pritchard, Wallasey .. .. .	0	2	6
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St. Peter's .. .. .	0	7	0
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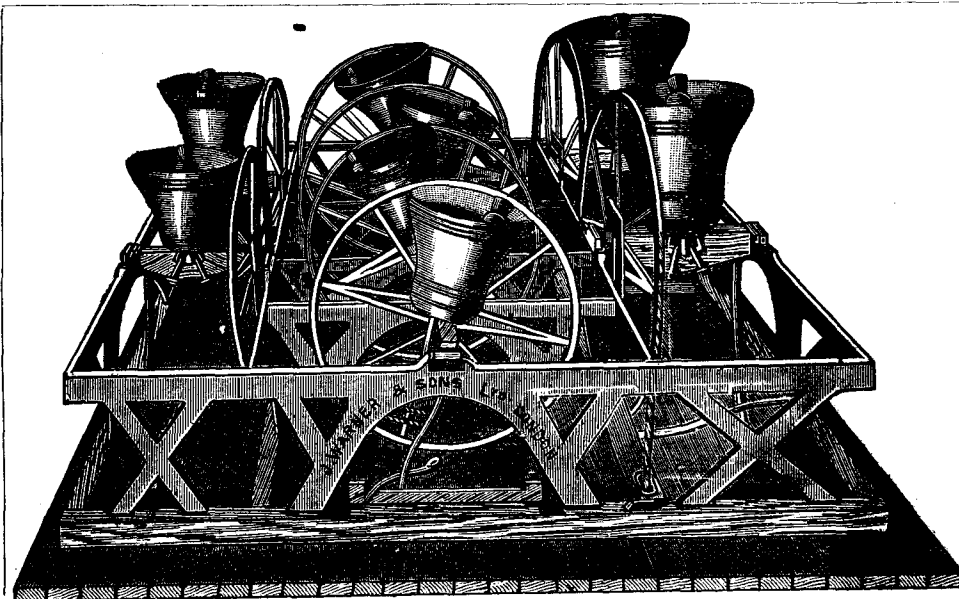
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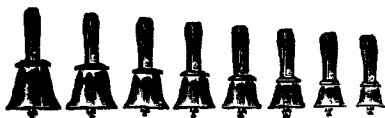
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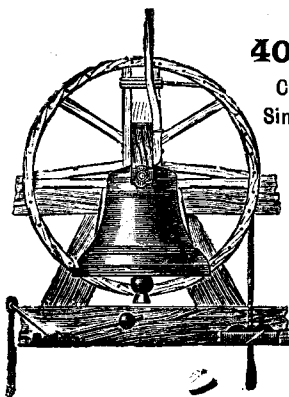
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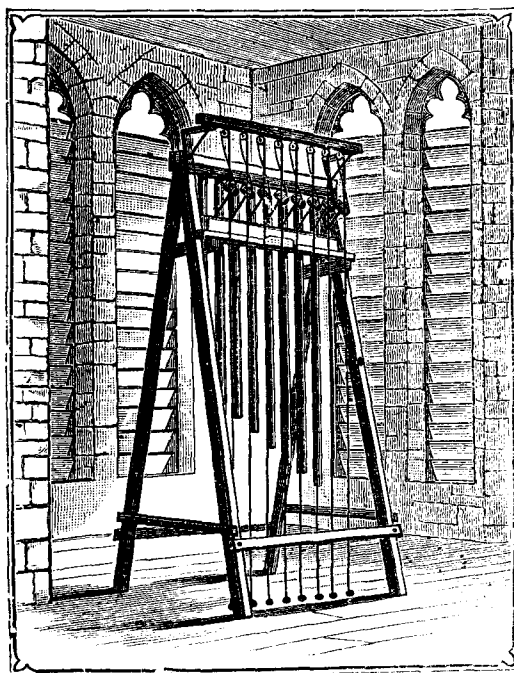
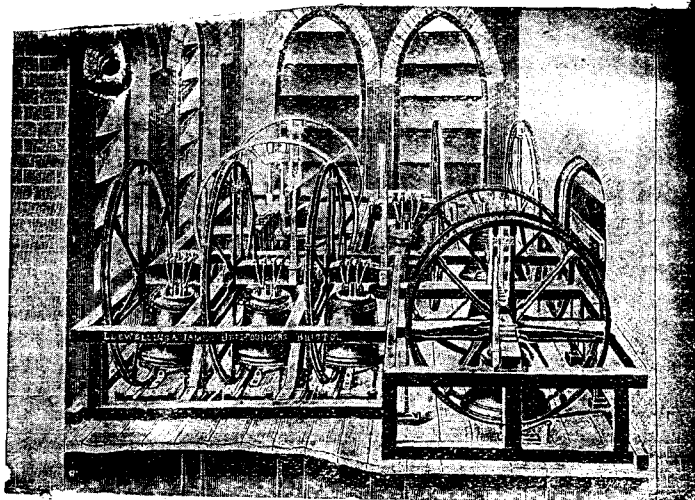
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## THE STOCKTON JUBILEE MEMORIAL.

An important meeting of the committee for carrying out the Stockton Jubilee memorial bells scheme was held on Tuesday night, and was presided over by Mr. W. C. Langley, chairman of the committee. There were also present Messrs. G. J. Clarkson and T. Parkinson, hon. secretaries; F. Robson, hon. treasurer; F. L. Dodds, J. R. E. Hunton, A. B. Oxley, A. Jenkins, W. Newton, J. Clarkson, A. Gelder, W. Longstaff, J. Chapman, J. Godfrey, and the Revs. M. J. G. King and M. S. Ware. 125 further subscriptions, amounting to over £30, were announced. A short report was presented, stating that Messrs. Worth, Mackenzie and Co., Limited, had voted £5 5s. to the scheme, and trusted that other firms in the town might be appealed to with equal success. The canvass of the town was progressing in several directions, and included fifty-seven subscriptions from the men of the N.E.R. locomotive department, and a subscription from Lord Londonderry. It also stated that resolutions had been passed by the Tees and Philanthropy Lodges of Freemasons, approving of the suggestion of pooling the Masonic subscriptions to pay for the 3rd new bell, as a Masonic memorial of the Queen's sixty years' reign. A vote of thanks to the Masons was proposed, seconded, and carried with applause. Mr. Clarkson then proposed that a select committee be appointed to call in the unpaid subscriptions, and make arrangements for ordering the four new bells. This was seconded by Mr. F. L. Dodds, and carried, the select committee to consist of Messrs. W. C. Langley, G. J. Clarkson, and T. Parkinson, the Vicar and churchwardens of the parish church, F. L. Dodds, R. Tinkler, C. J. Seaman, H. Tomkins, J. R. E. Hunton, Alderman Smith, A. B. Oxley, W. Newton, and H. Bird. It was announced that Mr. Hughes, representative of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, bell founders, London, would arrive in Stockton on Monday next to hear the existing 'peal rung, and confer with the select committee. The scheme, which is receiving the support of all classes and denominations, will constitute a Diamond Jubilee Memorial of which Stockton should be proud, as possessing a peal of bells on a scale only exceeded in the north of England at the cathedrals of York, Newcastle and Wakefield, and the parish churches of Leeds, Sheffield, Oldham, and St. Nicholas, Liverpool.

## EAST TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—NEW RING OF BELLS.

### OPENING AND DEDICATION.

It will be remembered that the handsome tower of the church of St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, was erected in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. The tower was finished in 1889, and in that year a munificent lady parishioner gave a clock for the tower. It was, of course, the intention that the tower should receive a full peal of bells when funds would permit. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee presented an opportunity for the parishioners to further commemorate the record reign of Her Majesty by furnishing the tower with the peal. The matter was taken up by the Vicar (the Rev. James Veysey) and the churchwardens (Major J. B. Bower and Mr. W. H. Walton), and so ably has their appeal been met that yesterday the Vicar had the pleasure of dedicating them. The eight bells have been cast by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, has hung them most satisfactorily. A new oak floor, frame and fittings have also been furnished by Mr. Stokes. They are arranged in two tiers, the treble, 3rd, 5th, 7th and tenor bells being on the lower level, and the 2nd, 4th and 6th on the top. The tenor, which weighs 22½ cwt., and

is in the key of D, was recast from three cracked mediæval bells which had been lying useless for many years past. All the bells contain suitable inscriptions, and as the tower is but a few yards from the beach many have reference to the sea. Five of the bells are given in memoriam, the tenor bearing an inscription in memory of the late wife and daughter of the Vicar. Out of the octave no less than seven of the bells are the gifts of individual donors, some of whom are anonymous. Upon the 4th bell is inscribed: "To the glory of God, and in commemoration of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's completion of a reign of sixty years, this peal of bells was erected A.D. 1897." Besides the peal, other improvements and additions have been carried out. When the clock was presented provision was made for adding chimes to it. This has now been done by John Smith and Sons, of Derby, who fixed the clock in 1889. The clock has now eight chimes, the only other set of the kind in the kingdom being at Chard. An apparatus has also been fitted up by Mr. J. G. Groves, of Wolverhampton, which allows of silent practice on the bells. The face of the clock has also been repainted and the figures regilded. The total cost of these extensive additions is £630, of which £430 have already been subscribed.

The dedication of the bells took place yesterday afternoon. In the morning Matins was held, during which the vicar set the clock and chimes going. The Dedication Service was held in afternoon, there being a very fair attendance in the handsome church. The clergy present besides the vicar, were the Revs. Maitland Kelly, vicar of Ottery St. Mary, President of the Devonshire Guild, and Rural Dean; E. J. W. Stevenson, Stokeinteighhead; Arthur Ogle, Bishopsteignton; R. M. Marsh-Dunn, Shaldon; J. G. Barnsdale, Teignmouth; T. F. Daffen, Tawstock; and J. S. Veysey, Dudley. The service was fully choral, Miss C. E. Linter being at the organ. The processional hymn was "All people that on earth do dwell." The special Psalms were cxxii and cl. The first portion of the service was intoned by the Rev. T. F. Daffen, while the Rev. J. S. Veysey read the lesson. After the third collect the very beautiful and appropriate hymn, "In the name of God the Father" was sung, and the choir and clergy proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were offered by the vicar. Immediately followed a short peal on the new bells. The Ottery St. Mary band had the honour of thus opening the bells. After the hymn "Hark, on high the joyful music; hark, the concert of the bells," an address was delivered by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who took as his text, "Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord." He said surely those words represented the feelings of the parishioners that day. Like God's people of old, their hearts were glad, because a certain work in connexion with their church, their House of God, had been successfully accomplished. They were now there to ask God to accept their offering—to ask Him to accept it as a thankoffering, because God Almighty had graciously allowed their Queen to reign so many years over our nation; because of the great blessings which during that time had been vouchsafed to Her Majesty and to the people over whom she ruled; and they thanked Him most sincerely, too, for having allowed them to accomplish that particular work which they had now brought to a successful issue. They began their tower as a thanksgiving to God for having allowed the Queen to reign over them for fifty years; now they had completed it by placing in it a peal of bells, for the purpose of receiving which the tower was, of course, erected. And surely the offering was one that would be acceptable to Him, because, like that of the people of old, they must have worked earnestly, laboriously, and with great perseverance, and with a willing heart.

An offertory in aid of the fund for the erection of the bells was taken during the singing of the hymn, "Lead, kindly light."

The recessional hymn was "Now thank we all our God." Afterwards the members of the Ottery St. Mary band of the Devonshire Guild rang some touches on the bells. G. Godfrey, 1; W. H. Godfrey, 2; F. G. Godfrey, 3; S. H. Godfrey, 4; J. H. Godfrey, 5; J. E. Baker, 6; A. E. Pike, 7; J. Lovering, 8. Mr. W. E. P. Chapple, Hon. Secretary of the Devonshire Guild, was also present. Later in the evening the St. Sidwell's band and a Teignmouth band also rang. Mr. T. F. Sheriff is forming a band of ringers for East Teignmouth.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

By invitation of the rector and ringers, a quarterly meeting of the above association took place at Rushden on Saturday, August 28th. The Rev. W. R. Morse kindly allowed members the privilege of using the rectory grounds. Tea was provided at five o'clock. There was evensong in the parish church at eight o'clock, at which the Rev. J. R. Blunt gave a short address. The bells of the church of St. Mary, Rushden, are a ring of six, all except the tenor being dated 1794. There are no inscriptions on the treble and second, but the third is inscribed "God save the King." The fourth and fifth are inscribed "John Achurch and Thos. Smith C: Wardens R: Taylor St. Neots Fecit." The tenor has the following inscription: "J. Smith and Edward Wood C. W. Robt. Taylor and Son Founders St. Neots 1618" (diameter 48 inches). Rushden bells were recast by Mears and Stainbank, of London, about thirty years ago. They now require the attention of a bell founder once more. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been consulted as to necessary repairs and the possible addition of two trebles to complete the octave. The rector was unfortunately away from home, but his curates, the Revs. J. R. Blunt and H. H. Fry, together with the local ringers, did their best to make the members of the Association welcome. There were about fifty ringers present during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. J. R. Blunt presided at the business meeting, at which several new members were admitted, and it was unanimously decided that the next quarterly meeting take place at Ecton on Saturday, October 30th, if convenient.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the rector and churchwardens for the use of the church and bells. Three meetings of the Association have been held at Rushden previously, viz., May 1884, August 1887, and on Whit-Monday, 1892. The late Canon Barker was one of the earliest supporters of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society when it was founded in 1883, as also was the late Mr. F. W. Sartoris, of Rushden P. All.

The Rushden ringers very kindly raised the bells ready for the visitors, lowered them at 7.30, and arranged for a quarter of an hour's good chiming for the service at 8 o'clock (a service of a most impressive character which will not soon be forgotten by those present). A set of handbells by Mears and Stainbank (No. 21 in E), belonging to Rushden belfry, were well used later in the evening, when the company gathered in a large room at The Wheatsheaf hotel. Mr. Low, of Risely, contributed several popular old English songs, and the Finedon ringers gave some excellent tune-playing on their peal of handbells (Warner's No. 18 in G.) Mr. David Ellis, of the firm of Blackburn and Co., of Nottingham, who is now engaged in re-building Finedon church spire, was present at the tea and during the evening. With the object of decreasing the noise made by the bells in the neighbourhood of the church, the Rushden company last week busied themselves in covering up the lower bell-chamber windows with thick felt. This had a very noticeable effect in softening the tone of the bells. Tradesmen living near the church will appreciate the change. Rushden church clock is modern, it strikes the Cambridge quarters on the first, second, third and tenor bells. The note of the tenor is "E," of a good quality and rather unusual carrying power. It is to be hoped the scheme for increasing this peal to eight may eventually be carried out.

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#### ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 18th, eight members of the old East Derbyshire and Yorkshire Associations, arranged to attempt the first peal of Major on the bells. All turned up to time; but a sad disappointment awaited us, viz. our esteemed friend, Mr. A. Knights, having met with a bad accident while giving instructions to one of his apprentices. The lad having a sharp-pointed knife in his left hand, accidentally run the point deep into the back of Mr. Knight's right hand, inflicting a nasty gash. No suitable substitute being at hand, all thoughts for the peal were abandoned. Being Hospital Saturday, some friends from Killamarsh and Treeton turned up and several touches were rung during the afternoon.

I consider the Eckington Bell Committee, by adding two new trebles and not re-hanging the old six, have made a great mistake; the "go" of the same being far from satisfactory. For the sake of £70, or if I say £100, they could have placed the peal in a new frame, the tower being capable of holding twelve bells as regards room. On the north side the old wood frame is wedged to the tower wall, on the east and south side is 3 feet spare room, and the west 4 feet, part of this side now being taken up with the new trebles in an iron frame. Had there been a new frame placed in the centre with a walk all round, the strain on the tower would have been equalized, and also would have given a good circle for the ropes, instead of as at present, having to ring the treble and tenor on the steps which lead into the church from the west end. Some will say, "What's the good writing now it's too late?" But in doing so I may give a warning to others likely to commit the same error. I gave my opinion to the local ringers before it was too late, but they were afraid that the funds could not be found. Our Vicar said the same when £75 was wanted for a new frame, and then what did they do? Why, put their shoulder to the wheel and raised over £600 paying all, and had £3 in hand. Others can do the same if they say they will. E. J.

#### ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

On Saturday afternoon the following members of St. Margaret's Society ascended the tower of the above church, and rang a touch of Grandsire Caters (in the inverted Titum position) to the memory of the late J. W. Hitchcock, who was interred in the Leicester cemetery the same day: James Jarvis, Joseph Morris, George Burrows, Samuel Cotton, W. P. Cooper, John Buttery, Joseph Needham, Charles H. Fowler, John Marlow, and Charles Biddles. The deceased was a member of the society forty years ago, when he enlisted in the Royal Engineers. He reached the position of Sergt.-Major, and on retiring from the regiment several years back came to his native town to spend the remainder of his days. He again took to the exercise, and rang what proved to be his last peal, a peal of Grandsire Major, at St. Saviour's, in the early part of the year. He was taken ill several months back, and succumbed on Tuesday last, in his 62nd year. The touch, which was composed by W. Willson, contained 1,062 changes, and was conducted by J. Buttery.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.—A meeting of the above was held on Saturday, August 21st, at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. Members were present from Ealing, Isleworth, Hillingdon, Burnham, and Heston; A. T. King, Esq., and several members of the North and East District, and also the local company, who are desirous to learn change-ringing. Several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, but owing to the bad "go" of the bells very little could be done in Minor. At seven o'clock an adjournment was made to St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung. One honorary and four ringing members were elected. A vote of thanks to the vicar concluded the meeting.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, HARROGATE.—On Saturday, the members of this society, and a few friends met together at The Borough vaults, intent on enjoying themselves once more at their annual outing. "Go" was called at two o'clock, and the party having taken their seats in a waggonette, a start was made for Wetherby, by the picturesque route of Harewood and Collingham. The George and Dragon hotel, Wetherby, was reached at five o'clock, after a pleasant drive through a magnificent country. Tea being ready at six o'clock, the party sat down at the table to try and do justice to a substantial one of the knife and fork description, in which they fully succeeded. After tea a move was made to the parish church, and after a look over the edifice the belfry was reached, and here the only disappointment of the outing awaited the party, for, on the bells being raised they were found to be almost unringable, and in a very dilapidated condition, owing to the want of re-hanging. A 720 of Plain Bob Minor was at first attempted, but came to grief after a lead or two, owing to the bad go. After several changes of positions and attempts, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was brought round by the following: J. Benson, H. Dickinson, J. Mann, H. Brown, F. Durdy, W. Turner (conductor). Then the bells were lowered in peal. The other ringers taking part in the outing were Messrs. J. Ireland and H. Robinson. Night drawing on, a start was made for home by way of Spofforth, the journey being made enjoyable by songs by most of the party. Home was reached at 10.30, every one saying they never had a more enjoyable outing.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S GUILD, BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—The members of this society had their first annual outing on Thursday, August 26th, all the band with the exception of two being quite novices. Great Bardfield was selected, it being well known that the bells of the parish church were a nice handy ring in capital going order, re-hung some years ago; tenor 13 cwt. A start was made at 2.30 p.m., and after a pleasant drive Great Bardfield was reached. At 4 p.m. six of the members made a move towards the church and others took a stroll around the village to hear a well-struck 720 Canterbury Pleasure, the first in the method on the bells, by W. Farrow, H. Collins, H. Pilcher, W. Webb, C. H. Howard (conductor) and F. Slade. After which, according to arrangement, all met at The Vine hotel, to partake of a bountiful tea. Justice being done to all the good things, the handbells were brought out, and some touches rung by the various members. The tower was again visited and a 720 Bob Minor attempted (the conductor, however, called "stand" about half-way through, two of the bells having changed course) by H. Emery, P. Holmes, J. T. Barker, E. Hynds, H. Coote, F. Slade (conductor). Messrs. Emery, Barker and Hynds hail from Stebbing, having driven over to spend the evening with the Braintree company. Kent Treble Bob was next suggested and a 720 attempted and brought round in capital style, by H. Emery, H. Collins, C. H. Howard (conductor), W. Webb, J. T. Barker and F. Slade. At the conclusion the Vicar came and gave us a hearty welcome and asked us to kindly leave the church at 7.30 p.m., much to our regret, but to which we readily adhered, very important work being in hand in restoring some beautiful carved figures to the stone chancel screen, which have been conspicuous by their absence since the Reformation. To conclude the ringing and to give all an opportunity, some call changes were rung, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, by A. C. Pilcher, P. Holmes, H. Pilcher (conductor) W. Farrow, E. Hynds and F. Slade. The Vine was again visited and a pleasant evening spent with the Stebbing friends and local company. Change-ringing and tunes on the handbells, interspersed with songs, were given by the various members, until ten o'clock arrived. The time for parting coming much too soon, the National Anthem was sung, bringing to a close the first annual outing of the guild, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and heartily wish to thank, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells, and for the company of the members from Stebbing for kindly coming over to join them, and so add pleasure to their ringing and evening's amusement.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—Four o'clock, at the Red Cow, was the order for the members of the above society. Accordingly at that hour saw Messrs. Bacon, Sillitoe, Griggs, Howell, Hawkins and Brackett, also Messrs. Cyril and E. Herbert, of Woburn, Beds, and W. Howell, jun. of Colchester, and a pair-horse brake, with Corporal Duke, of the Duke of York's own Loyal Suffolk Hussars, at the helm. A start was then made for Lavenham, via Melford, with the intention of spending a few hours with the local company and ringing a few touches on the bells of the church of SS. Peter and Paul. On arriving, they were met by A. and F. Symonds, T. King and H. Smith, and a move was then made to the church and the bells were set going to a touch of 640 of Kent. A. Symonds, 1; E. Herbert, 2; W. Bacon, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; C. Herbert, 5; W. Griggs, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. And a 252 of Stedman Triples. W. Howell jun. 1; E. Herbert, 2; W. Howell, 3; A. Symonds, 4; W. Bacon, 5; W. Griggs, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. S. Richold (Metford), 8. First touch in the method by A. Symonds and E. Herbert. And a touch of Double Norwich. E. Herbert, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; A. Symonds, 3; C. Herbert, 4; W. Bacon, 5; T. King, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. A touch of Bob Major was also rung in which F. Hawkins and H. Brackett took part. The bells were then lowered and a move was made to The Lion hotel, and the handbells were brought into requisition, and a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung. W. Howell, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; C. Herbert, 7-8; W. Howell, 9-10; A. Symonds, 11-12. Courses of Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Stedman were also rung; and a very pleasant evening was spent. The party reaching home again about 10.30, well satisfied with their days outing.

THE GOSPEL OAK AND HIGHGATE SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 28th, a party belonging to the above society paid a visit to Leighton Buzzard. Starting from Euston, we had an hour's pleasant run down, which was greatly enlivened by our friend Mr. George Smith, who pointed out all the places of interest en route. At Leighton we were met by Mr. J. Bonfield, who quickly conducted us to the residence of his brother, Mr. E. Bonfield, where a cold lunch had been provided. After satisfying the inner man, a couple of very pleasant hours were spent gathering blackberries, nuts and mushrooms, under the guidance of Mr. Bonfield. We discovered a very ancient inn, named The Globe, it was completely covered with ivy, and a stranger would have had great difficulty in discovering its whereabouts. After sampling some of its famous home-brewed, we again made for the station, to meet two of our members who were unable to catch the early train. Our party being now complete, we once again wended our way to Mr. Bonfield's, where a sound and substantial dinner of ye good old English Roast Beef awaiting us. Ample justice having been done to the same, a move was made to St. Barnabas, a peal of six, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung. N. Alderman, R. Bevan, J. Hannington (conductor), E. Young, J. Nixon, G. Smith. We next paid a visit to All Saints, a peal of eight, where, after several failures we accomplished a 336 and 209 Grandsire Triples. E. Bonfield, J. Nixon, E. Young, J. Hannington, (conductor), R. Bevan, N. Alderman, G. Smith, G. Bonfield. This is a grand peal but go very bad, and are not likely to go any better until they have been thoroughly overhauled and re-hung. The local band at this church number about fourteen, all young men, and seem quite anxious to learn change-ringing, but there is no one at Leighton who can teach them. Now, Bedford Association, where are you? A little help here should mean the acquisition of twelve or fourteen members to the association who, after a short tuition, would, I am sure, reflect credit upon those who taught them. After a quiet stroll through the town, we were again indebted to Mr. Bonfield for tea and supper, and on behalf of our party I wish to sincerely thank Mr. Bonfield and the two Mrs. Bonfields for their kindness to us. We also wish to express our sincere thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens of All Saints and St. Barnabas for the use of the bells. Our thanks are also due to Mr. J. Nicholls, steeple-keeper of All Saints, and we trust we shall on some future occasion do the same for him. Our train had now arrived, and amid mutual good wishes we parted from our friends at Leighton, having spent a most enjoyable day. H.

## ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN.

## OUR VISIT TO THE EMERALD ISLE.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

"Can you go to Ireland on Thursday to open St. Patrick's new bells?" Thus ran the telegram, and my answer in the affirmative had the result that on the day mentioned a North-Western express was carrying me towards Holyhead. That prince of excursion engineers, Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., having intimated who would comprise the band, a good look-out was kept on the different junctions in anticipation of picking up comrades *en route*. Drawing up at Lichfield, Mr. William Wakley (of Burton) was espied, and the magical sound of "Bob" had the desired effect. At Stafford we joined our peal pilot—J. W. Washbrook, and then made a splendid run from Chester to Holyhead without a break. North Wales in summer is a sight never to be forgotten, and as we sped along by mountain, vale, and sea alternately, in the opinion of all there was nothing else in Great Britain to supplant this spot for scenery. Down in the valley we espied St. Asaph; then the marble church, where once upon a time Frank Dawe took a band for the "first on the bells." Under the giant Snowdon we flew along through Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor, then driving through Conway Castle we crossed the Menai Straits and into the Isle of Anglesea, where we soon caught a glimpse of the channel. Having had past experience of *mal de mer*, we decided to refresh the inner man before leaving the land of our birth.

Four o'clock p.m. found us on board the good ship "Violet," and then the fun began. Several of us decided on a nice little card party on deck, and with this object in view we went "for'ard." The odd trick was just being annexed by the writer when the vessel dipped and curtseyed, with the result that we were treated to a good shower-bath gratis. The next wave cleared us off deck, and seeking refuge below, we indulged in a Christmas "heave" in advance, and many of them. Sea-sickness is not exactly a pleasure, at any rate not with your correspondent, who was among the first to feel its effects. This caused some merriment among the party, but slowly and surely Neptune had them within his grasp, and one by one they all, except Billinghamurst and Washbrook, crossed over to where there was moaning, groaning, and gnashing of teeth. However, all's well that ends well, and when night's shadows fell around we discerned in the distance lights along the shore and hills in the background. Soon we entered the river Liffey, and when we disembarked at North Wall the redoubtable Dick Lane was on hand to meet us. The first item on the programme was to seek our hotel and a substantial meal—the latter badly wanted. Having satisfied the inordinate cravings of the inner man, Bill, Sam, and Jack, and also Richard, was himself again. Too late to see much of the city we only sauntered along to look for a "house of refreshment within the meaning of the Act," but lo! there was none to be found. Those who have never been to Dublin will be surprised to learn that "publics," as we know them here, wear a different aspect across the channel. The English publican invariably hangs his sign or banner on the outer wall, so to speak, but Pat does not care for such ostentation. We soon discovered that "Michael McRafferty, grocer and tea dealer," answered just as well, and was one of a class we were looking for. Be it known that English publicans would do well to take a leaf out of Paddy's book for politeness and generosity to strangers. *Cead mile faylte* is the Irish motto of a hundred thousand welcomes, and certainly we found it well borne out.

The opening of the bells was fixed for Friday, August 20th, and early on the morning we had the bells up with clappers tied, just to feel them. The service connected with the dedication took place at twelve o'clock, and at which a large congregation assisted. The bells are a gift to the Cathedral by the Right Honourable Edward Cecil, Baron Iveagh, K.P., one of the distinguished sons of the late Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness, who with so much munificence restored the Cathedral in 1862. They were cast by Messrs. Taylor, and are in the key of C, the tenor weighing 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs. The total weight of the peal, including that of an additional bell for the carillon, is over nine

tons. The peal is the heaviest in Ireland, and has been hung with all the most modern improvements. An inspection of the bells in their present position, and the fine opportunity afforded of hearing them, justify the observation that no expense has been spared either in the material used or in the casting or tuning of the bells, and that they are equal to any ring of bells in the United Kingdom. The service, which was conducted by the Archbishop of Dublin, opened with the processional hymn (Barnby—Church Hymnal 571). The order of the procession was as follows: the choir, the Rev. T. E. Winder, the Rev. J. C. O'H. Mease (Dean's Vicar), Revs. Canon Keene, Canon Sadlier, Canon Twigg, Dr. Bernard, the Dean of the Chapel Royal, the Dean of St. Patrick's, the Archbishop, and the Rev. G. R. Webster (Archbishop's chaplain). Psalm cl., *Laudate Dominum*, and Psalm xxix., *Afferte Domino*, were also sung. At the benediction of the bells the prayers usual on such occasions were offered up by the Archbishop, the congregation reverently joining therein. Stevenson's fine anthem (from Rev. xiv.) was splendidly sung by the choir, the solos by Messrs. Williams, D'Alton, T. Marchant, and C. Kelly. The recessional hymn (Johann Cruger—Church Hymnal 446) was then sung, and the reverently-ordered service was brought to a close. Lord and Lady Iveagh, and other members of the family, were among the congregation.

The Archbishop, the Dean of St. Patrick's, and a few other gentlemen subsequently proceeded up the steps of the tower, and entered the ringing-chamber, when the ringers pulled off the bells, the fine musical tones and power being admired by all who had the pleasure of hearing them under circumstances so favourable. The Archbishop remained in the apartment for about ten or fifteen minutes, and then ascended higher until he reached the level at which his grace had an opportunity of seeing the magnificent bells and the splendid machinery by which they are worked. The inscriptions on the bells are:—

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| <i>Treble.</i> | Sursum corda.                     |
| 2.             | Venite adoramus et procidamus.    |
| 3.             | Te laudamus.                      |
| 4.             | Tibi benedicimus.                 |
| 5.             | Te adoramus.                      |
| 6.             | Te glorificamus.                  |
| 7.             | Per singulos dies benedicimus te. |
| 8.             | Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.    |
| 9.             | Gloria in excelsis Deo.           |
| <i>Tenor.</i>  | Ad maiorem Dei gloriam.           |

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Immediately at the conclusion of the service we struck off open, having untied the clappers during service. The effect was awe-inspiring. Every man of the band might justly have been considered well-seasoned to such things, but one and all declared that they had never rung on a grander peal. That peal-champion, J. W. Washbrook, admitted that although Wells Cathedral bells were somewhat similar, there was no ring in existence which could claim precedence of St. Patrick's, Dublin. They are without doubt the finest peal in quality of tone ever turned out of the Loughborough foundry; every bell is well-balanced in striking power and weight of clapper (things often unheeded), and the rich tenor of 45 cwt. imparts to the whole a depth of melody impressive as its magnitude. The first touch upon them was 395 Grandsire Caters, by A. W. Mathews, W. T. Billinghamurst, J. Hardy, J. Smith, S. Smith, W. A. Tyler, W. Willson, W. Wakley, J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), J. W. Washbrook. This was followed by a touch of Stedman Caters with R. Lane at the treble conducted by J. W. Washbrook. Ringing was continued at intervals throughout the day, and the streets in the vicinity of the Cathedral were thronged with people from morning till late at night.

On Saturday we rang a half-peal of Grandsire Caters, and then by the kind permission of the Dean (Dr. Jellett) we were enabled to view the famous portrait of Dean Swift. This picture is believed to be the only one in existence of its kind, and its authenticity is undoubted. It evidently was painted in the old deanery, as St. Patrick's Cathedral forms the background of the picture; it is a magnificent specimen of the painter's art. The afternoon found us at Kingstown, where we had ample opportunity of seeing one or two gunboats and torpedo-destroyers also the escort boat of the royal yacht. Curiously enough our ringing tour was a happy coincidence with the visit of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York, with whom we frequently came

in contact. Saturday evening we rang two courses of Treble Ten, in view of a peal on Sunday after the Cathedral service. also 503 Grandsire Caters, conducted by W. Willson, R. R. Cherry, Esq., ringing the 5th, being his first touch on ten bells. Mr. Cherry rang in the College Youths' peal of Triples at Waterford Cathedral about twenty years ago. He is secretary of the bell committee, and will be a valuable acquisition to the newly-formed Cathedral society.

After the ringing we were the guests at dinner of the society at The Central Hotel, and right merrily did England and Oireland do their level best to mete out justice to the splendid repast. After the cloth was drawn Mr. Cherry was ensconced in the post of honour, supported by the Rev. C. W. O'Hara Mease (Dean's Vicar), Rev. T. E. Winder, Mr. Chandler, and others. The usual loyal toasts having been given,

The Rev. C. W. O'Hara Mease rose to propose "The Health of our English Guests." The rev. gentleman said they had expected a good peal of bells from Messrs. Taylor, but they never anticipated the magnificent ring now hanging in the Cathedral. Their visitors had exhibited wonderful skill in the manipulation of the bells, and what they had done would be an inducement for their ringers to try and do, and he trusted that in years to come their children would show Englishmen if not how to ring, that they could also ring changes. He hoped it would not be the last time they would have the pleasure of their visitors' company. The toast was received with musical honours.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., in reply, said it was impossible for him to express his feelings in words at the warm-hearted, spontaneous welcome they had had given them. He could sometimes make a noise in the tower, but at after-dinner speeches he was somewhat out of place. He would say this: Let not the ringers be disheartened; change-ringing was not learned in a week, but once acquired it was a very difficult thing to leave off. Their learning must take place not only in the steeple, but on paper at home, and when they had mastered the rudiments, their efforts would lead to success.

The Rev. T. E. Winder sang "The pale young Curate;" Mr. S. Smith, "Wheel of life;" Mr. Cherry, "The Queen's Navy;" Mr. Willson, "Sailing;" and this was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters, in hand, by R. R. Cherry, 1-2; W. Willson, 3-4; J. W. Washbrook, 5-6; J. W. Taylor, 7-8; W. Billinghamurst, 9-10.

Mr. Chandler then proposed "The Health of the Dean and Lord Baron Iveagh," adding an eloquent tribute to the munificence of his lordship, and his past gifts to St. Patrick's. This was received with applause.

Messrs. Washbrook and Willson then rung "The Blue Bells of Scotland," the former also singing his well-known song, entitled "Rochester Steeple," and with toast and song with snatches of "The Holy Friar" and "Wearin' of the Green," kept the ball rolling until midnight.

Sunday found us ringing again for the several services. After that in the morning some of us visited the Roman Catholic church of St. Thomas. The bells here are by one Murphy of Dublin, and possess clapper *ad lib*. They might make a fair peal if they could be induced into the melting pot and be recast. Here we rang a touch of Stedman Triples, possibly the first on the bells or in Dublin city. W. T. Billinghamurst, 1; J. Smith, 2; R. Lane, 3; S. Smith, 4; W. Tyler, 5; W. Wilson (conductor) 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; C. Harriman, 8.

At five o'clock we were again at St. Patrick's, and at half-past five "Go—Treble Bob" from Washbrook sent the bells into changes, and the splendid peal struck it off in a royal manner. As daylight departed, and the city below became lighted up we at the heavy end, looking across through the open windows could not help our thoughts wandering away to our several homes across the silver streak, and where our families perchance might be at worship on this quiet Sunday evening, and thinking of us far away. One after another the heavy bells rolled home, with scarcely anything to relieve the monotony, until a long sleek rat, evidently wondering what the clatter was all about, crept from behind the 7th box and into the ring; one look up into the faces of the band, and the rodent whisked his tail around as though he had had enough of it, and disappeared behind the ringer of the treble.

At 9.20 the welcome "this is all" shot us into rounds, and the first peal on the bells, and the first of Treble Ten in Ireland, was an accomplished fact. This practically concluded our en-

gagement, but as we desired a day or so to our own enjoyment, we decided to go down to Bray on Monday. This we did and thoroughly enjoyed the delightful scenery, driving through "The Dargle," a most romantic glen in county Wicklow. Here we had our photos taken, *a la* jaunting cars, as a memento of our visit. Bray possesses a nice ring of eight bells by Taylor, tenor 25 cwt. in D. By the kind permission of the Rev. Archdeacon Scott and Rev. J. D. Scott, M.A., we rang a long touch of Stedman Triples, also a touch of Grandsire Triples, in which the Rev. J. D. Scott rang the treble, this being his maiden essay on eight bells.

We then adjourned to The Royal hotel, where by the kind invitation of the rev. gentlemen we were regaled to luncheon. Throughout the whole of our peregrinations it was obvious that our Irish friends were bent upon making us feel at home, and we confess they succeeded. We did not expect such a welcome, and feel it incumbent to thank them publicly through "THE BELL NEWS." On Tuesday morning we were again "on deck," and after a fair passage, landed at Holyhead at 2 p.m. In the same manner as we set out so we parted, and temporally severed acquaintance at the different stations, until, like a lone scout I dropped anchor—or rather my portmanteau—in the old town of Leicester late on Tuesday night. It is hoped another year to organise a week's peal ringing, when we trust to pull some of our Irish friends through their first peal, and possibly achieve another on what will become world-famous for its bells—St. Patrick's Cathedral. W. W.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at South Normanton on Saturday, August 28th, members being present from Horsley, Ripley, Tibshelf, North Wingfield, and South Normanton. The rector Rev. G. H. Lewis, being absent from home for the benefit of his health, Mr. H. George, of Ripley, was unanimously voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The secretary read a letter from Morton tower, but several members thought it did not express the wish of the whole of the ringers at Morton. It was therefore resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Morton with the rector's consent, but failing Morton the meeting to go to Alfreton.

It was also resolved that a special committee meeting be called at some convenient centre to re-consider the new rule about to be added to the rules; Alfreton being named by many members as most central. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close. The members wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the rector for the use of the bells and schoolroom for the meeting. The bells are a good ring of five in G minor, and are in fair going order, but sadly want quarter-turning, the clappers of the tenor and one or two others nearly bury themselves in the sound-bow, so badly are they worn with striking in one place so long. The oak frame on which they hang cannot be improved upon; it would carry a peal twice as heavy. T. A.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.—A district meeting was held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, August 28th, and was well attended by members from Deptford, Greenwich, Lewisham, Erith, Crayford, Hayes, and several of the local band. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were successfully brought round. It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, November 6th.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1897.

THE general outlook, so far as the increase of bells throughout the country is concerned, is highly favourable. The new ring of ten at Dublin Cathedral is fully dealt with elsewhere, and we need not make further allusion to it beyond admiring the *eclat* under which the opening was carried out, and the general magnanimity which seemed to prevail among all concerned. There used to be a time when such proceedings as "openings" of new rings of bells were more frequent than of late, and we would gladly see a revival in this direction. Such ceremonies depend to a great extent upon the bellfounder or bellhanger who may be entrusted with a contract. If he is alive to his own interests, he will employ every effort to bring about an opening festival, because the work on which he has been engaged is open to the inspection of those who come from far and near; and as there is most excellent work now being done by accredited persons, there is very little fear of any animadversion.

Besides the Dublin extension, we report to-day that the

Whitechapel firm are concerned in the augmentation at Stockton-on-Tees. This is a very satisfactory business. The town of Stockton has at present only six bells, but a body of excellent ringers. Mr. G. J. CLARKSON—who has been a most indefatigable worker in the cause of ringing, being an inhabitant of Stockton, has for many years bemoaned the paucity of church bells therein. His endeavours to increase the six to a ring of ten is fresh in the memory of our readers, and the success of his exertions, we are glad to see, are fully secured.

Then again at East Teignmouth, Messrs. LLEWELLYNS and JAMES, in conjunction with our old friend Mr. STOKES, have been doing more good work. The peal of six at Netherton, near to Dudley, is to be augmented to eight by Messrs. BARWELL; and on the eve of going to press we are informed that Mr. GREENLEAF, of Hereford, is actively employed at several places in rehanging, retuning and repairing. Such items of intelligence as this will be pleasing to all our readers. And the instances of new bells and restorations which we have above mentioned, ought to encourage others to press forward movements of a similar description.

Next week we shall publish a splendid photograph of the parish church of Tong, Yorkshire. We have several Portraits nearly ready, the first of which will be that of Mr. J. C. MITCHELL, of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 31, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. 6.
JOHN E. BEVAN* .. .. 3.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 4.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and  
Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

\*First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. G. Grove.

### The Provinces.

#### KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST UNDERWOOD .. Treble.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	CLIFTON NEWMAN .. 6.
ARTHUR ROBINSON* .. 3.	HERBERT J. JULIAN .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by WM. R. HENSHER.

\*First peal with a bob bell. This peal is composed in one part, and contains the 6th twenty-two times wrong and twenty-three times right.

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

On Saturday, August 28, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE PAICE .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 7.
JOHN JAY, JUN. .. .. 3.	FREDERICK R. RICE .. 8.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 9.
JOHN RICE* .. .. 5.	†KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by KEITH HART.

\*First peal of Royal. †First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Messrs. Rice (2) and Paice for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Crawley.

#### MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY SHUKER* .. .. Treble.	JOB MORGAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE F. WILSON .. .. 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. 7.
FRANK SMITH* .. .. 3.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. 8.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 4.	†HARRY CHAPMAN .. 9.
RALPH RAVENSCROFT .. 5.	ALFRED CROSS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

\*First peal of Cater. †First peal of Cater as conductor. Messrs. Shuker, Smith, Turner, Chapman, and Cross belong to Pendleton; Brown and Morgan to St. John's, Manchester: the remainder to the local band.

#### HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 30, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 4.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is the quickest peal on these bells. The band wish to thank the vicar for granting permission for this peal at such short notice.

#### BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 1, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE PRIOR .. .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 5.
WALTER PRIOR .. .. 2.	WALTER W. TUCKER .. 6.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. 3.	PHILLIP SPRINGHAM .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Stedman Cater rung on handbells on August 20th was sent for publication without the referee being mentioned. I wish to say that Mr. J. Porter was referee for this peal.—W. A. HANCOX.

### Date Touches.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Sunday, August 29th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a date touch of Minor, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 17 mins., being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Court, and 97 Bob Minor. J. Elliott, 1; H. Elliott 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Tenor 21 cwt.



## Miscellaneous.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts.)—On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Glennerster, 1; P. Read, 2; W. Norris, 3; A. Lance (first touch with a bob bell), 4; H. Martin (conductor), 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. Price, 7; J. Alexander, 8. For evening service 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Glennerster, 1; W. Norris, 3; A. Lance, 4; H. Martin (conductor), 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. Price, 7; J. Vernon, 8. On Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Vernon, 1; C. George, 2; A. Lance, 4; William Norris, 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. Price (conductor), 7; H. Martin, 8. For evening service 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Glennerster, 1; A. Lance, 3; H. Martin, 4; Walter Norris, 5; C. George, 6; G. Price (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8. On Wednesday, August 25th, 360 Grandsire Minor. C. George, 1; Walter Norris, 2; A. Lance, 3; W. Norris, 4; F. Smith, 5; G. Price (conductor), 6; J. Vernon, 8. Also 1036 Grandsire Triples. C. George, 1; H. Martin, 2; W. Norris, 3; A. Lance, 4; F. Smith, 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8. And 252 Bob Triples. A. Lance, 1; F. Smith, 2; G. Price, 3; C. George, 4; W. Norris, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6; Walter Norris, 7.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, July 11th, 720 London Surprise. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 22nd, 720 London Surprise standing as above. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. M. Digby, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday evening, August 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 25 mins. S. Mockett, 1; A. Denne, 2; H. Denne, 3; G. Denne, 4; H. Castle, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. L. Silver who hails from Gravesend, was on a visit to his native place.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, August 22nd, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeffries, 1; J. Rose, 2; W. Dawe (longest length with a bob bell), 3; W. J. Jeffries, 4; T. G. Deal, 5; J. Law, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; G. H. Daynes, 8. On Wednesday, August 25th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Jeffries, 1; J. Rose, 2; A. Pheasant, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; T. G. Deal, 5; J. Law, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; F. Palmer, 8. Both quarter-peals were composed by G. H. Daynes and conducted by W. Bedwell. On Sunday, August 29th, 448 Bob Major. W. Dawe, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; W. J. Jeffries, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; J. Law, 8.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, August 15th, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Harman, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. E. Bevan, 3; H. Hill, 4; W. Aldridge, 5; R. Carter, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; G. Carter, 8. On Sunday, August 29th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. G. Grove, 1; E. H. Nixon, 2; J. E. Bevan, 3; E. Wells, 4; R. Carter, 5; W. Aldridge, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; J. C. Harvey (conductor), 8. Also four courses of Stedman Triples conducted by R. Carter.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 18th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Eastland, 2; W. Thomas, 3; C. Carter, 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; H. Weston (conductor), 6; W. Franks, 7; J. Linden, 8. For morning service on August 1st, 518 518 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Eastland, 5; C. Bance, 6; W. Thomas, 7; J. Sinden, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. Carter, 4; W. Eastland, 5; C. Bance, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; W. Metcalf, 8. For practice, on Tuesday, July 24th, 532 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; F. Lock, 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; W. Eastland, 4; C. Hill, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6; W. Franks, 7; J. Sinden, 8. Bance hails from Bennington, Surrey; Weston from Brighton; Hill from Christ Church, St. Leonard's.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Lawrence, 1263 Stedman Caters in 56 mins. F. Hopgood (conductor), 1; A. Reeves, 2; G. Foxell, 3; F. Tubb, 3; G. Giles, 5; J. Tucker, 6; A. Watmore, 7; A. Osborne, 8; W. Newell, 9; R. Sawyer, 10. Tenor 24 cwt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late George Palmer, Esq., of Reading.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, July 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Eldridge, 1; H. Neighbour, 2; F. Bissley, 3; W. Brown, 4; F. Dentry, 5; J. Wilkins (conductor), 6; W. Ayres,

7; H. Jones, 8. W. Ayres hails from Great Marlow, Bucks. On handbells two 120s of Grandsire and Plain Bob. J. Wilkins (conductor), 1-2-3-4; P. Wilkins, 5-6.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, August 18th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. J. Salter, 1; J. Bennett, 2; J. Pagett (conductor), 3; N. Davies, 4; J. Crane, 5; E. C. Hunt, 6. Composed by H. Harris, of Stourbridge, and contains fifteen bobs. On Wednesday, August 24th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 12 mins. N. Davies, 1; J. Bennett, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; J. Pagett, 6; R. E. Grove (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, August 11th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. H. Pagett, F. Brace, J. H. Parsons, T. Heathcote, W. Fryer, A. Roberts. On Tuesday, August 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Stinton, J. H. Parsons, H. Dakin, W. Fryer, G. H. Pagett, A. Roberts. On Tuesday, August 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Skelding, F. Brace, J. H. Parsons, W. Fryer, G. H. Pagett, A. Roberts (conductor).

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, August 29th, at St. John's church, 360 Plain Bob Minor and 120 College Single. W. Gordon (Stockport), 1; J. Fell, 2; R. Cookson, 3; A. Wilson, 4; C. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping, 6. The Plain Bob was conducted by J. Fell, and the College Single by E. Tipping.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLANDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, August 28th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. J. Freakes, 1; J. J. Jones, 2; C. Willshire (conductor), 3; E. E. Boniface, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; F. Blondell, 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Treble Bob ever rang on the bells. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. W. J. Freakes, 1; W. W. Thorne, 2; C. Willshire, 3; C. W. Eades, 4; F. Blondell (conductor), 5; E. C. Boniface, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. E. C. Boniface, 1; C. Willshire, 2; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 3; F. Blondell, 4; W. J. Freakes, 5; C. W. Eades, 6. All the above hail from Guildford.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Thursday, August 26th, at Christ Church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Hunt, 1; A. Tully, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; G. Dix, 4; J. Keen (conductor), 5; C. Waugh, 6; G. Holmes, 7; A. Dowell, 8. And 504 Bob Triples. J. Rossiter, 1; W. Hunt (first touch with a bob bell), 2; A. Tully, 3; J. Keen, 4; G. Holmes, 5; C. Waugh, 6; G. Dix (conductor), 7; A. Dowell, 8. Also 1260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. Hunt, 1; C. Waugh, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; A. Tully, 4; G. Dix, 5; G. Holmes, 6; J. Keen (conductor), 7; A. Dowell, 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Friday, July 30th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Rudd, 1; C. Hall, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; F. Howcroft, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright (Stokesley), 6. On Sunday, August 1st, 168 Stedman Triples. R. Alcock, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; C. Hall, 3; W. Rudd, 4; R. Fenwick, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; J. H. Jones, 8. Also 224 Superlative Surprise Major. R. Alcock, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; C. Hall, 3; R. Fenwick, 4; J. Carter, 5; J. H. Jones, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Rudd, 1. And 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Alcock, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; C. Hall, 3; J. Carter, 4; R. Fenwick, 5; W. Rudd, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; A. McFarlane, 8. And 196 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. J. Titchener, 1; J. H. Jones, 4; R. Alcock, 6; the rest as before. On Sunday, August 29th, 420 Stedman Triples. F. Howcroft, 1; J. Carter, 2; C. Hall, 3; J. H. Jones (conductor), 4; W. Rudd, 5; J. H. Blakiston, 6; J. W. Passman, 7; S. Walker, 8. Also 224 Superlative Surprise Major. R. Fenwick, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; C. Hall, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; J. Carter, 5; W. Rudd, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; J. W. Passman, 8. For evening service 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Fenwick, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; C. Hall, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; J. Carter, 5; W. Rudd, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; J. W. Passman, 8. And 224 Superlative Surprise Major, standing as before.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

## (OTTERY ST. MARY BRANCH.)

EAST TEIGNMOUTH.—On Thursday, August 19th, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the opening of the new ring of eight bells, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Godfrey, 1; S. Godfrey, 2; F. Godfrey, 3; Rev. M. Kelly (conductor), 4; J. Godfrey, 5; J. Baker, 6; A. Pike, 7; J. Lovering, 8. And two courses of Stedman Triples. T. Mudge,

1; F. Godfrey, 2; J. Groves (Wolverhampton), 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; J. Godfrey, 5; F. Shepherd (conductor), 6; A. Pike, 7; W. P. Chapple (Axminster), 8.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Friday, August 27th, at the church of St. Mary, 504 Stedman Triples. Rev. M. Kelly, 1; \*W. Godfrey, 2; F. Davey, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; \*J. Godfrey, 5; F. Shepherd (conductor), 6; \*A. Pike, 7; H. Channon, 8. \*First 500 in the method. Messrs. Davey, and Shepherd (2) hail from St. Sidwell's, Exeter.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—Recently at St. Mary's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Radford (conductor), 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Hunt, 3; A. Evans, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Burge, 6; S. Radford, 7; E. Wyatt, 8. And 574 Grandsire Triples. S. Wyatt, 1; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 2; W. Thomas, 3; A. Doble, 4; A. Evans, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; E. Wyatt, 8. The Rev. Maitland Kelly hails from Ottery St. Mary, Devon. Also 504 Stedman Triples. W. Thomas, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; G. Hunt, 3; A. Evans, 4; G. Harbour, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Fowler, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Radford (conductor), 1; S. Radford, 2; W. Thomas, 3; A. Evans, 4; C. Gordon, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Burge, 7; E. Wyatt, 8. C. Gordon hails from Bristol. Also 504 Stedman Triples. W. Thomas, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Hunt, 3; A. Evans, 4; G. Harbour, 5; S. Radford, 6; T. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Wyatt, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Iles, 1; G. Harbour, 2; J. Hunt, 3; A. Evans, 4; T. Radford, 5; S. Radford, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; E. Wyatt, 8.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Sunday, May 23rd, at St. Augustine's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Northey, 1; D. Thomas, 2; W. B. Biss (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; J. Northey, 6. Also 720 Kent. D. Thomas (conductor), 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; the rest as before. On Tuesday, June 15th, 720 Plain bob (twenty bobs and ten singles). T. Northey, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; O. W. Laynge (Swindon), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; G. Watkins (Barry), 6. On Tuesday, June 29th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). D. Thomas (conductor), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. J. Aston (Gloucester), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Tuesday, July 20th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Thomas (conductor), 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 720 Kent. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; J. Cox (Newport), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6.

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

TREETON (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet. A. Woofenden, 1; W. Allwood (first in the method and rang at the first attempt), 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Whitworth, 4; W. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 College Treble. First 720 in the method by W. Allwood. And 120 Violet standing as before.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, 434 Grandsire Triples. C. Owens, 1; J. Owens, 2; J. L. Grant, 3; W. Hughes, 4; H. Brocklebank, 5; G. R. Newton, 6; J. Hughes, 7; W. Grimmant, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Owens, 1; J. Owens, 2; J. Hughes, 3; W. Hughes, 4; J. Grant, 5; Brocklebank, 6; G. R. Newton, 7; W. Grimmant, 8. Both touches were conducted by J. Hughes. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Canon Robin, of Woodchurch.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, August 20th, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Major. H. J. Morley, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 2; C. Sharples, 3; J. Taylor, 4; E. Caunce, 5; J. Gardner, 6; J. R. Park, 7; W. Bentham, 8. The Rev. J. H. Pilkington hails from Framlingham; the rest are local men.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAWTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, August 24th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins.

J. James, 1; J. Perry, jun., 2; T. Cartwright, 3; W. Rigby, 4; W. Carter (conductor), 5; G. Baddeley, 6. Perry hails from Congleton; Cartwright from Alsager; Cartwright from Biddulph, Staffordshire.

NORBURY (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, August 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25½ mins. J. Fernley (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. S. Fernley (conductor), 1; J. Dean (first 720 of Treble Bob away from the treble), 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Sunday evening, August 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. Warburton, 3; J. Dean, 4; S. Rutter, 5; A. Fernley, 6. On Sunday evening, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Rutter, 2; G. Warburton, 3; J. Dean, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; J. Shallcross, 6.

POYNTON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, August 28th, at St. George's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. Warburton, 3; W. Wilde (Hyde), 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. S. Wilde (Hyde), 6. Also some plain courses of Kent, Oxford, and Violet Treble Bob. On Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Rutter, 2; G. Warburton, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; J. Shallcross, 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Rutter (conductor), 2. S. Fernley, 3; J. Dean, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

TIMBERLAND.—On Sunday, August 22nd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Curtis, 1; J. Wright, 2; F. Cobb, 3; A. West, 4; W. Elkington, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6. First 720 with a bob bell by F. Cobb; and first on tower bells by W. Elkington.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Thursday, August 16th, at the parish church, 360 College Single. J. Bailey, 1; J. Baker, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; F. Clayton, 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. J. Dennes (Wellingborough), 1; J. Baker, 2; C. Green, 3; W. A. Hall (conductor), 4; W. Lowe, 5; J. Bailey, 6. On Sunday, August 29th, for morning service, 360 College Single. J. Bailey, 1; J. Baker, 2; C. Green, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; L. Chapman, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. For evening service, 360 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; J. Baker, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. F. Gilbert hails from Raunds.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service, 608 Bob Major. J. Paling, 1; W. Clifford, jun., 2; F. Price, 3; G. Oldham, 4; W. Clifford, sen., 5; R. Clifford, 6; A. Lowe, 7; J. Hutchby (conductor), 8. For evening service 1260 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Paling, 1; F. Price, 2; G. Oldham, 3; J. Hutchby, 4; R. Clifford, 5; A. Lowe, 6; W. Clifford, sen. (conductor), 7; W. Clifford, jun., 8. On Monday, August 16th, for practice, 1280 Bob Major. J. Paling, 1; W. Clifford, jun., 2; F. Price, 3; G. Oldham, 4; A. Lowe, 5; R. Clifford, 6; W. Clifford, sen., 7; J. Hutchby (conductor), 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. Longest length in the method by all the above.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDMONTON.—On Sunday, August 29th, at All Saints church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Darlington, 1; P. Darlington, 2; H. Nix, 3; R. Goodchild, 4; W. Bennett, 5; H. Franks, 6; L. Darlington, 7; F. Creck (first quarter-peal), 8. Composed and conducted by H. Franks. This quarter-peal contains six 4-6s, six 7-4s, and twenty-four 6-7s all the right way. Messrs. Franks and Creck hail from London, for whom the above was arranged.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, August 9th, for practice on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. S. Collins, 1; A. W. Grimes (conductor), 2; W. Croom, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Rumsey, 5. For practice on tower bells, 720 Bob Minor. S. Collins, 1; W. Grimes, 2; A. W. Grimes, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Groom, 5; W. Rumsey, 6. Rung in honour of W. Groom's 16th birthday, being his first 720 as conductor. On Thursday, August 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Grimes (conductor), 1; W. Groom, 2; J. Rumsey, 3; A. W. Grimes, 4; W. Bullock (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Rumsey, 6. On Sunday, August 16th, for Divine Service in the evening, 480 Bob Major. S. Collins, 1; A. W. Grimes, 2; W. Groom, 3; W. Rumsey, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; G. Rowe, 6; W. Whiting (Helmingham), 7; W.

Grimes (conductor), 8. On Thursday, August 19th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Rumsey, 1; J. Rumsey, 2; A. W. Grimes (conductor), 3; W. Groom, 4; W. Bullock, 5; W. Rumsey, 6. On Sunday, August 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. S. Collins, 1; W. Groom, 2; J. Rumsey, 3; A. W. Grimes, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6. On Thursday, August 26th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Groom, 1; A. W. Grimes, 2; G. Rumsey (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; W. Grimes (conductor), 4; W. Rumsey, 5; J. Rumsey, 6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**BARKING (Essex).**—Recently, for practice on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1260 changes, in 40 mins. Y. Green, 1-2; R. Fenn, 3-4; T. Faulkner (conductor), 5-6; R. Fenn, 7-8; A. Whight 9-10. Composed by J. P. Bradley. And 420 and 504 Stedman Triples.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Monday, August 9th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; H. Coote (first 720), 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Monday, August 16th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 3; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 4; W. Webb, 4; E. Wachter, 5; G. Livermore, 6. On Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 408 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; E. Wachter, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; G. Livermore, 4; W. Webb, 5; F. Slade, 6. Also 240 Canterbury Pleasure (ten singles). C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; E. Wachter, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Keeble, 4; W. Webb, 5; F. Slade, 6. On Monday, August 23rd, 360 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; W. Webb, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. Also 360 Canterbury Pleasure C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; P. Holmes (first touch in the method), 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; W. Webb, 5; F. Slade, 6. On Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; W. Webb (first 720 as conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. For practice on Monday, August 30th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. M. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes (first 720 in the method), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Webb, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. G. Livermore hails from Waterford, Ireland; Keeble from Kelvedon.

**BOCKING (Essex).**—On Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine Service in the afternoon at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Collins, 1; H. Pilcher, 2; W. Keeble (conductor), 3; C. Bearman, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; F. Slade, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

**CHELSEA.**—On Sunday, July 18th, for evening service at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Webber, 1; C. Hindes, 2; W. Barber, 3; W. Moss, 4; G. Mulley, 5; T. E. Barber, 6; G. Fardon (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; G. Chester man, 8.

**HALSTEAD (Essex).**—On Tuesday, August 28th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Spurgeon, 1; H. Wiffen, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. Ward, 4; F. Rudkin (Braintree, conductor), 5; W. Root, 6.

**HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).**—On Saturday, August 21st, a peal of Superlative was lost after ringing 4200 changes. W. Barker, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; J. Garratt, 3; C. Chasty, 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. B. Martin, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; C. W. Clarke, 8.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).**—On Saturday, August 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, but it came to grief after ringing 2500 changes. H. Stubbs, 1; W. V. Newman, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; J. Garratt, 4; A. H. Martin, 5; J. B. Martin, 6; W. J. Gilbert, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. On Sunday, August 15th, for Divine Service in the evening, 928 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Houghton, sen., 1; A. H. Martin, 2; W. V. Newman, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; A. Perkins, 5; J. Houghton, jun. 6; J. Garratt, 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. On Saturday, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Barker, 2; J. Houghton, jun., 3; A. H. Martin, 4; J. Garratt, 5; C. Chasty, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; J. Houghton, sen., 8.

**NUNEATON (Warwickshire).**—On Sunday evening, August 29th, for Divine Service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Chandler, 1; J. F. Clarke, 2; T. Chapman (conductor), 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Devey, 5; —, Insip, 6; H. Horwood, 7; H. Argyle, 8. —, Insip hails from Mirfield, Yorks. Also 168 Stedman Triples. T. Chapman, 1; J. W. Chandler, 2; H. Argyle, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Devey, 5; J. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; H. Denny, 8.

**PEVOR (Cheshire).**—On July 17th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; S. Johnson, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6.

**ROYDON (Essex).**—On Sunday, August 29th, for Divine Service, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called different. J. Sewell, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; W. Littlechild, 4; A. Pearman, 5; H. Shuttlewood, 6. Also two more 6-scores, each called different. J. Sewell, 1; I. Cavill, 2; A. Pearman, 3; S. King, 4; W. Littlechild, 5; A. King, 6. For evening service six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Sewell, 1; Isaac Cavill, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; W. Littlechild, 4; H. Shuttlewood, 5; A. Pearman, 6. And two more 6-scores, called differently. J. Sewell, 1; Isaac Cavill, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; W. Littlechild, 4; A. Pearman, 5; A. King, 6.

**WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).**—On Saturday, August 28th, for practice at the abbey church, 462 Grandsire Triples. W. Darlington, 1; P. Darlington, 2; A. Darlington, 3; F. Carter, 4; D. Tarling, 5; G. E. Peace (conductor), 6; W. A. Alps, 7; G. Cole, 8. Also nine courses of Stedman Triples in 27 mins. E. Wallage, 1; P. Darlington, 2; A. Darlington, 3; F. Carter, 4; D. Tarling, 5; E. Hall, 6; W. A. Alps (conductor), 7; W. Darlington, 8. Messrs. Darlington hail from Edmonton; Wallage and Hall from London.

#### In Memoriam.

JONATHAN W. VEASEY (LEICESTER).

Died August 17th, 1897, Aged 62.

Cold grows the feeble hand,  
Fainter the faltering breath,  
Into the shadowy, silent land  
Our comrade loved of all the band,  
Sinks in the arms of death.

For evermore and aye  
A trammelled soul is loose,  
Well fought the fighter in his day,  
Like soldier, knew he must obey,  
When the Captain called a truce.

Hushed is the voice so strong,  
The stalwart form is stilled,  
Frozen the fountain of blithesome song,  
The vacant place thy friends among,  
Will never more be filled.

Can this be the final doom?  
The goal of a heart so fond,  
Is the future a night of gloom,  
Or does the path to the Christian's tomb,  
Lead to the light beyond?

The bells in cadence sweet  
Pour muffled music down,  
A Ringer's Requiem they beat,  
Their dirge a message oft repeat,  
"After the cross, the crown."

Good bye, life's tale is told,  
We loved thee well, and sigh,  
Heart of a thousand, heart of gold,  
Tender as a woman's, true yet bold,  
And now—a last good-bye.

W. W.

#### 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."

#### DISPUTED AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—The 5056 of Double Norwich, published in your last issue, is but a simple variation of one published by me on April 3rd, 1897, viz: the 22d 5065 on page 654. The only difference being that Mr. Wightman has inserted the packing courses (with 2nd and 3rd in 6ths) in the alternative place. In each of the peals published by me on this plan, he will find there are two places in each part, where these courses can be introduced which I made full use of to produce the 6624s.

G. LINDOFF.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Can you inform me whether a peal of Minor in seven methods on handbells, double-handed, has ever been accomplished.

C. SHARPLES.

Are there any peals of bells in Jersey and Guernsey? Any information of interest from a ringer who has been will be esteemed by

T. M.

Compositions.

TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY W. WILDE, *Belgrave, Cheshire.*

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 W 5th 4th B M H

4 2 3 5 6 - - - -

3 5 4 2 6 - - - -

2 4 5 3 6 - - - -

2 4 3 6 5 - - - -

3 2 4 6 5 - - - -

4 3 2 6 5 - - - -

3 6 2 4 5 - - - -

2 3 6 4 5 - - - -

Five times repeated, with single instead of bob at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal contains all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place at the course-ends.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 W 5th 4th B M H

4 5 2 3 6 - - - -

2 4 5 3 6 - - - -

5 2 3 6 4 - - - -

2 6 3 5 4 - - - -

3 2 6 5 4 - - - -

6 3 2 5 4 - - - -

3 5 2 6 4 - - - -

2 3 5 6 4 - - - -

Five times repeated, with single instead of bob at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal contains all the combinations of 4-5 and 6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at the course-end.

A TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By ISAAC ATTWATER, *London.*

2436.

2 3 4 5 6 7

6 7 2 4 5 3 2

3 4 6 5 7 2 1

6 7 3 4 2 5 3

5 4 6 2 7 3 1

2 4 5 3 6 7 5

3 7 2 6 4 5 1 s

5 4 3 2 6 7 2 s

2 7 5 6 4 3 1 s

3 4 2 5 6 7 2 s

5 7 3 6 4 2 1 s

4 2 5 3 6 7 2

3 7 4 6 2 5 1 s

6 5 3 2 7 4 1 s

2 4 6 7 5 3 1 s

7 3 2 5 4 6 1 s

3 2 7 5 4 6 4

Contains the twenty-four 4-6s, 6-7s, and 7-4s in the least possible number of changes.

TWO PEALS OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 M IN 5ths W H

5 3 2 4 6 - - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - - - -

2 5 3 4 6 - - - -

4 5 2 3 6 - - - -

5 2 4 3 6 - - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - - - -

6 4 2 3 5 - - - -

4 2 6 3 5 - - - -

5 3 6 2 4 - - - -

3 4 6 2 5 - - - -

2 4 3 6 5 - - - -

4 3 2 6 5 - - - -

3 2 4 6 5 - - - -

Repeated.

5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place.

5472.

2 3 4 5 6 M IN 5ths W H

5 3 2 4 6 - - - x

3 2 5 4 6 - - - -

2 5 3 4 6 - - - -

2 4 5 3 6 - - - -

6 3 5 4 2 - - - -

4 6 5 3 2 - - - -

3 5 2 6 4 - - - -

5 2 3 6 4 - - - -

2 3 5 6 4 - - - -

Twice repeated.

By calling a Bob home where marked x in any one part reduces peal to 5088.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5022.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 7 8

4 6 2 5 3 - - - -

2 4 6 5 3 - - - -

6 3 2 5 4 - - - -

2 6 3 5 4 - - - -

3 2 6 5 4 - - - -

6 4 3 5 2 - - - -

3 6 4 5 2 - - - -

4 3 6 5 2 - - - -

6 2 4 5 3 - - - -

5 3 4 6 2 - - - -

2 5 4 6 3 - - - -

4 3 2 6 5 - - - -

5 4 2 6 3 - - - -

2 3 5 6 4 - - - -

5 2 3 6 4 - - - -

3 5 2 6 4 - - - -

2 4 3 6 5 - - - -

3 2 4 6 5 - - - -

4 5 3 6 2 - - - -

3 4 5 6 2 - - - -

2 4 5 6 3 s

Repeat the last twelve courses, omitting the bob at 1, produces:

4 2 5 6 3

2 3 5 4 6 1 2 4

2 3 4 5 6 2 3 4 s

This peal contain the 6th the extent behind the 9th.

PEALS 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

5 3 2 4 6 - - 1 2

3 6 2 4 5 2 - 1 2

3 2 4 6 5 - - 1 2

2 5 4 6 3 2 - 1 2

6 2 5 3 4 - - 2

6 5 3 2 4 - - 1 2

5 2 4 3 6 2 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - - 2

3 2 6 5 4 - - 1 2

3 4 2 5 6 2 - 1

2 4 5 3 6 - - 2 1

2 6 4 3 5 2 - 1

3 4 6 2 5 - - 2 2

4 2 6 3 5 1 - -

2 3 4 5 6 - - -

Has the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th place; the 4th at four course-ends, the 5th at five, and the 6th at six; and the 6th also the extent wrong; without the 2nd in 6ths place.

First rung at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, April 19th, 1897. Conducted by G. Lindoff.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

5 2 3 6 4 - - 2

2 5 4 6 3 - - 1 2

6 2 5 3 4 - - 2

3 6 2 4 5 - - 2

3 2 4 6 5 1 - 2 2

3 4 6 2 5 1 - 2 2

2 6 4 3 5 1 - 2

3 2 6 5 4 - - 2

3 4 2 5 6 2 - 1

5 3 4 6 2 2 - 2 2

6 5 3 2 4 2 - 2 2

5 4 3 2 6 2 - 1 2

5 3 2 4 6 - - 1 2

5 2 4 3 6 1 - 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 1 - -

Has the 6th the extent in 5ths place and 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6ths place, the 6th being five course-ends in that position, which qualities are obtained in the minimum number of courses.

First rung at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, April 8th, 1897. Conducted by its author.

1. PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By HARRY FRANKS, *London.*

1260.

3 4 2 5 6 7 4

6 7 3 2 5 4 2

4 2 6 5 7 3 1

6 7 4 2 3 5 3

2 5 6 3 7 4 1 s

4 7 2 6 3 5 2 s

3 5 4 2 6 7 2

Five times repeated, single for bob mid-way and end.

## Notices.

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will take place at the Clifton Road Mission Room Newport, Mon. (close to St. Woolos' church), at 3.30 to-day, Saturday, September 4th. The bells of St. Woolos' will be available for ringing.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Colum Road, Cardiff.

H. G. WHITE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*  
18, Cymmer Street, Cardiff.

Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held to-day Saturday, September 4th, at St. Mary's church, Leigh. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited to attend.

HENRY MOSS, *Branch Sec.*  
149, Clarence Street Bolton.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Horton to-day, Saturday, September 4th, instead of Cheadle as previously arranged, the tower at the latter place not being available.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Woolton, to-day, Saturday, September 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.

HENRY COLRY, *Branch Sec.*  
3, Rumsford Place, Liverpool.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of this Branch will be held to-day, Saturday, September 4th, at Rawtenstall. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*  
Helmshore.

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at Roydon, six-bell tower. Tea will take place after business meeting at 5 p.m. Holders of tickets on the Colchester line, who travel via Witham and Stortford will be allowed to return via Stratford. Members intending to be present, must signify their intention not later than the previous Monday.

Gt. Totham, HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Ass. Sec.*  
Witham.

Royal Cumberland Society.—The Annual Election of Officers will take place on Friday, Sept. 10th, when all members who can make it convenient are requested to attend.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*  
10 St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.

Will Mr. W. H. Fussell send to the Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths his address.

Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Standish, on Saturday, September 11th.

JAMES HIGSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
60 Church Street, Blackrod.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting, 6 p.m.

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

Lancashire Association.—The Association year being now closed, any proposed alteration or additions to existing rules, also nominations for the posts of vice-president and ringing secretary, together with nominations from the

following branches: Manchester, 2 members; Liverpool, 1; Rochdale, 1; should be sent to J. Redford not later than September 11th. New compositions of peals rung during the year, send to A. E. Wreaks.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon.*  
J. WILSON, } *Secs.*  
A. E. WREAKS, }

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will take place at Isleworth, on Saturday, September 18th, ringing to commence at 5 sharp.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be held at Lightcliffe, on Saturday, September 18th. Tea in the National School at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after. The rings of eight at the Parish Church and six at the Congregational church, will be available. The local hon. sec. is Mr. F. W. Bradley, 8, George street, Hipperholme, near Halifax, to whom all communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent.

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

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Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. W. Brown, Hon. Secretary, 54, Wenlock street, Hulme, Manchester.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

FAIRPLAY.—You have not responded to our invitation, honestly given. The publication of your letter would have rendered us open to an action for libel. Why not be more explicit? How are we to know whom you mean by the expression—"the man with the pliers?"

J. GEORGE (of Rugby).—In sending matter for this paper be kind enough to adhere to the instructions given with regard to address, etc.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

WANTED a Situation as Under-Gardener, or Groom and Gardener. Four years in last situation as Groom and Gardener. Change-ringer on six; member of the Ely Diocesan Association. Age 21; single, with good character. Address, W., care of Editor.

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JOINER.—Improver seeks situation. Large shop preferred. Change-ringer from eight-bell tower. A., care of Editor.

## Situations Vacant.

SHOP FOREMAN.—Wanted at once, reliable man for a small shop, as working Shop Foreman. Accustomed to good work, setting out, details and staircases. Permanency. Change-ringer required (ten bells, tenor 23 cwt.). All particulars to S. Ellis, Builder, Chertsey Street, Guildford

## Compositions.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, *London.*

5024.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	M	H
5	4	2	3	6	-		S	
2	5	4	3	6			-	
2	5	3	6	4	-		-	
3	2	5	6	4			-	
4	5	2	6	3			-	
2	4	5	6	3			-	
5	2	4	6	3			-	
3	4	2	6	5			-	
2	3	4	6	5			-	
4	2	3	6	5			-	
5	3	2	6	4			-	
2	6	5	3	4	-		-	
2	6	3	4	5			-	
3	2	6	4	5			-	
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 peal has the 6th eighteen times wrong and twenty times at home, and the 2nd never in 6ths place at a course-end.

### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By GABRIEL LINDOFF, *Lincoln.*

5088.

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

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths place at a course-end. The 6th being her extent at five course-ends. It can be extended to 5152 by calling 2 M, B, 1 W, 2 H in the third course.

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5120.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	H
3	5	2	6	4			
2	6	3	5	4	-		
3	2	6	5	4			
6	3	2	5	4			
2	5	6	3	4	-		
6	2	5	3	4			
5	3	6	2	4	-		
6	5	3	2	4			
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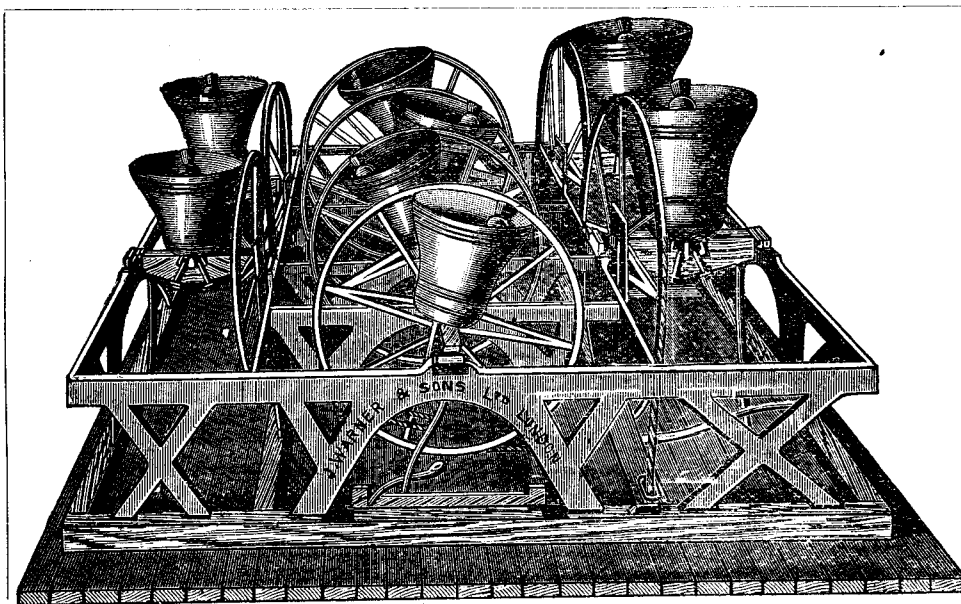
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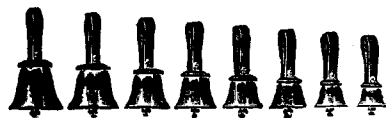
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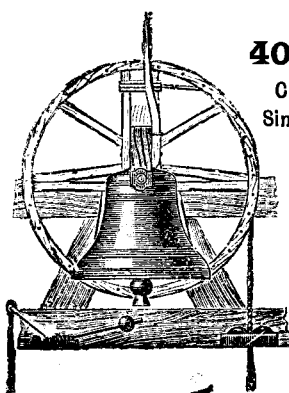
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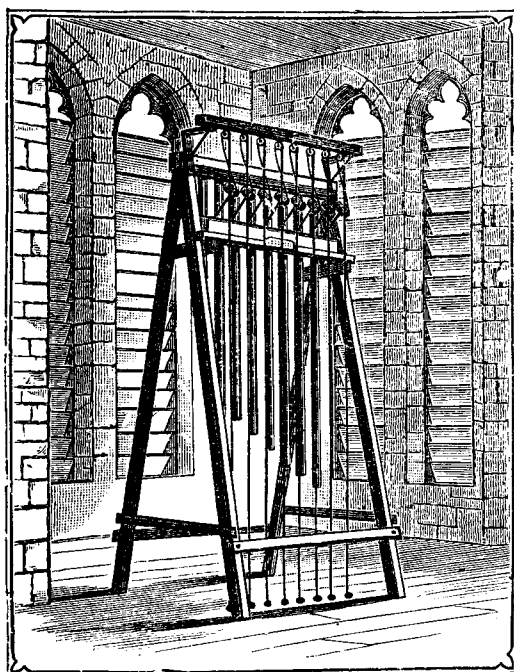
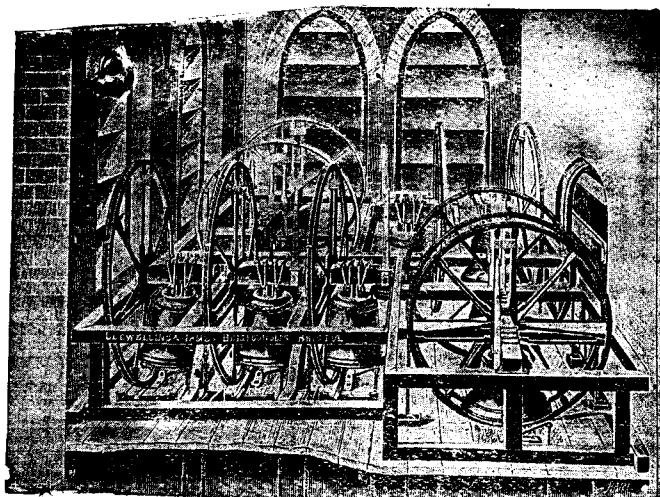
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## THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, TONG, YORKS.

[Vide Illustration.]

Dr. Whitaker, the historian, wrote of Tong: "In the midst of manufactures it has preserved its aristocratical character from the earliest times to the present. There is a rural aspect about the village of Tong which is truly refreshing to a townsman, palled with interminable miles of streets. In the words of the late Robert Carrick Wilton (who spent some years of his life in one of the miserable cottages in Holme Lane)—

Here might one dwell and feel supremely blest,  
With no companion to disturb his rest;  
No sound is heard, save what from labour springs,  
The blacksmith's bellows moan, the anvil rings;  
The lowly cots—so humble and so clean,  
Their ancient casements hung with ivy green  
Seem to bespeak the happy homes within."

The village street studded thickly with old trees, presents all the features which "imagination fondly stoops to grace" in poetic verse or still more feeble prose. Here is the "rich man's gate" leading through a fine avenue of trees to the stately pile beyond. Here too is the church, with portly entrance gates flanked on one side by a veritable pair of "stocks" in good condition, and on the other by a pair of "horsing steps," the latter for use when wives rode to church on pillions behind their husbands.

Mention is made of Tong in Domesday Book, 1081, as Tuinc. The present church is supposed to have been preceded by two others, and the old church or parochial chapel as it was then called, was said to be straw-thatched, and had a cone turret. Previous to 1867 it was called a parochial chapel, and paid a yearly acknowledgment of £2 to the Vicar of Birstal for synodals, and 5s. to the churchwardens of the same place, under the name of "rogue's money," but in the above year it was created a vicarage. The living has been much increased of late, and is now worth between £700 and £800 a year. It was rebuilt in 1727-30 by John Nelson (a Birstal Methodist local preacher) chiefly at the cost of Sir George Tempest, Bart., who also erected the hall and the village school. There is little about the exterior of the church to attract attention. It is a plain building of stone, with square tower surmounted by vases at each corner, one of these having been struck by lightning and destroyed. The others were removed and were replaced by new ones some years ago, and copied from others which it is thought had originally been erected above the balustrade surrounding the wings of the hall when re-built in 1703. They were erected at the cost of the late Miss C. E. Tempest, who also was the donor of the handsome east window of stained glass placed there in 1882 to the memory of her parents, sister and brother, and the organ erected in 1883 by Holt and Son, Leeds, was the gift of Mr. Robert Tempest Ricketts, now Sir Robert Tempest Tempest. From the construction of the tower arch (now hidden from view by an organ gallery) which partakes of the style prevailing between the 12th and 13th centuries—the

capitals of the columns which support it having angular mouldings—it is supposed to be a remnant of the church or chantry of that period. Many generations of Tongs, Myrfeldes and Tempests are interred in the body of the church and in the private vault attached, in which there is an ancient piscina indicating that some part of the structure existed previous to the Reformation. The pulpit is a "three-decker," surmounted by a sounding board bearing the date 1727, erected on the south side, and is along with the pews made of fine black oak; many of the seats are made out of carved panels supposed to have come from the old hall. Opposite the south door is the family pew of the Tempests, raised so high from the floor that a fixture of three steps is required when the family come to church. Affixed to the wall close by, there is a small diamond-shaped slab of oak, containing a peg of the same material, which has been left as a relic of the cocked hat period. This peg was put up upon which to hang the beaver of the then steward (Mr. Brown) of the Tong estate, who lived at Hill Green Farm. He died in 1743, and left an annuity of £6 to be divided yearly as follows: 40s. to the curate for teaching the children of Tong the Church Catechism, £3 to the schoolmaster, and 20s. for repairing the church clock. The poor of Tong have also the benefit of a yearly rent charge of £11 out of Hatfield Hall Estate, near Wakefield, left by Isaac Bowcock, in 1669, for apprentice fees and distribution to poor persons not in receipt of relief. Bowcock's tombstone lies near the sun-dial in Tong churchyard. The following have been incumbents during the present century:—

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The present Vicar is the Rev. Chas. Farrow, B.A., who has held the living since October, 1866. He occupies the handsome vicarage appropriately erected on a piece of land called the Priest's Close, and which has superseded the old parsonage adjoining the church. Two of the Vicar's sons are ringers and members of the Yorkshire Association, viz.: the Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, and Mr. R. P. Farrow, late of Queen's College, Oxford, and their names frequently appear in "THE BELL NEWS."

The registers commence in 1550—eight years before those of the parish church of Birstal, and probably earlier than any in the neighbourhood. The graveyard is full of gravestones, many of ancient date and elaborately carved. The oldest that can be traced records the death of Wm. Baynes, of Holme; but in the north aisle a stone is to be found bearing a still older date—1634—and covers the remains of a person named Illingworth. Side by side lie generations of Nettletons, Balmes, Whiteheads, Denisons', Rayners, Steads and Websters.

Originally the church possessed only one bell. In 1730, however, there were three bells, the tenor bearing this date. Later two more were cast at York and added,





St. James's Church, Tong, Yorkshire.

[*Supplement to "THE BELL NEWS,"*]

making a peal of five. The present treble was purchased in 1841 from Messrs. Mears, at a cost of £35, and the tower now contains a peal of six bells, tenor 12 cwt., rehung in 1892 in an iron frame by Warner and Sons, at the cost of Sir Robert T. Tempest, Bart., who is the patron of the living.

The belfry walls hold several peal-boards, recording many achievements of 5040 changes in a great variety of methods, notably a peal of 6000 changes in twenty-five different Minor methods, and a peal of 10,440 changes, being the longest length yet rung by the Yorkshire Association in fifteen methods. In bye-gone days, when prize-ringing was more in vogue than happily it is now, the ringers here were generally to be found in the first honours. Recently a large picture has been hung in the belfry containing the photographs of many past and present ringers who have taken a part therein.

T. M.

[Some weeks ago we issued a photograph of Mr. GEORGE BOLLAND, the leading spirit of the Tong company.]

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above took place at Newport, Monmouthshire, on Saturday, September 4th. The members attending met at The Clifton Road Mission Room at 3.30, where, in the unavoidable absence of the Ven. Archdeacon Bunce, vicar of St. Woolos', Newport, who had promised to be present with us, the Rev. Percy Mortimer, curate of St. Woolos, took the chair, and opened the proceedings with prayer. In his opening remarks he expressed the regret of the vicar at being unable to be present at the meeting, and in his name welcomed the Association to the parish; after which he called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous annual meeting, which after some discussion was confirmed and signed as correct. The business following consisted of (1) Passing of the balance-sheet for 1897. The statement of accounts for the past year showed a very satisfactory balance in hand of £17 6s. 7d. Our society is young in years, but the balance in hand has gone on steadily, and is almost £8 better than last year. (2) Revision of rules. Numerous alterations were effected in rules 1, 4, and 7, and rules 5 and 9 omitted altogether. The alterations, we think, are wise, and will make matters simpler and plainer to understand. (3) The place of next annual meeting; St. John's, Cardiff, was chosen for the purpose. (4) Election of officers. In place of Mr. Charles Lloyd (Cardiff), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), was elected Master of the Association; the Rev. D. H. Griffiths (St. John's, Cardiff), was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; Messrs. Charles Lloyd (Cardiff), and David Jones (Penarth), Auditors. (5) Enrolment of new members. Mr. Howell (Thornbury, Gloucestershire), was enrolled as an Honorary Life Performing Member, and the following—Messrs. R. L. Thomas, T. Rees, E. Reed, B. Bowen, A. James, J. Warren, W. Mustoe, and T. Williams, of Cowbridge, as Performing Members. The enrolment of the Cowbridge ringers brings the number of towers affiliated to the Association up to thirteen, three of which have been added this year.

There were not so many members present at the Annual Meeting as we should like to see. Newport is a convenient centre, the Annual Meetings the most important in the gatherings of the year, but we may venture to add, without being considered captious, that the attendance was not what it ought to have been.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting. The ringers repaired to the belfry of the grand old parish church, and for a couple of hours manipulated the ropes of the excellent peal hung therein.

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

The members of this Society had their annual outing to York, on Saturday, August 28th. Leaving Leeds at 1.35 they arrived at York at 2.20, and were met at the station by the members of the York company with a couple of drags, when they drove to the Clifton cricket field to commence operations at cricket with the York company. A shout soon went up, which was a signal that York had won the toss and elected to bat first, and which thanks to the fine batting shown by J. Haigh, they were able to run up the respectable total of 88. It may not be out of place to say that the old veteran (Woodhead) was in fine form with the ball, taking five wickets at a small cost, but was badly backed up by the poor fielding of his side, some preferring to let the ball come to them, others letting it go to the boundary. Leeds being out with 89 to get to win, and only an hour and a quarter to get that number in, it seemed an almost hopeless task to do, but with Tunncliffe and Brown, or rather W. Woodhead and Windsor in great form, the runs were soon rubbed off.

#### SCORE.

YORK.		LEEDS.	
T. Haigh, b J. Woodhead ..	4	W. Woodhead, run out ..	55
A. Haigh, b J. Woodhead ..	2	G. Tingle, b J. Haigh ..	1
A. Fearnley, c J. Woodhead, b Windsor .. ..	10	A. Windsor, b R. Thompson ..	20
J. Thompson, b J. Woodhead ..	0	R. Bland, not out ..	3
R. Thompson, b Bland ..	2	J. Woodhead, not out ..	1
T. Hougson, b W. Woodhead ..	7		
G. North, stp Lee, b W. Woodhead .. ..	5		
T. Earnshaw, stp Lee, b J. Woodhead .. ..	1		
G. Horner, b J. Woodhead ..	11		
T. Cundall, run out ..	5		
J. Haigh, not out ..	40		
Extras .. ..	1	Extras .. ..	3
Total .. ..	88	Total .. ..	90

After the match ringers and friends adjourned to Ye Old Grey Mare, where a splendid tea was provided, to which it is needless to say ample justice was done. After tea our old friend Mr. Howard was voted to the chair, and his health was drunk, it being his 76th birthday. Then tunes on the handbells were given by the Leeds company, much to the enjoyment of all concerned. The chairman then announced that if we wanted to ring at the Minster we should have to be at once making tracks thereto; and we had a couple of courses of Stedman Caters, assisted by the York men. Then a visit was paid to our old friend G. Breed, where a bit of handbell ringing was done until train time, which arrived only too soon. Leaving York at 11.40 Leeds was reached at 12.30, bringing to a close one of the pleasantest trips in the annals of the Leeds company. J. W.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**ROSSENDALE BRANCH.**—The meeting of this branch on September 4th, at Rawtenstall, was more successful than the state of the weather would have anticipated. Although ringing did not commence early, little time was lost, as the bells were kept well going until late at night. It is encouraging to find that we have little difficulty in obtaining a band at these meetings that can ring methods that were once considered impossible by our own branch.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. A. Clements. In his address he asked the members of the branch who were capable of peal-ringing, to try to considerably increase the number of peals rung by our Association. Bury was selected as the place for next meeting. Members were present from Ransbottom, Helmshore, Waterfoot, and St. Saviour's and Christ Church, Bacup. Most of the Rawtenstall ringers also attended the meeting.

**STAINES (Middlesex).**—On Saturday, September 4th, at St. Mary's church, as a mark of respect to the late sexton, Mr. J. Mott, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, in 47 mins. J. Cooper, 1; A. Wicks, 2; T. Smith, 3; W. Ware, 4; T. Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; T. C. Couch, 7; W. Prangley, 8. Messrs. Wilks, Couch and Prangley belong to the local band.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

What do you think of the Dublin job? If you have read the account in last Saturday's paper, with the care and interest which I did, you must come to the same conclusion, viz.: that it was *Ar.*, copper-bottomed, registered at Lloyd's, etc. Of course this is only a simile, but you who read this paper for the sole purpose of improving your minds and getting a proper command of language, with an approved style, and so forth, will understand my meaning. I have read this account over and over again, until I begin to imagine I was there, and I really think I was. George IV. used to say that he led the Donkey Fencibles, or some other famed regiment, at Waterloo, and believed it you know. But seriously this opening on the banks of the Liffey was a splendid affair. "Sailing, sailing, over the bounding main!" I fancy I hear my friend Willson voicing this swinging chorus, and can't get it out of my head. Law! how I should have liked to have been there. And so would a good many more.

They say that the best English—I am now speaking of the English language—is spoken in the city of Dublin. I recollect in my very juvenile days hearing a good old lady converse at a party we had. I detected something strange in what I should now call the accent, and I suggested to my maternal relative that the lady was a Frenchman. "Oh no," was the reply, "she is a native of Dublin." "Then she is Irish," I rejoined. "Not so," said the mater, "Dublin-born people are not Irish; they are quite distinct!" I never could get over this, never. Perhaps language, or *patois*, or whatever it is called, had something to do with it. What I have stated here is an absolute fact.

Not Dublin, merely, but the Emerald Isle *in extenso*, has a great history. I am a strong able-bodied downright Englishman myself, but I believe that no country on earth can lay claim to so much wit, humour and other things as Ireland. For rollicking fun among novelists, who is before Charles Lever? Read his "Charles O'Malley" before answering the question. Look again at the wits and orators of the once Irish Parliament—and the Bar. Among the former Grattan, Flood, and Shiel; among the latter Curran and Bushe. These men were giants: figuratively of course, for the renowned J. P. Curran was of short stature. Among poets where stands Thomas Moore; among soldiers, the Iron Duke? The king of agitators, too, Dan O'Connell. Ah! our Irish brethren want a little love and sympathy shown them. When they can ring Stedman Caters at St. Patrick's, be jabbers we shall know something. When the Emerald Isle becomes a downright bell-ringing island, all desire for "separation" in any form will be at an end, and the occupation of the agitator will have gone intoirely.

I don't wonder at the jubilation shown in last week's leader relative to the quantity of bellfounding and bellhanging about just now. I hear that every one concerned in these trades are well employed. So be it. They want to be occupied for years if it is only to stop the progress of decay and ruin. If a report could be made of the condition of hundreds of church bells whose absolute destruction is only a matter of time, unless quickly restored, the information would be startling in the extreme. I know a peal of bells at present in excellent order, but the apartment in which they are placed is open to all weathers. Many of the stone louvres are gone, and the bells may be said to have not the slightest protection from snow or rain. The fowls of the air do as they like therein, and play high jinks with the frame and its appurtenances. Representations have constantly been made without effect. The incumbent refers all remonstrants to the churchwardens, but these individuals are of the marine store and butter-tub order, and are practically unable to understand what is meant, owing to physical malformation of the occiput. Such an instance unfortunately does not stand alone.

There is a place somewhere in Bedfordshire named Leighton Buzzard (generally pronounced "Buzzud.") I have some idea that "Buzzard" is merely a corruption of "Beaudesert." The population of this place is close upon 7000. The idea prevails

among many that the height of rusticity or simple yokelism prevails among the inhabitants, and that to hail from the place is a sure sign of simplicity. My friend James Hannington, (of London) and comrades have just visited Leighton, and they found some curiosities. First was an ancient inn, smothered so much with ivy that it was rather difficult to discover. Surely a sign of sweet simplicity on the part of the tenant. The parish church possesses a grand peal of bells but the condition of them is awful. The old story. Lots of ringers willing to do their devoir, but prevented by the wretched state of the bells. Now then, you 7000 Leighton Buzzards, what have you done to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee? Demolished an extra meal perhaps, and consumed unlimited potatoes of nut brown! If so I have nothing to say against it, only that it is not enough. What a glorious opportunity you have suffered to pass by. Be it known to you that your pious ancestors placed the grand bells in your church tower at great cost, and they naturally expected their posterity would take care of them, and keep them in good order. It is not too late now to move in bell-restoration. The shame will be yours if you do not. I shall keep my eye upon you, my Leighton Buzzard friends.

This week we have a picture. I have been privileged with the sight of an advanced copy, and have also been allowed to read the written account of Tong church. I suppose there is hardly a six-bell ringer in existence who will fail to get a copy of this picture (which is worth framing), being as it is the headquarters of that enthusiast—GEORGE BOLLAND. The descriptive matter is really very interesting, not full of a lot of rubbishing inscriptions, but a solid and at the same time concise history, written by a gentleman who knows his book. In front of the church wall is seen that old public corrector cylept "the stocks." Some one has said that our worthy friend above-named, when one of the ringers ring so carelessly as to "spike" a peal, carries the offender bodily down the steps, and gives him an hour or two of "stock broth." A capital purge, I have no doubt. We all know some to whom the administration of a similar compound would greatly benefit.

The touches are increasing in volume week by week, though the peals hang. Perhaps some may think the performance of what I may call common-place peals are not the acme of perfection altogether. My humble opinion is that given a good united company, governed by efficient and wise regulations, with social half-hours now and then—a bond of brotherhood, in fact, and a peal about once a month, to help and promote adhesion, is the height of perfection.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 4th, eight members of the Old East Derbyshire and Yorkshire Associations attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob. All went well for three hours and four mins., when we added one more to the unpublished records: the old saying, but only too true, that a peal is never got until those welcome words "that's all" are called. J. Atkins, 1; T. Sadler, 2; E. James, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; G. Butcher, 6; J. Allen, 7; W. Biggin, 8. Messrs. Sadler, Lambert and Whitworth hail from Treeton. The peal was arranged for Mr. Lambert, who has not yet rung a peal of Major.

In T. A.'s report *re* the East Derbyshire Association, that gentleman says he thinks the bells want quarter-turning; and so say all of us. Perhaps the "pot" would do the best turn. I have now before me a list of twelve towers in the Association, viz., three peals of six, and nine peals of five bells. Jubilee Year will soon be a thing of the past. I see no record left behind the same number of fives; and behold one tower with five bells and ten members, and another with nine. Hurry up old friend Tom; I know you are a tryer; don't let them rest night nor day, and let me suggest a start at home. Fine peal of six; tenor 19 cwt. Just fancy two trebles; you never had a better chance. Doubtless your rector will try, being the right sort.

E. J.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, BACUP.—On Thursday, the 10th ult., the members of this society had their annual outing, Killamarsh in Derbyshire being the place visited. Leaving Bacup at 6.0 p.m., Manchester was reached at 7.7, where after spending two hours we took the 9.25 train to Sheffield, which was reached at 10.45. Here we had to change for Killamarsh, arriving there at 11.40 p.m., being met at the station by Mr. Emsen, who led the way to our lodgings—The Navigation hotel where our host (Mr. Ellis) had provided an excellent supper. This over, bed was the next call. Up early the next morning, a ramble round the village created an appetite for breakfast, and this necessity being satisfactorily adjusted, Mr. Emsen pointed out the principal interesting features of the locality. Then we met another of the local party—Mr. Burnham, and at once made for the church, where we rung a 720 of London Surprise. L. Holt, G. Burnham, J. Emsen (conductor), E. J. Cockcroft, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes. And a 720 of Tulip. Then we adjourned. Another visit to the church, and a 720 of Primrose was rung by L. Holt, Z. Lord, G. Shotten, E. J. Cockcroft, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes (conductor). After tea we met with Messrs. Bettison and Severn, who acted as our guides to that pretty village called Eckington, where the local men, accompanied by Mr. Worthington (Staveley) appeared. Permission being had, a 720 of Arnold's Victory was rung by Z. Lord, B. Price, T. Bettison, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes, C. Severn (conductor). A few touches of Treble Bob Major, and 240 of College Treble were rung, and the bells lowered in peal. Then we returned to Killamarsh, our first day being over. Saturday morning, Mr. Bettison having previously engaged vehicles, we, accompanied by the locals and their wives, had an hour's drive of nine miles through Pebley and Whitwell to the ducal residence of Welbeck Abbey. Arriving at the stables our horses were unharnessed and taken in to rest while we made our way to the office to obtain tickets for admission to the pleasure grounds, tan gallop, riding school, and gardens, where a guide was obtained, who conducted us first through the vast area of gardens, unsurpassed in England for size, and extensive ranges of hothouses. From these we passed through an underground tunnel to the tan gallop, 1270 feet long, with roof of glass, containing 64,000 feet of that material. Then we passed on to the riding school: 385 feet long, 104 feet broad, 51 feet high, and is lighted by 8000 gas jets; it has a cornice in solid stone which cost five guineas a yard to carve. The pleasure grounds, the lake, the rhododendron valley, the cypress, cedar, and yew avenues, we all viewed, then returned to the stables, and parting with our guide adjourned for lunch, our lady friends Mrs. Emsen, Mrs. Severn, and Mrs. Bettison, having surprised us by the provision they had made. Our drive was soon resumed, and we reached Edwinstowe, the village being pretty enough to justify a short stay therein. The church stands upon slightly-elevated ground in the middle of the village, and is said to occupy the site of King Edwin's tomb. Here we rung a 720 of Cambridge Surprise (supposed to be the first in the method on the bells), and touches of Violet and Oxford, the bells being lowered in peal. Our return journey was then resumed through Sherwood Forest, on by Thorsby House, Clumber House and church, arriving at Worksop at 6 p.m. Here a halt was made for two hours for the refreshment of both man and beast, getting back to Killamarsh at 10.35, where we found a bountiful supper awaiting us. Thus ended our second day. The following day, Sunday, for Divine Service a 720 of Imperial was attempted, but it fell through. We accepted a kind invitation to tea from Mr. Bettison, and after his liberal hospitality we repaired to the church, and for Divine Service the following rang a 720 of Imperial. L. Holt, Z. Lord, G. Shotten, E. J. Cockcroft, J. S. Lomas, J. H. Barnes (conductor). This is said to be the first in the method on the bells. Afterwards we visited a small village on the outskirts of Killamarsh called Wales, the chief feature of which was the old church. Then back to our head quarters, where after a social hour we bid our friends good-bye. We desire to thank the Vicars of the various churches and the local ringers, also Mr. Bettison, for the excellent arrangements. L.

J. GEORGE'S OWN ACCOUNT OF HIS ANNUAL OUTING.—Saturday, August 21, at Harborne, Staffordshire, a peal of Darlaston Bob

Triples in 2 hrs. 45 mins.—Sunday, August 22, at Rugby I was present ringing for morning service, and at St. Luke's, Chelsea, I took part in ringing for evening service.—Monday, 23, at Norwich. I was met by Mr. G. Howchin, Mr. F. H. Knights, Mr. C. E. Borrett, and others, who very kindly had a conveyance in readiness for Aylsham, where a peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung in 3 hrs. 38 mins., Norwich being reached again at 1.15 a.m.—Tuesday, August 24, visited Yarmouth, where a sight of St. Nicholas' had to suffice. At St. Peter Mancroft a peal of Grand-sire Caters in 3 hrs. 38 mins.—Wednesday, August 25, at Bristol an attempt was made at St. Stephen's for a peal of Stedman Caters, which failed in 1 hr. 13 mins. In Bristol there are ten churches with eight bells, four with ten, and one of twelve; but only five of the eight, one of the ten, and the twelve are pealable. When the authorities see the necessity of having the unpealable bells rehung, it is to be hoped they will consult the competent firms who advertise in this paper, and not waste their money in employing a local blacksmith.—Thursday, August 26, at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (Bristol) 630 of Grandsire Triples. At Stroud an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Royal, which was lost after 1 hr. 25 mins.—Saturday, August 28, at St. Nicholas, Brighton, a peal of Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 14 mins.—Sunday, August 29, at St. Peter's, Brighton, 224 Double Norwich and 288 Stedman Triples, the latter being conducted by me.—Monday, August 30, at Heene, Sussex, a peal of Stedman Triples in 2 hrs. 29 mins.—Tuesday, August 31, at St. Mary's, Woolwich, a peal of Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 56 mins.—Wednesday, September 1, at St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford, a peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 5 mins., conducted by me.—Thursday, September 2nd, at St. Peter's, Nottingham, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (conducted by me) which came to an end through a change-course after 2 hrs. 30 mins.—Ten peals were attempted, seven of which were rung, and were recorded in their proper place. I desire to thank through the medium of this paper all those gentlemen (too numerous to name individually) who so kindly arranged matters, and met me while on this tour. J.G.

## SOME BELL NOTES OF AMERICA.

BY WILLIAM J. SEVIER, Gloucester.

THE LIBERTY BELL, OR THE INDEPENDENCE BELL.—The order for this bell was given in 1751. The State House of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, the work on which had been suspended for a number of years, was then approaching completion. The lower floors were already occupied by the Supreme Court in the chamber, while in the other assembled the Freeman of the province of Pennsylvania, then consisting of one body. A committee was appointed by the Freeman, with Peter Norris as chairman, and empowered to have a new bell cast for the building. The commission for the bell was in the same year awarded to Robert Charles, of London, the specification being that the bell should weigh two thousand pounds, and cost £100 sterling. It was to be made by the best workmen, to be examined carefully before being shipped, and to contain, in well shaped letters around it the inscription "By order of the Province of Pennsylvania, for the State House in the City of Philadelphia, 1752." An order was given to place underneath this the prophetic words from Leviticus xxv. 10—"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, and to all the inhabitants thereof." The reason for the selection of this text has been a subject of much conjecture, but the true reason is apparent, when the full text is read. It is as follows: "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a Jubilee unto you, and ye shall return every man unto his possessions, and ye shall return every man unto his family." In selecting the text the good Christians had in memory the arrival of William Penn and their forefathers more than half-a-century before. In August, 1752, the bell was cracked by a stroke of the clapper while being tested. It could not be sent back, as the Captain of the vessel who brought it over could not take it back on board to England.

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# Obituary.

## FRANCIS LEES.

The Durham and Newcastle Association has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. Francis Lees, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the ringers of that city will miss him for many a long day. For a fortnight or so prior to his death he had been complaining, and for a few days had been off work, but few of his ringing friends were aware that he was unwell, and those who knew were quite ignorant of the seriousness of his condition. The news of death in three minutes through a sudden and overwhelming discharge of blood from his lungs, came as a dreadful shock to the ringers of Newcastle, and caused them the greatest distress.

Mr. Lees was practically the father of change-ringing in Newcastle, for while it is quite true that there had been a change-ringing band in the town before, they had never advanced beyond a few peals of Grandsire Triples and a quarter-peal of Stedman, and such ringers as were left from that band had failed to introduce any new blood when their instructor and patron (Mr. Dodsworth) died, and had fallen back on call-changes. Mr. Lees, with a poor peal of six at St. John's, set about the apparently impossible work of belfry reform in Newcastle, and after many years' steady and self-sacrificing work it must have been consoling to him to reflect that in this city he could enter one belfry containing ten bells, and five containing eight bells, all in good going order, and where he could find men to ring even the higher methods. He was to the greatest extent instrumental in bringing this about, as without his instruction and example at St. John's the position of ringing in Newcastle to-day would be exceedingly problematical. Though never constitutionally strong, he had determination and perseverance, and these qualities, combined with patience and kindness towards learners, worked wonders in a tower, whether a bad-going bell or a crotchety ringer was concerned. The result was that he had a most loyal body of friends round him, who held him in the highest respect, and by each of whom the loss is most keenly felt. The bells of St. John's were his especial care, and they always went well. He had rehung all the old six himself, as well as hanging the two new bells, and considering the wretched condition of the peal when he took them in charge, the number of men who have learnt in the tower, and the peals rung upon them, the time and labour he expended on them must have been enormous, the cost to the authorities being practically nothing. It will be difficult to find his successor in this respect.

He was one of the original founders of the Association, and had been a vice-president from the beginning, seldom missing a meeting. He was also a representative on the Central Council, and in business he had charge of one of the departments of the *Newcastle Chronicle*. As evidence of the respect in which he was held by his employers, the following leaderette appeared in the paper the day after his death:—

"DEATH OF MR. FRANCIS LEES.—We record in another column the death of Mr. Francis Lees, an old and much-esteemed official at the 'Chronicle' Office. Mr. Lees was a distant relation of the late Dr. F. R. Lees, the famous advocate of temperance. Mr. Francis Lees was brought up in Glossop, and, as a young man, became connected with manufacturing operations in that neighbourhood; but when the American War threw the cotton factories idle, some of the men found employment upon public works, and others were driven to seek their livelihood in other directions. Mr. Lees was a proficient bell-ringer, and the head of a band of young men who were accustomed to attend and also give concerts in the neighbourhood as well as ring church bells. He and his colleagues set out on a tour of handbell ringing to support themselves during the depression in the cotton trade. In the course of their peregrinations they came to Newcastle and played at various concerts, and afterwards at the Tyne Concert Hall, then under the management of Mr. George Stanley. They were very successful, but when the American war ceased, the cotton trade revived, and the young men returned home. Mr. Lees, however, took a situation at the 'Chronicle' Office, and has been there ever since. His position has been one of trust and responsibility. He had the entire confidence of his employers, and the esteem of everyone who knew him. His interest in bellringing continued to the last, as he was one of the

leading bellringers at St. John's Church, Newcastle. Apart from being a good musician, Mr. Lees had good artistic tastes, and occupied his leisure time in carving and other artistic work. He sustained an accident some time ago in the belfry of St. John's Church which considerably shook him. His eldest daughter, too, died recently, and this had a depressing effect upon him. He had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who will receive the announcement of his death with great regret. He leaves a widow and one daughter."

The death of his eldest daughter a few months since had been a severe blow to him, and he was buried on Sunday afternoon, August 30th, by her side in Elswick cemetery. A very large number of friends and ringers attended the funeral, some of the latter coming from Whitley (Mr. H. Ross), Winlaton (Mr. J. Scott), Chester-le-Street, Whickham, Hexham (Mr. W. Story), and practically all the members of the St. John's Guild, as well as some old members—Mr. Des Forges and Mr. W. Laing. The President of the Association, Mr. R. S. Story, and the Honorary Secretary, Mr. T. Hudson, also attended.

A muffled peal was attempted at St. Matthew's on the Monday following—Stedman Triples—but it was lost after 50 mins. ringing; and on Thursday an attempt was made at All Saints, which unfortunately collapsed after some excellent ringing a little after the half-way. No ringing was done at St. John's or at the Cathedral owing to the wish of Mrs. Lees.

## EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

DEATH OF THE PARISH CLERK.—We regret to have to record the death of one of the best known and highly respected inhabitants of this village, in the person of Mr. William Austin, which took place late on Tuesday night. The deceased had held the office of parish clerk and sexton since the year 1852, when he was appointed to the office by the late vicar, the Rev. D. T. Knight. The heavier part of the work, however, has been done for the last year or two by a son-in-law. The deceased, who was seventy-eight years of age, had also been a trustee of the Whitworth Friendly Society for a number of years, and had lived at Barton all his days.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last, four members of the St. Thomas' Society, Hazel Grove, together with two friends from Hyde, visited the parish church, Poynton, and rang a 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; W. Wilde, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. S. Wilde, 6. Plain courses were afterwards rung in the following methods: Kent, Oxford and Violet Treble Bob. Owing to the annual flower show being held, there was a large gathering of people in the village. The ringers wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells.

## CHIRBURY, SALOP.

Recently at the parish church 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Lloyd, 1; G. Taylor, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 5; J. E. Groves, 6. Also several 120s of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, with T. Williams (local) ringing the tenor. The above was rang after the bells had been rehung by Mr. W. Greenleaf, of Hereford. The peal of six at Montgomery has also been tuned, and a chiming apparatus added. Churchstoke are a pretty ring of five hanging in a quaint wooden tower. Chirbury are a fine ring of six from the Whitechapel foundry. The ringers expressed their satisfaction at the work in each tower, the "go" of the bells being excellent. Mr. Greenleaf is also rehanging the fine peal of eight at Ledbury, Herefordshire; the peals of six at Madeley and Leinswardine; also augmenting the old peal of five to eight at Clifford, Herefordshire.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks) — On July 24th, at St. Mary's church, 360 Grandsire Doubles, 6-7-8 covering. V. Sear (conductor), 1; F. Hedges, 2; D. Harris, 3; E. Herbert, 4; C. Herbert, 5; M. Matthews, 6; A. G. Crane, 7; A. N. Atkins, 8. And 120 Bob Doubles. V. Sear, 1; M. Matthews, 2; C. Herbert (conductor), 3; D. Harris, 4; E. Herbert, 5; J. Atkins, 6.



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## The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1897.

SOME weeks ago we alluded to a suggestion made by Mr. BENJAMIN KEEBLE, regarding a Cathedral for the County of Essex, and it will possibly be remembered that we mentioned the Abbey of Waltham as the most suitable for such a purpose. We have very good reason to know that the bare proposal has been received with considerable favour among influential Churchmen in the County, and we believe that our remarks at the time gave an exceedingly powerful fillip to the imagination of many whose thoughts ran in the same groove. Scarcely a doubt we should say existed as to the great suitability of the above-named sacred edifice for the purpose in question. We only hope that the idea may take firm root, and in due season bring forth a complete and satisfactory fruition.

There has for some time been a proposal to increase the number of the Abbey bells to ten, with a complete restoration of the present ring. Shall we be regarded as mere enthusiasts when we say that such a work would be an excellent corollary to the dedication of the Abbey as a Cathedral? It is not very extravagant to suppose that a powerful ring of bells, taking precedence of all others in the County, would be a factor in aid of the Cathedral idea.

But be this as it may, there is no question that the time is ripe for Waltham Abbey to have a ring of bells worthy of its position and importance in our history. And it is pleasing to note that very little stands in the way. The tower is sufficiently capacious to contain a ring of twelve bells, and less than that, in view of certain contingencies, the Abbey ought not to have. We do not speak without knowledge of the topic. The work of providing a Cathedral for Essex, and furnishing a ring of bells worthy of such an edifice, is a grand and noble one. But we would have one or both these schemes taken in hand without delay. The provision of bells is the one which more immediately concerns us, perhaps, and we certainly should like to see this effort pressed forward at once, because with delay there is great danger.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.—The usual Monthly Meeting for six-bell towers was held on Saturday last, September 4th, Lawrence Waltham being the venue. Ringers were present from Boyne Hill, Winkfield, Bray, Binfield, and Burnham. The visitors were met by the Rev. C. Jenkyns, the Vicar, the Rev. G. Neville, being away. The local band were also strongly represented. Altogether about thirty ringers were present, and the bells, which go rather badly, were kept going during the afternoon and evening in touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman. Owing to the absence of the Vicar, the Branch Secretary, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, explained the lack of the usual cup of tea usually provided at these meetings. A most enjoyable meeting was held nevertheless, and the next one was proposed to be held at Binfield that day month, which it was hoped would be well attended. It might be well to note that White Waltham, which possesses a nice peal of six, was called at by the Boyne Hill band, and permission given by the Rev. H. M. Dyer, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and it was pleasing to learn that this belfry will ere long be represented in the Guild. A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. G. Neville for the use of the bells.

#### The Provinces.

##### ST. ALBANS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

##### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 30 cwt. in E flat.

HENRY L. WADDINGTON† Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
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RICHARD HAMMOND .. .. 4.	*HERBERT J. SAMUEL .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal. †First peal on the treble. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. H. L. Waddington.

##### BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 31, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

##### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, and Oxford Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDGAR TINGEY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. 2.	HARRY TYSOE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM BARKER .. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal by the ringer of the treble, aged 15 years.

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

On Saturday, September 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

##### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

EZRA KEIGHLEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SANDIFORTH .. 5.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 2.	JOSEPH S. CLARK .. .. 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	FREDERICK W. HARGREAVE .. 7.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. 4.	GEORGE NETTLETON .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and  
Conducted by F. W. HARGREAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Clark, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Keighley and Pratt hail from Calverley; Broadley from Bradford; Hargreave from Tong; the rest belong to the local company.

##### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

##### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

##### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. Treble.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 5.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. .. 2.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. 6.
ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN

This peal is a reduction of a 6016, and contains the full combination of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6 at the course-ends, the 3rd never in 6ths, and the 2nd never in 5-6. First rung at Irtlingborough, conducted by A. Tyler. J. Martin hails from Higham Ferrers; Hensher from Wellingborough.

##### THURLEIGH, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1897, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

##### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

Tenor about 15 cwt.

THOMAS FOOTE .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4.
WILLIAM J. BARKER .. .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.	FRANK HULL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This peal was arranged for Mr. T. Foote, of Little Staughton, Beds., a late member of the St. Paul's Company, Bedford. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by the vicar of the parish, the Rev. Benjamin Trapp.

##### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

##### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 5, 1897, in Two Hours Nineteen and ½ Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JAMES PAGETT,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

##### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JAMES PAGETT .. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5-6.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 3-4.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 7-8.

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON and  
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal of Major on handbells by all except the conductor. This composition contains only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6ths place at a course-end, the 2nd never in 5ths place. Referee—Mr. George Salter.

#### Miscellaneous.

##### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MONTGOMERY.—On Tuesday, July 13th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. G. J. Taylor, 1; J. Lloyd, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; T. J. Bratton, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. J. E. Groves, 1; J. Lloyd, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 5; G. J. Taylor, 6.

CHURCHSTOKE (Wales).—On Tuesday, July 13th, at the parish

church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. J. Taylor, 1; J. Lloyd, 2; T. J. Bratton, 3; A. Little, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; Also several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. T. J. Bratton (conductor), 1; A. Little, 2; J. Lloyd, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; J. E. Groves, 5.

CHIRBURY (Salop).—On Tuesday, July 13th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Lloyd, 1; G. J. Taylor, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 5; J. E. Groves, 6. First 720 on the bells. Also several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. T. J. Bratton (conductor), 1; J. Lloyd, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; A. Little, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; G. J. Taylor, 6. The bells of the above churches have been rehung by William Greenleaf, of Hereford, to celebrate the Queen's long reign, and were opened on the above day. Great credit is due to Mr. Greenleaf for the way he has rehung them. The new sets of ropes were supplied by Ironmongers, of Wolverhampton. J. E. Grove hails from Wolverhampton; W. Greenleaf from Hereford; G. J. Taylor from Shrewsbury; the rest from Welshpool.

#### THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, September 3rd, for practice at St. Alkmund's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Dolman, 1; W. H. Owen, 2; J. Searle, 3; G. J. Taylor, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. W. Wynn, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Lewis, 1; W. H. Espley, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; W. H. Owen, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Dolman, 8.

#### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, August 29th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1277 changes, in 49 mins. A. Ough, 1; W. Meaton, 2; E. Arthurton, 3; H. Owen, 4; H. Adams, 5; J. Aldridge, 6; W. Elson, 7; J. Nicholis, 8; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 9; R. Burgess, 10. On Sunday, September 5th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1250 changes, in 49 mins. A. S. Ough, 1; E. Arthurton, 2; R. E. Chichester, 3; H. G. Owen, 4; G. Meaton, 5; W. Meaton, 6; G. Charge, 7; W. T. Elson, 8; C. Charge (conductor), 9; S. How, 10.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On Monday, June 28th, at the church of St. James, 960 Grandsire Major. E. Burgess, 1; H. Poole, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; A. Doble, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6; W. Thorne, 7; G. Yendall, 8. On Thursday, July 8th, 1008 Bob Major. W. Gillard, 1; H. Poole, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; W. Thorne, 5; A. Doble, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; G. Yendall, 8. On Tuesday, July 13th, 1008 Bob Major in 40 mins. T. Doble, 1; H. Poole, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; E. Burgess, 5; W. Thorne, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; G. Yendall, 8. On Sunday, August 1st, 356 Grandsire Triples. W. Gillard, 1; H. Poole (conductor), 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; W. Thorne, 5; A. Doble, 6; T. Doble, 7; G. Yendall, 8. On Sunday, August 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Gillard, 1; A. Doble, 2; H. Pearce, 3; E. Burgess, 4; H. Poole (conductor), 5; C. Yendall, 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BACKFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday, August 2nd, 720 Violet. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; F. Spence (conductor), 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; J. Booth, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6. These are the first 720s in the methods on the bells.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Thursday, August 5th, 720 Kent. J. Ashcroft, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; F. Spence, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Sunday, August 8th, 720 Woodbine. J. Mainwaring, 1; C. R. Greenall (300th 720), 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Sunday, August 15th, 720 Bocking. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Tuesday, August 17th, 720 Kent. H. Moston, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Sunday, August 22nd, 720 College Exercise. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Thursday, August 26th, 720 London Surprise. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6. First in the method by all the band, and by the Guild. On Sunday, August 29th, 720 each of Baintree and London Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. Booth, 6.

BOWDON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, August 28th, 720 each of College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; C. R. Greenall, 4; F. Spence (con-

ductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. It was intended to ring a 5040 here, but owing to the bad "go" of the bells, it had to be abandoned.

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—NORTHWICH BRANCH.

WITTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, August 24th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Sutton, 1; S. Johnson, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6. On Saturday, August 28th, 1008 Bob Major. G. Johnson, 1; W. Sutton, 2; S. Johnson, 3; S. Forster, 4; R. Chantler, 5; A. Johnson, 6; J. Bell, 7; W. Forster, 8. On Tuesday, August 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Sutton, 1; S. Johnson, 2; R. Chantler, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY.—On Sunday, September 5th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. S. Wharton, 1; J. Rowland, 2; J. Hale, 3; J. Hammond (first 720 of Minor in any method), 4; J. Pownall (conductor), 5; J. Rutter, 6; E. Hampson, 7.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 15th, at the residence of Mr. C. Sharples, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, August 23rd, 720 College Single. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 5-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 3-6. On Tuesday, August 24th, 720 Merchants' Return. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. First attempt in the method by all. On Saturday, August 28th, 720 Merchants' Return. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Tuesday, August 31st, a plain course each of the following: Merchants' Return, Kent, Oxford, Violet, College Single, Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson, 5-6.

CONISTON.—On Monday, August 30th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), on handbells. E. L. Woodhouse, 1-2; Dr. H. C. Woodhouse, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 5-6. On Friday, September 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). E. L. Woodhouse, 1-2; Dr. H. C. Woodhouse, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 5-6. Rung in honour of E. L. Woodhouse's 21st birthday.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, August 4th, for practice at the Cathedral, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smith, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. Chooet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Lampard, 6; W. Lebbon (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Monday, July 19th, at the Abbey, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Hewett (Gosport), 1; A. Le Clercq (Farnham), 2; G. Newman (Romsey), 3; F. Barnett (Farnham), 4; J. Elcombe, jun. (Romsey), 5; T. Cole (Romsey), 6; A. Tomlins (conductor, Gosport), 7; H. Dunn (Romsey), 8.

CURDRIDGE (Hants).—On Monday, July 19th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Hanham, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Gould, 5; C. Groves, 6; A. Tomlins, 7; J. Dover, 8. Also short touches of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob Major.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Saturday, August 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor. H. Westbrook, 1; A. Barrow, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; H. Reynolds, 4; J. Gould, 5; A. Tomlins (conductor), 6. First by all except the conductor. On Saturday, August 28th, 420 Stedman Triples. A. Barrow, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; R. Fuge, 3; H. Reynolds, 4; J. Symons, 5; H. Westbrook, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; A. Tomlins, 8.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Saturday, September 4th, at the parish church, after meeting short for a peal, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-two singles and thirty-eight bobs). J. Matthews, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Symons, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; J. Gould, 5; A. Tomlins (conductor), 6. First attempt by all. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Harris, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; J. Gould, 5; A. Tomlins (conductor), 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On a recent Sunday, two 504s of Grandsire Triples. A. Newman, jun., 1; T. Newman, sen. (conductor), 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. Hands, 4; A. Cullum, 5; E. J. Menday, 6; G. Essex, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. These are the first touches ever rung by A. Newman, and it is a credit to him as he is only twelve years of age, and the youngest member of the Guild.

READING (Berks).—On September 5th, for Divine Service at St. Laurence's church, 666 Grandsire Caters, in 29 mins. R. Sawyer, 1; J. Tucker, 2; C. Stone, 3; F. Hopgood (conductor), 4; C. Giles, 5;

G. Foxell, 6; A. Watmore, 7; W. Newell, 8; A. Osborne, 9; E. Bruce, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

**BRENNHAM (Berks).**—During the month of August the following 720s have been rung: On Sunday, August 1st, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), conducted by F. Richardson. On Monday, August 2nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles), conducted by F. Richardson. On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), conducted by F. Richardson. Afterwards 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by W. Horne. On Wednesday, August 18th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), conducted by J. Hatto. On Sunday, August 22nd, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), conducted by W. Horne. Also 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), conducted by J. Hatto. On Tuesday, August 24th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by F. Richardson. On Sunday, August 29th 720 Oxford Bob, in 22 mins. F. Wigmore, 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; W. Lucas, 3; J. Hatto, 4; F. Richardson (conductor), 5; W. Horne, 6. A. Reeves hails from Reading.

**MORTIMER (Berks).**—On Sunday, August 29th, at St. Mary's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. H. Cox, 1; W. Higgs, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; A. Pye, 5; W. Jerrom, 6; K. Mason, (conductor), 7; J. Mason, 8. W. Higgs hails from Reading. Also 504 in the same method. H. Cox, 1; W. Jerrom, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; T. Eatwell, 5; A. Pye, 6; K. Mason (conductor), 7; J. Mason, 8. And another 504. J. Mason, 1; W. Jerrom, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; A. Pye, 5; F. Eatwell, 6; K. Mason, 7; A. Davis, 8.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).**—On Saturday, September 4th, after the annual meeting of the Association, the following touches were rung at the church of St. Woolos: 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Vinnicombe, 1; J. Jones, 2; E. Davies, 3; W. Biss (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. Atwell, 7; G. Watkins, 8. A plain course of Grandsire Triples. T. Jenkins, 1; E. Davies, 2; S. Rogers, 3; H. Millard, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. Atwell, 7; G. Watkins, 8. First plain course by Messrs. Jenkins and Rogers, who hail from Treveithin. A plain course of Grandsire Triples. T. Jenkins, 1; D. Penny, 2; S. Rogers, 3; H. Millard, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. Atwell, 7; G. Watkins, 8. First course by D. Penny, who hails from Treveithin. Two plain courses of Grandsire Triples. R. Daniel, 1; J. Harris, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. Atwell, 4; W. Biss, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; G. Watkins, 8. First two courses by R. Daniel, who hails from Pentre. A plain course of Bob Major. J. Jones, 1; E. Davies, 2; F. Atwell, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Cox, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; G. Watkins, 8. 336 Bob Major. J. Jones, 1; E. Davies, 2; F. Atwell, 3; J. Harris, 4; W. Biss, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; J. Cox (conductor), 8. 168 Stedman Triples. J. Jones (conductor), 1; J. Butler, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. Cox, 5; E. Davies, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; H. G. White, 8. 97 Grandsire Triples. J. Butler, 1; J. Jones, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. K. Howell, 4; W. Biss, 5; J. Cox, 6; E. Davies, 7; F. Atwell, 8. F. K. Howell hails from Thornbury, Gloucestershire.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**CHARING (Kent).**—Recently, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles, P. Edwards, 1; W. Good, 2; W. Spice, 3; W. Hadlow, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6. Also several 6-scores, with W. Edmed on the treble. Hadlow hails from Lenham. On Sunday evening, August 29th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. F. Paine, 1; W. Spice, 2; S. Paine, 3; A. Gower, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabret (conductor), 6. Another 720 in the same method, in 22 mins., E. Archer ringing the treble, the rest as before. Archer, Spice and Goodwin belong to the local band; Tabret hails from Ashford; the rest from Mersham. On Sunday, September 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores, each called differently. P. Edwards, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Spice (conductor), 3; W. Good, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; E. Archer, 6. This is J. Willis's longest length away from the treble, and was rang on his 14th birthday.

**WESTERHAM (Kent).**—On Thursday, July 1st, at St. Mary's church, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Selby, 1; G. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; F. Bailey (conductor), 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; R. Stone, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday, July 11th, 504 in the same method. A. Selby, 1; G. Selby, 2; H. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Monday, July 12th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Stone, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Selby, 1; G. Selby, 2; H. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday morning, July 18th, for Divine Service, 336 Stedman. H. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; G. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown,

8. For evening service 504 Stedman, standing as before. After service 504 in the same method, standing as before with the exception of J. Heath, 5; G. Steer, 6. On Sunday, July 25th, 336 in the same method. W. Billinghamurst, 1; R. Stone, 2; H. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. W. Billinghamurst hails from Loughborough. On Sunday, August 1st, 504 in the same method. G. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; H. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 4; J. Heath, 6; C. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. For evening service 504 in the same method. H. Selby, 1; A. Selby, 2; G. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; R. Stone, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday, August 8th, 420 in the same method. H. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; G. Selby, 3; M. Whalley, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; G. Steer, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Thursday, August 6th, in the same method. H. Selby, 1; G. Selby, 2; G. Steer, 3; M. Whalley, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone (longest length), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday, September 5th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Stone, 1; G. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; M. Whalley, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; H. Selby, 7; T. Groombridge, 8. Longest length with a bob bell by M. Whalley. T. Groombridge hails from Sevenoaks.

**TENTERDEN (Kent).**—On Monday, August 16th, for practice at St. Mildred's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Burden, 1; F. Burden, 2; A. Hind, 3; C. Tribe, 4; G. Cramp, 5; R. Edwards (conductor), 6; G. Neve, 7; H. Oldstock, 8. On August 30th, a 504 in the same method. H. Wells, 1; F. Burden, 2; F. Edwards, 3; C. Judge, 4; C. Tribe, 5; A. Hinds, 6; R. Edwards, 7; H. Oldstock, 8. Messrs. Burden and Judge hail from Rolvenden; the rest are local men.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).**—On Sunday evening, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. D. Mays, 1; G. Cattermole (conductor), 2; T. Davey, 3; F. Cullum, 4; J. Rose, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6. On Sunday afternoon, August 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Rose, 1; C. Nunn, 2; T. Davey, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; F. Potter, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Rose, 1; D. Mays, 2; T. Davey, 3; G. Cattermole (conductor), 4; C. Nunn, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6. W. E. Garrard hails from London.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

**BLACKBURN.**—On Sunday, July 25th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 27th, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine. T. Mouncey, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; H. Heyworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, 720 Woodbine. J. Bentley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; C. Sharples, 3; R. Hartley, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Oxford. R. Hartley, 1; C. Sharples, 2; J. Bentley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. J. Bentley and C. Sharples belong Oswaldtwistle. On Sunday, August 8th, for evening service, 720 Oxford. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 10th, 864 Kent. \*J. Bentley, 1; N. Townend, 2; R. Hartley, 3; \*I. Whalley, 4; \*C. Sharples, 5; T. Redman, 6; T. Duxbury, 7; H. Heyworth (conductor), 8. \*Longest touch in the method. On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, 720 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 17th, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 24th, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; F. Towns, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 5th, for morning service, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, 1; F. Towns, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman, 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.**—Recently the Bexhill branch of the above Association paid a visit to this place and rang a few touches at Christ Church, including 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Ades, 1; N. Cruttenden, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Hunnisett, 4; G. Watson, 5; G. Marchant, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; W. Sharpe, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. N. Cruttenden, 1; H. Harvey, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Ades, 4; G. Marchant, 5; B. Hobbs (conductor), 6; T. Hunnisett, 7; W. Sharpe, 8. H. Harvey and G. Watson are local men; Hobbs hails from All Saints Eastbourne; the rest from Bexhill.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

**BRISTOL.**—On Friday, August 6th, at St. John's church, 720 Grand-sire Minor. J. Falser, 1; G. Pearce, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; J. Richmond, 4; H. Porch (conductor), 5; P. Came, 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. John Downing, auctioneer of this city, whose funeral took place that day. On Sunday, August 22nd, at St. Stephen's church for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Burchell, 1; W. Knight, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; F. Perrin, 4; F. Ellis, 5; E. P. O'Meara, 6; W. A. Cave (conductor), 7; R. Channings, 8. And 330 Stedman Caters. W. J. Hinton, 1; W. A. Cave, 2; A. Burchell (first touch), 3; W. Knight, 4; C. Horton, 5; C. Millard, 6; F. Perrin, 7; F. Ellis, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; R. Channings, 10. A. Burchell hails from Thornbury. In the evening touches of Stedman Triples and Caters and Double Norwich Major, with J. C. Mitchell (of London) ringing the third. After evening service at St. Werburgh's 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. H. Horton, 1; C. H. Tomkins, 2; H. Howell, 3; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 4; F. Price, 5; E. P. O'Meara (London), 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. M. Howe, whose death occurred suddenly on Sunday morning. On Tuesday, August 24th, at St. Thomas', for practice, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. On Wednesday, August 25th, at St. Stephen's, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, but came to grief after ringing over 2,000 changes in one hour and a quarter. W. J. Hinton, 1; C. Millard, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; W. Knight, 4; J. George (Rugby), 5; F. Perrin, 6; F. Elles, 7; J. York, 8; W. A. Cave, 9; F. Price, 10. On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Stephen's church, for evening service, 720 Kent Minor, with the tenor covering. C. H. Horton, 1; W. Knight, 3; F. K. Howell, 4; F. Elles, 5; W. B. Pickard, 6; W. A. Cave (conductor), 7; W. Colston, 8. After service at St. John on the Walls, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. A. Cave, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; H. Howell, 3; F. K. Howell, 4; F. Elles, 5; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 6. F. K. Howell hails from Thornbury.

**BRISTOLINGTON.**—On Wednesday, August 19th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Knight, 1; F. Elles, 2; F. Millard, 3; C. H. Tomkins, 4; T. Radford, 5; W. A. Cave (conductor), 6. Millard and Radford hail from Taunton, remainder from Bristol.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**WANSTEAD (Essex).**—Recently for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Moule, 1; H. Gowers, 2; J. Mardell, 3; E. Wightman (conductor), 4; J. Marks, 5; H. Beams, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. Also 360 Double Court. E. Wightman (conductor), 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; H. Gowers, 5; H. Beams, 6.

**STANSTED (Essex).**—On Thursday, July 29th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; T. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise (4th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. T. Jordan hails from Chingford, Essex; I. Cavill from Roydon; W. Cavill from Hoddesdon, Herts. Tenor 13 cwt.

**ACCRINGTON (Lancashire).**—On Tuesday, 17th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Scholes, 1; R. Scholes, 2; J. Hindle, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 6; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Treble on the bells since the re-opening on June 22nd. During the last ten years these bells have only been chimed by the sexton. Messrs. Whalley, Sharples, and Parkinson hail from Oswaldtwistle; the rest belong to the local band, and this is their first attempt at Treble Bob for ten years.

**GREAT YARMOUTH (Norfolk).**—Recently for Divine Service in the morning, 518 Grandsire Triples. For evening service 610 Grandsire Triples. H. Wright, 1; W. Blyth, 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Secret, 4; W. A. Alps (Waltham Abbey), 5; R. Tooley, 6; J. Hardy (Harwich), 7; T. Matthew, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

**GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).**—On August 17th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. H. S. Richold, 1; S. Slater, 2; W. Gridley, 3; E. Her-

bert, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; C. Sillitoe, 6. And 360 each of Kent Treble Bob and Double Court.

**LITTLE COMBERTON (Worcestershire).**—On Saturday, August 28th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Collins, 1; W. Bowles, 2; H. Salisbury (conductor), 3; R. Salisbury, 4; H. Hiron, 5; A. Salisbury, 6.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, September 5th, 336 Grandsire Triples. Amy Keeble, 1; Alfred Keeble, 2; J. Keeble, 3-4; B. Keeble, 5-6; Mrs. Keeble, 7-8. Also 360 Bob Minor. Amy Keeble, 1; Mrs. Keeble, 2; B. Keeble, 3-4; J. Keeble, 5-6.

**SUDBURY (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, August 14th, at All Saints church, two touches of 224 Bob Major. F. Hawkins, 1; C. Herbert, 2; W. Griggs, 3; W. Bacon, 4; H. Brackett, 5; E. Herbert, 6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7; W. Howell, 8. On Monday, August 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Hawkins, 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. Griggs, 3; E. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. Howell, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; H. S. Richold, 8. And 336 Bob Major. W. Bacon, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; W. Griggs, 4; H. Brackett, 5; S. Hawkins, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; W. Howell, 8. On Saturday, August 28th, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Hawkins, 1; W. Bacon, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; W. Griggs, 5; W. Howell, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; H. S. Richold, 8. And 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; B. Ransom, Esq., 3; W. Griggs, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. Bacon, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; W. Howell, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. A course of Stedman Triples, on handbells. Cyril Herbert, 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; E. Herbert, 7-8.

**SHANKLIN (Isle of Wight).**—On Monday, August 30th, at the church of St. Saviour's-on-the-Cliff, a 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. W. Mew, 1; W. Newham, 2; E. Matthews, 3; H. Mason, 4; S. Matthews, 5; C. Hollies, 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, with W. T. Mew on the treble, the remainder as before. H. Mason hails from Old Hill, Staffordshire. Will any brother-ringer visiting this part of the Island kindly look in for a pull any Monday evening, when the local band will be pleased to welcome the same and have a ring together.

**WARRINGTON (Lancashire).**—On Sunday evening, August 1st, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Wilson (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; J. Morgan, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer (conductor), 5; F. Stout, 6. J. Morgan hails from Manchester. On Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. Stout, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Gough (first 720), 1; J. Willson, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. Stout (conductor), 6.

**WOBBURN (Beds).**—On Monday, July 15th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Janes, 1; M. Matthews, 2; C. Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. On July 16th, on handbells, 504 Bob Triples and 336 Grandsire Triples. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; M. Matthews, 7-8. On July 16th, 672 Bob Major. C. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; D. Harris, 5-6; Cyril Herbert, 7-8. And 432 Bob Caters. C. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; D. Harris, 7-8; M. Matthews, 9-10.

**WOOLWICH (Kent).**—On Sunday, September 5th, for evening service, 252 Stedman Triples. W. Aldington, 1; J. E. Beavan, 2; H. Hill, 3; E. Wells, 4; R. Carter (conductor), 5; E. Lucas, 6; H. Harvey, 7; H. Boar, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, with J. C. Harvey (conductor), 8; the rest as before.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—In the issue of August 28th, bobs are omitted in my compositions. In peal No. 27 at the end of the first and second divisions; peal No. 29 the end of the second, third and fourth; peal No. 30 the end of the first, third and seventh divisions; peal No. 31 end of the second, fifth and sixth divisions; peal No. 32 end of the first, fourth, seventh and ninth divisions; peal No. 33 the second lead of the second course of the fourth and tenth divisions; and peal No. 27 there is one course too many—fifth course should be omitted and the sixth take its place.

JOHN CARTER.

SIR,—In report of our Quarterly Meeting at Rushden in your issue of last week, it states that Rushden bells were recast by Mears and Stainbank about thirty years ago, it should be "re-hung" by that firm.

E. J. DENNES.



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

6th the extent at home.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. H. BARRETT, Stepney.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Continued—

W M H

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By G. R. NEWTON, Oxtou, Cheshire.

5120.

2 3 4 5 6 W 5ths 4ths B H

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

Repeated. Contains the 6th ten times each way in 5-6, and the 4th and 5th each eighteen times in 6ths, with 2nd and 3rd never there.

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH  
COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

6016.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

Repeated. Contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6; the 2nd never in that position. By omitting the two sets of three bobs braced the peal is reduced to 5120. First rung as a 5120 at Irthlingborough on Saturday, August 7th, 1897. Conducted by Anderson Tyler.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

7008.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

The last two courses thrice repeated produces—

4 6 2 5 3 M W H

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

The last two courses to be three times repeated.

A variation of this peal may be obtained by using the alternate calling in every course throughout the peal, the number will then be 7072.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. SLATER.—We shall be glad of it.

TOM LORD.—There are no bells whatever.

## Notices.

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at Roydon, six-bell tower. Tea will take place after business meeting at 5 p.m. Holders of tickets on the Colchester line, who travel via Witham and Stortford will be allowed to return via Stratford. Members intending to be present, must signify their intention not later than the previous Monday.  
*Gt. Totham,* HENRY T. W. EYRE,  
*Witham.* Ass. Sec.

**Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Standish, to-day, Saturday, September 11th. JAMES HIGSON, Hon. Sec.  
 60 Church Street, Blackrod.

**Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, to-day, Saturday, September 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting, 6 p.m.  
 REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.  
 W. BENTHAM, }

**Lancashire Association.**—The Association year being now closed, any proposed alteration or additions to existing rules, also nominations for the posts of vice-president and ringing secretary, together with nominations from the following branches: Manchester, 2 members; Liverpool, 1; Rochdale, 1; should be sent to J. Redford not later than to-day, Saturday, September 11th. New compositions of peals rung during the year, send to A. E. Wreaks.  
 J. REDFORD,  
 J. WILSON, } Hon  
 A. E. WREAKS } Secs.

**Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will take place at Isleworth, on Saturday, September 18th, ringing to commence at 5 sharp.  
 C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**Yorkshire Association.**—The next General Meeting will be held at Lightcliffe, on Saturday, September 18th. Tea in the National School at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after. The rings of eight at the Parish Church and six at the Congregational church, will be available. The local hon. sec. is Mr. F. W. Bradley, 8, George street, Hipperholme, near Halifax, to whom all communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent.  
 B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

**West Ham, Essex.**—We shall begin practice on the 14th of September, at 8 p.m., and every alternate Tuesday, and all ringers will be welcome.  
 W. DORAN, Steeplekeeper.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sandal, on Saturday, September 18th, at 5.30 p.m.

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

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Ipswich, on Thursday, September 23rd. At 12.45 a special service at St. Mary-le-Tower church, with address by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Dinner at 1.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Carr street—28. 6d. Hon. members and friends; 1s. 6d. Company members. Business meeting after dinner. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Matthew, St. Mary Quay, St. Nicholas, and St. Margaret's churches will be available

for the use of members. All who intend to be present should give notice to the Hon. Secretary at least a week before the date of the meeting. No attention can be promised to notices arriving after Saturday, September 18th. Members requiring reduced railway fares should state exactly the number of tickets that will be taken, and the station of departure.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.  
 Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn,  
 30th August, 1897.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held in the old schoolroom, King's Norton, on Saturday, September 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, to which all members are specially requested to attend. The tower will be opened and the bells placed at the members' disposal. Tea will be provided (and to which all are cordially invited) for members sending their names to me on or before Tuesday, September 21st.

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

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Pinner, on Saturday, 2nd October next. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Tea at six, followed by short business meeting for the election of members. All members of the Association are invited, and ringers, whether members or not, will be welcome. Those who desire tea to be provided are earnestly requested to send their names to the Hon. Sec. before the date of the meeting, to assist him in making proper provision.  
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### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By GABRIEL LINDOFF, Lincoln.

5248.

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

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths place at a course-end; the 4th and 6th being their extent at five and six course-ends respectively.

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, London.

5016.

2	3	4	5	6	4	5	16
5	6	4	3	1	2	*	-
4	6	5	3	1	2	-	5 16s
1	6	5	2	4	3	-	-
1	6	3	5	4	2	-	-
1	6	2	3	4	5	-	-
2	6	1	5	4	3	-	-
2	6	3	1	4	5	-	-
2	6	5	3	4	1	-	-
5	6	2	1	4	3	-	-
5	6	3	2	4	1	-	-
3	6	5	1	4	2	-	-
3	6	2	5	4	1	-	-
3	6	1	2	4	5	-	-

The last eleven courses three times repeated produces 162453. \*1, 2, 4s, 6, 7, 11. Round at 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13. This peal has the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th eleven courses each behind the 9th.

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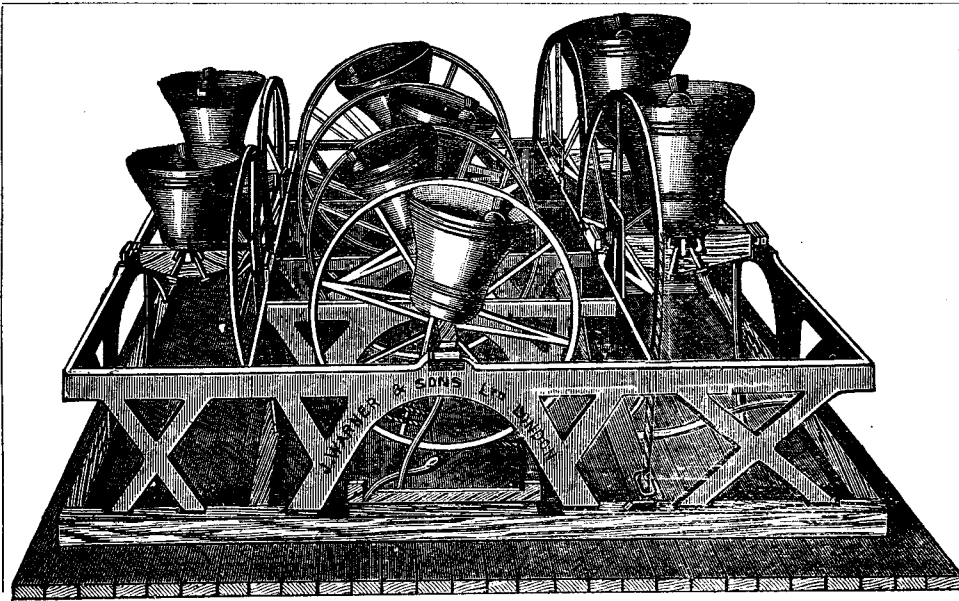
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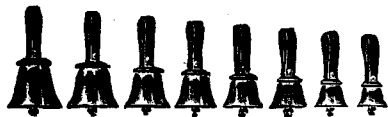
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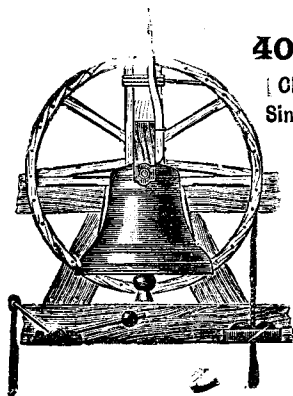
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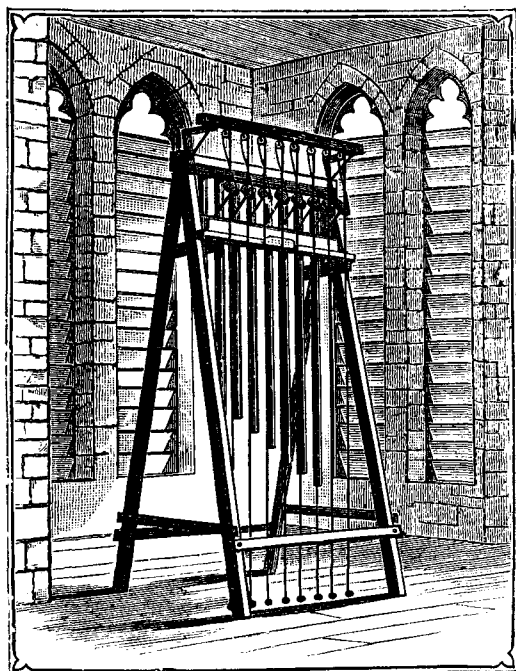
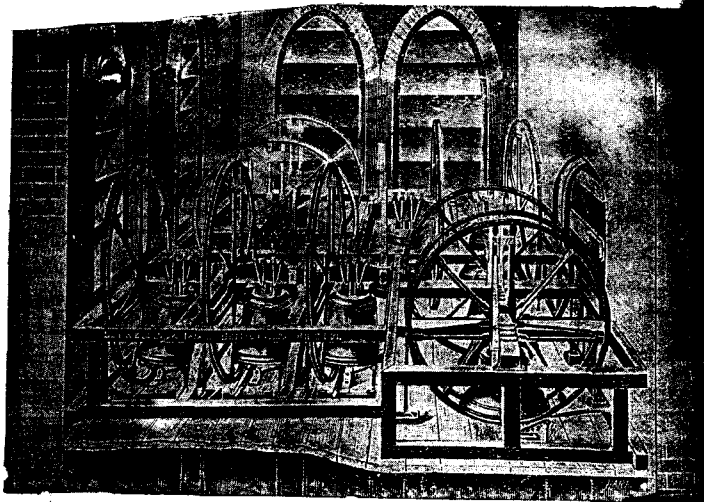
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## THE LATE MR. SAMUEL THURSTON, OF NORWICH.

(Warner to the Society of Norwich Scholars; and Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.)

By SAMUEL SLATER, Glemsford, Suffolk.

It is my wish to give in "THE BELL NEWS" a memoir of the late Samuel Thurston, of Norwich, as a small tribute of respect to the memory of so good and great a ringer, one who was so well acquainted with the Art he loved, who did honour to it by the feelings he displayed, who gave abundant proofs that he was master of the Art, and that very love of it qualified him for the tasks he performed so well in connection therewith.

This great and illustrious person was born at Norwich, in the parish of St. Martin-at-Oak, on February 19th, 1789, and was baptised on the 27th of the same month. He was brought up to the trade of a stonemason; and for many years was the mason employed at Norwich Cathedral. We may regard him as being during his lifetime the very bone and sinew of ringing in connection with the Society of Norwich Scholars. At what time he commenced to ring I do not know, but the first mention of his name in connection with the Art is on Saturday, July 1st, 1809, when he tapped upon the handbells belonging to the Norwich Scholars at the New Theatre, in Norwich, plain courses of Bob Triples, Bob Major, Bob Major Reverse, Double Bob Major, and Grandsire Bob Caters. This was at the time considered the greatest performance ever completed by one person in the world.

On October 22nd, 1809, Mr. Thurston rung his first peal, viz.: 5040 of Bob Major, at St. Giles's, Norwich. This was conducted by Mr. Jeffry Kelf, and was in fact the first peal by the whole of the band. The record goes on to state that Mr. Chesnutt, who was then conductor of the Norwich Scholars, had composed a new peal, and it was called "The Royal Jubilee," and was rung on the following Wednesday evening by the St. Peter's company, that being the Jubilee day of George III., but what this new peal was I have never been able to discover. Soon after this peal was rung, Mr. Thurston took unto himself a wife, as the following record from the marriage-register of the church of St. Martin-at-Palace: "Samuel Thurston, bachelor, to Marianne Coleman, spinster, both of this parish, married January 14th, 1810." The Norwich Scholars once had a John Coleman among them, who died in 1835, perhaps it was one of his family that Thurston married. The house in which Thurston lived is still standing, being nearly opposite the east end of the church of St. Martin-at-Palace, the second house to the north of The Cupid and Bow publichouse. Thurston's second peal—a 6000 of Bob Major—was rung at Bungay in Suffolk, with the Bungay company. We gather that he had not yet become a member of the Norwich Scholars, although he had been elected into the College Youths in 1813. By this time Thurston had become such an accomplished ringer that he, in the local papers challenged Mr. Chesnutt (the then leader of the St. Peter Mancroft company) to ring with him for £100! This led to a controversy in the papers. After all, I don't think this challenge was accepted, various suggestions were made by the parties, but a satisfactory settlement could not be attained. Soon after this, however, Thurston became a Norwich Scholar, as on Friday, April 29th, 1814, I find his name recorded as one of St. Peter's company. On this it states "that he struck on his musical peal of eight bells at The Eight Ringers, in Norwich, three full courses of Bob Major, with the 6th, 7th, and 8th making bobs, and containing 336 musical changes, which he nobly brought round in 14 minutes, being the greatest performance in the Art in the British Dominions."

Thurston's first peal with the Norwich Scholars was when they visited Suffolk to attend the grand opening of the Helmingham bells in 1816, when on the third day of the opening they

rung the first peal on the new bells—5376 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, with 6ths place bobs: the Norwich Scholars for several years practiced that method with 6ths place bobs, and had previously rung a long length at home on that plan. After this Helmingham peal, Mr. Thurston seems to have been the most noted man that Norwich had had, as it was he that composed, and rung St. Peter's tenor to, the very remarkable peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus, for the prowess of which the Norwich Scholars presented him with an elegant silver-gilt jewel, having annexed to it this inscription:—

"Presented to Mr. S. Thurston, July 4th, 1825, by the United Ringers of St. Peter Mancroft, For his eminent Services in Composing the peal of Norwich Court Twelve In, and ringing the tenor in a Superior Style."

Thurston's next peal was 5264 of Bob Major at Aylsham, and is the first peal in which he figured as conductor; and in the same year and on the same bells he rang his next peal—Bob Triples (Holt's 6-part). This was followed up by seven 720s of Bob Minor, at Loddon, in 1818, each being called differently. About the year 1819 we find him officiating as a bellhanger, and having hung the bells at Blofield and Worstead, and I believe also at Paston and Weston.

A very interesting painting of Samuel Thurston is or was in the possession of a daughter of his, a Mrs. Finlay, of Macclesfield, who some years ago lent this painting of her father to the St. Michael's (Macclesfield) ringers, to be viewed by the members present at their second annual meeting. The picture was returned to Mrs. Finlay, who faithfully promised that whenever anything happened to her, it should become the property of the St. Michael's company. The painting illustrates Mr. Thurston standing in the belfry with a rope in one hand and a ms. in the other, the latter being inscribed—"The Art of Change-Ringing." It was presented to Thurston by the St. Peter Mancroft society "for his valuable aid in Composing, Ringing, and Conducting a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, the first ever rung double-handed." This was rung on February 22nd, 1822. Thurston made a stone tablet for this performance, and placed it in St. Peter's belfry. The presentation of the portrait took place on Saturday, August 3rd, in the same year. The address written underneath it is dated 1822, and I believe the painting is in a cork frame. Mrs. Finlay has said that her father used to take ringers to his house to instruct them on the handbells: and for some time before he died, while bedridden, and his house being conveniently situated for the purpose, he could hear most of the ringing which took place by sitting up in bed and using a ear-horn. She also says that he once had a silver bell presented to him by the members of his society. This is the bell I have before alluded to. Mrs. Finlay does not know what has become of this bell.

On Thursday, January 30th, 1823, it is recorded "that a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in this city on eight musical handbells, by Samuel Thurston and William Tuck, two in hand, with four other ringers who rang single-handed; conducted by William Tuck, under the direction of that able composer, S. Thurston." In the same year Thurston rung 5-6, with six other ringers, in a peal of Bob Major at an inn in the parish of St. George's Colegate; this he followed up by ringing the tenor to Reeves's 6400 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Hingham; his next peal was a 5088 in the same method, at St. Andrew's, Norwich, being the first peal on the bells. In the following year, 1824, he called a peal of Grandsire Triples: this is given by H. Hubbard in his first edition as Holt's 10-part, but a short time ago I was shown the original figures of this peal written by Thurston himself on March 20th, 1824, and upon examination I find it to be Holt's 10-part peal with the 7th the observation, as given in *The Clavis*. His next peal was one of Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung at Aylsham, and in July of the same year he

rung a long touch of Stedman Caters on handbells, composed and conducted by himself. This was rung by seven ringers, viz.: four single and three double-handed, the record of which stated "as the greatest length ever rung two in hand in that intricate method, and no doubt will remain unequalled by the scientifices." This he followed by Reeves's extent with the tenors together—8448 changes—at St. Michael Coslany, and the record states "that the band after the peal was rung were agreeably surprised by an excellent dinner being provided for them by one of the churchwardens, at The Barleycorn, where they spent the evening with much conviviality." His next performance was a half-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by the late J. P. Powell, Esq., of which the following is the record: "On Monday, January 3rd, 1825, was rung by eight youths called Norwich Scholars on St. Andrew's musical peal of eight bells, as a first attempt, 2520 changes, or half-peal, of Stedman Triples, with only two bobs together. This beautiful peal had long been the study of the most scientific ringers, but without success, till the persevering industry and consummate skill of J. P. Powell, Esq., of Thanet, Kent, brought it to perfection, and it is allowed by the best judges in the Art to be the most ingenious peal for the number of changes in Stedman Triples that was ever composed. The peal was conducted by Mr. Samuel Thurston, of this city, and rung by the following persons: William Mann, treble; George Homes, 2; Frederick Watering, 3; John Hornegold, 4; Joshua Hurry, 5; Thomas Hurry, 6; Samuel Thurston, 7; John Coleman, tenor." His next peal was the first peal rung in hand by four of the Norwich Scholars. This was considered a grand performance, and was witnessed by three of the same society. His next was Reeves's peal from *The Clavis*, rung at Bungay on the Saturday morning after the bells had been tuned by Mr. Benjamin Oldring, of Kelsale, who rung the treble, and so far as I know this was the only peal he (Mr. Oldring) ever rung. No. 18 is the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal in which the tenor of St. Peter Mancroft was rung by Thomas Hurry, being the first time it was rung single-handed to a peal; this was conducted by Thurston. No. 19 was the first peal of Treble Bob Major ever rung upon Thetford bells, conducted by Thurston, being Reeves's 3-part peal from *The Clavis*. His next peal was his first of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. It was an augmentation of Annable's 3-part peal, with an ugly long course tacked on in front of the peal by Thurston, to supplement, I suppose, the peal rung at Coslany in 1815. This he followed up by ringing Reeves's peal of 6880 Treble Bob Major containing the sixty course-ends, the record saying "it was conducted by Thurston, who called the bobs, and whose well-known abilities as a bob-caller to a band of ringers need no comment on the present occasion, but in justice to him and the company it must be said that if ever equalled it never can be excelled, and will long stand as a master-piece untouched by the amateurs of the Art." This I suppose has reference to the composition of the peal. No. 22 was the composition of H. Hubbard, rung for the first time, and conducted by Thurston. No. 23 was a peal rung upon handbells at Crostwick, a small village near Norwich. Anxious to be doing something, no doubt Thurston got this band together and rung the peal. It was rung by seven men, Thurston being the only double-handed ringer of the band.

In the year 1829 Thurston left Norwich for London, but he however returned back to Norwich the following year, and remained with the Norwich Scholars until the time of his death. Peals No. 24, 25, and 26 were rung with the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which Thurston was elected a member in the year 1813, and as he had not rung any peals with this society until 1829, we gather that he was at work there at the time of ringing these peals, as they were all rung in a period of about six weeks' time. His next performance that we have been able to find, is the ringing of a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. This was rung on handbells by four of the Norwich Scholars, was composed and conducted by Thurston, and no doubt was the same quarter-peal that he called in the year 1822. No. 27 was the composition of Mr. James Hurry, a five-part peal, and was conducted by the composer. Thurston's next performance was with four of the Norwich Scholars ringing the celebrated half-peal of Stedman Triples, by J. P. Powell, Esq. This was at the time considered an unparalleled feat in handbell ringing, being the first half-peal that was rung two in hand in this

method. Thurston made a stone tablet to record this feat, and placed it in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, where it still remains. No. 28 was up to date, and for a great many years after the greatest length rung in the method of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. This was a grand performance, and was composed and conducted by Thurston. It is a five-part peal, and was now rung for the first time. His next performance was a long touch of Stedman Cinques in an attempt for a peal in that method at St. Peter's Mancroft, when the Norwich Scholars rang 4885 changes, the bells being brought home a course too soon owing to some error on the part of Thurston, who was conducting. No. 29 was one of Henry Hubbard's compositions, and was conducted by the composer, and contained the 120 course-ends, being the first with these properties ever rung in the city of Norwich. The calling will be found in H. H.'s 2nd edition, page 87, and 4th edition, page 88. No. 30 was Double Oxford Bob Major, the composition of Wm. Shipway, and was conducted by Thurston, and was the first peal ever rung in this method and the longest for a great many years after. No. 31 was a five-part peal. This was the first peal that was rung upon the new ring of bells at Diss. A tablet in the steeple records this peal, on which the conductor, Mr. Thurston, is here described as "that eminent great bell ringer of Norwich." No. 32 was one of Thurston's greatest peals, benign one of Superlative Surprise—5376 changes—an abridgment of Mr. Wm. Shipway's 30-course peal, and was in fact the first ever accomplished in Norwich. The record there states that the extreme intricacy of this composition is such as places it at the highest point of practical attainment in the extensive science of ringing. Moreover this celebrated peal was rung at the first attempt, and in a superior style. These circumstances add much to the credit of the company, having a tendency to show the highest degree of perfection they have attained in this Art. No. 33, London Surprise—the top of the tree—being the first peal in the method ever rung in England. The record is interesting, as it runs thus: "We had the pleasure of hearing from our scientific ringers 5280 changes of that intricate composition London Surprise. This peal has been attempted by many of the most learned of the Science, but relinquished on account of its complexity; but in the hands of our Norwich ringers that obstacle soon vanished, and in 3 hrs. 25 mins. a perfect peal was completed, thus showing what perseverance, combined industry and knowledge can obtain. The peal was conducted by Mr. Samuel Thurston." No. 34 is a very good and interesting five-part composition in Treble Bob Major by Mr. Thurston, which he also conducted on its first performance. This peal contains thirty courses, the greatest number of courses that can be had with the tenors together, and contains the sixty seven-eights before, and only fifty bobs. I must here state that Thurston had a son, and so far as I know this and the following peal are the only ones that father and son rung together. No. 35 was a anniversary peal, being the annual feast day of the Redenhall company. A batch of the Norwich Scholars arrived in the evening and rang this peal. The record also states that James Truman is now clerk at St. Peter's, Norwich, and conductor of the company. The next peal, No. 36, was this great ringer's last one. It has been said that like all other great men Stedman was his delight. This peal was composed by J. J. B. Lates, and contained 442 calls, and never more than two together. The last account that I have of his ringing is a date touch in 1840 of Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Peter Mancroft, in which he rang the tenor. He also composed and conducted it.

A short time ago (May 1896) the following account of Thurston and his death was related to my friend Mr. Philip Sadler, of Norwich, by one that knew and remembered Mr. Thurston well:—

"He was 5ft. 8in. in height and weighed about 17 stone. He died on a Sunday morning suddenly between two and three o'clock. He had had a supper the night before at The Adam and Eve public-house in the parish, as it was a custom to have suppers sometimes on Saturday nights in those days. He had eaten rather heavily and the doctor said that he died through having too much fat round the heart, so that it had not sufficient room to beat. The same morning he died he was sent for to go to the Cathedral to put the bell out for a death, early of course it being Sunday, and the person was surprised to hear that Thurston was dead also."

This statement does not exactly agree with what his daughter has said, and which I have received from Macclesfield, but wishing to give all particulars of this great man, I have given them as received, so leave my readers to judge what they think best of them, but I would remark that the newspapers and his memorial stone states that he died suddenly, and I should give my opinion in favour of them, as I believe his daughter had left Norwich some long time before his death. Now follow his obituary notices taken from the local newspapers of the day:—

"On Saturday, January 9th, 1841, died suddenly in the 52nd year of his age, Mr. Samuel Thurston, who was for more than 30 years one of St. Peter's Mancroft ringers. As a practical ringer and theorist combined, the art has lost one of its brightest ornaments, but though dead, the tablets erected in different parishes throughout the city and county will yet live to record his fame as a ringer, and those who best knew him can testify that the best ringers our city can boast of are indebted to this great artist in the profession for the knowledge they possess in the art of ringing, Norwich being able to compete with any band of ringers in the United Kingdom."

"At Aylsham, in Norfolk.—On Wednesday, January 13th, 1841, was rung at Aylsham, a muffled peal as a tribute of respect due to that celebrated ringer, Mr. Samuel Thurston, late of St. Peter's Mancroft, consisting of a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Greenwood."

The following is from St. Peter's Mancroft burial book: "Samuel Thurston, of St. Martin-at-Palace, buried January 15th, 1841, aged 51 years."

The following is from St. Peter's sick society's books: "January 15th, 1841—paid to the widow, £3; paid to the bearers, 12s.; warning the society, 2s.; beer and tobacco, 19s. 7d.; bumping the bells, 2s."

I gather that Thurston is buried at the foot of St. Peter's Mancroft tower, close to the little door where the ringers go up to ascend the tower at the south-east corner. A memorial tablet was placed in the south wall of St. Peter's tower by the Norwich scholars recording the same, the following is the inscription: "This stone is erected to the memory of Mr. Samuel Thurston, many years an eminent ringer of this parish, in commemoration of his great abilities and perseverance in advancing the art of ringing, he having performed and conducted many of the most intimate peals. He suddenly departed this life much regretted by the Exercise at large on the 9th of January, 1841, in the 52nd year of his age."

From what I can gather this stone was taken down some 15 years ago when the tower was being restored, and not put back in its original place again, as it ought to have been, but it is laid flat at the west end of the north aisle in the churchyard, where it will soon become illegible. I think it ought to be in the belfry out of the weather. I may mention that William Gaul is buried on one side of Thurston, and John Greenwood on the other; they were, like Thurston, members of St. Peter's Mancroft company. The three had each a small stone laid flat on their graves with their initials and the date of death of each one, but I am sorry to hear that they were taken up some time ago and not put down again as they should have been. I believe the stones are now lost through neglect on the part of the late sexton, who being a mason ought to have taken more care of them. The late Rev. G. H. Harris, one of the founders of the Norwich Diocesan Association, had these three ringers' graves nicely done up at his own expense about the year 1878, but now I believe a concrete path is laid down over their graves.

The following is copied from the local newspapers of that day: "On Tuesday, December 9th, 1856, in her 69th year, died Mary, widow of the late Mr. Samuel Thurston, who was many years one of St. Peter's Mancroft ringers."

#### SAMUEL THURSTON'S PEALS.

1	Oct. 22	1809	Bob Major	..	5040	3.7	S. Giles Norwich
2	Aug. 1	1812	Bob Major	..	6000	3.40	Bungay, Suffolk
3	June 12	1816	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5376	3.28	Helmingham
4	Jan. 20	1817	Nor. Ct. B. Max.		5016	4.2	S. Peter Mancroft
5	April 28	1817	Bob Major	..	5264*	3.12	Aylsham
6	Oct. 25	1817	Bob Triples	..	5040*	3.1	Aylsham
7	Jan. 29	1817	Seven 720s B. M.		5040*	3.15	Loddon, Norfolk
8	Oct. 21	1820	Bob Major	..	5040*	3.10	S. Michael Norwich
	Feb. 22	1822	Stdm. Triples (h)		1260*		S. Peter Belfry
9	Dec. 28	1822	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5120*	2.59	Kenninghall
	Jan. 30	1823	Stdm. Triples (h)		1260		Norwich

10	Oct. 21	1823	Bob Major (h) ..		5040*	2.55	S. George Colegate
11	Nov. 22	1823	Ox. T. B. Maj.		6400*	4.3	Hingham
12	Dec. 5	1823	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5088*	3.10	S. Andrew Norwich
13	Feb. 23	1824	Grndsire Triples		5040*	3.10	S. Andrew Norwich
14	Mar. 23	1824	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5280*	3.5	Aylsham
	July 17	1824	Stedm. Caters (h)		1620*		Norwich
15	Nov. 18	1824	Ox. T. B. Maj.		8448*	5.17	S. Michael Coslany
	Jan. 3	1825	Stedm. Triples		2520*		S. Andrew Norwich
16	Aug. 24	1826	Ox. T. B. Maj. (h)		5088*	2.45	Norwich
17	Nov. 11	1826	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5600*	3.34	Bungay, Suffolk
18	Feb. 13	1827	Ox. T. B. Royal		5040*	3.52	S. Peter Mancroft
19	April 13	1827	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5088*	3.18	S. Peter Thetford
20	May 19	1827	Dbl. Nor. Ct. Mj.		5376*	3.16	S. Giles Norwich
21	Oct. 29	1827	Ox. T. B. Maj.		6880*	3.47	Alburgh
22	Nov. 2	1827	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5024*	3.9	S. Michael Coslany
23	June 20	1829	Ox. T. B. Maj. (h)		5280*	2.45	Croftwick
24	Oct. 23	1829	Grndsire Triples		5040	2.54	S. Mary Abbots
25	Oct. 25	1829	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5120*	3.2	S. Mary Isleworth
26	Dec. 17	1829	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5120*	3.32	S. Clement Danes
	Aug. 18	1830	Stedm. Triples (h)		1260*		S. Peter Belfry
27	Jan. 17	1831	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5440	3.23	S. Michael Coslany
	April 11	1831	Stedm. Triples (h)		2520*	1.17	S. Peter Belfry
28	Nov. 1	1831	Dbl. Nor. Ct. Mj.		6160*	3.35	S. Michael Coslany
	Dec. 31	1831	Stedman Cinques		4885*		S. Peter Mancroft
29	Mar. 10	1832	Ox. T. B. Maj.		6720	3.53	S. Giles Norwich
30	July 26	1832	Dbl. Ox. Major		6000*	3.27	S. Giles Norwich
31	Jan. 6	1834	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5120*	3.11	Diss, Norfolk
32	Feb. 6	1835	Suprlat. Surprise		5376*	3.15	S. Giles Norwich
33	Nov. 17	1835	London Surprise		5280*	3.25	S. Andrew Norwich
34	Nov. 16	1837	Ox. T. B. Maj.		7360*	4.44	S. Andrew Norwich
35	Jan. 13	1838	Ox. T. B. Maj.		5280*	3.30	Redenhall
36	Mar. 25	1839	Stedm. Triples		5040*	2.55	S. Giles Norwich
	Jan. 7	1840	Knt. T. B. Royal		1840*		S. Peter Mancroft

By this List it will be seen that Mr. Thurston rung his first and last peal on the same bells, viz., S. Giles Norwich.

Peals marked with \* Thurston conducted.

As I stated above, Mr. Thurston had a son named George, who like his father was a mason and a member of the Norwich Scholars, but was only a glimpse of a peal-ringer in comparison with his father, as from what I can gather he only assisted in ringing four peals, viz., Nos. 34 and 35 above, with his father, and the two I now give below.

July 21	1832	Oxford T. Bob Major	5280	S. Michael Coslany
Feb. 16	1843	Oxford T. Bob Major	5248	S. Michael Coslany
Oct. 26	1844	Bob Major	..	1844 Swaffham, Norfolk

The last account of his ringing that I have any account of which is similar to his father was in a date touch, which was rung at Swaffham, given above, when he rung the tenor and conducted the touch. I have heard that he poisoned his fingers or one of his hands, and that he died under an operation in the Norfolk and Norwich hospital. The following obituary notice is copied from the local newspapers of that day: "On Wednesday, March 21st, 1849, died Mr. George Thurston, at the Norfolk and Norwich hospital, son of the late Samuel Thurston, the celebrated change-ringer of this city." I gather he was buried on March 28th, 1849, aged 37 years, in the parish of St. Martin-at-Oak, Norwich.

Before I close this account I wish most sincerely to return my best thanks to Mr. Philip Sadler, of Norwich, for his kindness in supplying me with a great deal of information on this subject, also to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, of London, and Mr. Wm. Walmsley, of Macclesfield, similar kindness, because without the help of such gentlemen, I should never have been able to know so much of such an excellent ringer as Samuel Thurston of Norwich.

#### THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, WEST BROMWICH.

On Saturday afternoon, September 4th, the members of the above Society visited the old town of Warwick, and also its fine Castle, and afterwards, by the kind permission of the Vicar of St. Nicholas, had a ring for half-an-hour, bringing round a touch of Grandsire Triples. They then wended their way to The Old Bowling Green hotel, where a splendid meat tea was waiting them, and after doing justice to the good things provided a move was made to Leamington by tram, but as the time was short only the Pump Room Gardens could be seen, as darkness was coming on also. The Great Western Station was reached in time for the return journey, arriving home by 10 p.m. The above touch was rung by J. Davis, T. Danks, J. Wheatley, J. Culwick, E. Cashmore, A. Griffiths, A. Mills, and C. Bendall.

### THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS ASSOCIATION, GLOUCESTER.

No history of the "Juniors" would be complete unless reference were made to a small study six feet square in one of the boarding houses of the college at Malvern. It was in the Jubilee year of Her Gracious Majesty that the bells at St. Michael's, at Gloucester, were increased from six to eight, chiefly through the energy and perseverance of a school boy, and under the shadow of the Malvern hills, in conference with his younger brother, he formulated his plans, and sketched out the details of a young company of ringers who should have their headquarters at St. Michael's, and belong absolutely to the tower, which until then had been worked by the old society of Crypt Youths (now the Cathedral ringers).

A meeting was summoned at St. Michael's school, on Thursday, September 6th, 1887, to which all the young men of the city interested in bells, and bellringers, were invited, and the society was founded and commenced practice under the able instruction of Mr. Sidney E. Romans, a happy omen for its future welfare. Practice with the clappers tied was the order of the day, and from the 6th until the 28th of September, six evenings a week the bells swung silent in their lofty home. On the feast of St. Michael, permission was obtained to ring open for the first time, and Thursday was definitely fixed for practice-night. Members joined, and members resigned; but a good attendance at practice all through the winter and ensuing spring culminated in the first peal being scored at Upton St. Leonards, on June 30th, 1888, conducted by W. J. Sevier. In this peal, H. L. James, the founder of the society, scored his first 5000 at the treble. From this time Mr. Sevier has the undoubted claim to be regarded as the conductor of the company, calling nine peals out of the first ten. In 1889, the old Grandsire method was discarded, Bob Major became the order of the day, and a few words of praise from "Free Lance" in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" stimulated the members to fresh efforts. The next marks of progress were peals of Canterbury Pleasure Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Major: this brings us up to Christmas 1890, when the advent of John Austin, from Burton-on-Trent, begins a new chapter in the history of the Juniors; let him speak for himself as to his first impression of the society—"I knewed as there was a promising society of young ringers in Gloucester before I comed, but when I first got among em I certainly did not expect to score a peal of Double Norwich for at least six months." The writer has often heard him express himself to this effect, nevertheless the first peal of Double Norwich came round before breakfast on Christmas morning, followed by another at Stroud on the ensuing day. Double Norwich now became the standard method of the Juniors, and in 1891 no advance was made, save a peal of Duffield, at the Cross, on the feast of St. Michael, conducted by William H. Brunsdon, one of the ablest conductors who has ever served the society. It was during this year that James E. Groves, now of Wolverhampton, joined the society; he had come from Salop and joined the Upton company, where he was soon spotted as a promising ringer, and induced to join the juniors, and his short career among them was marked by rapid progress. In the same year the name of Walter T. Bennett appears for the first time in the peal-book: he came from Chepstow, and has been a member of the society ever since, holding the office of Master in 1893, when ground was first broken in the Surprise Methods by a peal of Superlative at Quedgely, conducted by John Austin, who had already established his title of "conductor" on April 28th, while Double Oxford Bob followed on May 13th at Newnham. Owing to the absence of members from home, Cambridge Surprise was not scored until May 9th, 1894, and this was followed by Double Norwich Court Bob Caters on September 22nd, the finest music

that was ever heard to issue from a steeple, so all the juniors agree; and the year culminated on November 8th in a peal of London Surprise at the Cross, composed and conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, and rung in honour of his brother's twenty-fourth birthday, the then Master of the Juniors. From that time forward peals have been rung and peals have broken down in all the above methods, until June 7th of the present year, when the society secured their first peal of Bob Maximus at Cirencester. June 19th saw a new method out of the egg, when Gloucester Surprise was achieved at the Cross; and finally the tenth anniversary of the society was commemorated on September 9th by the peal of Treble Bob Maximus, which will be found in these columns. During these ten years the hand of death has not been entirely idle in the society. All who knew Harry Brawn will remember him as an agreeable companion, an able ringer, and a sincere friend, and on such an occasion as this, one cannot look back without a feeling of regret at his early death. All the rest of the members are still living, and to each and all of those who have gone forth from the old city, those who are left take this opportunity of extending the right hand of friendship in kindly greeting for the sake of "Auld lang syne."

The peal book of the society contains the following peals: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 19; Bob Major, 12; Grandsire Triples (one in hand), 11; Stedman Triples, 8; Grandsire Caters, 6; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Bob Triples (one in hand), 4; Gloucester Surprise Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Union Triples, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Seven Minor Methods, 1; Five Minor Methods, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 1; Bob Minor, 3. Total, eighty-nine peals in twenty-three methods.

### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11th, the quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Christ Church, Southport, and a good muster of ringers attended from Aughton, Bootle, Crossens, Croston, Hindley, Ormskirk, Sefton, Upholland and Wigan, besides several of the local company. A short service was held in the church, when the senior curate, the Rev. F. Sinker, in the absence of Canon Honeyburne, delivered a most stirring address, taking for his text Exodus xxviii. 33—"Golden bells"—and traced the continuity of the use of bells in Divine worship from the earliest to the present time, and also enlarged on the duties and responsibilities of those who undertook to ring church bells. After service the ringers sat down to a substantial tea at Messrs. Fisher and Son's restaurant. Mr. Bentham, ringing secretary, stated that the members of the Guild were working hard in mastering other methods, and Mr. Short (Bootle) gave some valuable suggestions which were generally discussed, and from which good results are hoped for. A very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. Sinker for his instructive address and kindly welcome was passed. It was also resolved to print Mr. Sinker's address in the next annual report. An expression of sincere gratitude to the Rev. W. T. Bulpit for his unflinching zeal in furthering the best interests of the Guild, brought a pleasant meeting to a close. Several new members were elected.

### A WORTHY INVITATION.

A very old and valued subscriber asks us to insert the following invitation:—

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# FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CHURCH BELLS.—The re-building of the church spire having sufficiently advanced, and the absentee tenor bell being duly replaced in the tower (after a journey to Loughborough, for tuning purposes), the church authorities deemed it safe to ring the full peal of eight to test the manner in which the work had been carried out. By request of the Rev. G. W. Paul, the ringers of the parish church, Wellingborough, visited Finedon on Thursday evening, September 9th, to try the bells in various ways. They first chimed them in rounds and several set changes, and then rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples. Both the chiming and ringing showed clearly the excellent way in which the new bells blend with the others, and the brightening and enlivening effect the addition of the two thoroughly good and strong-voiced trebles has on this old ring of six. Their music on Thursday evening gave much pleasure and gratification to both ringers and parishioners. The new treble (commemorating the Jubilee of the Vicar) weighs 7 cwt. 13 lbs. The new second bell (a memorial of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria) weighs 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs. They reflect great credit on the founders, Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, and should be a source of pride to the inhabitants for generations to come. After the trial by the Wellingborough company, ringers from Irthlingborough and Finedon handled the ropes in turn. This increased peal at Finedon and the new one at Thrapston brings the number of rings of eight in Northamptonshire up to sixteen. Finedon bells make a very similar octave to those at Kettering and Higham Ferrers. Like the latter they are in the key of E flat. The formal dedication ceremony is arranged for Feast Week.

# THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Alsager, on Saturday, September 4th, members attending from Crewe, Lawton, Wrenbury and Alsager. At 2.30 the bells were raised in peal and touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung by various mixed bands during the afternoon. At 5.0 p.m. the welcome call to tea was heard, and by the way in which the pork pies, ham sandwiches and bread and butter and other good things disappeared shewed anyhow that that part of the programme was thoroughly enjoyed. Tea being over the business meeting was held. the Rev. D. Shaw in the chair. The rev. gentleman said he was very pleased to give the members a hearty welcome to Alsager, and he was very pleased to see such a grand muster, although the weather was anything but favourable, but he hoped they all would enjoy themselves. He had just returned from his holidays that afternoon, and as he stepped out of the railway station he heard the village bells ring merrily as if they were welcoming him home.

After reading and passing the minutes of the previous meeting five new members were elected and general business discussed. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. D. Shaw for his kindness in presiding at the meeting and tea, and for the use of the bells and meeting room. A vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. J. Edwards for the able manner in which he had carried out all the arrangements for the meeting: and to the ladies who kindly waited on them at tea.

After the meeting the Lawton ringers played several selections on their handbells in capital style from Gordon's music, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Pierpoint. A visit was then paid to the tower and a well-struck 720 of Oxford Bob was rung in 24 mins. R. Langford, 1; W. Rigby (conductor), 2; T. Cartwright, 3; W. Cartwright, 4; R. T. Holding, 5; G. Baddeley, 6. Then several 120s were got through for the benefit of the young learners; and at 8 p.m. the bells were lowered in cross changes, queens position, thus bringing a very pleasant afternoon's enjoyment to an end.

R. S.

# A RINGING TOUR.

All being well several members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild intend attempting peals at the following towers in Hants, commencing Saturday, September 18th, at Fareham: Monday, 20th, Soberton; Tuesday, Privett and East Meon or Petersfield; Wednesday, Portsea and Havant.

# THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Bank Holiday the members of St. John's Newcastle branch of this Association visited Edinburgh—their annual excursion. Starting at 6 a.m. they arrived in "Auld Reekie" about 9, and after seeing round the town went to St. Mary's cathedral, when Mr. W. Fyfe had everything in readiness for a peal of Stedman Caters. After two starts the length of about 50 minutes was reached, when a change-course brought it to grief. F. Lees, 1; R. S. Story, 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; W. Story, 5; H. Dall, 6; E. J. Lincoln, 7; R. Richards, 8; W. Holmes (conductor), 9; F. J. Harrison, 10. Tenor 42 cwt. Touches and courses of Stedman Triples and Treble Ten were rung, as time did not allow of the peal being re-attempted. At 5.30 all the above were entertained to dinner at the West End Cafe by the members of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, the sub-dean (Canon Wilson) in the chair, supported by the Rev. Dr. Lawlor (chaplain to the society). The chairman, after toasting "The Queen," said he was glad to see ringers from across the border, and gave the St. John's men a pressing invitation to come and try their luck again. The attempt, he said, deserved a better fate. Mr. R. S. Story thanked the chairman for his kindly remarks, and the St. Mary's Society for their pleasing hospitality. He hoped they (the Newcastle men) would soon have an opportunity of returning the compliment in Newcastle to them. A peal could be arranged at any time almost if St. Mary's men would only cross the border. The return home was made by the 7.35 train, arriving home about 11 p.m., having passed a most enjoyable day, though somewhat disappointing from the performance point of view. Through these columns the Newcastle St. John's ringers beg to tender their heartiest thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of their fine peal of bells, to Messrs. Ellis and Fyfe for so kindly making all arrangements and having the bells in such good condition, and to the St. Mary's Society generally for their hospitality during the visit. They also trust they will take Mr. Story's words in the spirit they were expressed, and come at an early date southwards for a peal on one of the many rings in Newcastle.

# THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 10th, at headquarters, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, when the following were unanimously elected: Mr. G. Wild, Master; Mr. W. Baron, sen. Treasurer (retaining office); Mr. Barton and W. Baron, jun., Stewards; A. Jacob retaining the office of Secretary.

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# Obituary.

# JOSEPH POXON.

It is with very deep regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, at the early age of 27 years, who died on Wednesday, September 8th, 1897, at his residence, 10 Bonsall street, Long Eaton, after an illness of ten days, and was interred in the quiet country churchyard of Lockington, Leicestershire, his native place, on Friday, September 10th, 1897, when four members of the St. Lawrence's Society of Long Eaton attended the funeral, and rang a course of Grandsire Triples at the grave side, as a last tribute of respect to their departed comrade. Mr. Poxon joined the St. Lawrence's society at the beginning of 1892, and was very soon able to ring his first 120 of Grandsire Doubles, when he joined the Midland Counties Association, whose meetings he was very seldom able to attend on account of his employment. He had rang eight peals, his first being a peal of Grandsire Triples at the parish church, Prestwold, on Monday, May 22nd, 1893, and his last at Long Eaton, on Saturday, August 22nd, 1896. He had conducted two peals, one of Grandsire Triples and one of Darlaston Bob Triples. Always an enthusiastic ringer he very seldom missed a practice, or Sunday ringing, he will be greatly missed by the members of the St. Lawrence's Society (in whose tower his place will be hard to fill) and other ringing friends who knew and have rang peals with him. At the evening service at the Parish Church, Long Eaton, on Sunday, September 12th, the organist, Mr. J. B. Markell, played the Dead March, and the bells were deeply muffled all day, for morning service 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, and in the evening, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, one before and one after service.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1897.

We publish in this number a quantity of most interesting particulars about SAMUEL THURSTON, once a leading spirit of the Society of Norwich Scholars. This compilation is the work of Mr. S. SLATER, of Glemsford, who though he modestly tells us he is indebted to others for much of the information, must have been at some trouble and pains to gather together the various interesting items regarding one who was a very prominent member of a very important Society a few generations ago. Much of it is very quaint; and we of the present day are apt to smile when reading the somewhat high-falutin' compliments which lubricated these various records of the past. Nowadays we cannot afford to be the least fulsome in drawing attention to the talents of a composer, the prowess of a conductor, or the staying powers of a company. But our ancestors lived in a different age, and this made all the difference. As times change, so does fashion alter even in sentiment and speech. We don't know that we are any the better for it. Complimentary

phraseology is certainly before brusqueness, though it is to be feared the latter is now making headway.

There are other ringers of a past age who could be appropriately dealt with like the one under review. Perhaps some of our friends will take the hint and see if they can make a contribution equal in interest to that of Mr. SLATER.

### The Metropolis.

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#### GLOUCESTER.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS).

On Thursday, September 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

#### A PEAL OF GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

FRED G. MAY .. .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 4.	*REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\*70th peal and 40th as conductor.

#### TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTON'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. Treble.	GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 5.
HERBERT PORTER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PORTER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 3.	STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. 7.
GEORGE HEAD .. .. 4.	EDWARD MANKELOW, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN PERKINS.

#### CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER).

On Thursday, September 9th, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 2.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 8.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 3.	FRED G. MAY .. .. 9.
ERNEST BISHOP .. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 10.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
LIONEL LONGNEY .. .. 6.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by J. MILLER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Maximus on these bells, the first by the Association and by all the band, and the first in this county since the record peal at Painswick in 1833.

#### SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 10th, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble.	CHARLES PAINTER .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	KEITH HART .. .. 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 7.
JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. Tenor.

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT and Conducted by ALF. J. TURNER.

First peal of Major as conductor. C. Painter hails from Ringmer; Messrs. Dawe Goldsmith, and Turner belong to the local band, the rest from St. Peter's, Brighton.

#### ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY A. BARNETT .. .. Treble.	ALFRED W. DARLINGTON . 5.
ERNEST IVERSON .. .. 2.	PERCY DARLINGTON .. 6.
WALTER W. DICKINSON .. 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 7.
GEORGE B. LUCAS .. .. 4.	JOSEPH WAGHORN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN.

#### WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(STANFORD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-IN-THE-ELMS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES WILSON .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PERVIN .. .. 4.
WM. H. INGLESANT .. .. 2.	*HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 5.
JOHN YATES .. .. 3.	†GEORGE DOUGHTY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE (aged 19)

\*First peal as conductor. †First peal with a bob bell. James Wilson hails from Leicester; Inglesant from Quorn, the rest belong to Stanford. Great credit is due to the treble man, J. Wilson.

#### BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

GEORGE WARD* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE HAYWARD .. .. 6.
JOHN MASON† .. .. 2.	†RICHARD HACKLEY .. 7.
JAMES JONES .. .. 3.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. 8.
THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. 4.	GEORGE BOURNE .. .. 9.
OLIVER JAMES† .. .. 5.	†JOHN T. PERRY .. Tenor.

Composed by GEO. HAYWARD and Conducted by JOHN T. PERRY.

\*First peal. †First peal of Royal. This peal is in four equal parts, with 4, 5, 6 in sixths place at the course-ends, and the 6th her extent there. Messrs. Collinson, Hitchman, Jones and Perry hail from Birmingham, Mason from Stoke Prior, and the rest belong to Bromsgrove.

**BENGWORTH, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, September 12, 1897, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

*Being seven 720s each called differently.*

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS* .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.
ALBERT H. SHARP* .. .. 2.	†FREDERICK JOHNSON .. .. 5.
THOMAS WAKEMAN† .. .. 3.	*FRANK COOK .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal. †First peal on six bells. Sunday, September 12th, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the church, the vicar was anxious that a peal should be rung to celebrate the event. T. J. Salter of Kidderminster, was asked by the vicar to come and assist to accomplish it, which he kindly consented to do. T. Wakeman volunteered to come also, and the result was a well-struck peal.

**COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**  
**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, September 12, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES GARDENER .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. 2.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	JAMES KITCHENER .. .. 7.
HENRY ROBERTS .. .. 4.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Gardener, Ricketts and Shepherd hail from Swindon; Roberts from Cheltenham; Kitchener from Coln; A. E. and W. T. Pegler and John Austin from Gloucester.

**STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

*On Sunday, September 12, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

WILLIAM PERVIN* .. .. Treble.	†HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 5.
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. .. 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. .. 3.	*JOHN YATES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

\*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells; which had during the previous week been augmented from six to a peal of eight, and thus the first peal as above the day after completion. Messrs. Taylor, Matthews, Inglesant and Grundy hail from Loughboro', the rest belong to the Stanford company. †First peal of Major with a bob bell.

**BIRMINGHAM.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**  
 (BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY BRANCH.)

*On Monday, September 13, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE GLOBE TAVERN, GRANVILLE STREET,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.**

ROBERT J. HUNT .. .. 1-2.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 3-4.	WILLIAM A. HANCOX .. .. 7-8.
RICHARD HACKLEY .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by WILLIAM A. HANCOX.

This composition has the 6th twenty-two times behind the 8th and 9th. REFEREE—F. Clayton. Witnesses—Jos. Porter and Albert Hackley.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, September 14, 1897, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

*Being seven 720s each called differently.*

FREDERICK TYLER* .. .. Treble.	HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 4.
ISRAEL LOVETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE DOUGHTY .. .. 5.
W. H. INGLESANT .. .. 3.	ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

\*First peal. First 5040 of Minor ever rang in the tower. Meeting one short for Grandsire Triples, the above was rung instead for practice.

**BRISTOL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

*On Wednesday, September 15, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. JAMES HINTON .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. BAWN .. .. 6.
CHARLES MILLARD .. .. 2.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. .. 7.
CHARLES H. HORTON .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. .. 8.
WILLIAM KNIGHT .. .. 4.	FRANCIS PRICE .. .. 9.
HARRY PRING .. .. 5.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

The above is the first peal of Royal by all except W. J. Hinton, and first as conductor by W. A. Cave. First by the Guild, and first peal of Treble Bob Royal rung in the City of Bristol by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. H. Horton.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Double Norwich Major rung at Irthlingborough, Saturday, September the 4th, reported last week, was composed by Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, and is in two parts, the 3rd being in 6ths place at the course-end, one course in each part.

**Miscellaneous.**

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, August 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, which was lost in the twenty-second course after ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins. E. Hunt, 1; J. Bennett, 2; N. Davis, 3; A. E. Parsons, 4; T. Salter, 5; A. Roberts, 6; W. Short, 7; W. Barber (conductor), 8. Tenor 30 cwt. *Handbell Ringing.*—Recently 1260 Grandsire Triples, composed by T. Goldsmith. W. Barber (conductor), 1-2; T. Salter, 3-4; J. Pagett, 5-6; T. Wakeman, 7-8. Also 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). T. Salter, 1-2; W. Barber (conductor), 3-4; J. Pagett, 5-6. On Sunday, September 5th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 3890 changes in 1 hr. 40 mins. it came to grief owing to a change-course. T. Pagett, 1-2; F. Clayton (composer), 3-4; W. Barber (conductor), 5-6; W. Smith, 7-8.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Betterton, 1; W. Pritchett, 2; F. Sumner, 3; W. Barber (conductor), 4; J. T. Pritchett, 5; T. Pritchett, 6; W. Palmer, 7; F. Clayton, 8. Also on handbells retained in hand, 528 Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' four-part. F. Clayton, 1-2; W. Barber (conductor), 3-4; W. Pritchett, 5-6; W. Palmer, 7-8. Recently an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich, which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 32 mins. J. Sumner, 1; T. Wakeman, 2; B. Witchell, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; W. Barber (conductor), 5; W. Short, 6; W. Hancox, 7; F. Clayton, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.**

HIGHER SUTTON.—On Wednesday, September 8th, at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Williams, 1; W. Ingham (conductor), 2; W. Matthews, 3; F. Stonely, 4; J. Davenport, 5; W. Steele, 6. Also on handbells a course of Grandsire Major. J. Davenport, 1-2; W. Ingham, 3-4; W. Matthews, 5-6; W. Steele, 7-8.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, August 29th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples. A. Lee, 1; W. Peirce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; E. Easter, 4; A. Took, 5; J. Howard, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; W. Lee, 8. On handbells three courses of Grandsire Triples. Mrs. F. Lambert, 1-2; A. Took, 3-4; F. Lambert, 5-6; A. Lee, 7-8.

WISSETT (Suffolk).—On Monday, August 30th, 720 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, and April Day. S. Kerrison, 1; C. Kerrison, 2; A. Lee, 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; A. Took, 5.

BRAMFIELD (Suffolk).—On Monday, September 6th, several 6-scores of Doubles in the following methods: Grandsire, Bob, April Day, and St. Simon's, by Messrs. Thain, Ludbroke, Punchard, Lambert, Took, Tracy, Chatton, and Walker.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 4th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins. W. Ostler, 1; H. Howlett, 2; A. Read, 3; W. Last, 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; W. Flory (conductor), 8. Recently at St. Michael's church, 704 Oxford

Treble Bob. W. Ostler, 1; W. Flory, 2; H. Howlett, 3; W. Last, 4; H. Folkard, 5; J. Self, 6; G. Wilson (conductor), 7; A. Read, 8. And 704 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; H. Howlett, 3; W. Last, 4; W. Flory (conductor), 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor. W. Flory, 1; J. O'Neill, 2; W. Last, 3; J. Self, 4; S. Garnham, 5; H. Howlett (conductor), 6. On handbells 336 Bob Major. H. Howlett (conductor), 1-2; W. Flory, 3-4; W. Last, 5-6; J. O'Neill, 7-8. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Flory, 1-2; W. Last, 3-4; H. Howlett (conductor), 5-6. Also 480 Bob Major. H. Howlett, 1-2; W. Flory (conductor), 3-4; W. Last, 5-6; J. O'Neill, 7-8. G. Wilson hails from Leiston.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, July 20th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Barker (first 720 as conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Lilley, 3; A. Robinson, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court. D. Thompson, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Barker, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. Lilley, 5; A. Robinson, 6. On Monday, July 26th, 720 Double Court. D. Thompson, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Lilley, 3; F. Hull, 4; C. Chasty, 5; W. Barker, 6. And 720 Double Oxford. F. Ball, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Lilley, 3; F. Hull, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; W. Barker, 6. On Tuesday, August 10th, 720 Double Oxford. F. Ball, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Barker, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; C. Lilley, 6. On Tuesday, August 17th, 720 Oxford Bob. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; E. Tingey, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. Lilley, 6. Also 720 College Pleasure. E. Tingey, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Barker, 3; C. Chasty, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; F. Hull, 6. Both conducted by C. W. Clarke. On Tuesday, August 24th, 720 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Gazeley (first 720), 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Lilley, 3; W. Barker, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; F. Hull, 6. Also 720 College Exercise. E. Tingey, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Barker, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; C. Lilley, 6.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARNET (Herts).—Recently at the parish church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering. W. H. Passmore, 1; W. J. Dell, 2; F. A. Milne, Esq., 3; J. Sumpter, 4; G. E. Symonds, 5; W. F. Dolton, 6; A. H. Belton (conductor), 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. For practice, 386 Grandsire Triples. W. F. Dolton, 1; W. J. Dell, 2; J. Sumpter, 3; S. Wade (conductor), 4; A. D. Chidwick, 5; F. A. Milne, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, 8. And 356 Grandsire Triples. A. Baldwin, 1; J. Kentish, jun., 2; A. D. Chidwick, 3; J. Sumpter (conductor), 4; J. Stevens, 5; A. E. Dolton, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; E. H. Symonds, 8. Also four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the following ringing their first 120 on the treble: A. T. King, J. Witley, W. J. Baldwin, and A. J. Chidwick. On August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Miller, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; A. D. Chidwick, 3; W. J. Dell, 4; J. Miller, 5; C. H. Martin, 6; A. H. Belton (conductor), 7; A. T. King, 8. On August 15th, 360 Bob Minor, conducted by J. Stevens. On August 30th, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. W. F. Dolton, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; A. D. Chidwick (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; A. H. Belton, 5; J. Miller (first 720 as conductor), 6; A. T. King, 8. On September 6th, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. Ansell, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; J. Miller, 3; J. Sumpter (conductor), 4; J. Stevens, 5; A. H. Belton, 6; A. Miller, 7; C. Bale, 8. Also 504. W. F. Dolton, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; J. Stevens, 3; J. Miller (conductor), 4; A. Miller, 5; H. Martin, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, 8. And 108 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering. J. Witley, 1; S. Ansell, 2; J. Miller, 3; A. H. Belton, 4; J. Stevens, 5; J. Sumpter, 6; C. H. Martin (conductor), 7; C. Bale, 8.

HADLEY (Middlesex).—On August 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a peal of Minor was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 2500 changes. W. J. Dell, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; J. Miller, 3; A. Miller, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; A. H. Belton, 6. The Rector and his brother afterwards entered the belfry and invited the ringers to tea, which was very much enjoyed.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Saturday, August 14th, at St. George's, Heaviley, a touch of Grandsire Caters. J. Booth, 1; T. Marshall, 2; T. Jackson, 3; H. Meakin, 4; R. Holding (Crewe), 5; W. Hartshorne (Crewe), 6; A. Harding (Crewe), 7; J. Bayley, 8; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 9; J. Schofield, 10. Also 168 Stedman Triples. T. Marshall (conductor), 1; A. Harding, 2; H. Meakin, 3; W. Hartshorne, 4; J. Bayley, 5; R. Holding, 6; A. Sidebotham, 7; J. Schofield, 8. And 336 Bob Major. T. Jackson (first touch in the method), 1; T. Marshall, 2; H. Meakin (first touch in the method), 3; A. Harding, 4; J. Bayley, 5; A. Sidebotham, 6; W. Hartshorne, 7; R. Holding (conductor), 8. On Saturday, August 21st, 503 Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Sale, 4; H. Meakin, 5; T. Marshall, 6; J. Bailey, 7; J. S. Wilde (Bredbury),

8; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. Also 305 Grandsire Caters. J. Booth, 1; H. Meakin, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Sale, 4; J. S. Wilde, 5; S. Fernley (Norbury), 6; T. Marshall, 7; J. Bayley, 8; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. On Monday, August 23rd, for practice, 503 Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; J. Bayley, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Pearson, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall, 8; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. This is the first touch by a local band. On Friday, September 3rd, 593 Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; H. Meakin, 2; J. Bayley, 3; T. Sale, 4; A. Gordon, 5; J. Pearson, 6; J. Mottershead, 7; T. Marshall, 8; A. Sidebotham (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. On Sunday evening, September 5th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Caters. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; J. Bayley, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Pearson, 6; A. Gordon, 7; \*T. Marshall (conductor), 8; A. Sidebotham, 9; E. Williamson, 10. \*First touch of Caters as conductor. On Monday, September 6th, for practice, 395 Grandsire Caters. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Pearson, 6; A. Gordon, 7; J. Bayley (first touch of Caters as conductor), 8; A. Sidebotham, 9; E. Williamson, 10.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

TARPORLEY (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, September 8th, for practice, 672 Plain Bob Major in 25 mins. H. Fitton (first attempt at Major), 1; J. Sheen, 2; H. Wright, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. Stockton, 5; F. Vernon, 6; J. Richardson, 7; R. T. Holding (conductor), 8. The conductor hails from Crewe; the rest belong to the local company.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Pollard, 1; W. Latter, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Head, 4; S. Perkins, 5; G. Smithers, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. On Thursday, September 9th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smithers, 1; W. Porter (conductor), 2; G. Head, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Latter, 5; S. Saker, 6; W. Card, 7; A. Welsh, 8. And 288 Treble Bob Major. W. Porter, 1; G. Head, 2; G. Smithers, 3; A. Welsh, 4; W. Card, 5; S. Saker, 6; W. Latter, 7; S. Perkins, 8. Also a plain course of Double Norwich. J. Muggridge, 1; G. Head, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Pollard, 4; W. Card, 5; W. Porter, 6; W. Latter, 7; S. Perkins, 8. S. Saker hails from Hastings; W. Porter from Darlington.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FEERING (Essex).—On Sunday, September 5th, in the early morning at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. C. Willsher, 1; W. Hunwick, 2; G. Hum, 5; W. Hayward, 4; E. Rogers, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. For morning service 720 in the some method. G. Mays, 1; W. Hunwick, 2; W. Keeble, 3; D. Elliott (conductor), 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman, 6. For afternoon service 240 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hum, 1; H. Pye, 2; J. Newman, 3; J. Sadler, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. Also 360 standing as before. After service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hum, 1; H. Pye, 2; J. Sadler, 3; C. Norfolk, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5; J. Newman, 6. A 720 of Double Court was attempted, but "stand" was called by the conductor when just over half-way, owing to the third rope stranding. C. Mills, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Sadler, 3; C. Norfolk, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5; J. Newman, 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. E. Hunwick, 1; W. Dyer, 2; W. Keeble, 3; H. Evers, 4; D. Elliott, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. The day's ringing concluded with a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob after evening service. G. Hum, 1; H. Evers, 2; W. Keeble (conductor), 3; W. Elliott, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman, 6. On Tuesday, September 7th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). C. Willsher, 1; H. Pye, 2; C. Rogers, 3; W. Hayward, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, 720 Double Court Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Gowers, 1; G. Pye, 2; J. Mardell, 3; E. Pye, 4; J. Dale, 5; W. Pye (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Sunday, August 29th, after evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Gowers, 1; G. Pye (conductor), 2; W. Miller, 3; W. Pye, 4; J. Dale, 5; E. Pye, 6.

LOUGHTON.—On Tuesday, August 17th, for practice, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Freeman, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; E. Bacon, 3; E. Wightman, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. Longest length in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and tenor.



**BUNGAY (Suffolk).**—On Monday evening, September 6th, at the parish church of St. Mary, 1008 Bob Major. J. Folkard, 1; G. F. Alexander, 2; W. Felgate, 3; F. Keeler, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; F. Borrett, 6; R. Baker, 7; C. Borrett (conductor), 8. Also 896 Grandsire Triples. J. Folkard, 1; C. Borrett, 2; W. Felgate, 3; F. Borrett, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; C. Woods, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; G. F. Alexander, 8. F. Keeler hails from Newmarket; F. Borrett from Pulham; C. Borrett from Norwich. At the meeting house a course of Bob Royal. C. Borrett, 1-2; G. Alexander, 3-4; W. Felgate, 5-6; F. Borrett, 7-8. R. Baker, 9-10. And a course of Grandsire Caters. J. Folkard, 1-2; E. Lincoln, 3-4; W. Felgate, 5-6; G. F. Alexander, 7-8; C. Woods, 9-10.

**CAVENDISH (Suffolk).**—On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service 240 Plain Bob Minor and 240 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; G. Rice, 2; B. Pettit, 3; G. Maxim, 4; H. Perkins, 5; P. Newman, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; G. Rice, 2; B. Pettit, 3; H. Perkins, 4; E. Perkins, 5; G. Maxim, 6. On Wednesday evening, August 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; H. Perkins, 2; B. Pettit, 3; G. Maxim, 4; E. Perkins, 5; P. Newman, 6. On Wednesday evening, August 25th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; H. Perkins, 2; B. Pettit, 3; G. Maxim, 4; E. Perkins, 5; P. Newman, 6. On Sunday, August 29th, for morning service, 256 and 120 Plain Bob. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; H. Perkins, 2; W. Purdy, 3; G. Maxim, 4; E. Perkins, 5; P. Newman, 6. Ring as a farewell peal to W. Purdy, who is leaving for Leicester. On Wednesday evening, September 1st, 1440 Plain Bob Minor, being two 720s, each called differently, in 50 mins. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; H. Perkins, 2; B. Pettit, 3; H. Evans, 4; E. Perkins, 5; G. Maxim, 6. Longest touch by all except G. Maxim.

**CLENT (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, August 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Barber, 1; W. Page, 2; W. Shilvock, 3; W. Stone, 4; W. Short, 5; W. Barber (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent. W. Stone, 1; W. Barber, 2; W. Page, 3; J. Bates, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On handbells 480 Bob Major. W. Short, 1-2; W. Barber (conductor), 3-4; W. Stone, 5-6; W. Page, 7-8. Also two courses of Grandsire Caters, and one course each of Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. W. Stone, 1-2; W. Page, 3-4; W. Barber, 5-6; W. Short, 7-8; J. Barber, 9-10. Messrs. Stone and Page hails from Worcester.

**HUNDON (Suffolk).**—On Sunday afternoon, August 15th, a party of ringers from Cavendish visited this place, and rang several touches during the afternoon and evening, including 108 Plain Bob. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; B. Pettit, 2; W. Purdy, 3; H. Evans, 4; E. Perkins, 5; H. Perkins, 6. Also a 120. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; H. Perkins, 2; B. Pettit, 3; H. Evans, 4; E. Perkins, 5; P. Newman, 6. For evening service 360 Plain Bob. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; H. Perkins, 2; B. Pettit, 3; H. Evans, 4; E. Perkins, 5; P. Newman, 6.

**KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday evening, August 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Pagett (conductor), 1; N. Davies, 2; J. Bennett, 3; G. Salter, 4; T. Salter, 5; E. Hunt, 6; H. Smith, 7; J. Crump, 8. On Wednesday, September 1st, for practice, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Bennett, 1; N. Davies, 2; T. Salter (conductor), 3; G. Salter, 4; R. E. Grove, 5; E. Hunt, 6; J. Pagett, 7; J. Barber, 8. On Thursday, September 2nd, at the residence of Mr. J. Pagett, on handbells retained in hand, 630 Grandsire Triples. N. Davies, 1-2; J. Pagett, 3-4; T. Salter (conductor), 5-6; E. Hunt, 7-8. Longest length on handbells by Messrs. Davies and Hunt. On Sunday morning, September 5th, an attempt was made to ring F. Clayton's peal of Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins., owing to a change-course. J. Pagett, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; W. Barber (conductor), 5-6; W. Smith, 7-8. Referee—Mr. N. Davies. In the evening at St. Mary's church, 384 Superlative Surprise Major. W. Smith, 1; J. Bennett, 2; T. Salter (conductor), 3; N. Davies, 4; J. Crane, 5; T. Wakeman, 6; W. Barber, 7; F. Clayton, 8. First in the method by T. Wakeman. Messrs. Wakeman, Barber, and Clayton hail from Birmingham.

**LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).**—On Sunday morning, September 12th, for morning service, 800 Bob Major. T. Cadge, 1; H. Duce, 2; S. Slater, 3; A. Ambrose, 4; F. Connell, 5; E. Ambrose, 6; C. Bixby (conductor), 7; S. Fond, 8.

**QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).**—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Andrew's church for Divine Service, 600 Bob Minor. W. Hensley, 1; R. Haylett, 2; G. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; J. Tite, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 7th, 720 in the same method. W. Hensley, 1; R. Haylett, 2; G. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; J. Tite, 6. Also 432 in the same method. W. Hens-

ley, 1; G. Haylett, 2; R. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; A. Mann, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. On Friday, September 10th, another 720 in the same method. J. Woods, 1; J. Tite, 2; G. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. And another 432 in the same method. J. Woods, 1; J. Woods, 2; R. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; G. Haylett, 5; J. Tite (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 12th, another 720 in the same method. W. Hensley, 1; J. Tite, 2; G. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6.

**RUGBY (Warwickshire).**—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Andrew's church for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Doody, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; W. T. Lightfoot, 4; H. Tarver, 5; T. Holmes, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; S. Manning, 8.

**THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).**—On Sunday, September 12th, at the parish church, 252 Stedman Triples. A. Burchell, 1; S. Phipps, 2; W. Symes, 3; J. J. Poole, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; T. Alsopp, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; W. Gale, 8. For evening service 252 in the same method. W. Gale, 4; A. Phipps, 6; the rest as above. This is the longest length in the method by T. Alsopp.

**WELLINGBOROUGH.**—On Sunday morning, September 5th, for Divine Service, 658 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Dennes, 1; F. Wood, 2; F. Underwood, 3; W. H. Ette, 4; W. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. Recently, for practice, 503 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Dennes, 1; W. H. Ette, 2; F. Underwood, 3; W. Wood, 4; E. West, 5; F. Wood, 6; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Dennes, 1; G. Turnell, 2; F. Underwood, 3; W. Wood (conductor), 4; E. West, 5; W. H. Ette, 6; F. Wood, 7; T. Craddock, 8. And 168 with W. H. Ette, jun., ringing the 5th, and one with G. M. Ette ringing the 4th, and F. J. Tompkins the 5th. The three last-named are probationers.

### 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."

### 'REPLIES TO "T. M."

SIR,—I notice that a question is asked in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 4th, as to the existence of rings of bells in the Channel Islands. There are none in Jersey. At St. Peter's Port, Guernsey, there is a ring of eight (tenor I should think about 23cwt. but it went very heavily). When I was there six years ago, a new band had just started to learn, but they could do little as the bells were then. The sixth, seventh and tenor were fairly good bells and in good tune; as to the rest, I never heard bells so excruciatingly out of tune and of such poor tone; and one or two of the ropes came down so close to the wall that you could only ring by turning your back on the bells behind you. Whether they have been re-hung or re-cast since then, I am unable to say.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE,

Hon. Sec. Kent County Assocn.

SIR,—I see by "THE BELL NEWS" of the 4th inst. that "T. M." want to know if there is any peals of bells in Jersey and Guernsey. I visited the Islands in June 1896, but did not find any peal in Jersey. But on visiting Guernsey I found a peal of eight, tenor about a ton, in fairly good going order, but miserably out of tune. The local band do not know anything of change ringing, they only ring call changes. They ring three times each Sunday, viz., for the 10 o'clock service in English, also 6 o'clock service in French, and again for the 7 o'clock service in English. I believe this is the only peal in the town, and the church is spoken of as the town church. The visitor can take the electric tram opposite the above church and ride about a mile towards St. Sampson's Bay, and a pleasant walk of about one and a half miles will bring him to Vale church, where he will find a nice little ring of six in good going order. The ringers are fishermen of the village; here again it is round ringing and call changes. F. K. HOWELL.

SIR,—In answer to "T. M." as to whether there are any peals of bells in Jersey and Guernsey, I find in Mears and Stainbank's catalogue that a ring of six was sent to St. Mark's, Jersey, in 1844. Tenor 11cwt. DAN GRIDLEY.

Clare, Suffolk.

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## THE HACKNEY (MIDDLESEX) SOCIETY.

The members of this society paid a visit to Barnet, on Saturday last, September 11th, and were met at High Barnet station, by Mr. A. J. King, the indefatigable secretary of the Middlesex County Association. The party were not long in reaching the parish church of St. John the Baptist. This church was originally built about 1250, and a century later a tower was erected, but wholly disconnected from the church. About 1420 the main building was demolished, excepting the north wall, and a new church extending to the tower was erected in its place. In 1875 the church was thoroughly restored and much enlarged at a cost of £16,000, under the direction of Mr. W. Butterfield, of London, by the addition of a new nave, chancel, and tower, the original nave being made a north aisle, while the old north aisle remained beyond it. The old tower was also partly taken down and added to the former nave, a new tower being raised at the west end; the church is now a building of flint and stone, in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave of eight bays, south transept, with the Ravenscroft chapel adjoining it on the east, two north aisles, south aisle with porch, north east vestry, and a western embattled tower containing a clock with chimes, and what was more interesting to the visitors, a splendid peal of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank.

Before ascending the belfry steps Mr. A. T. King kindly shewed all the interesting subjects contained in the church, including the beautifully-carved pulpit, a magnificent piece of work. Two 504s of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, conducted by M. A. Wood and W. D. Smith respectively, also a short touch of Grandsire, conducted by F. Rumens, were rung for six o'clock evensong, after which an adjournment was made to the Church House close by for tea. This had been provided solely at the expense of Mr. A. T. King, and during its progress the Rector of Barnet, the Rev. Daniel William Brown, M.A., made a welcome addition to the party. He was very pleased to see the visitors. He had been listening intently to their doings in the belfry, which he thought were very creditable. He quoted an instance where he unwittingly rang a Superlative Surprise, relating that previous to his induction as Rector of Barnet a rumour had spread that he was an admirer of bells and also could ring. On making his appearance at the appointed time and place for what is termed ringing himself in, the bell had been left up. Of course the result of pulling the bell off was both a surprise to him and those around to a superlative degree, though the consequences were not of a serious turn.

Mr. W. D. Smith, as Secretary of the Hackney Society, thanked both Mr. King and the Rector for their kindness, and Mr. King especially for his hospitality.

Mr. King suitably responded.

A course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, and the tower was again visited, but it was found necessary to stop the ringing in consequence of an accident that had happened near the church, so a visit was paid to Hadley church, where 720 Treble Bob Minor was rung by W. D. Smith (conductor), G. J. Gains, E. Wallage, F. Rumens, G. J. Smith, W. B. Manning. The party, who consisted of Messrs. E. J. Comb, Albert Coles, Arthur Coles, W. Gardner, A. Hughes, F. Harradine, W. B. Manning, W. Prime, W. Pinsent, F. Rumens, W. D. Smith, G. J. Smith, M. A. Wood and E. Wallage, left Barnet by the 10.34 p.m. train, and wish through the medium of this paper to thank all those who contributed to make an afternoon's call at Barnet a most pleasant and satisfactory one.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 12th, Messrs. A. E. and W. T. Pegler and J. Austin, at the invitation of Mr. J. Kitchener to ring a peal at Coln St. Aldwyns, started early in the morning on bicycles up the famous Birdlip, one of the highest hills in the Cotswolds, and along the old Roman road to Cirencester, where with some of the local ringers touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung for morning service, in which H. Cluttbuck, H. Midwinter, F. W. Bond, H. C. Bond and C. Bart-

lett took part. Mounting our steeds again another eight miles ride brought us to Coln. On arriving we were welcomed by our old friend Mr. Kitchener, and to our surprise Mr. H. Roberts, of Cheltenham, was also awaiting us. After partaking of Mr. Kitchener's hospitality another arrival was announced in the person of Mr. J. Shepherd, of Swindon, followed shortly afterwards by T. Ricketts, O. W. Layng, G. S. Brown and C. Gardener, of Swindon, who had driven over to take part. After the usual greetings a start was made for the tower, where a well-struck peal of Bob Major was brought round, the record of which will be found in its proper place. While the peal was in progress some of the members, with the assistance of some of the local ringers, visited Hatherop, and rang some touches of Minor and Doubles on the pretty ring of six. After tea a suggestion was thrown out that we should visit Fairford and ring after evening service, which was agreed to at once, and wishing Mr. Kitchener and Mr. Roberts *au revoir* we started for Fairford, passing the monument where it is supposed the stained glass windows were buried during the time of the Civil Wars, and so on to the church. On arriving we found that after the service there was an organ recital, which delayed us, but after it was over, and the Vicar was asked for the use of the bells, which he readily granted, we were soon raising them in peal, no easy task on account of the long draught. A start was made for a touch of Grandsire Triples by G. S. Brown, J. Austin, O. W. Layng, T. Ricketts, C. Gardener, J. Shepherd, W. T. Pegler and A. E. Pegler. Also two courses of Bob Major, three courses of Stedman Triples and a touch of Grandsire, with one of the local ringers taking part, conducted by J. Austin. The Vicar said it was the first time he had heard the tenor turned in, and expressed a wish that we would again visit them. After lowering the bells and looking to our horses we had to wish our Swindon friends good bye, and again start for Cirencester, where, after spending a pleasant hour with H. C. Bond, we started for home. On arriving at Birdlip we had the greatest difficulty in holding our horses back, but after arriving safely at the bottom we were soon in the Fair City once again.

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

The members belonging to the above society paid a visit to Oxford, on Monday, September 6th, and were met by Mr. T. Collinson, of Birmingham (late of Chepstow), and soon after we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Washbrook and Mr. Cox, who conducted us to all places of interest during the day, but owing to some of the churches having their bells under repair and death near others, we were unable to ring there. We then made a move for some dinner, under the able conductorship of Mr. Cox, and very much to our delight found in him as good a waiter as he is a ringer. After dinner the handbells were brought into use, when some courses of Grandsire Triples were rung. Train time drawing near we made the best of our way to the station. We thank Mr. Collinson for so kindly joining us and also Mr. Washbrook and Mr. Cox for their great kindness to us, and we trust on some future occasion to do the same for them.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday last, the Ross ringers journeyed to Mitcheldean by brake through the kind invitation of the Rector. Several long touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the fine-toned peal of eight at the parish church, the following taking part: J. G. Wall, J. Symes, A. Bird, W. Phillips, W. Clark, R. Clarke, C. Sadler, C. Davis, A. J. Llewellyn, F. Hearne, F. Voyce, R. Vaughan. Afterwards an excellent repast was supplied by Mr. Bayham, and ample justice being done the ringers departed for home, every one being pleased with the visit. Before commencing ringing the company were photographed by Mr. G. Williams, of Ross. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for his kind invitation, and also Mr. Chew for having everything in readiness for them. The tenor is 18 cwt.

## NORTH'S ENGLISH BELLS AND BELL LORE.

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## Notices.

**Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will take place at Isleworth, to-day, Saturday, September 18th, ringing to commence at 5 sharp. C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

**Yorkshire Association.**—The next General Meeting will be held at Lightcliffe, to-day, Saturday, September 18th. Tea in the National School at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after. The rings of eight at the Parish Church and six at the Congregational church, will be available. The local hon. sec. is Mr. F. W. Bradley, 8, George street, Hipperholme, near Halifax, to whom all communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sandal, to-day, Saturday, September 18th, at 5.30 p.m.

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

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at Ipswich, on Thursday, September 23rd. At 12.45 a special service at St. Mary-le-Tower church, with address by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Dinner at 1.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Carr street—2s. 6d. Hon. members and friends; 1s. 6d. Company members. Business meeting after dinner. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Matthew, St. Mary Quay, St. Nicholas, and St. Margaret's churches will be available for the use of members. All who intend to be present should give notice to the Hon. Secretary at least a week before the date of the meeting. No attention can be promised to notices arriving after to-day, Saturday, September 18th. Members requiring reduced railway fares should state exactly the number of tickets that will be taken, and the station of departure. H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn,  
30th August, 1897.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held in the old schoolroom, King's Norton, on Saturday, September 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, to which all members are specially requested to attend. The tower will be opened and the bells placed at the members' disposal. Tea will be provided (and to which all are cordially invited) for members sending their names to me on or before Tuesday, September 21st.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The Headquarters of this Society have been removed to "The Coffee Pot," Warwick lane, E.C. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance of members at the business meeting to be held, after ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, September 21st.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

7, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at Roydon, six-bell tower. Tea will take place after business meeting at 5 p.m. Holders of tickets on the Colchester line, who travel via Witham and Stortford will be allowed to return via Stratford. Members

intending to be present, must signify their intention not later than the previous Monday. The tower of Hunsden (eight bells) will also be available. HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Ass. Sec.*

Gt. Totham, Witham.

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Chesterfield, on Saturday, September 25th, meeting house, Rutland Arms, close to church, peal of ten bells, M.S. and L. and Midland Railway, Mr. A. Knights, Local Secretary.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18 Meersbrook, Bank road, Sheffield.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next Monthly Ringing Meeting of this Society will be held at Bramley, on Saturday, September 25th. A peal will be attempted at 3 p.m. (6 bells). Meeting house, The Cardigan Arms. Business meeting at 7 prompt. Members and any ringing friends are cordially invited to attend.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Annual meeting at Newchurch, Rossendale, September 25th. Particulars by circular.

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Pinner, on Saturday, 2nd October next. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Tea at six, followed by short business meeting for the election of members. All members of the Association are invited, and ringers, whether members or not, will be welcome. Those who desire tea to be provided are earnestly requested to send their names to the Hon. Sec. before the date of the meeting, to assist him in making proper provision.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**NOTE TO PEAL AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—This peal was arranged for Mr. W. Porter, of Darlington, Durham, who was formerly a member of St. Peter's Society and who is re-visiting his native place for his holidays. He was a member of this society when we started learning Stedman a few years ago and was always a very energetic and enthusiastic ringer. He left Tunbridge Wells about four years ago, and the band since have had uphill work to master the method, through members leaving the town just as we were making a little progress, and having to teach others. We had nobody to lend us a hand and so had to get on quite unaided, and it is remarkable that all the present members of the band who have rung a peal in the method, rung their first peal of it at their own church with their band, although several have started for peals of it with other ringers and at other towers several times without success. As soon as it was known that Mr. Porter was at home, an attempt for a peal of Stedman was proposed. The Vicar's consent was obtained and the band selected, Tuesday, September 7th, being the date, meeting at 6 p.m. A slight delay was caused through one of the ringers not turning up, however he was soon hunted up, and induced to leave some work he was doing which was promised to be finished that night. The bells were raised, and "Go! Stedman" was called at 6.15, and for an hour the bells were going at a rattling pace with excellent striking without a word being spoken except the conductor calling the bobs, then a couple of slight trips occurred within about five minutes, these were satisfactorily got over and the pace slowed down a little, nothing else was amiss, and at 9.10 the welcome "This is all" ended a good peal. This is the first at-

tempt for a peal by the band since they rung their first peal of Stedman on May 25th last. It is W. Porter's first peal in the method, and G. Head's first in the method with a bob bell with the exception of W. Porter it was a local band. L.

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## LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

**NOTICE.**—Five members of the Birmingham Friendly Society Branch of the Midland Counties Association will attempt a 7,000 of Stedman Caters on handbells retained in hand, to-day, Saturday, September 18th, at The Hope and Anchor, Fisher street. Meeting time, 4 o'clock sharp.

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C. MILLWAY.—Next week.

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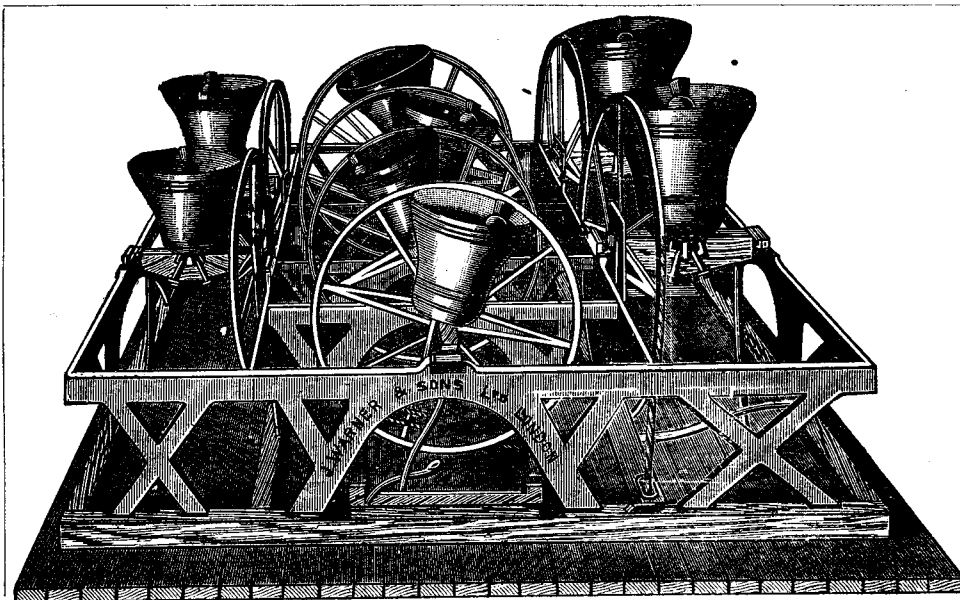
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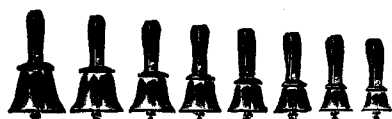
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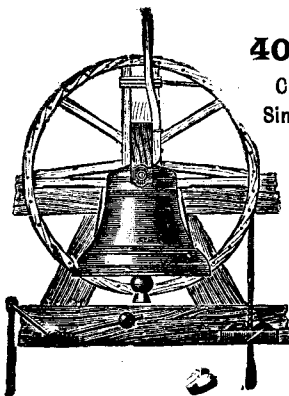
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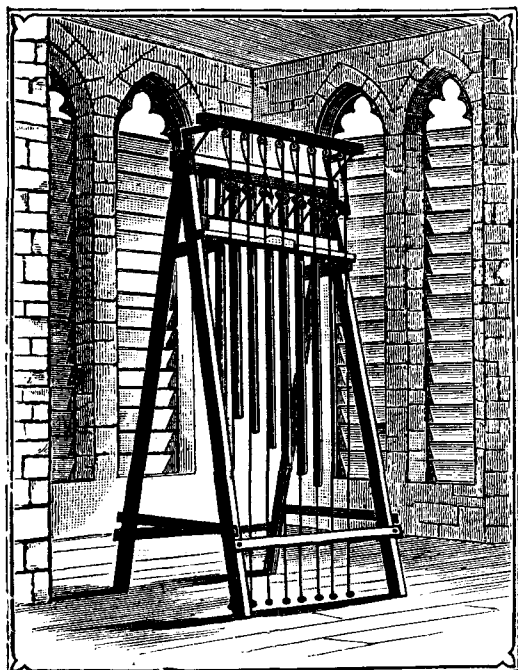
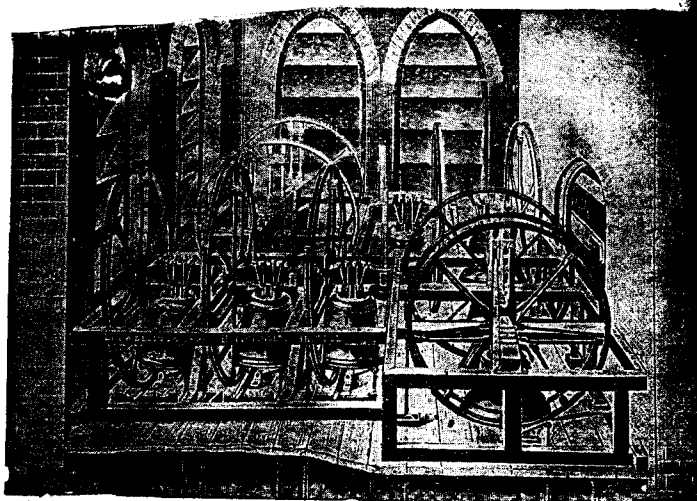
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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT LIGHTCLIFFE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

At "the third time of asking," Lightcliffe gained the requisite majority of votes last May at Pontefract, and was thus selected for the second time as the place for holding the meeting of the Yorkshire Association. The previous occasion on which the Association assembled at Lightcliffe was February 4th, 1888, at which time it had no foothold in the place so far as membership was concerned. In fact, the meeting itself was brought about through the efforts of three officers—Messrs. Hardcastle, Stainthorpe, and Copley, who, with the sanction of the Committee, paid a preliminary visit and interviewed the Rev. V. R. Leonard, M.A., Vicar, and the Rev. W. Pearson, Minister of the Congregational Church, from both of whom they received a cordial welcome, and permission for the use of their bells. The Association thus at that time practically met "on sufferance," but, though the weather was cold and otherwise somewhat inclement, the reception was genial. At this meeting also, the proceedings were clouded by the resignation of Mr. Robert Tuke, Honorary Treasurer, Mr. William Stainthorpe being unanimously appointed in his place, which position he still holds.

It is also interesting to note that at the previous meeting the Association numbered 595 members, while to-day its total strength is over 900.

Saturday last opened out somewhat gloomy and threatening, but as the day wore on Old Sol began to make his presence felt, and so when I alighted (detained, I think our military authorities call it) at Lightcliffe, the atmospheric surroundings appeared to promise all that could be desired. A few yards up the tree-lined road brought me to the National School—a large roomy structure of the light modern Gothic style of architecture, with prettily laid-out grounds in front. The school, in addition to its being large in size, stands in its own grounds at a slight elevation from the roadway, is well lighted, and in its internal arrangements is quite up to date. I believe the Lightcliffians are rather proud of this school, and they have good reason for it. The time was then comparatively early—about one o'clock—as I sauntered through the well-appointed rooms, which were even then being arranged for the tea and meeting. On and about the tea tables was a profuse and really splendid collection of ferns and other flowering plants, which I was informed had been kindly lent by Councillor J. B. Murgatroyd (a thorough Churchman and good friend of the ringers) from his conservatories at Holly Bank. Leaving the school I met a band from Skipton and Kildwick, and together we walked a short distance along the avenue of trees to the parish church. This is a magnificent structure of Tudor Gothic. It was built just twenty-two years ago by the late Major Foster in a lovely corner of his park. The ring of eight in the tower—one of the very finest in Yorkshire—came from the justly-celebrated foundry of Mears and Co. Each bell was, I believe, an individual present from residents in the place, and together, both for tone and tune, are worthy occupants of the fine massive tower in which they swing. Directly the bells were raised and going to the tune of Kent Treble Bob. Then, as I strolled through the churchyard, I heard the ring of six at the Congregational Church, a short distance away, being

raised for ringing. From that time, almost incessantly till nine o'clock, both rings were kept going.

At four o'clock, the official committee of the Association met in the school, when amongst other business several new members were elected.

At five o'clock, the visitors assembled to partake of a most excellent tea, served by Mr. Bottomley, of Halifax, who was assisted by several ladies. The guests came from Queensbury, Bramley, Sowerby, Stainland, Halifax, Haley Hill, Brighouse, Birstall, Low Moor, Guiseley, Shipley, Saltaire, Knaresborough, Bradford, Bolton, Lindley, Liversedge, Skipton, Leeds, York, Wakefield, Heptonstall, Huddersfield, Keighley, Kildwick, Rothwell, Tong, and other places.

Tea over, the business meeting was held in an adjoining room, Mr. W. Snowdon (President) in the chair, who was supported by the Rev. J. R. Hill, M.A. (Vicar), Dr. Marsden, and C. V. Woodcock, Esq., Churchwardens; W. H. Howard and George Bolland, vice-Presidents. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and adopted, the President alluded to their previous visit to Lightcliffe, contrasting it with the present one. On the first occasion they were comparative strangers; to-day they were amongst their own members. After referring to the last decision of the Central Council on Minor peals, he concluded by moving—"That this meeting of the Yorkshire Association places on record the loss it has sustained by the death of the late Lord Bishop of Wakefield—Dr. Walsham How—the first honorary member of episcopal rank in the Association." This was briefly seconded by Mr. W. H. Howard, and carried in silence.

Mr. F. Schofield and Mr. W. Elliott were then elected auditors.

On the motion of Mr. W. W. Stainthorpe, seconded by Mr. G. Thornton, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Birstall.

The President moved, and Mr. Howard seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. R. Hill, vicar, and Dr. Marsden and Mr. Woodcock, churchwardens, for the use of the bells and school-room; also to the Rev. J. H. Stowell for the bells of the Congregational Church, which was carried amid hearty cheers.

The Rev. J. R. Hill, in replying to the vote, expressed the pleasure it had keen to himself and the wardens in welcoming the Association to Lightcliffe. It was, he said, a great matter to see a number of men brought together, because it taught a lesson of brotherhood. It was always a pleasure for men to meet and talk about matters which they understood and took interest in; and personally, he had learnt more about bell-ringing that day than ever he had known or surmised before, and it was his intention to enlarge his knowledge in that direction. Speaking of various modes of calling the people to prayer, he told how he had once heard the Mahommedan call from the minarets while on the Mount of Olives. To hear a large number of men calling together with their musical voices, as he did on that occasion, was a circumstance not readily forgotten. At the same time he thought these followers of the Prophet taught Christian bell-ringers a lesson. When they had called the people to the mosque to prayer, they went in to pray themselves. He concluded an eloquent and interesting address by reiterating his

welcome to the Association, and assuring the members of an equally warm welcome if they should think fit to pay another visit.

Dr. Marsden, on behalf of himself and co-warden, emphasised the welcome accorded by the vicar. He was pleased to see the harmony which evidently existed amongst the ringers, which he thought, should be fully exemplified between ringers and wardens. He added some valuable practical advice to ringers from a medical point of view, in the matter of suitable clothing, and considered it the duty of wardens to see that their ringers when attending the services of the Church, were provided with suitable seats out of the way of draughts and other cold-inspiring influences.

Mr. W. Stainthorpe proposed, and Mr. B. T. Copley seconded, a vote of thanks to the Lightcliffe branch for their generous arrangements for the meeting, and to the ladies who had so efficiently assisted at tea, which was carried with applause.

Mr. J. Lawson, in acknowledging the vote, said they had received every encouragement from the vicar, wardens, and church people generally. They had been fortunate at Lightcliffe in the possession of good vicars and wardens. Their late vicar, the Rev. R. V. Leonard (now Dean of Ballarat) used to visit them frequently in the belfry, and give them words of encouragement, and though their present vicar had been but a short time amongst them, he had gained their esteem.

Mr. Howard here introduced to the meeting Mr. Fred Leonard, son of the previous vicar, who was accorded a hearty reception. In acknowledgment, Mr. Leonard stated that he was then on a short visit during college vacation: and it would be a great pleasure to him to report to his father the doings that day in his old parish, and the kindly welcome they had given to his son.

Mr. Howard moved, and Mr. Stainthorpe seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, which concluded the business.

"The shades of night were falling fast" by this time, and speedily the two towers were thronged by the members, who gave the bells no rest till after nine o'clock, when they were lowered, and "silence reigned supreme" along the shady avenues and pleasant paths of this delightful suburb of the ancient town of Halifax, bringing to a close one more successful and enjoyable meeting, to add to the annals of the Yorkshire Association.

#### STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

A few weeks ago, the ringers of St. Mary's, Staines, paid a visit to Caversham and spent a very pleasant afternoon, an account of which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," and since then it has been the wish of the Caversham band to return that visit. On Saturday last, eight good men and true met at the North Western Railway Station with the firm intention of carrying the war into the enemy's country. On arriving at our destination, we were met by Mr. Wick and others of their band, but our spirits were damped by the news, "Well chaps, you can't start until 5 o'clock," and as we had thought to be well on the job at 3.15 and have a few hours with our friends after, we were not quite so happy for a few minutes. However, we were piloted to the church to have a feel at them before the service which delayed us. A short touch of Double Norwich was brought round in a style which our friends were pleased to say was good, but which our conductor did not congratulate us upon. At 5 o'clock, after a ramble round and through the town a start was made, but alas, in the second course, stand was the order. Again a start was made, and a peal scored, of which every one of the band has a right to feel proud, and will always think of as one of our own style. After being heartily congratulated by several ringers. Mr. Wicks again took us in hand and conducted us to a well-spread tea-table, to which each one did a good part; and again through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," wish to thank all the Staines men for helping us to enjoy a pleasant visit.

#### Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Wednesday, August 25th, the members of this society had their annual outing, Eastbourne being the place selected. Leaving Tunbridge Wells at 7.34 a.m., accompanied by Mr. T. Groombridge (of Sevenoaks), who came down the same morning, Eastbourne was reached about 9.0. At the station they were met by Mr. Rollison, of the St. Mary's society, and by Mr. F. Ticehurst, Master of St. Saviour's society, who together kindly acted as an escort to the party during the day. It was intended to start for a peal at St. Mary's church, but it was found that the services would interfere, so the idea was abandoned. A move was first made to The Garibaldi Arms, where Mr. T. Willoughby had arranged for dinner. On arriving there, however, we found to our dismay that owing to some misunderstanding on the part of the landlord as to the guaranteed number coming, no provision had been made. We then decided not to trouble about ordering dinner elsewhere, but to obtain it where we could. We at once repaired to St. Saviour's church, where there is a splendid ring of eight. After raising the bells, a 360 of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by W. Latter, followed by a well-struck 504 of Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Groombridge. It wanting but a few minutes to service time, a start was made for three leads of Treble Bob Major, but in the middle of the last lead the 5th rope broke. After a look at the bells, we walked on to Christ Church, where is a light peal of eight. Here was rung 350 of Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by S. Perkins, followed by a course of Double Norwich. At this point, Mr. C. H. Howse, of the local band, entered the belfry, and took the treble through 288 of Kent Treble Bob, and then at his request 168 of Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Latter. The bells were then lowered in peal, and we found on descending that the storm which had been threatening for some time had broke in full force, the rain coming down in torrents, causing us to beat a hasty retreat to The Splash Point restaurant, where we were soon discussing an excellent dinner. It had been arranged for all to go where they chose in the afternoon, and meet again at St. Mary's church at 5.30, but the rain continuing it was decided to go there at once, and 504 Grandsire Triples conducted by W. Latter, and 420 Stedman conducted by S. Perkins was rung, in which Mr. Rollison took the tenor. The rain having somewhat abated, a move was made back for tea, afterwards dispersing how and to where we pleased, meeting again at the station at 7.15, where after bidding adieu to our Eastbourne friends, we were soon speeding homewards, Tunbridge Wells being reached about 9.0 p.m., all agreeing that in spite of the disappointment about the dinner, and the rain, a very enjoyable day had been spent. We desire through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicars of the various churches for granting us permission to ring; to Messrs. Rollison and Ticehurst for kindly meeting us and escorting us during the day; and to Mr. Willoughby for making arrangements. L.

THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, HAZEL GROVE.—On Saturday, September 11th, the members of this Society had their annual outing. The places selected to be visited were the ancient parish churches of Prestbury and Gawsorth. The party left Hazel Grove by waggonette at 2.15 p.m., and after a very enjoyable drive arrived at Ye Ancient hostlerie of Ye Black Boy, where a stoppage was made. After a brief visit to several places of historical interest a move was made for the church. The tower contains a fine ring of eight bells, tenor 18 cwt., and touches of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob Minor were rung on the back six. The very long pull proved somewhat inconvenient, and several members narrowly escaped being "lassoed" by the affectionate attention of their neighbour's rope. After a little interesting chat with the steeplekeeper, who was very obliging, a start was made for Gawsorth. The drive through this part of Cheshire is very enjoyable, as it consists almost entirely of well-wooded country lanes. On their arrival here a very substantial spread was at once prepared at the house of Mr. Postles, the conductor of the local ringers, and this part of the programme was done full justice to. The picturesque old church was then visited, and a stroll in the immediate vicinity was much enjoyed. The church is a very old one, and the writer noticed

that the date on one of the tombstones was as far back as 1616. The tower possesses a very musical ring of six bells, tenor 12 cwt. These were raised in peal, and after a short touch the word "go" was given for a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. This was accomplished in 27 mins., and the striking was very good. J. Dean, 1; S. Fearnley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fearnley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. Touches were afterwards rung of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. The Vicar kindly shewed them through the ancient old vicarage, some parts of which are four centuries old. The Harrington Arms was afterwards visited in company with the local ringers who had turned up to meet them, and they obliged with touches of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. After spending a fraternal hour together, a start was made for home, and the party arrived at Hazel Grove, having had a very enjoyable outing. The ringers desire, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicars of Prestbury and Gawsforth for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for their hospitality.

THE ST. WILFRID'S SOCIETY, DAVENHAM.—On Saturday, September 11th, the ringers of the above had their annual outing. After a pleasant journey to St. Wilfrid's church, Grapenhall, they were met by Mr. Mainwaring, of the local band, who kindly escorted them round the village. After making their way to the tower they commenced ringing with Grandsire Doubles, after which "go" was called for a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; F. Spence, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6. At 5 p.m. they were kindly invited to a splendid tea by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of The Ram's Head hotel, the kind hostess hailing from the village of Davenham. After tea they again visited the tower, and the bells were kept going in Plain Bob and Treble Bob, assisted by members of the local band. After a good run for the train a most enjoyable day was brought to a close. They wish to thank the Rev. C. R. Greenall for the use of the bells, and the ringers for the courteous manner in which they entertained them, also Mr. and Mrs. Thomas for providing such a splendid tea.

ST. WOOLLO'S, NEWPORT, MON.—On Monday, September 4th, the ringers and choir of this church had their annual outing. Arriving at Tallylyn for Langore Lake at 11 o'clock an hour's boating was enjoyed, which gave us a quite a keen appetite for the splendid dinner that was served out at half-past 12. After dinner our old friend Mr. Woodhall took a fine group photo, of the company, which numbered 42. At 2 o'clock the ringers left for Brecon, where an agreeable surprise awaited us on hearing the splendid peal of eight bells, the "go" of which are grand. A 504 Grandsire Triples was rung. T. Butler, 1; H. Millard, 2; J. Butler, 3; F. Atwell, 4; H. Russell, 5; F. Green, 6; J. Cox, 7; J. Goddard, 8. Afterwards an attempt was made for another 504 with Mr. Longville on the tenor, but it unfortunately came to grief. A move was then made for the station, the train leaving Brecon at 5 o'clock. We wish to thank the Vicar and all those who endeavoured to make our short stay in Brecon one of the most delightful we have had.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—The ringers of St. Botolph's church had their annual outing on Saturday, July 24th, Eastbourne being the place selected, where arrangements had been made for a pull on the bells of St. Mary's Old Town and Christ Church. The party met at 6.45 and arrived at Eastbourne at 8.30. At 9 o'clock a substantial breakfast was partaken of at the Gilbridge Restaurant. A move was then made to the station to meet the Rev. J. P. Fallows, Rector of Heene. Then a walk to St. Mary's, where we found our friend Mr. Vernon waiting with the bells all ready up. A general inspection of the bells and a good look round from the top of the tower over the greater part of the town, and the hills on the west side were very interesting. A 504 was then brought round. T. Greenyer, 1; J. Paice, 2; H. Evans, 3; H. Meetens, 4; G. Morris, 5; E. Lindup, 6; B. Bassett (conductor), 7; A. Arnell, 8. Also three courses of Bob Minor and 350 Grandsire. T. Greenyer, 1; B. Bassett, 2; J. Paice, 3; G. Norris, 4; H. Evans, 5; H. Meetens, 6; E. Lindup (conductor), 7; W. Lindup, 8. A move was then made to the restaurant for dinner, where a few good courses were got through. Time had come to be at Christ Church, where we met Mr. Miles, who conducted us to the tower, but no ringing was brought round there. On hearing that the brake had arrived we were

soon out and on the top for a drive to see the ruins of Pevensey Castle, which is well worth a visit. No ringing could be done owing to illness near the church. We again mounted the brake for Eastbourne, arriving there in time for tea. Leaving about 7.30 we arrived at Worthing at 10.0 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. We wish to thank Messrs. Miles and Vernon for making our ringing arrangements so perfect, also the Rectors of St. Mary's and Christ Church for allowing us to ring. B. B.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Thursday, September 16th, seven members of the above society had their annual outing, Somersham and Ramsey, Hunts., being the places chosen. Weather permitting some drove, while the remainder went on the wheel to Somersham, all meeting there about 8.45 a.m. The steeplekeeper being on the spot, the bells were soon raised and going to the tune of Plain Bob, but owing to the bad "go" of the bells was obliged to be contented with short touches, the same being a grand ring six but sadly need an experienced bellhanger, as both frame and fittings are dreadfully out of repair. Our next move was once more on the road, this time bound for Ramsey, the same being reached about 11.30 a.m. And after some slight refreshments we were soon escorted to the tower by two of the local band, viz. Mr. Howe and Mr. Palmer, and there we found a good ring of six and in fairly good order, and soon a well-struck 720 Plain Bob was rung in twenty-seven minutes, followed by a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and touches of College Single and Merchants' Return. The next item was a move to the residence of Mr. Palmer for luncheon, the course ends all turning up in capital style, and after a stroll through the garden of Mr. Palmer's, we again made our way to the tower and a 720 Merchant's Return was tapped off in excellent style in 24½ mins. Coming from the tower we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. Black, who escorted us to the Vicarage for tea, which we quite readily accepted. Tea being over, it was drawing time for starting home, and so after thanking our kind friends at Ramsey, we were soon again on the road for home, Wilburton being reached about 8 p.m. The following are our members who took part in the ringing: R. M. Croft, Esq., J. Markwell, H. Markwell, Jas. Markwell, C. Hazel, H. Sharp and A. A. Markwell (conductor). The above again wish to thank the Vicar for his kindness towards them, also Mr. Palmer and Mr. Howe for having everything in readiness, and trust that the time is short before the Ramsey band will have the return visit to Wilburton, when we will do our best to make their outing as great a success as ours was on Thursday, Sept. the 16th. M.

THE QUEDGLEY SOCIETY.—This society, nine in number, had their annual outing on Monday, Sept. 20th, the place selected being Bath. Starting by the 8.20 train from Gloucester, Bath was reached at 10.30, and we then made our way to Christ Church, where we were met by the steeple-keeper, Mr. Kingman. Having viewed the inside of the church, we went to the top of the tower where we had a splendid view. We rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and Mr. E. Bell and another friend joined us. We then began to feel hungry, so went to a splendid dinner, to which we did ample justice. Mr. Bell and his friend then kindly got permission for St. James's Church, where we had several short touches, and then strolled about the town till tea time. Having partaken of tea we had to get to the station, where we fell in with an old friend, Mr. C. Goodenough, whom we met at Bath before. Leaving the station at 6.30 we arrived at Gloucester at 8.30, the Quedgley carrier waiting for us. Home was reached at 9.30 when a rather short but very pleasant outing was ended. Everybody wishes to thank those friends at Bath who helped to make the outing a success.

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## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By GEORGE HAYWARD, *Bromsgrove.*

5040.

23456 W M H

42635 - -

62534 - -

45236 - -

24536 - -

53246 - -

25346 - -

32546 - -

Three times repeated, single for bob at second and fourth part-ends. This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 6ths place, and the 6th her extent there in a four-part peal with only two singles.

## PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By GEO. F. ALEXANDER, *Bungay.*

5280.

23456 W B M H

52436 - -

35426 - -

42356 - -

54326 - -

25346 - -

34256 - -

53462 - -

45362 - -

23564 - -

52364 - -

35264 - -

42563 - -

54263 - -

25463 - -

62534 - -

53624 - -

65324 - -

65243 - -

24653 - -

24536 - -

53246 - -

45236 - -

32456 - s

Repeated. Has the 6th sixteen times wrong and twenty times right.

5376.

23456 W M H

42356 - -

34256 - -

25346 - -

32546 - -

53246 - -

24536 - -

52436 - -

45236 - -

## Continued—

W M H

62453 - - -

46253 - - -

32465 - - -

43265 - - -

52364 - - -

35264 - - -

23564 - - -

45362 - - -

34562 - - -

53462 - o -

46523 - - -

54623 - - -

65423 - - -

42653 - - -

62354 - - -

43256 - - -

Repeated, calling a single at o in middle as shewn in second part. The peal has the 6th sixteen times wrong and eighteen times right.

5472.

23456 M W B H

52364 - - -

35264 - - -

63254 - - -

25634 - - -

62534 - - -

52436 - - -

35426 - - -

42356 - - -

Five times repeated, substituting a single for a bob at the third and sixth part-ends. Has the 6th twelve times wrong and eighteen times right, with the 2nd, 3rd and 4th each ten times in 6ths place.

## PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By R. BAKER, *Bungay.*

9216.

23456 M IN B W H

52364 2 5 2 2

65243 2 5 2 2

46532 2 5 2 2

34625 2 5 2 2

36245 1 I 2 2

36452 2 2 1

53624 2 2 2

53246 2 2 1

45362 2 2 2

45623 2 2 1

24536 2 2 2

24365 2 2 1

62453 2 2 2

23456 2 I 1 2

This peal may be reduced to 7424 by omitting the five calls in the second and third courses, where the tenors are parted.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By WM. WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield.*

11,136.

23456 I 4 5 6

32654 - - -

65423 s - -

56324 - - -

54362 - - -

35246 - - -

53642 - - -

63245 - - -

36542 - - -

32564 - - -

53426 - - -

35624 - - -

62453 s - -

26354 - - -

24365 - - -

32546 - - -

23645 - - -

63542 - - -

36245 - - -

35264 - - -

34256 - - -

Five times repeated, calling single for bob at 4 in the last course of the third and sixth parts. This peal contains the 120 course-ends.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By F. DENCH, *Cumberland Youths.*

5056.

23456 B M W H

42356 - - -

35426 - - -

43526 - - -

65324 - - -

32654 - - -

63254 - - -

26354 - - -

52364 - - -

36524 - - -

53624 - - -

63425 - - -

54326 - - -

34625 - - -

34256 - - -

53246 - - -

24536 - - -

52436 - - -

42635 - - -

56234 - - -

25634 - - -

62534 - - -

45236 - - -

23456 - - -

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

23456	5003.
65324	*
52364	8th in three.
35264	9th in three.
23564	9th in three.
53462	8-9
45362	9th in three.
34562	9th in three.
54263	8-9
25463	9th in three.
32564	9th in three s
52463	8-9
45263	9th in three.
24563	9th in three.
54362	8-9
35462	9th in three.
43562	9th in three.
53264	8-9
25364	9th in three.
42563	9th in three s
62345	8th in two and 7-8.
24365	8th in three.
32465	9th in three.
43265	9th in three.
63245	1 s
34265	8th in three.
23465	9th in three.
42365	9th in three.
54263	9th in and out at two
25463	8th in three.
42563	8th in three.
52364	9-8
35264	8th in three.
23564	8th in three.
53462	9-8
45362	8th in three.
24563	8th in three s
54362	9-8
35462	8th in three.
43562	8th in three.
53264	9-8
25364	8th in three.
32564	8th in three.
52463	9-8
45263	8th in three.
34562	8th in three s
64235	9th in two and 7-9.
43265	9th in three.
24365	8th in three.
32465	8th in three.
62435	1 s
23465	9th in three.
42365	8th in three.
34265	8th in three.

Round the lead previous to the last course-end. \* 7th in with s, and out at two with s.

If the first course is called 1-2-2-2-2 the same course-end is brought up, and the peal increased to 5093. Contains the 6th the extent wrong in the tittum, and inverted home positions.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

23456	6080.
23456	I 4 5 6
32654	- - -
26354	- - -
63254	- - -
64235	- - -
32465	- - -
24365	- - -
43265	- - -
62345	- - -
23645	- - -
36245	- - -
42635	- - -
26435	- - -
62534	- - -
25634	- - -
56234	- - -
24563	s - -
42365	- - -
23465	- - -
34265	- - -
35246	- - -
42536	- - -
25436	- - -
54236	- - -
32456	- - -
24356	- - -
43256	- - -
52346	- - -
23546	- - -

Repeated. Contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6; the 2nd never in that position. By omitting the two sets of three bobs braced the peal is reduced to 5184.

First rung as 5184 at Higham Ferrers, on March 13th, 1897, conducted by Charles W. Clarke.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By F. HOPGOOD, *Reading*.

23456	5056.
23456	W B M H
54236	- - - 3
35246	- - - 3
43256	- - - 3
53264	- - - 3
63245	- - - 3
65234	- - - 2
36254	- - - 3
36425	- 2 -
23465	- - - 3

Repeated.

Contains the full combinations of 4 5 and 6 in 5-6 with 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths at a course-end.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By G. R. NEWTON, *Oxon, Cheshire*.

23456	5088.
23456	W B H
52364	- - -
35264	- - -
63254	- - -
56234	- - -
32564	- - s
63524	- - -
26534	- - -
53264	- - -
65234	- - -
36254	- - -
25364	- - -
62354	- - -
53624	- - s
56324	- - s
23564	- - s

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th (in their numerical order) each fifteen times in 6ths place, with the 2nd and 3rd never in that position.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, *Lincoln*.

23456	5024.
23456	M B W H
32654	2 - - 2
56234	I - - 2
52364	- - I 2
42635	I - 2 I
36524	2 - - 2
63425	2 - - 2
32546	2 - - -
43265	- - - 2
64235	I - - 2
45236	2 - - I 2
65324	2 - - I
54326	2 - - I 2
23645	I - - I
25346	2 - - I
23456	I - - 2 2

This peal has the 4th, 5th and exclusively in 6ths at a course-end, the 4th and 6th being their extent in that position.

A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By E. FRANCIS, *Norwich*.

23456
B 42356
S 24563
B 52463
S 54263
B 25463
B 34256
S 32456

Repeated.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1897.

THE Winchester Diocesan Guild have, in pursuance of the notice given in our last number, succeeded in the ringing tour thus announced by them to the extent of achieving seven peals out of eight attempts, so far as we understand it.

This is beyond doubt very gratifying to all those who "went on tour," and it has given a degree of credit to the Association under whose title the peals were rung.

On the top of the next column will be found the programme of a ringing tour in Cornwall. There is also given the names of those ringers comprising the band who intend to show Cornishmen what can be done upon their bells. From what we can gather concerning this tour, it is a very popular idea among the inhabitants, who will offer the best of hospitality to their ringing visitors.

No one can doubt that these tours round about the country, especially the one in Cornwall, will benefit the Art of change-ringing.

## RINGING TOUR IN CORNWALL.—October 4th to 9th, 1897.

PROGRAMME.			
Day.	Tower.	Time.	Method.
Monday ..	S. Andrews, Plymouth	5.8	Stedman Caters
Tuesday ..	Cardynham ..	10.30-1.30	Double Norwich Major
	Bodmin ..	4.30-7.30	Stedman Triples
Wednesday	Lanhydrock ..	10.1	Superlative Major
	Lanlivery ..	4.30-7.30	Stedman Triples
Thursday ..	S. Austell ..	9.30-12.30	Double Norwich Major
	Powey ..	3.30-6.30	Stedman Triples
Friday ..	Kenwyn ..	10-1	Superlative Major
Saturday ..	Totnes ..	10-1	Stedman Triples

In Afternoon as arranged by Band.

## BAND.

Revs. F. E. Robinson, W. Saltren Willet, M. Kelly, and G. F. Coleridge; Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, E. Pitstow, W. W. Gifford, C. Hounslow, J. W. Washbrook, and A. W. Pike.

N.B.—Meet on October 4th, at 2.15 p.m. sharp, at S. David's station, Exeter, to which place only Tourist tickets should be taken; Picnic tickets per 2.20 p.m. train, available for the week for the party of ten, may then be obtained from Rev. M. Kelly, on the platform.

Any further particulars will be furnished by Rev. M. Kelly, Ottery S. Mary, Devon; or Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Crowthorne, Berks.

## The Metropolis.

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

On Tuesday, September 21, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS, PIMLICO,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR G. ELLIS ..	.. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS ..	.. 6.
FRANK BUCK ..	.. 2.	WALTER J. SORRELL ..	.. 7.
GEORGE FARDEN ..	.. 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE ..	.. 8.
HENRY R. NEWTON ..	.. 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW ..	.. 9.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ..	.. 5.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS ..	.. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by J. N. OXBORROW.

Rang in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. A. G. Ellis.

## The Provinces.

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

On Monday, September 13, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. TRINDER ..	.. Treble.	H. WALTERS ..	.. 5.
R. WHITE ..	.. 2.	G. HOLIFIELD ..	.. 6.
F. WHITE ..	.. 3.	J. MONK ..	.. 7.
W. LARGE ..	.. 4.	S. WHITE ..	.. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ..	.. Treble.	WALTER WHITING ..	.. 5.
WALTER W. MILLER ..	.. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. ..	.. 6.
F. E. W. MEADOWS ..	.. 3.	HARRY LAST ..	.. 7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ..	.. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ..	.. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield and

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

The Brothers Wightman hail from Creetingham; Miller and Meadows from Otley, the others are local men. This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th, their extent in 6ths place exclusively. For calling see "THE BELL NEWS" of January 14, 1893.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Thursday, September 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. H. SUMNER* ..	.. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER ..	.. 5.
FREDERICK CLAYTON ..	.. 2.	WILLIAM PALMER ..	.. 6.
FRED. SUMNER ..	.. 3.	WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT ..	.. 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT ..	.. 4.	GEORGE COOPER ..	.. Tenor.

Conducted by W. S. PRITCHETT.

\*First peal of Stedman.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 16, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in D.

EDGAR TINGEY ..	.. Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER ..	.. 6.
WILLIAM J. BARKER ..	.. 2.	ISAAC HILLS ..	.. 7.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP ..	.. 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ..	.. 8.
CHARLES R. LILLEY ..	.. 4.	FRANK HULL ..	.. 9.
CHARLES CHASTY ..	.. 5.	FRANK BALL ..	.. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal on ten bells by ringers of treble, 4th and tenor. This peal contains the 6th the extent wrong in the Tittums and the inverted home position, and is now rang for the first time. T. R. Hensher hails from Wellingborough, the remainder belong to St. Paul's, Bedford.

## AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 16, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ..	.. Treble.	FREDK. R. BORRETT ..	.. 6.
HARRY HOSKINS* ..	.. 2.	*WILLIAM ROUGHT ..	.. 7.
FREDK. H. KNIGHTS ..	.. 3.	JOHN MOY ..	.. 8.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ..	.. 4.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ..	.. 9.
CHARLES E. BORRETT ..	.. 5.	FREDK. J. HARRISON ..	.. Tenor.

Composed by WM. HOLMES and Conducted by FREDK. J. HARRISON.

\*First peal of Royal. The ringer of the second hails from Greenwich; 5th from Pullham; 7th and 8th are local men; the ringer of the tenor hails from Jarrow; the remainder from Norwich.

## WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 17, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN YOUND ..	.. Treble.	JAMES HARVEY ..	.. 5.
JOHN BISHOP ..	.. 2.	HERBERT CHARD ..	.. 6.
CHARLES H. HORTON ..	.. 3.	JOHN WINSOR ..	.. 7.
ALBERT WATERS ..	.. 4.	CHARLES WINSTONE ..	.. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BISHOP.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Charles H. Horton, on the occasion of his twenty-second birthday; his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. It is the quickest peal yet rung on these bells. C. H. Horton hails from St. Stephen's, Bristol; A. Waters from Barrow Gurney; remainder are local men.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

RICHARD POTTER ..	.. Treble.	JOHN SADLER ..	.. 5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE ..	.. 2.	DAVID ELLIOTT ..	.. 6.
WILLIAM DYER ..	.. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ..	.. 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT ..	.. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN ..	.. Tenor.

Composed by the late J. THORP and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Sadler.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED J. PATE* .. .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 6.
FRANK A. SMITH .. .. 3.	*CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
HERBERT MARTIN* .. .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

\*First peal of Bob Major. C. R. Lilley, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Bedford.

## OSWALDTWISTLE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. PARKINSON, 13, JOHN STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

Merchants' Return, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

ISAAC WHALLEY .. .. 1-2.	CHARLES SHARPLES .. 3-4.
ROBERT PARKINSON .. .. 5-6.	

Conducted by ROBERT PARKINSON.

Referee—John Bentley. This is believed to be the first peal in seven methods on handbells ever rung.

## STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Saturday, September 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

H. SIMMONDS .. .. Treble.	G. ESSEX .. .. 5.
E. J. MENDAY .. .. 2.	A. W. PIKE .. .. 6.
J. HANDS .. .. 3.	R. T. HIBBERT .. .. 7.
E. W. MENDAY .. .. 4.	T. NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

All the above are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

## BURNLEY, LANCs.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 18, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

DAVID CAMPBELL .. .. Treble.	NOAH TOWNEND .. .. 5.
FREDERICK TOWNS .. .. 2.	RICHARD ASHWORTH .. 6.
JOHN WILLIAM STIRK .. 3.	JAMES MATHER .. .. 7.
JOHN ROWE WERRING .. 4.	TOM REDMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. NICHOLL and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

J. Mather hails from Higher Walton, and this is his first peal in the method.

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY GOODMAN .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 5.
JOHN GOODMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 6.
WILLIAM TALBOT* .. .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 7.
ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. 4.	HERBERT SHEPPARD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

\*First peal in the method. This is A. Spittle's twentieth peal.

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

On Sunday, September 19, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor about 12 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HIGGS .. .. Treble.	ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 4.
ERNEST BRUCE .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM CLARK .. .. 5.
THOMAS HERRIDGE* .. 3.	WILLIAM HORNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORNE.

\*First peal. This is the first peal ever rung in the village.

## PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

(THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 20th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK JONES* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM COOPER, SEN. .. 5.
WILLIAM COOPER, JUN.* .. 2.	WILLIAM LONG .. .. 6.
GEORGE MITCHESON .. .. 3.	†CHARLES WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	*SIDNEY VAUGHAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAMS.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Cooper, jun.; his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## FAREHAM, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
CHARLES GILES* .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Superlative and first attempt. This was also the first peal of Superlative on these bells.

## SOBERTON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 20, 1897, in Three Hours One and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GRAPHAM .. .. Treble.	KEITH HART .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES* .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE-BULWER and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Double Norwich.

## SOBERTON, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. Treble.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4.	GEORGE GRAPHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.



SOBERTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 20, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JOHN W. WHITING* .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE GRAFHAM .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE* .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. .. 3.	*KEITH HART .. .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE* .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN THORP and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob by the above Guild, and on the bells.  
\*First peal of Oxford.

PRIVETT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 21, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GRAFHAM .. .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Whiting, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

EASTMEON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 21, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lbs.

JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Treble.	KEITH HART .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. .. 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of Superlative on these bells.

HAVANT, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

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

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GRAFHAM .. .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Date Touches.

BURGATE (Suffolk).—On September 12th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, a date touch in the following methods, in 1 hr. 4 mins.: The Dream, Grandsire Doubles, and Morning Star, J. Buckingham, 1; E. Buckingham, 2; G. Moss, 3; H. Symonds, 4; H. Symonds (conductor), 5. First date touch by the company, and first on the bells since they have been rehung.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, July 27th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Hilton, 1; J. Hilton, 3; J. T. Holmes, 4; E. Houlden, 5; J. H. Clark, 6; W. Dickenson, 7; F. Warrington, 8. On Sunday morning, August 8th, for service, 630 Grandsire Triples. S. C. Skinner,

1; W. Dickinson, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Warrington, 4; J. T. Holmes, 5; J. H. Clark, 6; E. Houlden, 7; G. Ward, 8. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Warrington, 1; J. Hilton, 3; J. H. Clark, 4; J. T. Holmes, 5; E. Houlden, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; G. Ward, 8. On Sunday, August 15th, for morning service, 630 Union Triples. S. C. Skinner, 1; J. H. Clark, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Warrington, 4; E. Houlden, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; G. Ward, 8. On Sunday, August 29th, for morning service, 630 Union Triples. S. C. Skinner, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Warrington, 4; E. Houlden, 5; J. H. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; G. Ward, 8. All the above were conducted by W. Dickinson.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 12th, being the Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 27 mins., was rung for the 8 o'clock service. A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; S. Johnson, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6. For morning service five 6-scores. A. Booth, 1; J. Ashmole, 2; T. Bush, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood (conductor), 5; W. Hine, 6. For evening service ten 6-scores, each called differently: T. Bush, 2; J. Ashmole, 3; the rest as above, being H. Yarwood's longest length as conductor. After service 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; S. Johnson, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUGWARDINE.—On Sunday, September 12th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 57 mins. E. Brooks, 1; A. Brace (conductor), 2; John Jones, 3; C. Clifford, 4; Jas. Jones, 5; T. Jones, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Thursday, September 9th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. George Herbert Sanders, R.A., and Miss Vivien C. Lifford Plunket, eldest daughter of the late Hon. Arthur C. C. Plunket, at the parish church, 672 Grandsire Triples, followed by rounds, queens, and firing. And at 4.40 a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Terry (longest touch), A. Cullum, E. J. Munday, E. W. Munday, G. Essex, J. Hands, H. Smith, H. Simmonds. Conducted by E. W. Munday.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, September 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. H. Gilding, 1; J. Eldridge, 2; W. Taylor, 3; W. Walker, 4; H. Neighbour, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6. Rung on the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Spearing, who are much respected in the district.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, September 16th, for practice at St. Laurence's church, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. E. Reeves, 1; F. Tubbs, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; H. White, 4; C. Giles, 5; A. Osborne, 6; H. Tucker, 7; F. Hopgood, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. H. White hails from Basingstoke.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON.—On Tuesday, August 31st, 720 College Single. W. Hinton, 1; J. W. Lewis, 2; W. Fryer, 3; A. Roberts, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin, 6. On Tuesday, September 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. H. Pagett, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; H. Dakin, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Fryer, 5; A. Roberts, 6. Conducted by H. Dakin and A. Roberts respectively. J. Smith hails from Brierley Hill.

OLDSWINFORD.—On August 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Skelding, W. Newman, W. Whitehouse, T. Heathcock, F. Brace, J. Orford (conductor), W. Newman (first 720). On August 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and two singles). T. Heathcock, W. Whitehouse, J. Orford, F. Brace, J. Pearsall, A. Roberts (conductor). On August 22nd, 720 Bob Minor for Divine Service (twenty-four singles). H. Skelding, 1; J. Orford, 2; J. Pearsall, 3; W. Newman, 4; F. Brace, 5; A. Roberts (conductor), 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service at Christ Church, 720 Primrose. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 8th, for morning service, 720 College Exercise. L. Holt, 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 Arnold's Victory, with G. Shottin, 3; E. Cockroft, 4; the rest standing and conducted as in the morning. On Monday, August 9th, 720 Duke of York. J. Bentley, 1; Z. Lord, 2; I. Whalley, 3; C. Sharples, 4; R. Parkinson, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August

29th, for morning service, 720 Symphony. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Messrs. Bentley, Whalley, Sharples and Parkinson hail from Oswaldtwistle.

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Tuesday, August 31st, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor on the front six, in 25 mins. A. Mottershead, 1; F. Stoneley, 2; W. Walmsley, 3; W. W. Steel, 4; W. Matthews, 5; J. M. Davenport, 6. On the back eight, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. W. Steel, 1; F. Stoneley, 2; W. McKinnell, 3; J. M. Davenport, 4; J. Bradbury, 5; W. Matthews, 6; J. Norbury, 7; W. Walmsley, 8. Longest touch of Treble Bob by the majority of the above. On Sunday, August 12th, 180 Grand sire Caters. All the above were conducted by W. Walmsley. For evening service 322 of the same, conducted by J. Norbury. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—On September 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor and 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Sharp, 1; J. Howes, 2; J. G. Miles, 3; J. Howes (conductor), 4; S. Daniels, 5; J. Lawrence, 6. Also a touch of Oxford Treble Bob. At the house of Mr. E. Ettridge, on handbells, 720 Bob Major. W. Nudds, 1; J. Miles, 2; A. Howes, 3; E. Ettridge, 4; J. Howes (conductor), 5; R. Ettridge, 6; S. Daniels, 7; J. Lawrence, 8. On September 12th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and ten singles, composed by J. Howes. J. G. Miles (conductor), 1-2; J. Howes, 3-4; A. Howes, 5-6. Also touches of Canterbury, St. Simons and Grandsire Minor.

BESTHORPE (Norfolk).—Recently, at All Saints church, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, two 6-scores of Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Simons and Grandsire Doubles. W. Cook, 1; J. Howes (conductor), 2; J. Stanley, 3; J. Miles, 4; J. Cook, 5. J. Howes hails from Kingston-on-Thames; A. Howes from Horncastle, Lincolnshire.

BECCLES (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, September 7th, 672 and 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Holmes, 1; E. Lincoln, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; H. Simpson (conductor), 4; H. Hopson, 5; W. Webber, 6; H. Ling, 7; R. Freestone, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. On handbells a course of Grandsire Caters. H. Reynolds, 1-2; E. Lincoln, 3-4; W. Webb, 5-6; H. Simpson, 7-8; T. Holmes, 9-10.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Monday, September 6th, 1008 Bob Major. I. Folkard, 1; G. Alexander, 2; W. Felgate, 3; J. Keeler, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; F. Borrett, 6; R. Baker, 7; C. E. Borrett (Norwich, conductor), 8. And 896 Grandsire Triples. I. Folkard, 1; C. E. Borrett, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; C. Woods, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; G. Alexander, 8.

DITCHINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, September 9th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Baker, 1; E. Lincoln, 2; R. Turner, 3; C. Woods, 4; J. Keeler, 5; G. Alexander (conductor), 6.

ELLINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 12th, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles. W. Brown, 1; E. Lincoln, 2; F. Hembling, 3; J. Keeler, 4; W. Felgate (conductor), 5.

FRESSINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 11th, 1056 Bob Major. W. Riches, jun., 1; J. Riches, 2; J. Gibson, 3; A. Riches, 4; E. Chandler, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; R. Harper, 7; W. Riches, sen. (conductor), 8. On handbells, at the meeting house, three courses of Grandsire Triples. A. Riches, 1-2; E. Lincoln, 3-4; W. Riches, 5-6; E. Chandler, 7-8. J. Keeler belongs to the All Saints Society, Newmarket; E. Lincoln to the Bungay company.

#### THE MIDDLESEX CNTY ASSOCIATION.

HESTON (Middlesex).—On Monday, September 6th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. C. Bird, 1; G. Gladman, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; H. Chandelier, 4; C. Edwards, 5; S. Carter, 6. First in the method by all except the conductor.

#### THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORSLEY (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, September 11th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 35 mins. T. Wilton, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. Aldread, 3; W. Peat, 4; J. Aldread (conductor), 5. On Sunday morning Mr. W. Hickling, of the Duffield band, paid a visit to this tower and rang two more 6-scores with the local band. The handbells were then brought into use at the residence of T. Whilton. For Divine Service in the evening, two more 6-scores were rung, the whole being very regularly struck on these beautiful bells, which cannot well be surpassed for deepness of tone and good going order.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Saturday, September 11th, the St.

Thomas' (Pendleton) company journeyed to this place to meet their friend Mr. W. Davies, of Liverpool, who made a special journey to try a Surprise method. Arriving there about 3.30 several plain courses of Superlative were rung, and afterwards 448 in the same method. F. Smith, 1; A. Cross, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. Winterbottom, 4; S. Greenhalgh, 5; R. Ridyard, 6; W. Davies, 7; H. Chapman (conductor), 8. Other touches were attempted, but failed to be successfully brought round. Messrs. Turner, Rogers, and Shuker also took part in the afternoon's ringing, which terminated at 6 p.m.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday evening, August 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. After service 360 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Lawrence, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, August 28th, for Divine Service, 260 Oxford Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; G. Carter, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, September 5th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 12th, for Divine Service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles called differently, and one of Bob Doubles. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; A. Smith, 6. Also 180 College Single. A. Lawrence, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ANGMERING.—On Sunday, August 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Hills, 1; J. Hills, 2; H. Finch, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Hills, 2; T. Parsons, 3; J. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. J. Hills hails from Westbourne.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Friday, September 10th, after the funeral at Easebourne of Charles George, 7th Earl of Egmont, who died at Cowdray Park on September 5th, 720 Woodbine, with the bells half-muffled. C. Best, 1; T. Stroud, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; F. Trussler, 5; J. Lee, 6. Also the usual whole pull and stand. The late Earl was one of the few peers who could ring half-pull changes.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSMONDEN.—On September 5th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. T. Lambert, 1; E. Lambert, 2; W. Lambert, 3; G. Hodge, 4; F. Lambert, 5; J. Beach (conductor), 6. On September 9th, 720 Kent. T. Lambert, 1; J. Beach, 2; E. Lambert, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. A 120 each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. T. Lambert, 1; R. Lambert, 2; E. Lambert, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5; T. Lambert jun., 6. After ringing a social half-hour was spent in wishing T. Lambert many happy returns, it being his 70th birthday.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, July 4th, 447 Grandsire Triples. G. Honisett, 1; W. Walker, 2; S. Hutson, 3; G. Kite, 4; E. Allen, 5; W. Tassell, 6; C. Millway (conductor), 7; R. Weller, 8. On Sunday, August 8th, 252 Stedman Triples. S. Hutson, 1; S. Wade, 2; W. Wilkins, 3; G. Kite, 4; E. Allen, 5; W. Tassell, 6; C. Millway (conductor), 7; W. Walker, 8. On Friday, August 27th, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Honisett, 1; A. Hyland, 2; S. Hutson, 3; G. Kite, 4; W. Hyland, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6; C. Millway, 7; W. Tassell, 8. On Friday, September 3rd, 505 Stedman Triples. S. Hutson, 1; B. Staines, 2; W. Wilkins, 3; G. Kite, 4; E. Allen, 5; W. Tassell, 6; C. Millway (conductor), 7; R. Weller, 8. And 238 Grandsire Triples. G. Foster, 1; C. Millway (conductor), 2; R. Staines, 3; W. Tassell, 4; E. Allen, 5; W. Wilkins, 6; S. Hutson, 7; G. Kite, 8. On Friday, September 10th, 336 Stedman Triples. H. H. Wood (conductor), 1; R. Staines, 2; W. Wilkins, 3; G. Kite, 4; C. Millway, 5; E. Allen, 6; W. Tassell, 7; W. Walker, 8. And 210 Union Triples. G. Honisett, 1; R. Staines, 2; W. Wilkins, 3; G. Kite, 4; E. Allen (conductor), 5; C. Millway, 6; H. Wood, 7; R. Weller, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Tassell, 1; W. Walker, 2; S. Hutson, 3; G. Kite, 4; E. Allen, 5; W. Wilkins, 6; C. Millway, 7; H. Wood (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 12th, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Kite, 1; W. Walker, 2; S. Hutson, 3; W. Spice, 4; E. Allen, 5; C. Millway (conductor), 6; W. Tassell, 7; R. Weller, 8. Messrs. Hyland (2) hail from Upchurch; Spice from Charing; Wade from London; the rest are local men.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. G. Kite, 1; R. Staines, 2; T. Willson, 3; E. Allen, 4; G. Willshire

(conductor), 5; C. Millway, 6; W. Tassell, 7; W. Walker, 8. Messrs. Willson and Willshire hail from Quex Park, Birchington; the rest from Borden.

**ALDRINGTON (Sussex).**—On Tuesday, September 7th, for practice at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: L. Sears, 1; G. Steele, 2; F. Tindall (conductor), 3; M. Broomfield, 4; E. Godley, 5; G. Dray, 6. This was the treble man's first 720, he only having been learning the method two months. And 360 Bob Minor. F. Steele, 1; F. Dearing (Shoreham), 2; G. Steele, 3; M. Bromfield, 4; E. Godley, 5; F. Tindall (conductor), 6.

**BURGATE (Suffolk).**—On September 12th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving service, several 6-scores of Doubles were rung by the following: J. and E. Buckingham, G. Moss, E. Nunn, G. Brown, A. and H. Symonds and J. Thurketle (conductors).

**BLITCHLEY (Bucks).**—On Sunday, September 13th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, the ringers rang rounds for the morning and afternoon services. For evening service 360 Grandsire Doubles, 6-7-8 covering. V. Sear, 1; A. N. Atkins, 2; R. Sear, 3; E. Mark, 4; J. Atkins, 5; H. Sear, 6; J. Sear, 7; G. Benfield (Leighton Buzzard), 8.

**CASTLE DONINGTON (Leicestershire).**—On Monday, September 13th, for practice, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Fowkes, 1; J. Hutchby (conductor), 2; R. Tunnicliffe, 3; G. Wilkins, 4; J. Clarke, 5; G. Wheeldon, 6. J. Hutchby hails from Beeston, Notts; the rest belong to the local band.

**CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).**—On Sunday, September 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, in 23 mins. E. Williams, 1; S. Hopton, 2; J. Prickett (conductor), 3; R. Thompson, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Bye, 7; A. Richings (first 720), 8. On Saturday, August 28th, for practice, a 6-score of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, non-conducted, with 7-6-8 covering. M. Close, 1; R. Thompson, 2; S. Hopton, 3; H. Morgan, 4; J. Morley, 5; F. Bye, 7; F. James, 6; A. Richings, 8. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. T. Collinson (Birmingham), 1-2; R. Thompson, 3-4; J. Morley, 5-6; A. Groves, 7-8. Another course, with J. Prickett, 1-2; the rest as before. A 720 was attempted at St. Giles's church, but was lost after ringing 300 changes owing to the bad go of the bells. T. Collinson, 1; J. Prickett, 2; H. Morgan, 3; S. Hopton, 4; J. Morley, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Time not allowing of another start the bells were lowered. A move was then made to the church of St. Mary Magdalene, and 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 21 mins. H. K. Cox, 1; S. Hopton, 2; J. Prickett, 3; H. Morgan, 4; J. Howell (conductor), 5; W. Jeffrey, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. Howes and Jeffrey belong to Oxford.

**GUILDFORD (Surrey).**—On Sunday, September 13th, at St. Nicholas church for Divine Service in the morning, 485 Grandsire Caters. F. Wood, 1; G. Reading, 2; D. Hayward, 3; E. C. Boniface, 4; C. Willshire, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; E. Huntley, 7; A. Adsett, 8; W. Thorne, (conductor), 9; F. Blondell, 10. For Divine Service in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 46 mins. F. Wood, 1; E. Boniface, 2; D. Hayward, 3; C. Willshire (conductor), 4; E. Huntley, 5; F. Blondell, 6; W. Thorne, 7; W. Heath, 8. The above was rung after meeting one short for Stedman. D. Hayward hails from Yarmouth; the rest belong to the local band.

**HEENE (Sussex).**—On Thursday, June 17th, at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lindup, 1; W. Hillman, 2; H. Meetens, 3; J. Paice, 4; E. Lindup, 5; F. Lindup, 6; B. Bassett (conductor), 7; R. Standing, 8. On Sunday, June 20th, the bells were fired and a 720 of Bob Minor rung. T. Greenyer, 1; H. Meetens, 2; W. Hillman, 3; J. Pace, 4; B. Bassett, 5; A. Arnell, 6; E. Lindup (conductor), 7; F. Lindup, 8. On Sunday, July 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Greenyer, 1; H. Meetens, 2; J. Paice, 3; C. Dean (conductor), 4; W. Hillman, 5; B. Bassett, 6; E. Lindup, 7; A. Arnell, 8. C. Dean belongs to Benhilton, Surrey.

**ROYDON (Essex).**—On Friday evening, September 10th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Sewell, 1; I. Cavill (conductor), 2; J. Littlechild, 3; W. Marrable, 4; A. Pearman, 5; W. Pearman, 6. Also four 6-scores, called differently. J. Sewell, 1; W. Cavill (conductor), 2; E. Warner, 3; W. Marrable, 4; I. Cavill, 5; A. Pearman, 6. Also six more 6-scores, called differently. J. Sewell, 1; W. Cavill, 2; E. Warner, 3; W. Marrable, 4; I. Cavill (conductor), 5; A. Pearman, 6. And two courses of Plain Bob Minor. J. Sewell, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; E. Warner, 4; W. Marrable, 5; Isaac Cavill, 6.

**RUGBY (Warwickshire).**—On Monday, September 13th, at St. Andrew's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Doody, 1; W. T. Lightfoot, 2; A. Dubber, 3; H. Tarver, 4; T. Holmes, 5; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. Shotton, 8. Rev. H. C. Courtney hails from Minehead, Somersetshire.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

Very good, Samuel Slater; very good indeed; not merely fairish, but downright interesting. We should all like to hear something about Barton and Truman, of that ilk. Then there is the great Henry Hubbard, you know, Samuel; surely he deserves a number all to himself. I have had a magazine shown to me which contained a notice of an old Christleton ringer, with his portrait. Verily there is much of this old history to be got together, if some one will take the trouble to collect and sift.

Mr. John Day did the Exercise a capital good turn when he published his "recollections" some years ago. Surely there are plenty of *materials* for more of it. We should like to know something of Thackrah; Booth, of Sheffield; Riley, of Stroud; Wilkie, of Bristol; Stains, of Leicester; Biddlestone, of West Bromwich; and Lindsey, of Norfolk. Who can tell us anything of these men? and many others. The smallest contribution thankfully received, as the sayin' is.

The St. Michael's society ought now to drop their affix of "juniors." The "sere and yellow leaf" condition will be upon them before long. Howbeit they have done well and shown some spirit. The historical reminiscences published last week were very *apropos* and very cheering, especially to those who are concerned, by holding a membership in the "juniors," a privilege which I do not enjoy just yet. But the time will come.

I confess to not understanding thoroughly the "worthy invitation" published last week. Does the gentleman require the band of ringers, occasionally, or for any particular Sunday? I don't think it is made quite as plain as it may be.

One great advantage of having an organ for our benefit was shown last week. A brother-string about to recuperate in the Channel Islands, naturally inquires what bells there are to be found there. Tardily it may be, but he gets a reply with all the information required, which at the same time imparts to us knowledge which many of us did not know before. And so we go on.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild appear to have had a good meeting at Southport, and the reverend curate of Christ Church evidently made the most of the occasion. The company not only carried a vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman, but resolved to print the address he had made to them in the next annual report of the Association. This is a step in the right direction.

A notice for a long peal, and, one also of a ringing tour, are items which create, not exactly excitement, as we understand the word, but some stir, at any rate. This number of our paper will show what success or otherwise has been met with. We are only mortal, and 'tis not in such to command success, though we often think it hard times to be behind it.

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## Notices.

**The Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held in the old schoolroom, King's Norton, to-day, Saturday, September 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt. A short service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock, to which all members are specially requested to attend. The tower will be opened and the bells placed at the members' disposal. Tea will be provided.

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

**The Essex Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, September 25th, at Roydon, six-bell tower. Tea will take place after business meeting at 5 p.m. Holders of tickets on the Colchester line, who travel via Witham and Stortford will be allowed to return via Stratford. The tower of Hunsden (eight bells) will also be available.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*  
Gt. Totham, Witham. *Ass. Sec.*

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Chesterfield, to-day, Saturday, September 25th, meeting house, Rutland Arms, close to church, peal of ten bells, M.S. and L. and Midland Railway, Mr. A. Knights, Local Secretary.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*  
18 Meersbrook, Bank road, Sheffield.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next Monthly Ringing Meeting of this Society will be held at Bramley, to-day, Saturday, September 25th. A peal will be attempted at 3 p.m. (6 bells). Meeting house, The Cardigan Arms. Business meeting at 7 prompt. Members and any ringing friends are cordially invited to attend.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Annual meeting at Newchurch, Rossendale, September 25th. Particulars by circular.

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Pinner, on Saturday next, October 2nd. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Tea at six, followed by short business meeting for the election of members. All members of the Association are invited, and ringers, whether members or not, will be welcome. Those who desire tea to be provided are earnestly requested to send their names to the Hon. Sec. before the date of the meeting, to assist him in making proper provision.

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

**Sussex County Association—Western Division.**—The next meeting will be held at Shipley, on Saturday, October 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5.30. Hon. Secs. are requested to send notice of numbers not later than September 29th, that arrangements may be made for conveyance from West Grinstead.

J. W. G. LODER-COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Yapton Vicarage.

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—The quarterly meeting at Dunstable, on Saturday, October 2nd. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton, on Saturday next, October 2nd. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne. REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Sec.*  
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association, Manchester Branch.**—A Meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.

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

**The Kent County Association—Tonbridge District.**—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, October 9th. Tower open at 3 o'clock.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
4, South View Road, High Brooms, near Tunbridge Wells.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashted, on Saturday, 16th October, 1897. The bells at St Giles, Ashted, will be available from two o'clock, by kind permission of the rector.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
Royston, Court Road, Sutton.

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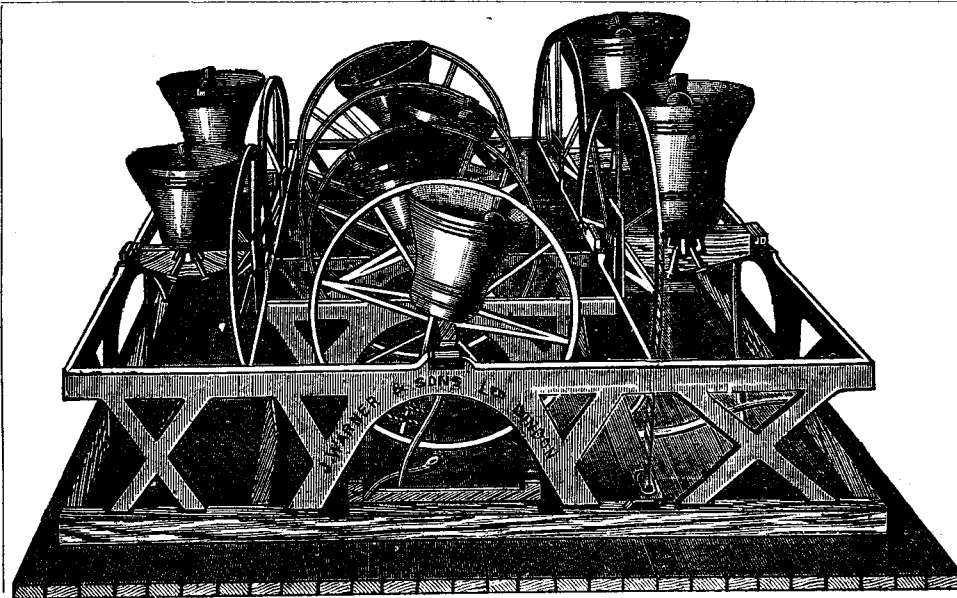
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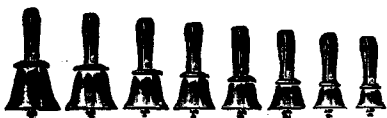
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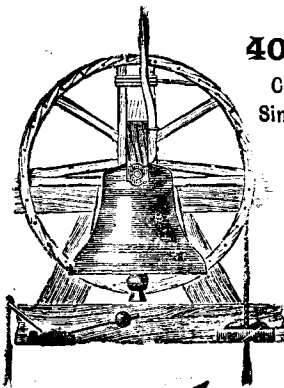
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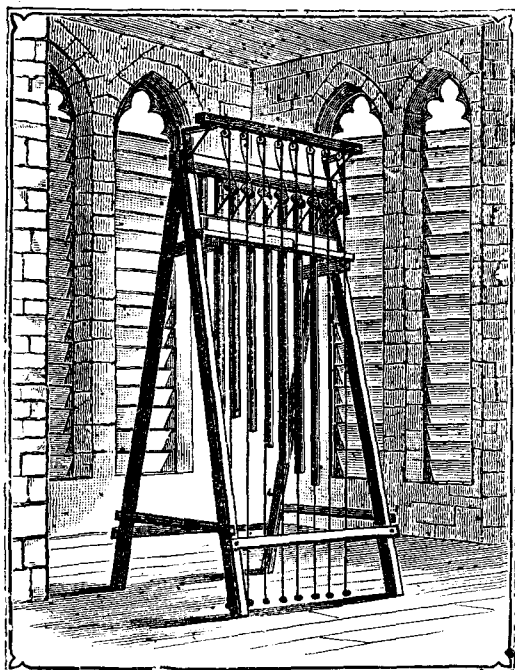
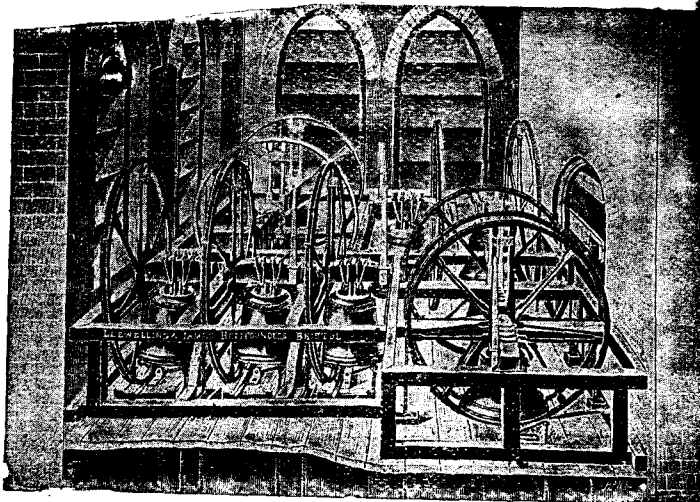
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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at Ipswich, on Thursday, 23rd September. About 80 members attended, the following Towers being the principal ones represented: Aylsham, Banham, Burgh, Clopton, Diss, Eye, Framlingham, S. Mary-le-Tower Ipswich, Leiston, Pulham, Otley, Wetheringsett, Wickham Skeeth, and Woodbridge. The special service was held at 12.45 at S. Mary-le-Tower, but we are sorry to say was very poorly attended by the ringers who came to the meeting. An excellent practical address was given by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rector of East Marden, Chichester, from 2 Cor. iv. 1. "Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not." Upon the conclusion of the service, an adjournment was made to the Co-operative Hall, Carr Street, where an excellent lunch was provided by the Society's Ipswich caterer, W. H. Cook. The President of the Association, the Rev. Dr. Raven, occupied the chair, among those present being the Revs. J. Holme Pilkington, C. A. Sinclair, W. Morley Smith, C. D. P. Davies, H. L. Bulwer (Hon. Secretary); F. W. J. Rees, Esq. Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, Messrs. Day, Borrett, Motts, and Moy, District Secretaries, Messrs. George Day, J. Fosdike, W. Taylor, W. L. Catchpole, etc. The President gave the usual toasts. "The Bishops and Clergy" was proposed by Mr. Rees, with special acknowledgments to the preacher, and the clergy of the Tower and other churches for the use of their bells. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies replied, expressing the pleasure he had derived from his first visit to East Anglia, and the short tour he had been able to make in Norfolk and Suffolk in order to see some of the well known towers and hear some of the famous rings of bells for which those counties were renowned. The Rev. C. A. Sinclair proposed the toast of "The Association," coupled with the name of the Hon. Secretary, who in his reply alluded in terms of some severity to the thinness of the attendance at the special service, which he considered not only most uncomplimentary to the preacher who had come so far to address them, but most discreditable to the ringers who had absented themselves from the service. He wished to draw attention to the question of the Peal-Book, which was also mentioned in the report about to be read, and requested the members to come to a decision upon the point of continuing, or not, the expensive practice of illuminating entries, before separating. The Report was then read. It dealt, as usual, with the position of the Society as regards members, finances, and performances; and the restorations effected in the year, or in progress or contemplation. The appointment of a committee by the Central Council to collect information as to the condition of rings of eight, ten and twelve bells throughout the country was also referred to at some length; and the progress made in things campanological generally during the last twenty years was briefly described. The President and Secretary having formally resigned office were unanimously re-elected. A discussion upon the Peal-Book question ensued with the result that it was decided upon the motion of Mr. F. R. Borrett, seconded by Mr. Ernest Poppy, that the entries in the Peal-Book should be made with pen and ink only. Mr. W. L. Catchpole moved, and Mr. Edgar Pemberton seconded, that the note attached to the peal record No. 706 in the Report for 1896 be omitted from the record in the Peal-Book. (This record is that of the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, rung by the Ipswich Company on 28th November, 1896, and which was claimed by them as the first ever performed in the method; whereas, the note pointed out the extreme probability that the peal of "Norwich Court Bob Maximus" rung at S. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on 20th January, 1817, was really one of *Double* Norwich Court). Mr. Catchpole was understood to argue that since Shipway's work of deducing the single from the double method must have

been known to the Norwich ringers some three or four years before they rang their peal, it was incorrect to say that Double Norwich Court was not then known by that name, and it was more likely than not that the Norwich peal was rung in the single method, and not in the double, seeing that it was called on the tablets recording it, simply "Norwich Court Bob Maximus," which was the title of the single form of the method in Shipway's book, and that in any case, the note should not have been appended to the record in the report without the approval of the Committee. The Hon. Secretary said he should offer no objection to the motion, although he had felt it to be his duty to insert the note in the Report, because all the evidence procurable on the subject was strongly in favour of the Norwich peal having been rung in the double method. For although Shipway, as was well known, had provided this and all other methods with single, reverse, and double variations, where wanting, before the date of the Norwich peal, considering the difficulties of communication between London and the provinces at that time, there was no certainty that the Norwich ringers had become acquainted with his work; that the double method was the original one; was extensively practised on eight and ten bells by the Norwich men early in the century, and they being among the finest in the country at that time, would hardly have preferred a novel and inferior method to one to which they had long been accustomed. He could not accept a statement from any Company which he did not believe to be true. The motion was then put from the chair, and agreed to. The election of new members was then proceeded with. These comprised four non-resident life members, one honorary resident member, ten company or performing members, and eight probationers. At St. Mary-le-Tower there was plenty of ringing during the day on eight, ten, and twelve, but during the morning it was not of a very grand description. Courses of Superlative and Double Norwich Major were rung during the afternoon. St. Margaret's six and St. Lawrence's five were also well patronised, as well as St. Clement's and other towers which had been kindly placed at the disposal of members by the several incumbents.

## HIGHAM FERRERS (NORTHAMPTONSHIRE).

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS PARKER.—We regret to have to record the death of Mr. Thomas Parker, which occurred at Higham Ferrers on Sept. 20th, after a short illness. The deceased gentleman, who was 77 years of age, had been able to perform his duties as Parish Clerk and Sexton up till within five days of his death. He had held these offices at St. Mary's Church for a quarter of a century in succession to his father, Mr. Samuel Parker, who had held them for fifty years. Deceased had also been a bell-ringer at St. Mary's for 55 years, and was the town postman until a few years ago, having performed the duties for 25 years. Mr. Parker, who was widely known and much respected, leaves a widow and two sons to mourn their loss.

## CLARE, SUFFOLK.

A statement of the results of the Bazaar held in the Priory grounds, in aid of the Church Tower and Bell Restoration Fund, shows the receipts to be £127 15s. 1½d., which after deducting the expenses leaves a favourable balance of £106 14s. 1d. to add to the fund, which now stands at about £750. Estimates for the Bell restoration have been received from five of the most experienced firms of the day, but the work will probably not be put in hand till the spring of next year. In the meantime a company of young men will be formed for hand-bell practice during the winter months. D.G.

## A SHORT TOUR IN HANTS.

On Saturday, September 18th, several members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild met at Fareham for a short but busy ringing tour, as has been the case in previous years. The band included Messrs. Williams and Hart (Brighton), Gifford and Blackbourn (Salisbury), Hopgood and Giles (Reading), White (Basingstoke), Shade (Greenwich), with Messrs. Whiting and Fareham of the local band. On arrival at Fareham station soon after 4 p.m. we received the usual welcome from Mr. Whiting to tea, which Mrs. Whiting had all in readiness. Superlative Surprise at St. Peter's was the first item on the programme, and at 9.30 p.m. a good peal in that method had been accomplished, Messrs. Whiting and Grafham kindly standing out to allow all the visitors to ring. An hour was spent together afterwards, when four of the band started for an eight-mile drive to Soberton. On the journey a 518 Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by Mrs. G. Williams, K. Hart, W. W. Gifford and G. Williams.

Sunday morning at 9 a.m. the remainder of the band left Fareham by way of Shedfield, where Kent Treble Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung for morning service. At St. Peter's, Soberton, for evening service, a 504 of Stedman Triples and a course of Superlative were rung.

Monday at Soberton "attempt three peals as usual," was the order. This necessitated some members of the band getting up early to see to ropes, etc. "Go" was called for Double Norwich at 9.20, and in 3 hrs. 1 and 3 mins. peal number one was successfully accomplished. The Rev. F. E. Robinson had arrived in time to hear the finish of the peal, and with Mr. G. Chappell, of Wickham, our band now numbered twelve. In the afternoon Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples was tapped off in 2 hrs. and 50 mins. Whilst this was in progress the four standing out attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells, but it came to grief just before half-way, after 1 hr. 5 mins. good ringing. After tea a capital peal of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round in 3 hrs., this satisfying for a time the ambition of several members of the party, as three peals in one day here has been a standing order on this outing. Whilst this latter peal was in progress Messrs. Gifford, Hopgood and Giles, with Mrs. G. Williams, rang three well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples at the residence of Mr. R. Williams of Brockbridge.

Tuesday morning a splendid drive of eight miles to Privett, where the first peal of Double Norwich on this fine ring of eight was tapped off in 2 hrs. 49 mins. Another drive of four miles to Eastmeon, where dinner was all in readiness at The George inn, after which the first peal of Superlative on the bells of All Saints was brought round. Another drive of five miles to Petersfield before tea, where practice of Cambridge Surprise was arranged, a plain course being brought round (first attempt by four of the band). After an unsuccessful attempt for a touch, it was decided not to attempt a peal of Cambridge on the following day (Wednesday) as was anticipated. A couple of hours was spent with several of the local ringers before retiring for the night.

Wednesday morning owing to a service at 10.30, we were off for Kent Treble Bob soon after 7 a.m. but after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins., a change-course occurred, "stand" being called the next lead. The next and last peal on the programme was to be attempted at Havant, where we arrived for dinner, and a peal of Kent Treble was brought round at 5 p.m. this making seven peals in the tower out of eight attempts, and which were recorded in last week's "BELL NEWS."

The band were then entertained to a capital spread by Mr. and Mrs. Staples at their residence, and a very pleasant evening was spent with touches on the handbells by Messrs. Williams, Hart, Hopgood, Giles, Shirley, Staples and Mrs. G. Williams. The band one and all wish to thank, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," the various vicars and rectors for the use of their bells; to Messrs. Ayling (Privett), Attwood (Eastmeon), Butler and Bettesworth (Petersfield), for having everything in readiness; to Mr. and Mrs. Whiting (Fareham), and Mr. and Mrs. Staples (Havant), for their hospitality. The weather throughout was delightful, making the long drive on Tuesday very enjoyable.

W.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, BRISTOL.

On Sunday last, the harvest thanksgiving services were held in this church. In the morning the Rev. Theodore C. Chapman, vicar of Christ Church, Clifton, preached before a large and appreciative congregation. In the evening the service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. P. A. Phelps, when the church was well filled, every available seat being taken. Anthems were beautifully rendered morning and evening. In the former service, "O God, who is like unto Thee," by Myles B. Foster, was selected; in the latter, "He giveth food" (by C. Simpes). Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower read the lessons on each occasion. The church was most tastefully decorated. Many friends sent contributions of fruit, vegetables, and flowers, and the general effect was exceedingly good. After the morning service there was a short but interesting ceremony held in the belfry on the occasion of the unveiling of a beautifully-executed description of the bells of the church, which have been recently renovated. This is enclosed in a frame made out of the old oak which once supported the bells, and presented by Mr. Saunders of All Saints' street. Appended to the old text was a recognition of the fact that the bells were entirely rehung and newly framed by T. Blackbourn, Salisbury, December, 1895. In a short speech the Rector thanked Mr. Saunders for his valuable gift, which he felt sure would be carefully preserved and read with interest for many future generations. He was supported by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, who felt that they might all feel justly proud of their belfry, which would probably compare favourably with any in the neighbourhood. Mr. R. Tayler (senior churchwarden this year) also joined in thanking Mr. Saunders, after a few cordial words from Mr. G. Staddon. The collections were in aid of the Sunday school. It might be mentioned that after the service in the evening the interesting crypt, recently restored, was illuminated, and the greater portion of the congregation took the opportunity of inspecting it.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—A well-attended meeting of the above branch was held at Prestbury, September 18th, twenty-five members putting in an appearance from the different towers in the branch. The tower bells were set in motion early in the afternoon, several touches being rung. At 5.30 an adjournment was made to The Black Boy inn, where an excellent knife and fork tea was awaiting. After grace had been sung all fell to, and the way the plates were emptied showed that ringing was a good stimulant for the appetite. After tea the meeting was held in the same room, when a vote of thanks was passed, thanking the Prestbury ringers for their kind welcome, and the Vicar (Rev. R. E. Broughton) for the use of the bells. Several more touches were rung on the bells while the room was being cleared. The rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner.

"THE HOUSE" (Horace Cox, Sixpence monthly), a Magazine of Domestic Art, in its October issue covers an exceptionally wide field. Leading off with a lengthy illustrated review of "The Arts and Crafts" Exhibition at Lancaster, with an admirable full-page portrait of the Countess of Bective, the President of the Council, it touches upon almost every phase of applied art. Lovers of needlework are appealed to in a chapter on Ecclesiastical Embroidery; the amateur worker will find much to interest and instruct in "Hints on Decorative Wood-staining" and the production of "A carved Jewel Casket"; for collectors there are articles on "Chinese Porcelain," "A Piece of Pepys' Silver," "Heppelwhite Furniture," and "Bookbindings"; the theatre-goer will appreciate "A Scene from 'Rosemary,'" and by those to whom James Russell Lowell has become a "fireside friend," a plate illustrating an incident in "An Interview with Miles Standish" will be highly treasured. "Trafalgar Day" is not forgotten, for in "Some Furniture associated with Lord Nelson" appears the great Admiral's portrait; his picturesque birthplace: the "Nelson" Room at the Star Inn, Yarmouth, and his table from the "Victory." The lady of the house will find her anxieties lightened by the recipes and menus fully set forth in "The Cook's Instructions," as also by the "Scheme for Table Decoration for the Month," and even Serviette Folding is not forgotten. The ventilation and warming of the home are exhaustively dealt with; door and window draping for the winter is illustrated and explained; the overcoming of "Household Difficulties" is made easy; "Chess Problems" are set and solved.



## AMONG THE CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Kindly permit me to return my hearty thanks to the Rev. F. J. Helmore, Mr. F. K. Howell and Mr. Dan Gridley for their answers to my enquiry *re* the existence of peals of bells in Jersey and Guernsey. I regret inserting my query so late, as I found their replies only after my brief sojourn in the Islands had come to an end.

Leaving London (Waterloo Station) at 10-10 p.m. on Saturday, the 11th inst., accompanied by two friends (who unfortunately for me are not imbued with the ringing fever) we reached Jersey shortly before 9 o'clock on the Sunday morning, and before one had begun to discuss breakfast, the sound of a bell and martial music drew us hurriedly into the street, to find the former was calling to early service a detachment of soldiers marching to the parish church of St. Helier's. From the tower of this church emanated the only bell music I heard, four services being held, two in English and two in the French language. During our brief stay we had several drives to various parts of the Island, and amongst the churches we passed *en route* were St. Saviour's, A.D. 1154, Trinity church A.D. 1163, St. Peter's, 1167 (this we found open, so had a look in), St. Owen's, 1130, St. Lawrence, 1199, St. John's, 1204, St. Matthew's, St. Saviour's 1154, and St. Mary's, 1320.

On Wednesday afternoon, finding the parish church of St. Helier's open we had a look round, and in conversation with the verger upon the subject of bells, he gave his opinion that a peal of four was to be found at St. Mark's. On Thursday morning we returned to Guernsey, and in the afternoon had a peep into the parish church of St. Peter Port, which had rather a gloomy appearance within. Amongst other churches passed on the way whilst driving—the exteriors only of which we had to be content with viewing—I noted the churches of St. James, St. Martin's, A.D. 1119, and St. Andrew's, A.D. 1284, Vale Church A.D. 1117, and St. Sampson's, A.D. 1111, would also be passed, but I have no recollection of noticing them. Several of these churches in both Islands have been portrayed in your contemporary, *Church Bells*, but in the description accompanying them I find no mention made of the bells, hence my query. A noticeable feature on the landscape of the Island of Guernsey, more particularly is the immense number of glass houses erected for the growth of flowers, grapes, tomatoes, etc., the products of which help to supply the English markets. T. M.

## BENNINGTON.-EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18th, the members of the Frieston company journeyed to this place to erect a peal-board recording the first peal of Minor on the bells, and also by the company, After a few kindly words from the Rev. Canon Disbrow, who gave us a cordial welcome, a 720 Bob Minor was rung by E. Rollinson, E. Mason, H. Staffurth, E. Clayton, A. Barber (conductor), and J. Sharp. E. Rollinson hails from Butterwick; Mason from Boston; the rest from Frieston. The bells were then lowered, and the company went to Butterwick to erect a board there recording the 6000 changes in twenty-five different methods, rang on March 19th, on the five bells in the parish church. This was rung by the Frieston company, with J. Phillips, of Butterwick, at the treble.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHWICH BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Davenham on Saturday, September 18th. There was rather a poor attendance at this meeting, which was held in the belfry. A discussion took place as to fixing the dates of the meetings. It was resolved to leave the matter over until the annual meeting. The next meeting will be held at Great Budworth. Several touches were rung during the afternoon.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, September 19th, at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; C. Weller, 2; F. A. Kennett, 3; H. Harvey, 4; C. Hill, 5; G. Watson (conductor), 6; J. Taylor, 7; H. Denman, 8. And in the evening for Divine Service, 546 Grandsire Triples, T. Willard, 1; C. Hill, 2; S. Watson, 3; H. Harvey, 4; G. Watson (conductor), 5; F. A. Kennett, 6; J. Taylor, 7; H. Denman, 8.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The Yorkshire Association puts one in mind of a very steady-going old file, who though he only appears to be pursuing the even tenour of his way, lets nothing go beside him, not even an "unconsidered trifle." The Yorkshiremen seem to be doing very little, comparatively speaking, all the year round, but when they have one of their well-managed meetings, they show up with *clat*, and we read the account of it with amazement almost. The Association can to a certain extent, rest on its oars, but it don't really. Never a meeting is held but what new members are elected, with of course a corresponding financial improvement.

The town, or village, of Lightcliffe, according to the very lucid and interesting description, must be a Paradise in a small way. I had some hazy kind of opinion that the large county had nothing but sterile plains of coalfield and other kind of minerals not so comforting to think of. Gaping furnaces belching forth smoke and flame, and molten metals of every conceivable kind flowing everywhere. Evidently I have been nursing false impressions of the county. If there is much of it like the scenery approaching Lightcliffe, it must be beautiful, really. What a splendid part of England for a breather. I shall remember this fact next year.

I have been the recipient of a few letters from correspondents in various parts of the country relative to my remarks about the biographies or sketches of ringers who lived ages ago. One gentleman lays stress upon the idea of a memoir of the celebrated William Estcourt, of Painswick, in Gloucestershire. He would be a good subject if any reliable accounts about him could be got together. I am told by a competent authority that the Estcourts were a numerous family somewhat. They were all stone-masons, I believe. Stone-masonry (I hope that is a good word) obtains very much in and around Painswick, and many of them following this business have become ringers. In olden times I hear, there was only one method practised at Painswick, and that was Stedman. The colts were brought up to this method only, and the Editor of this paper recollects more than one good Stedman ringer from Painswick who has had to stand out when Grandsire was rung, unless they rang at one of the ends.

William Estcourt was somewhat of a character in his way. I have said he was a stone-mason; and it may be added that he was an employer. Most of his apprentices had to take up with ringing, and William would now and then give them a lesson while at work. He would drop down the figures on a block of stone, and explain the method. If they were quick and apt, it was all smooth, but when his questions could not be answered readily, that implement known to masons as "the straight-edge" was employed to enlighten their mental capacities.

Those were the good old times when physical correction and adjustment was considered to be the correct thing. The youth of both sexes were brought up to thoroughly understand that splendid proverb—"Spare the rod; spoil the child." Sometimes this may have been an excuse for the practice of brutality, perhaps; but it will not be denied that the youth of the present day would have been vastly better than they are if they had undergone physical adjustment in their earlier years.

I dislike taking leave of my correspondents upon this biographical sketch question. It is not a small matter for any one to attempt; certainly it is far beyond my powers. But if those gentlemen who have any memoranda or data of the sort, which can be made use of for compilation, will send such to me, I will do my utmost to repay their confidence.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## TWO JUBILEE BELLS AT BURNHAM, BUCKS.

Two treble bells have been added to the ring of six at Burnham, a little country village about two miles from Farnham Royal, and about four from Maidenhead. The bells arrived on Monday last week, and were rested in the church previous to their being hoisted into the tower, where many of the parishioners inspected them. The casting was most successful, no flaw whatever being noticeable in what are undoubtedly fine specimens of the founder's art. They have the following inscriptions:—"John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough" (on both). On the treble is also "To the Glory of God, and in memory of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee." On the second is also "These two bells are presented by the parishioners of Burnham, 1897, God save the Queen." They weigh 5 and 5½ cwt. respectively. The hanging of the bells was placed under the able management of Mr. George Alder, foreman of the ringers, and Mr. W. T. Billingham, bell hanger, and as Mr. Alder had already prepared the necessary framework for their reception, they were soon hoisted into their respective places in the tower, making a splendid peal of eight. The dedication service took place on Sunday, September 26th, when the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Reading preached an excellent sermon on the subject of dedication, and use of church bells. The vicar (Rev. R. F. Rumsey), and the Rev. B. Long (curate), assisted in the service, and there was a large congregation, including thirty ringers. A few rounds were rung in the service, and at its conclusion a 168 of Grandsire Triples. Rev. B. Long, J. J. Parker, J. Basden (conductor), G. Alder, L. G. Read, R. Flaxman, A. H. Taber, and J. Mitchell. In the afternoon, by the kind permission of the vicar, a well-struck peal was successfully rung (the particulars of which, however, have not yet reached our office). This happily gave the parishioners and others a splendid opportunity of hearing the bells, and the unanimous opinion was that the effect was grand, which is most satisfactory to all concerned, and especially to our indefatigable friend, Mr. G. Alder, who has been instrumental in raising the necessary funds for effecting so desirable an augmentation.

## RE-OPENING OF OLD RADNOR CHURCH BELLS.

This renowned peal of bells, cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, having been in a very bad state for a considerable time, it was decided to have them thoroughly repaired, as one of the best modes of perpetuating Her Majesty's long reign. When the bells were examined, it was found that all the woodwork required renewing and the bells re-hanging. This would entail a very great expense, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. B. Dickinson, finding such a lot of repairs were needed, thought that the bells should be thoroughly done or not at all. He called a meeting of the parishioners, at which it was resolved that Messrs. Warner and Son, of London, should be asked for an estimate, the work to be completed by Jubilee Day. This firm's estimate was accepted, but owing to pressure of work they were unable to carry out their contract to time, and in consequence the re-opening ceremony did not take place until Thursday last, the 26th ult. The parish was then quite *en fete*. The Leominster company (belonging to the Herefordshire Guild) were engaged for the occasion, and Mr. Bowen, organist at St. Saviour's, Bittern, Southampton (having previously promised to give an organ recital), was able to give two performances upon the same day, which naturally gave more zest to the proceedings.

The dedication service was taken at three o'clock p.m. by the Vicar, at the bottom of the church, the weather being too wet to hold it in the belfry. This was immediately followed by a grand organ recital. The various pieces were executed with very great skill and exquisite taste, and were thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. Tea was provided in the schoolroom during the interval between the two recitals. The second performance took place at half-past seven. There were not quite so many in attendance, but the playing was superb, Mr. Bowen surpassing, if that were possible, his performance of the afternoon. Collections were made at each recitation in aid of the bells fund. The programme was as follows:—In the afternoon, Postlude (Andre); andante, "Hymn of Nuns" (Wely); sonata, (a) allegro (2) romanza (c) allegro maestoso (Pearce); cantilene

pastorale (Guilmant); postlude in E flat (Wely); andante "Harvest Home" (Spinney); "March of Priests" (Mendelssohn). In the evening, prelude and fugue in D (Bach); Berceuse in D (Spinney); offertoire in B flat (Wely); "O rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn); offertoire de Cecile (Grisson); pasiorale (Tipoli); march (Gounod).

## DEDICATION OF BELLS AT ADWICK-LE-STREET.

On Wednesday, September 22nd, the Bishop of Beverley dedicated three new bells at the above-named parish church. Formerly there were only three bells, which have been re-hung and three new ones added, at a cost of about £170.

At the conclusion of the dedication service, whilst the bishop and clergy returned to the chancel, "go" was called, and for the first time the bells were heard together for a few rounds, after which the bishop gave an address on the use of bells.

After service the bells were rung, the congregation whilst leaving listening to their tones with much delight, several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob being rung by the Doncaster ringers.

The bells are a very musical peal, tenor about 10 cwt. in G, cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and hung by Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co. of Barnby Don, which has been executed in a first-rate manner, leaving nothing to be desired.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting was held at Roydon on the 25th ultimo. Roydon stands in the rich and fertile valley of the Stort near to its confluence with the Lea. It was a delightful drive through Stansted Abbot to Hunsdon, through park-like undulating scenery. We skirted the historic Rye House, where Charles II. narrowly escaped being murdered on his way from Newmarket. Hunsdon House, which adjoins the church, was the home of Queen Elizabeth prior to her receiving the crown. The church is most interesting, being full of old monuments, and there is a spacious chapel on the south seated with old Jacobean pews for the household of the adjoining mansion. The bells were rehung and augmented to eight about fifteen years ago, and are now a very melodious and handy ring. We were enabled to muster a band for Grandsire, both the Hon. and Assistant Secretaries standing in. Towards five o'clock we retraced our steps to Roydon. The church here stands prettily on a green, with the stocks and lock-up still remaining. The bells are a pretty little ring of six, tenor about 10 cwt., rehung and put in order after the Queen's Jubilee (1887), and a promising band of ringers under the guidance of Mr. J. Cavill are making good progress. This was the first official visit of the Association, as Roydon stands on the extreme limit of the county, and is somewhat inaccessible from many parts of the county; but those who came had a hearty welcome from the vicar. Tea was held at The New Inn; thirty-nine sat down, and the usual business meeting followed. Several new members were elected, and amongst them a party of seven from Roydon. Altogether this was one of the pleasantest and most successful meetings the Association has held.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On September 5th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 6-score of Plain Bob Major. W. Wellham, 1; C. Souter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; J. Souter, 4; E. Draper, 5; J. G. Wade, 6; W. Souter (conductor), 7; W. P. Rouse, 8. Also 356 Plain Bob Major. W. Souter (conductor), 1; G. Clarke, 2; C. Alderton, 3; E. Buckle, 4; E. Draper, 5; J. Souter, 6; J. Bumpstead, 7; J. G. Wade, 8. For evening service, 1008 Bob Major. W. Wellham, 1; C. Souter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; E. Buckle, 4; J. Souter, 5; E. Draper, 6; S. G. Wade (conductor), 7; W. P. Rouse, 8. Bumpstead hails from Eye, Suffolk; Clarke from Debenham; J. Souter from Bentley, Essex; the rest are local men. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLESBROUGH (Kent).—On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs). R. Cook, 1; W. Hills, 2; J. Steddy, 3; E. Dixon, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 13th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. R. Pain, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; W. Spice, 3; E. J. Dixon, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. R. Cook hails from Smeeth; J. Steddy from Edenbridge; Tabrett from Ashford; R. Pain from Mersham; Spice and Goodwin from Charing.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this association was held at King's Norton on Saturday, Sept. 25th. 1897. The proceedings commenced with a shortened evensong, conducted by the Rev. S. P. Townend (curate), and an address by the Rev. C. W. Barnard, M.A. (Vicar), which was attentively listened to by members from Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Clent, Dudley, King's Norton, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Old Swinford, Stoke Prior, Smethwick, Tipton, West Bromwich, Wollaston, Worcester, &c., and was founded upon the lesson selected for the occasion, viz., the 8th chapter of Zechariah, verse 16th, in which a cordial reception was given to the members present, and in touching terms the preacher pointed out the propriety and desirability of members coming from various parts of the Diocese to first meet in God's house to ask a blessing upon their labours in His service.

An adjournment was made to the Old School Room where a substantial tea was provided, at which upwards of 40 were present, presided over by the Rev. C. W. Barnard (Vicar), supported by Mr. W. S. Pritchett, churchwarden, and Master of the King's Norton Guild.

After tea the Chairman, in opening the business of the evening said his first duty was to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. J. S. Pritchett for his kindness in providing the tea, and to Mrs. J. S. Pritchett and the other ladies who had so kindly attended to their wants. Although there were many among his parishioners who would have been pleased to assist in providing the means. Mr. Pritchett in his quiet way had carried the whole thing out himself, for which he might ask them to give him their heartiest applause. Mr. J. S. Pritchett thanked the Vicar for his kind remarks, which he would rather had not been said, it not being his wish that his name should be mentioned with regard to the tea. The greatest trouble rested with those ladies who had made the preparations for them, and on their behalf as well as his own he thanked those present for their kind appreciation.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed. Several new performing members were enrolled, and Stourbridge fixed for the next meeting in January, 1898. Messrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill) and W. Micklewright (Dudley), were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

The report of the committee appointed to deal with the certificate of membership was adopted. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Chairman for his practical address in church, presiding at the meeting, and the use of the school room, tower and bells, to which the Vicar suitably responded, brought the meeting to a close.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise Major were rung.

## SUDBOROUGH (NORTHAMPTONSHIRE).

DEDICATION OF NEW BELL AND HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—The new bell which was subscribed for by the parishioners and friends to complete the peal in the Parish Church tower as a permanent memorial of the Jubilee was dedicated on Thursday, the dedicatory ceremony being followed by the harvest thanksgiving service. The clergy in attendance were the Rev. Canon Lawson (Rector), Rev. B. R. Wilson (Rector of Kettering), and the Rev. J. S. Watson (Rector of Lowick). At half-past seven the clergy and choir proceeded to the west end of the church, and the special form of dedication prayer was read by the Rector. Singing as a processional the hymn 550 A. and M., the choir returned to the chancel. Evensong with special prayers and thanksgiving for the harvest was then said. The Psalms were lxxv. and cxliv. The first lesson (Deut. viii., 7) was read by the Rev. J. S. Watson, and the second (John vi., 26-36) by the Rev. B. K. Wilson, who also preached an eloquent sermon from Zech. xiv., 16. The collections, amounting to £1 19s. 3d., were in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society. The church was beautifully decorated.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, September 11th, the members of this society and a few friends went by brake, which was provided by Mr. Thomas Hollingworth, to Repton. Starting about 1.30 p.m., going through Swarkestone and Barrow, we arrived at The Rising Sun at Willington, where we quenched our thirst. In making another start we found ourselves at Willington Bridge where toll had to be paid, Repton being reached in a few more minutes. The tea arrangements were left in the hands of Messrs. Tunnicliff and Earle, who soon made things all right. On going to the church we were met by the Rev. George Woodyatt, who gave us a hearty welcome, also Mr. William Bamford, the sexton, who kindly took us round the church and directed us to the bells, which are a splendid ring of six, tenor 19 cwt. A start was made for 720 Grandsire Minor, which was brought round in 26 mins. L. Hollingworth, G. Tomlin, H. Hollingworth, F. Hollingworth, S. Hollingworth, W. Earle (conductor). Also 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Tomlin, L. Hollingworth, H. Hollingworth (conductor), G. C. Tunnicliff, W. Earle, F. Hollingworth; and 120 Grandsire Doubles. Lowering the bells we made tracks for The Bull's Head, and there sat down to a capital tea at the expense of our worthy friend Mr. Thomas Hollingworth, then we adjourned to the smoke room, finding Messrs. Cook, Eaton, and Bamford. Song and sentiment then became the order of the hour, and "Auld Lang Syne" being reached, we bade our Repton friends good night, arriving home about 10 p.m., every one having thoroughly enjoyed himself, and all being highly pleased with our esteemed friend, Mr. Thomas Hollingworth, for his generosity. The society wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rev. George Woodyatt for the use of the bells, also Mr. W. Bamford for having everything in readiness.

THE COGGESHALL COMPANY, ESSEX.—On Saturday, September 26th, seven bell ringers from Coggeshall and adjoining parishes, paid a visit to Bures. Arriving there at 9.40, after the service was over, the bells were raised and 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung. J. Newman, 1; H. Evers, 2; D. Elliott (conductor), 3; W. Keeble, 4; E. Beckwith, 5; W. Elliott, 6; and 360 Bob Minor, by W. Keeble (conductor); F. Newman, 4; J. Newman, 6; the rest as before. Tenor about 22 cwt. in E. A move was then made by brake to Assington, and here we struck off 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Keeble, 1; D. Elliott, 2; J. Newman, 3; W. Elliott, 4; F. Newman, 5; E. Beckwith (conductor), 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Newman, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. This is supposed to be the first 720 of Surprise on these bells; tenor about 12 cwt. in A. A move was next made to Stoke-by-Nayland, where we refreshed the inner man, and then went to the top of the tower, where a good view can be obtained, being able to see Lavenham tower, a distance of 12 miles. After raising the bells, a touch of Bob Minor was rung to try the go of them, as they were thought by the band difficult to ring, the ropes coming down thus: 1, 2, 3, 6, 4, 5, but a good 720 of New London was rung. J. Newman, 1; H. Evers, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; E. Beckwith, 5; W. Elliott, 6; and 360 Oxford by D. Elliott (conductor), 1; E. Beckwith, 2; F. Newman, 3; W. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; J. Newman, 6; tenor about 26 cwt. in D. The treble is cracked in the crown. We next journeyed to Colchester, where we bid our Jehu farewell. Paying a visit to St. Peter's we rang a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Rashbrook, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Keeble, 3; F. Newman, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5; E. Beckwith, 6; H. Evers, 7; W. Elliott, 8. And 336 Double Norwich. F. Newman, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Keeble, 3; W. Elliott, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; E. Rashbrook, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8. This concluded the day's ringing, and we next moved to the station, arriving at Kelvedon at 9.40, well satisfied with our day's outing. We wish to return thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the Colchester company for so kindly meeting us.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1897.

ONE of the matters which has militated in no weak fashion against the character and prestige of church bell ringers, is the reputation they have borne for the gross inconsistency of absenting themselves from the services of the church whereunto they have invited others. There is no use in denying the impeachment; the offence, for offence it is, unfortunately, has been too plain to suffer the least excuse. Granted that we read of spasmodic periods of improvement; but it is permanence which is desired. The advice and counsel which has been given so many times upon this subject, by those enabled to impart it, seems to show very little fruition indeed. We have a glaring instance of this ungracious conduct brought before us again. If our readers peruse the account of the meeting of the Norwich Association on another page, they will see that Divine Service in the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, "was very poorly attended." We cannot wonder at the Honorary Secre-

tary giving expression to severe language in deploring such conduct. Are ringers so very obtuse as not to see the unmannerly disrespect they show, not only to the House of God, but to those who at no small trouble to themselves make the arrangements for these services?

The case before us is especially to be regretted. A reverend gentleman who is worthily looked upon as an authority among us, was announced to preach. Many ringers would look upon it as a duty to attend under such circumstances. We forbear saying anything further beyond again expressing a hope that this behaviour will never again be heard of.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE BRUSH* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. MEATON .. 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	JAMES ALDRIDGE .. 6.
ERNEST A. ARTHURTON* .. 3.	WILLIAM FOX .. 7.
WILLIAM E. JUDD .. 4.	*JOHN JUDD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

\*First peal.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 23, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	WILLIAM BERRY .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. 6.
JOHN WILLIAM WHITING .. 3.	HARRY WARNETT .. 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN .. 4.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, SEN. and

Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

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

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 25, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX .. .. Treble.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 2.	†CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 7.
CHARLES H. GORDON† .. 3.	†W. JAMES HINTON .. 8.
FREDERICK ELLES† .. 4.	†FRANCIS J. L. PRICE .. 9.
WILLIAM TRUSS* .. 5.	THOS. HENRY TAFFENDER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HALEY and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. †Members of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, for whom the peal was arranged.

### The Provinces.

#### HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 21, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES SMART .. .. Treble.	CHARLES TYLER .. 5.
ALFRED W. GROVES .. 2.	GEORGE PAYNE .. 6.
GEORGE GATLAND .. 3.	*LAZARUS PAYNE .. 7.
JOHN SMART .. 4.	ALBERT HEASMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by LAZARUS PAYNE.

\*First peal as conductor. Messrs. Smart (2) and Gatland hail from Steyning, he rest belong to the local band.

#### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. Treble.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 5.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. 2.	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 7.
GEORGE SALTER .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

The above is the conductor's 100th peal, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Page, who hails from Worcester. Mr. Robert K. Knight, of Walthamstow, congratulated us on the finish of the peal.

#### HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 25, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

DAY'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM E. ELLIS* .. Treble.	†RICHARD FAUX .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	THOMAS WESTWOOD .. 6.
THOMAS VERRY .. 3.	WILLIAM VERRY .. 7.
BENJAMIN STARKEY .. 4.	*RICHARD SPEAKMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WESTWOOD.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal (which is the first rung in Handsworth by a local band), was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Verry, he having been tower-keeper at this church for thirty-three years.

#### STEYNING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

THURSTANS' 4-PART.

JOHN SMART .. .. Treble.	CHARLES GILES .. .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. 3.	FRANK W. HOPGOOD .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. 4.	GEORGE GATLAND .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Smart, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. C. Giles was elected a member previous to starting.

#### BEESTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN PALING .. .. Treble.	REUBEN CLIFFORD .. 5.
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN... 2.	GEORGE OLDHAM .. 6.
FREDERICK PRICE* .. 3.	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. 7.
WILLIAM HEXTER .. 4.	JAMES HUTCHBY .. Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD and Conducted by JAMES HUTCHBY.

\*First peal. First peal of Major by all, and the first in the method on the bells. W. Hexter hails from Long Eaton, the rest are local men.

#### CAMBRIDGE.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. Treble.	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. 6.
CHARLES SILLITOE .. 2.	*WILLIAM HOWELL .. 7.
SAMUEL SLATER .. 3.	*JOHN F. PENNING .. 8.
ZACHARIAH SLATER* .. 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 9.
ERNEST PITSTOW .. 5.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

\*First peal of Royal. The ringers of the treble, 5th, 8th and 9th hail from Saff on Walden; 2nd and 7th from Sudbury; 3rd and 4th from Glemsford; 6th from Lavenham; and tenor local.



## HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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On Saturday, September 25, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following.—

College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDGAR TINGEY .. .. . Treble.	CHARLES CHASTY .. .. . 4.
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Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

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

(THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY).

On Monday, September 27, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE GLOBE TAVERN, GRANVILLE STREET,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S 4-PART.

WILLIAM A. HANCOX* .. 1-2.	ROBERT J. HUNT .. .. 5-6.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 3-4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM HANCOX.

Referee—Thomas Wakeman. \*First peal of Stedman Triples, age 19 years. First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells by Messrs. Hunt and Short; also first in the city, and was rung at the first attempt, the band having had no previous practice together.

## GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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THOS. BURROWS .. .. . 3.	ROBT. GEO. LEWIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBT. GEO. LEWIS.

## SUNDERLAND.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBT. MAWSON PICK* .. Treble.	THOS. HUDSON, JUN. .. .. 5.
ROBERT W. LOVIE* .. .. 2.	JOHN FIELD .. .. . 6.
THOS. HUDSON, SEN. .. .. 3.	WM. T. ROBSON .. .. . 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 4.	*RICH. W. LANGTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE and  
Conducted by ROBERT CHALLIS HUDSON.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal rung entirely by local men. The members at the conclusion of the peal congratulated Mr. Robson, the ringer of the 7th, on the birth of a son, which event took place on the same day.

## Date Touches.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, September 13th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a date touch, 1897 changes, in the following methods in 1 hr.: 720 each of Bob Minor and Canterbury Pleasure, 408 Kent Treble Bob, and 49 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; \*H. Collins, 2; \*H. Pilcher, 3; \*W. Webb, 4; \*E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade, 6. \*Longest length yet rung.

DITCHINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Monday, September 13th, a date

touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Browne, 1; W. Felgate, 2; F. Lincoln, 3; C. Woods, 4; J. Keeler, 5; G. Alexander (conductor), 6. W. Browne hails from Ryburgh, Norfolk; Keeler from Newmarket; Felgate, Lincoln, and Alexander from Bungay.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, 700 Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins. J. Dentbeth, 1; R. Langford, 2; H. Hall, 3; A. Harding, 4; G. Harding, 5; B. Weatherley, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Edwards, 8. H. Hall and E. Weatherby hail from Market Drayton. Longest length by H. Hall.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On August 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Symons, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; J. W. Whiting (Fareham), 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; — Ingram, 8. On September 14th, 320 Grandsire Triples. Miss Dora White (Basingstoke), 1; J. Harris, 2; H. J. Creed (Taunton), 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; E. Reynolds, 5; A. E. Tomlins (Gosport), 6; J. W. Whiting (Fareham), 7; E. Newman, 8. And 246 Grandsire Triples. Miss Dora White, 1; J. Harris, 2; H. J. Creed, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; E. Reynolds, 5; A. E. Tomlins, 6; E. Newman, 7; — Ingram, 8. And 576 Treble Bob. J. Harris, 1; H. J. Creed, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. Symons, 4; H. Reynolds, 5; E. Newman, 6; A. E. Tomlins, 7; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, September 22nd, for practice at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Hern (conductor), 1; F. Tubb, 2; A. Osborne, 3; G. Foxell, 4; H. Tucker, 5; J. Tucker, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. F. Tubb, 1; J. Hern, 2; H. Tucker, 3; G. Foxell, 4; J. Tucker (conductor), 5; A. Osborne, 6. Rung on the back six. Tenor 24 cwt.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEOMINSTER (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, September 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Greenleaf, 1; J. Groves (composer and conductor), 2; H. Taylor, 3; W. Baynham, 4; C. Jaine, 5; W. Jaine, 6; H. King, 7; E. Thompson, 8. First quarter-peal by all except Messrs. Greenleaf and Groves. And a 504. T. Bannister, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; H. Taylor, 3; W. Banham, 4; C. Jaine, 5; W. Jaine, 6; J. Groves (conductor), 7; E. Thompson, 8. Longest touch by T. Bannister. Also a 630 standing as in the quarter-peal. And a 307. T. Bannister, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; H. Taylor, 3; W. Banham, 4; C. Jaine, 5; J. Groves (conductor), 6; H. Barber, 7; H. King, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of its being Hospital Sunday and the Friendly Societies Church Parade. J. Groves hails from Wolverhampton; Greenleaf and King from Hereford; Barber from Kidderminster; the rest are local men, to whom great credit is due for the way in which they rang.

HEREFORD.—On Sunday, September 12th, at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the opening service of the Three Choirs' Festival, 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Chamberlin, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; R. Trehearn, 3; J. Jones, 4; J. Groves, 5; T. Lewis (conductor), 6; H. King, 7; R. Powell, 8. Also 168 with R. Powell, 1; H. Gaines, 8. And during the week several touches were rung by the Cathedral ringers. Tenor 40 cwt.

ROSS (Herefordshire).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Davies, 1; W. Clark, 2; W. Colwall, 3; C. Sadler, 4; C. Davies, 5; F. Voyce, 6; J. Clark (conductor), 7; J. Watts, 8. On Monday, September 20th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. S. Clarke, 1; W. Davies, 2; the rest as before. And a course of Stedman Triples. C. Sadler, 1; W. Davies, 2; W. Colwall, 3; W. Clark, 4; C. Davies, 5; F. Voyce, 6; J. Clark, 7; J. Watts, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEENE (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Botolph's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. Greenyer, 1; H. Meetens, 2; H. Stringer, 3; J. Paice, 4; W. Hillman, 5; B. Bassett, 6; C. Lindup (conductor), 7; A. Arnell, 8. Stringer hails from Henfield. Also 504 in the same method. T. Greenyer, 1; H. Meetens, 2; J. Paice, 3; C. Dean (conductor), 4; W. Hillman, 5; B. Bassett, 6; E. Lindup, 7; A. Arnell hails from Benhilton. On September 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Greenyer, 1; W. Hillman (conductor), 2; H. Evans, 3; E. Lindup, 4; H. Meetens, 5; A. D. Chidwick, 6; J. Paice, 7; F. Lindup, 8. Chidwick hails from Barnet.

**HORLEY (Surrey).**—On Sunday, August 8th, at the parish church, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; T. Sparks, 7; T. Post, 8. On Sunday, August 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Songhurst, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; J. Taylor, 6; T. Sparks, 7; T. Post, 8. On Sunday, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Voice, 1; A. Songhurst, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; E. Dewey, 6; T. Sparks, 7; T. Post, 8.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).**—On Thursday, September 2nd, at the parish church, 546 Grandsire Triples. G. Browning, 1; Dr. Walker, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; S. Baker, 5; J. Poole, 6; H. Scrivens, 7; C. Hall, 8. On Sunday morning, September 5th, 630 in the same method was rung with A. Hanks ringing the tenor, as a farewell touch to Mr. J. Poole, who is leaving for Sheffield. He was a very useful and respected member of the above young band, and will be a great loss to them. We find it a hard task to keep a band together, as the young men are constantly migrating to the big towns in search of work. On Tuesday, September 7th, three of the above society cycled over to Stroud, and with five of the local band a well-struck 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung, taken from Reeves' and Holt's ten-part peals. M. Ford, 1; W. Hutchings, 2; J. Nash, 3; G. Dickenson, 4; S. Baker, 5; H. Scrivens, 6; W. Hale (conductor), 7; W. White, 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).**—On Sunday, September 12th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving service at St. Peter's church, the local ringers commenced ringing at 7 a.m. till 8 a.m., and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung; and again for morning service at 11 a.m. several more touches were rung; and in the afternoon through the kind invitation of the vicar, the Malden ringers paid a visit to the church, and the following touches were brought round. A 720 Bob Minor. W. Last, 1; W. Chalk, jun. (conductor), 2; W. Mansfield, 3; S. Rushen, 4; W. Chalk, sen., 5; T. Hammond, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Last, 1; R. Hutson, 2; W. Chalk, jun., 3; W. Mansfield, 4; W. Chalk, sen. (conductor), 5; C. Tabor, 6. A 360 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Mansfield, 1; the rest as before. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. E. Mansfield, 1; T. Hammond, 4; the rest as before. On Monday, September 13th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Norton, the bells were kept going merrily till half-past four, and several good 6-scores of Doubles were rung, and the bells were fired at intervals for the bride, aged 25, and all the ringers wish her most heartily health and happiness.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Wednesday, September 1st, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; H. Collins, 2; E. Wachter, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. Coote, 5; W. Webb, 6. On Monday, September 6th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Howard, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; E. Wachter (conductor), 5; W. Webb, 6. On Monday, September 13th, on handbells, 276 Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; \*H. Collins, 2; \*H. Pilcher, 3; \*W. Webb, 4; \*E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade, 6. \*First touch in the method. On Monday, September 20th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six singles). W. Farrow, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; F. Slade, 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Webb, 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Howard, 1; F. Slade, 2; H. Pilcher (conductor), 3; W. Farrow, 4; W. Webb, 5; J. Partner (Black Notley), 6.

**HARLOW (Essex).**—On Wednesday, September 15th, at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Jordan, 1; T. Watts, 2; G. Dent, (conductor), 3; W. Watts, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; I. Cavill, 7; A. Bass, 8. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob on the back six. H. Perrin, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; T. Watts, 4; G. Dent, 5; I. Hammond (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. Also 672 Bob Major. H. Perrin, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; C. French, 4; G. Dent, 5; T. Watts, 6; I. Cavill (conductor), 7; H. Perrin, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E. Messrs. Cavill hail from Roydon, Essex; Watts (2) and Jordan from Stansted, Essex.

**STEBBING (Essex).**—On Monday, September 6th, on the occasion of the return of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bradridge from their honeymoon, which has been spent in Devonshire, the St. Mary's company rang at St. Mary's church a touch of 1000 changes in seven distinct methods, viz. New Doubles, St. Simons, Stedman Slow Course, Calendar, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and Plain Doubles, this was accomplished between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m. In the evening nine

six-scores were also rung in the above methods and St. Dunstan's. Subsequently the bells were fired a number of times. Alfred Barker, 1; Harry Emery, 2; J. Thomas Barker, 3; E. Hynds, 4; E. Claydon (conductor), 5. Mr. Bradridge's residence is Bran End Mills, Stebbing, where he carries on an extensive business in the corn trade. He has always interested himself in the church bells and ringers, and we wish him and his bride a long and prosperous life in their new estate.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

**BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).**—On Sunday, August 22nd, 720 London Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 29th, 720 Duke of York. J. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 5th, 720 Chester Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Tuesday, September 7th, 720 College Pleasure. J. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 12th, 720 Carlisle Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Wednesday, September 15th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss E. Fenton, daughter of Mr. J. Fenton, churchwarden 720 Lincoln Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

**CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine Service, 1583 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hour, containing all the 6-5's in the titum and inverted home positions. G. M. Farr, 1; A. Knights (conductor), 2; J. H. Bell, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis, 5; S. Price, 6; W. J. Thyng, 7; J. Hunt, 8; G. Davies, 9; G. Mee, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**LEWISHAM (Kent).**—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1008 Bob Major. C. Bedwell, 1; I. G. Shade (Greenwich), 2; H. Flanders (Greenwich), 3; H. Barrett, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. W. Thornton (Greenwich), 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles H. Walker of the local band, on the completion of his 26th year. And on Monday, September 6th, four courses of Bob Major. C. H. Walker (longest length in the method), 1; J. Turner, 2; H. Flanders, 3; H. Barrett, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. W. Thornton, 8.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

**OLDWINSFORD (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. T. Barber, 1; A. Roberts, 2; W. Short, 3; J. Bate, 4; H. Martin, 5; W. Barber (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Oxford. T. Barber, 1; W. Short, 2; A. Roberts, 3; W. Barber, 4; J. Barber, 5; F. Clayton (conductor), 6. And on handbells a touch of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. W. Barber (conductor), 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; W. Short, 5-6; H. Withers, 7-8.

**STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, 336 Bob Major. J. Bate, 1; A. Roberts, 2; J. Barber, 3; J. Pagett, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; T. Barber, 6; H. Martin, 7; G. H. Pagett, 8. 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. A. Pugh, 1; W. Short (conductor), 2; T. Barber, 3; W. Fryer, 4; H. Martin, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; A. Roberts, 7; J. Barber, 8. 272 Bob Major. J. Bate, 1; T. Barber, 2; J. Pagett, 3; A. Roberts, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; H. Martin, 6; W. Short (conductor), 7; J. Barber, 8. And for children's service, 480 Bob Minor. J. Pagett, 1; H. Martin, 2; J. Bate, 3; W. Short, 4; A. Roberts, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. 97 Grandsire Triples. W. Barber, 1; F. Clayton, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; T. Barber, 4; H. Martin, 5; J. Barber, 6; J. Bate, 7; H. Withers, 8.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**HENDON.**—On Wednesday, September 1st, 360 Grandsire Doubles. E. J. Webb (first 6-score) 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt (conductor), 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; F. Kirby, 6; also 240 same method, F. Turvey ringing the treble. On Wednesday, September 15th, 360 Bob Minor. E. J. Webb, 1; E. Tubb, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 120 each of Oxford Bob and College Single. J. Barrett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; E. Tubb, 3; G. J. Miles, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, September 19th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, for Morning Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles, F. Turvey, 1; C. Crampton, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; J. Barrett, 4; E. E. Pratchett (conductor), 5; F. Kirby, 6; and for evening service, 720 Plain Bob, 18 bobs and 2 singles. J. Barrett, 1; C. Crampton, 2; J. Miller, 3; J. Sumpter, 4;

C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; E. E. Pratchett, 6. Messrs. E. Tubb and G. J. Miles came from Finchley, J. Miller from Southgate, J. Sumpter from Barnet, E. J. Webb, London.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 19th, eight members of this Association attempted a peal of Bob Major, at the Church of St. Mary, but after ringing 3600 changes, it came to grief. W. Riches, jun. 1; J. Riches, 2; G. Alexander, 3; A. Riches, 4; E. Chandler, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; W. Riches (conductor), 7; E. Poppy, 8. G. Alexander and E. Lincoln belong to the Bungay company; E. Poppy to Redenhall; the rest to the Fressingfield company. The band desires through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rev. Dr. Allan, and Messrs. Woods and Thistle, for the use of the bells on this occasion.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, September 10th, at the house of Mr. J. Miles, 1008 Bob Major. J. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes (conductor), 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6; J. Lawrence, 7-8. J. Howes hails from Kingston-on-Thames; A. Howes from Horncastle.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Michael-at-Coslany church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. P. Sadler, 1; F. H. Knights, 2; \*C. F. Winney (conductor), 3; \*A. W. Brighton, 4; F. J. Howchin, 5; \*G. F. Fardon, 6; G. Smith, 7; \*H. R. Newton, 8. Also at St. Peter Mancroft church, for evening service, a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. A. W. Brighton, 1; C. F. Winney, 2; J. A. Trollope, 3; F. J. Howchin, 4; P. Sadler, 5; G. F. Fardon, 6; G. Howchin, 7; A. G. Warnes, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; H. R. Newton, 10; F. Knights, 11; G. Smith, 12. \* Hails from London.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, September 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46½ mins. J. Bennett, 1; E. Green, 2; G. Preston (conductor), 3; G. Plummer, 4; C. Goodenough, 5; T. Best, 6; J. Bristow, 7; T. Belbin, 8.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, September 13th, for practice, 240 Stedman Triples by T. Best, E. Hinton, E. Waters, S. Best, G. Plummer, A. Porch, G. Preston (conductor), and W. Saffery. A. Porch hails from Bristol.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—SUDBURY BRANCH.

HITCHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 19th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs, 5th observation.) J. Snell, 1; C. Levett, 2; T. Levett, 3; C. Grimwood, 4; R. Grimwood (conductor), 5; W. Stiff, 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). A. Symonds, 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; H. Blake, 3; T. Levett, 4; W. Stiff, 5; R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. After evening service 360 Bob Minor. J. Sewell, 1; T. Levett, 2; R. Grimwood, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. H. Blake hails from Farnham St. Martin; A. and F. G. Symonds from Lavenham; C. Levett from Preeton. the rest belong to Hitcham.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 12th, at the parish church, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, before morning service, a 700 Grandsire Triples. S. Wharton, 1; \*T. Hammond, 2; J. Rowland, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Rutter, 5; J. Pownall (conductor), 6; A. Smith, 7; E. Hampson, 8; covering. And for evening service, a 756 Grandsire Triples, the ringers standing as for morning service. \*T. Hammond is also a member of the Essex Association, being on a visit to West Kirby. The striking on both occasions was excellent.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for service, 862 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; A. Allfrey, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. Hill, 5; H. Stalham, 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; R. Wood, 8. On Sunday morning, September 26th, 700 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; H. Stalham, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. Hill, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; P. Allfrey (conductor), 7; R. Wood, 8. And some Grandsire Minor by G. Hill and W. Allfrey.

BOBBING (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 22nd, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Jeffrey, 1; A. J. Waters, 2; H. S. Goord, 3; C. Millway, 4; A. J. Trowell, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6. This is A. J. Waters' first 720 with a bob bell, and was rung at the first attempt. C. Millway hails from Borden; the rest are local men.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, September 14th, for practice, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Badger, 1; J. Mason, 2; J. Lewis, 3; G. Hayward (conductor), 4; G. Ward, 5; O. James, 6; G. Bourne, 7; J. Eades, 8. And a 424 in the same method. G. Bager, 1; O. James, 2; T. Albutt, 3; G. Hayward, 4; G. Ward, 5; G. Bourne, 6; J. Mason (conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8. On Sunday morning, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Eades, 1; J. Mason, 2; O. James, 3; T. Albutt, 4; G. Ward, 5; G. Bourne, 6; G. Hayward (composer and conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8. The above touches were rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Turbete, who was organist for 45 years. J. Mason, Badger, and Lewis hail from Stoke Prior. Lewis' first touch. This quarter peal has the 5th and 6th the only bells in sixths place with the Queens and Tittums, and is now rung for the first time.

BRISLINGTON (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, September 19th, after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; S. Fernley, 2; F. Elles, 3; C. H. Horton, 4; F. Price, 5; C. H. Tomkins, 6. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. S. Fernley hails from Hazel Grove, Cheshire, the rest from St. Stephen's. Bristol. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARING (Kent).—On Saturday, September 11th, 720 Bob Minor (six bobs and thirty singles), in 25 mins. F. Leeds, 1; E. J. Dixon, 2; H. Goodwin, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; W. Spice, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. Messrs. Leeds, Dixon and Hobbs hail from Willesborough; Tabrett from Ashford.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 9th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; T. Lowe, 5; E. Unitt (conductor), 6; J. A. Brown, 7; J. Jones, 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Wm. Harper, of the Leys works, Darlston. On Sunday, September 12th, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; J. Foster, 5; W. Smith, 6; E. Unitt, 7; J. A. Brown (conductor), 8. On Thursday, September 16th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 252 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; S. Atkins, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. Appleby (conductor), 7; J. A. Brown, 8. And 210 Darlston Bob Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; E. Unitt, 3; T. Lowe, 4; S. Atkins, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. On Sunday, September 19th, 210 Darlston Bob Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; W. Smith, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Lowe, 1; G. Morgan, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; E. Unitt, 4; J. Foster, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8.

EARLS COLNE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 12th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). S. Burst, 1; W. Rogers, 2; W. Scillitoe, 3; D. Clayden, 4; W. Burst, 5; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 16th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Burst, 1; W. Rogers, 2; J. Fleuty, 3; D. Clayden, 4; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 5; W. Scillitoe, 6. Also 720 Double Court. S. Burst, 1; W. Rogers, 2; J. Fleuty, 3; D. Clayden, 4; W. Scillitoe, 5; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 6.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. J. Preston, 1; T. Groombridge, 2; S. Heasman, 3; J. Steddy, 4; J. Wallis, 5; T. Wallis, 6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7; J. Malyan, 8.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, September 19th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. N. Davies, 1; J. Bennett, 3; G. Salter, 4; J. Crane, 5; E. Hunt, 6; T. Salter, 7; J. Pagett (conductor), 8. Meeting one short the treble was left out and the tenor turned in. Tenor 30 cwt.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, September 26th, for evening service at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. G. Brush, 1; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 2; A. E. Bradley, 3; E. A. Arthurton, 4; J. Aldridge, 5; W. E. Judd, 6; J. Nicholls, 7; W. Fox, 8; W. T. Meaton, 9; H. Wilson, 10. Composed by C. Charge.

MONEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Hicks, 1; W. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman, 3; J. Durrant, 4; S. Wightman, 5; S. Martin, 6. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Hicks, 1; W. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman (conductor), 3; S. Wightman, 4; J. Durrant, 5; S. Martin, 6. And 560 Double Court. W. Wightman, 1; J. Tarrant, 2; the rest as before.

PATELEY BRIDGE (Yorks).—For morning service, on Sunday, September 19th, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, and for evening service a 720 in the same method. G. H. Mason, 1; S. Basnett, 2; J. Mumford, 3; T. Metcalfe, 4; — Ripon, 5; O. Marshall, 6; J. Summersall (conductor), 8.

## Correspondence.

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

## THE "NORWICH COURT MAXIMUS" PEAL OF 1817.

SIR,—The attack, made at the Annual Meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association upon the harmless note appended to the record, in the 1896 Report, of the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus rung at Ipswich last autumn, has led me to review, for the third or fourth time, the *pros* and *cons* attending the question, whether the peal of "Norwich Court Bob Maximus" rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on the 20th January, 1817, was achieved in the double method, or not. It would be "reslaying the slain" to thrash out the question afresh after the exhaustive and able enquiries of the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon and Mr. Percival Heywood; but the arguments of those, who are still unconvinced of the soundness of the conclusion, generally admitted as resulting from those enquiries, are open to examination and reply. Those arguments appear to be: 1. That the first part of Shipway's work, in which the single form of the method is deduced from the double, having been published four years before the Norwich peal was rung, must have been known to the Norwich ringers; and, therefore, there is a possibility, or even probability, that they selected the single rather than the double method in which to ring their peal. It is conceded, I think, that before the appearance of Shipway's work no single form of Norwich Court was known. Indeed, Shipway says as much in the following words: "It is a remarkable circumstance, that all the Court Bobs, that have hitherto been rung, are double, and some there are, who cannot understand anything else to be Court, but the double method." (*Shipway Reprint*, Part I. p. 65). And again: "Court Bob was, in its commencement, practised in its double state, in the original, on six bells. . . . In this system, therefore (Double Norwich) it seems to have been the endeavour of the composer to have the dodging and places as in the six-bell method; but this is impossible on eight, nine and twelve bells; as it is only to be had on ten and eleven. . . . Had it been pricked in its single state, the difficulty would have been solved immediately." (pp. 67-68.) From this it is clear that till Shipway did it, no Single Norwich Court Bob had been pricked; therefore, the Norwich Court, which was extensively practised by the Norwich men before Shipway wrote, was Double Norwich Court: and we are asked to believe that as soon as they saw Shipway's work, if they ever did see it, they abandoned the double method for the single, at any rate for twelve-bell ringing! and this, notwithstanding the fact that Shipway does not give a lead of Maximus in the single form, but contents himself with vague directions for deducing it (p. 69); but he "judged it necessary to give a lead in the double method on each number of bells from Minor to Maximus; whereby the practitioner may prick Cinques and Maximus, omitted in the other two methods (plain and reverse), by the work on the bells behind for the plain, and on the bells before for the reverse." (p. 73). Now, it is surely reasonable to believe that the Norwich men must often have practised Norwich Court Twelve-in before Shipway's book appeared: for the method was a favourite one, we know, with them on eight and ten bells, and they must have rung it many times on twelve as well, in order to become familiar with it, before attempting a peal of Twelve-in: and, since it is certain that any Norwich Court Twelve-in, which they practised before Shipway wrote, must have been the double method, because no single form was then known, is it conceivable that they, being among the finest ringers in the country of their day, would have abandoned the known double method for the inferior single one, of which even Shipway did not condescend to prick so much as a lead? 2. Some few years ago, the Ipswich company, or some of them, paid a visit to St. Peter Mancroft tower, and inspected the tablet recording the 1817 peal. They enquired of the late Mr. James Youngs, at that time a member of St. Peter's company, as to the method in which the peal was rung; and Youngs told them that he believed it was rung in the single method. A few days ago, during a conversation with an old Norwich ringer, himself a member of St. Peter's company at the same time as Youngs, I was assured that "Jimmy Youngs" really knew nothing about the matter; but that, for some reason or other, he always entertained a very bitter feeling against Tom Hurry (who rang in the 1817 peal), and for this reason probably was disposed to belittle the performance. The argument, therefore, derived from the information supplied by Mr. Youngs, may be summarily dismissed. 3. It is said that the somewhat sketchy description of the construction of the method rung, which appears on the tablet at Norwich, exactly suits the single method. But it also suits the double method quite as well. 4. It is argued that the Double Norwich Court method was known by that full name as early as 1771 (thus indicating the existence of a single form), because in a record of peals rung in Norwich, which was drawn up by the St. Peter's Society in 1880, a peal rung at St. Michael's Coslany on January

15th, 1771, is so described. As a matter of fact, however, those who drew up the record in 1880 adopted the conclusion previously arrived at by Mr. Jasper Snowdon (see pp. 48-49 of his *Treatise*) that the St. Michael's peal was one of Norwich Court Bob, although the only contemporary record of it extant (in the Osborne mss. speaks of it simply as "Court Bob." I am not aware that any other "reasons" have been advanced for supposing the Norwich peal of 1817 to have been rung in Single, or Plain, Norwich Court Bob, besides those above detailed and dealt with. The achievement of the Ipswich company in scoring two peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus within a few days of each other, and not with exactly the same band, is a magnificent one; and the credit attaching to it is in no way diminished by the suggestion that these peals may not have been (and, in all probability, were not) the first of their kind. Only upon the strongest evidence ought Norwich to be deprived of its laurels in this particular, or the memory be dimmed of the Norwich band of 1817. Of strong evidence, however, there is absolutely none to upset the (as I believe) general conviction that the peal rung at St. Peter Mancroft, on the 20th January, 1817, was really one of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus. If the question is asked, "Why should the Norwich peal not have been rung in the Single method?" it is, as I hope I have shown, capable of a satisfactory and sufficient answer. But there is another question much harder to answer, viz.: "Why should the Norwich peal not have been rung in the Double method?" After considering all the circumstances attending the performance, I search for an answer to this question in vain.

H. EARLE BULWER.

## THE HANDBELL PEAL AT OSWALDTWISTLE.

SIR,—Allow me to congratulate the band upon their performance of ringing seven Minor methods, but the first peal was rung at St. Albans by Messrs. J. C., S. E. and E. R. Mitchell on June 3rd, 1891.

E. E. HUNTLEY.

[We have received another letter to the same effect.]

## Obituary.

## JESSE NEVES.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Sunday, September 19th, at the age of forty-four, after a long and painful illness. Deceased, who leaves a widow and six children, had been a member of the St. Nicholas (Brighton) society for over twelve years, but owing to business had only taken part in about six peals, one of which was the first peal rung on the Queen's Jubilee in 1887, which peal was begun at 4 o'clock in the morning. The funeral took place on Saturday, September 25th, and by kind permission of the vicar the body was brought into the church of St. Bartholomew, where the first part of the service was read. The cortege then proceeded to the Extramural Cemetery, where the last earthly rites were performed by the Rev. A. Cocks. Owing to the inclemency of the weather very few ringers followed, chiefly amongst whom were Messrs. Palmer (Master of the St. Nicholas society), Merritt and Hart (St. Peter's). At St. Nicholas in the evening the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells deeply muffled by W. Palmer, J. Jay, jun., J. Fox, T. Price, R. Fentiman, E. Butler, G. Bleach, R. Hoather, F. Bacon, and W. Davey, jun. And 395 Grandsire Caters by K. Hart, E. Merritt, R. Hoather, T. Price, F. Bacon, H. Rann, G. Bleach, J. Jay, jun., W. Palmer (conductor), and W. Davey, sen. Deceased had been a member of the A.O.F. for over twenty years.

## ARTHUR BRIGGS.

The death has occurred on the 24th ult., of this noted Liversedge ringer, at the age of forty-two. He was interred in the Batley cemetery on the 27th ult. In the course of his ringing career he had assisted in winning a great number of first prizes on six, eight, and ten bells; also four first prizes at Belle Vue, Manchester, with the Liversedge Albert handbell company. The following companies attended the funeral: Ossett, Earlsheaton, Batley, Batley Carr, Birstall, Tong, and Liversedge. The deceased leaves a wife and grown up family to mourn his loss.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, September 21st, for practice at the parish church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 38 mins. A. Ford (churchwarden), 1; H. Scriven, 2; E. Tribe, 3; G. Dickenson, 4; S. Baker, 5; C. King (conductor), 6; W. Hale, 7; W. White, 8. It is many years since a band composed entirely of local ringers have rung a touch of this length on the bells, and it is hoped the whole peal will now shortly be scored.

## Notices.

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Pinner, to-day, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Tea at six, followed by short business meeting for the election of members. All members of the Association are invited, and ringers, whether members or not, will be welcome. Those who desire tea to be provided are earnestly requested to send their names to the Hon. Sec. before the date of the meeting, to assist him in making proper provision.

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

**Sussex County Association**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley, to-day, Saturday, October 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5.30.

J. W. G. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*  
Yapton Vicarage.

**The Bedfordshire Association**—The quarterly meeting at Dunstable, to-day, Saturday, October 2nd. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton, to-day, Saturday, October 2nd. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne. REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. TWIGG. }

**The Lancashire Association, Manchester Branch.**—A Meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.

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

**The Kent County Association**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, October 9th. Tower open at 3 o'clock.

W. LATTEK, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
4, South View Road, High Brooms,  
near Tunbridge Wells.

**The East Derbyshire Association**—A ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton, on Saturday, October 9th. Business meeting in Parish Room, adjoining Vicarage, at 6 p.m. Six bells in good order; ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—At a meeting held at the new head-quarters, The Coffee-Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on September 21st, it was resolved that a testimonial be presented to Mr. Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the good work he has done towards the advancement of change-ringing during the past fifty years. Subscriptions towards this object will be gladly received by any of the following committee:—Messrs. F. S. Bayley, Burkin, Butler, Cockerill, W. Davies (Liverpool), Dorrington, T. Hattersley (Sheffield), Horrex, Hughes, T. Mash, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, F. W. J. Rees (Nayland, Colchester), W. D. Smith, Springall, Waghorn, jun., and Winney.

The next meeting for practice will be at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, October 5th, at 8 p.m. Business afterwards at head-quarters.

The 260th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 13th, at The Champion

hotel, Aldersgate street, E.C. Further particulars will be announced later.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Tradescant road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashted, on Saturday, 16th October, 1897. The bells at St. Giles, Ashted, will be available from two o'clock, by kind permission of the rector. Tea at The Leg of Mutton, at 6 p.m. sharp. Will the local representatives kindly send to Mr. John Wyatt, of The Forge, Ashted, a note of the number of their members likely to attend the tea, to enable him to make proper arrangements.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
Royston, Court Road, Sutton.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The twentieth annual meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 25th.

THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
314 High Street West, Sunderland.

**St. Margaret's, Lee, Kent.**—By desire of the Rector, the bells of this church will be rung for Harvest Festival Services on Sunday next, October 3rd, by the ringers of St. Alfege, Greenwich.

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**NOTE TO THE PEAL AT LEWISHAM.**—This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke, and Mr. John W. Whiting, of Fareham, who were visiting the metropolis on the conclusion of the successful ringing tour in Hampshire reported last week. A dastardly attempt to frustrate the peal after two hours good ringing was made by some evil disposed person, who either threw or discharged from a catapult a stone which struck the lofty belfry window with much force. The miscreant will be gratified to learn that his cowardly action had no worse result than to cause a slight trip to be made in the place-making. This is the second outrage perpetrated upon Greenwich ringers, within a few weeks, the previous one being the extinguishing of the gas at St. Alfege, Greenwich, when a peal of Treble Bob had been in progress three hours. The culprit may rely upon receiving well-merited chastisement when discovered. The sincere thanks of the band are due and hereby tendered to the Vicar, the Rev. Samuel Bickersteth, for his kind per-

mission to attempt the peal, and to the newly appointed tower-keeper, Mr. Harry Warnett, for his courtesy and attention.

**AN APOLOGY.**—On taking up "THE BELL NEWS" this week, I found that a most unfortunate mistake had been made by me, viz. three peals of Bob Major. The one of 5376 was sent by mistake for one of 5152, it was done in a most simple manner unknown by me until your last issue. I gave the three peals to my brother to copy and send away, as he often does when I am busy, and must have given him the 5376 by mistake, which is as false as can be, there being only one single in it. The true peal I will forward next time of writing. Apologising to my brother change-ringers, and thanking you for space allowed in your valuable journal.—GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

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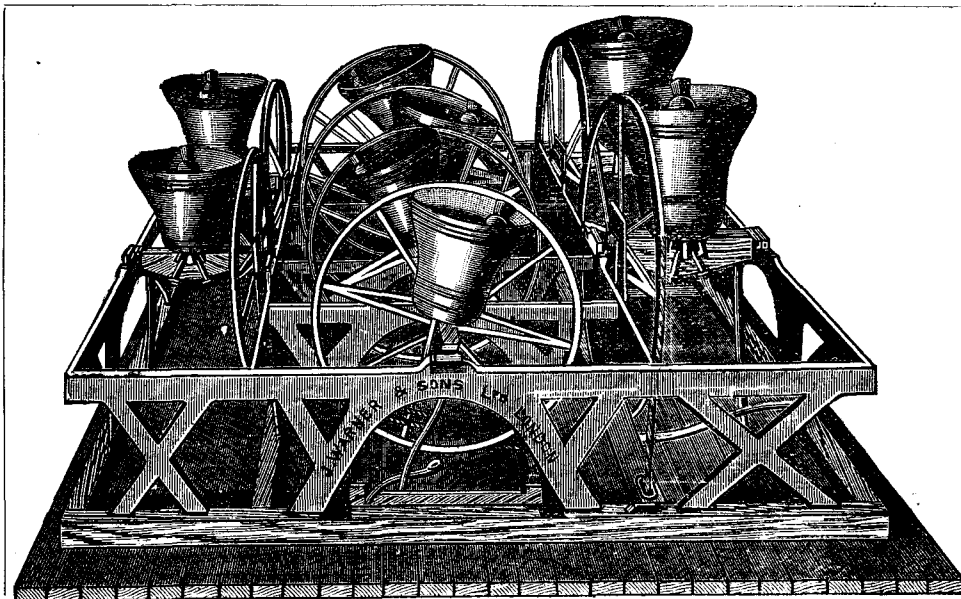
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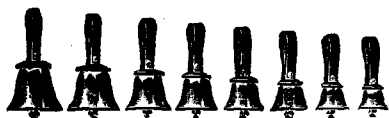
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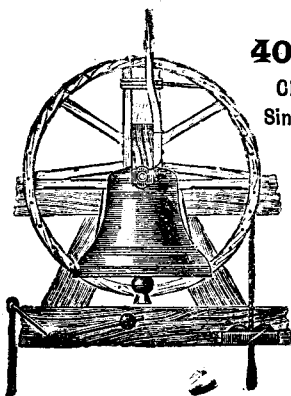
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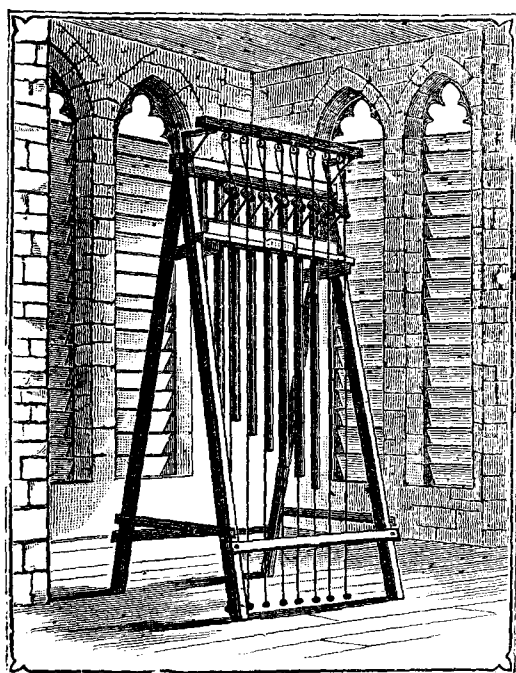
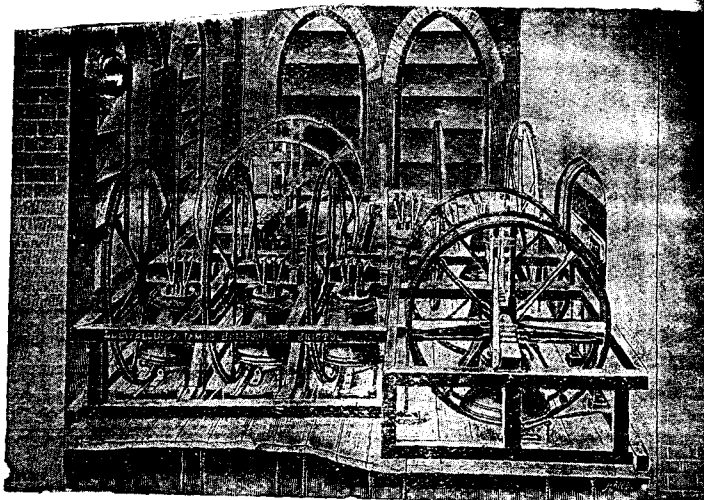
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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT NEWCHURCH.

The annual gathering in connection with this Association was held at Newchurch on Saturday, when representatives were present from all parts of Lancashire. At two o'clock, by kind permission of the authorities, there was ringing at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch—eight bells; St. James' Church, Waterfoot—six bells; St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall—eight bells; and St. Saviour's Church, Bacup—eight bells. At 4.15 p.m. service was held in St. Nicholas Church, the preacher being the Rev. H. F. Lloyd, M.A., vicar of St. Michael's, Wigan, who was assisted in the service by the Revs. J. W. Bennett, M.A. (rector of Newchurch); J. T. Munn, M.A. (vicar of St. James', Waterfoot); and the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A. (vicar of St. George's, Bolton). The Rev. H. F. Lloyd, M.A., preached from Psalm xxii. 25: "My praise is of Thee in the great congregation." The preacher invited his hearers to consider their art of ringing in connection with the duty of common worship. Worship, he said, is based upon the bond of fellowship which exists in the Church of Christ. A bond of fellowship which has not only outlasted the natural ties of race and country, but has sanctified those ties themselves, and raised them to a higher level. This fellowship is expressed in our public worship, and includes the angel hosts, as specially instanced when Christ's family on earth joins at the time of Sacramental worship in raising the cry of Holy, Holy, Holy, in adoration of God for sending His Son to be the Redeemer. This fellowship is also found and strengthened in our public worship; because God is pledged to meet His people there: "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." Let them only recollect this then, the duty of offering worship, as God's due, and think of the greatness of the blessing pledged, and their work in the tower would appear in its true character. Their part with the bells corresponded with the functions of organ and choir within the church. In the bells their church towers found a voice, which surely had some part in proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel of Christ. Such a consideration ought to make ringers careful of their own fitness and character as workers in the Church, and stimulate them to set a great and worthy value on their own duty of worshipping with those whom they so often summoned to the house of God.

At 5 p.m. a substantial meat tea was served in St. Nicholas' schools. About 7 p.m. the annual meeting was held in the upper schoolroom. The Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., President of the Association, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. J. W. Bennett, M.A., Rector of Newchurch.

Mr. Joel Redford, Tonge, Bolton, the corresponding and financial secretary, read the annual report as follows:—

The first words of our report for this year must be of thankfulness, felt by all Englishmen, that our Most Gracious Sovereign, Queen Victoria, has been spared to witness the 60th anniversary of her accession to the throne. Lancashire ringers have not been behind their brethren in other parts of the country in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in right loyal fashion, and none of her Majesty's subjects would more earnestly utter the prayer "Long may she reign." Turning to our own Association we are glad to record that this year, so eventful to England, has been marked by satisfactory growth and progress of our work in more ways than one. As usual, we have to report an increase in the number of our members. We now have 58 honorary life members, 31 honorary members, 41 life performing members, 767 performing members, 51 non-resident members; total membership, 948. During the year, 85 new members have been elected, whilst the names of 57 have been removed from the books. The performing members are distributed as follows among the various branches of the Association:—Manchester 155, Liverpool 152, Rossendale 122, Blackburn 88, Preston 85, Bolton 83, Rochdale

69, The Fylde 54; total, 808. A proposal to divide the Liverpool Diocesan branch has been discussed during the year, but nothing has yet been decided as to this step. The area covered by the branch is large, and it would probably be to the benefit of the Association if a new branch were formed to cover the northern part of this district, with Wigan or Southport as its centre. The treasurer's balance sheet shows an income for the year of £46 6s. 4d., against an expenditure of £32 18s. 10½d., giving a balance in hand on the year's working of £13 7s. 5½d. The total balance in hand is now £94 16s. 10d., of which £64 5s. 2d. is invested in the Post Office Savings Bank, and £30 11s. 8d. in the treasurer's hands. The cost of printing the rules and diagrams for six-bell ringers, which have just been issued, will, however, reduce this balance considerably. Turning to the peals rung during the year, it is pleasant to report the best record yet attained by the Association, both in number of performances and in quality of methods used. Forty-nine peals of 5000 changes and upwards have been rung, against 35 last year. These have included:—Grandsire Triples, 22; Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 2; Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; in seven 720's of Minor, 6. Handbell Peals—Bob Major, 1; seven 720's of Minor, 1; total, 49. We congratulate the Pendleton company on the distinction gained by them in having rung the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in the county of Lancashire. This company has achieved a splendid record in the last few years. It is also worth mention that the handbell peal in Minor methods rung by the Oswaldtwistle company is the first Minor handbell peal scored by the Association, and we heartily congratulate our ringing secretary, A. E. Wreaks, on being the first member to accomplish 100 Lancashire Association peals. He accomplished the hundredth most fittingly on Jubilee Day, in a peal rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Queen's accession, and by an extraordinary coincidence out of the 100 rung this was the 60th which he had himself conducted. In last year's report we announced that a set of diagrams and instructions for ringing various six-bell methods was being drawn up for the Association by Messrs. J. H. Barnes, J. W. Cockcroft, and C. E. Wilson. This work has been completed and issued, and will, we hope, prove of real use to six-bell ringers in the county. Our best thanks are due to the gentlemen named for the time and trouble they have bestowed on this work. The Association may now congratulate itself on having another peal of twelve bells within its borders in working order. After a silence of many years the grand ring of twelve at St. Mary's, Oldham, has been completely rehung, and we hope that before long there may be a full company of ringers in Oldham able to revive the past reputation of their tower. Important work has also been done in rehanging the bells or putting in new rings in several other towns in the county. We may fairly claim that this report is full of encouragement. The Association can show progress in many ways. But its success has chiefly been gained by quiet work done in the different branches during the year. To those who have worked so well in this direction, notably to the branch secretaries, our best thanks are due.

The President said he thought they would agree with him that the report was a very satisfactory one, and they were all the more glad of that because it was so in a year when all England had been celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Ringers had their own way of celebrating any great public event, and their ringers all through the county celebrated that great event last June. He was very glad that this year they had as good a report to present as ever they had been able to give. And it was a good report they would agree, in more ways than one. In the first place the membership had gone up satisfactorily in the various branches. Of course the numbers fluctuated a little in each branch from one year to another. He noticed in that branch the numbers had increased during the year, and in the



Bolton branch (started from the old Manchester branch) the number had gone up considerably. An analysis of their position showed that the best work of the Association, perhaps, was being done quietly through the different branches. The Association owed its thanks to the branch secretaries who had done good work in attending meetings, etc. The members of the Association had scored more peals than in any year before. He heard some one say as they were coming along that they regretted the number of peals was not fifty instead of 49, but still forty-nine was a good record. A little while ago they rang little else in Lancashire than Grandsire Triples, but they had made considerable advance on that, and they would all re-echo the words of congratulation in the report respecting the ringers of St. Thomas', Oldham, by ringing Superlative Surprise. The balance sheet was also satisfactory. Last year there was a balance on the wrong side, but this year a balance in hand of £13. They must not congratulate themselves too soon, however, for they had a bill to meet for printing instructions for six-bell ringers, but it would be money well spent. He thought they could say the cause of their Art was progressing well in Lancashire. They met together and got practice through the various branches; a greater variety of methods were being rung in the towers; and they were getting more towers to ring in. The report referred to the peal of twelve in St. Mary's, Oldham, but they had progressed in that respect in other towers. They had a peal of eight at Reddish; a peal of eight at St. Peter's, Halliwell, and others in various parts. They were getting more bells to ring, and getting the bells put into good order. He asked the members, while congratulating themselves on the position and progress of the Association, to keep in mind the spiritual side of their work. Let them show a good example in the home, the tower, and the church. They must not forget that they were engaged in a work for God as well as a work for their own exercise. He moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. J. Eachus, of Manchester, was elected a vice-president, Mr. A. E. Wreaks, of Bolton, re-elected ringing secretary; Messrs. R. Ridyard, Manchester Branch (one year), H. Chapman, Manchester Branch, (two years), E. B. Shaw, Rochdale Branch, and Jno. Aspinall, Liverpool, were elected on the committee; and Messrs. Haydock and Leach, Rossendale, were elected auditors.

On the motion of Mr. J. H. Banks, Helmshore, it was decided that honorary members having paid the sum of one guinea shall be entitled to honorary life membership.

The customary votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Chesterfield, on Saturday, September 25th. The church is noted for its crooked spire, and truly it must have been noted, for if a visitor chance to ascend the steps which lead to the ringing chamber and this ancient spire, you have only to look at the threadbare steps and try to ponder how many hundred thousands now laid in the dust have gone up the same old steps. I say old, because they are worn to the backbone; and the coming down again requires some skill. Our Chesterfield friends must be congratulated on their fine ring of ten all going well, and moreover having a promising company to ring them. I hope it will not give any offence if I suggest the removal of the stove and pipes from the centre of the chamber, the same being a great obstruction. Would it not be possible to have hot water pipes?

The business meeting was held at The Rutland Arms, Mr. J. Tarlton presiding. The minutes being duly confirmed, it was resolved to give Beighton the next meeting, providing the bells are in ringing order by the appointed time. A small committee was elected to meet and revise the rules. The Secretary proposed that steps should be taken to alter the central tower from which the Association takes its radius, reminding the meeting that the bulk of members were nearer Eckington than Staveley, and it was resolved that in future the central tower be Eckington. The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting. Some good ringing on eight and ten was brought round during the afternoon, thus ending a pleasant meeting.

E. J.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the members of the north and east districts of this Association was held at the pretty little village of Pinner on Saturday last, the 2nd October, by the kind permission of the Rev. C. E. Grenside. The meeting was very well attended, and one of the most welcome features of it was the presence of the President, the Rev. H. G. Bird, and of the Master, Mr. J. Basden, accompanied by many ringers from the south and west district, chiefly from Hillingdon, Ealing, Heston, and Isleworth. Some of the ringers halted, as they came along, at Harrow, and obtained permission to ring a touch or two of melodious music on the bells. Grand bells they are too, and in a situation almost unique; but they are rarely heard to the best advantage, the present band of ringers being content with call changes only, in spite of the proximity of the Harrow scholars, who we should have thought might have taken to the exercise, in much the same way as Wykehamists have done, or at all events used to do, at Winchester. We understand that call changes are the only changes now heard at Pinner, but it was not always so.

Now, to a true method-ringer, who feels the fascination of his art, the being content with call changes is indicative of a sad "lapse into barbarism." A little patience and steady perseverance would soon enable this band to overcome all difficulties, and not only cause the music of the bells to be twice as melodious, but the exercise to be twice as fascinating. The brothers George, who are natives of Pinner, could never have achieved prominence as ringers if in their youth they had been members of a "stony" ringing band. We had the privilege of being introduced to the father of these gentlemen, who, though advanced in years, is still hale and hearty, and proud in his recollection of the days when he was captain of a band of method ringers at Pinner. As a *laudator temporis acti* he is still inspired by a keen enthusiasm, and we may perhaps be permitted to express a hope that he may be spared to see again such a standard of ringing practised at Pinner as would make his heart rejoice.

But to return to the meeting. Mr. James George, at whose instance the meeting was held, was active in welcoming the members of the Association as they arrived and in introducing them to the commodious belfry. Ringing commenced at 4.30 p.m., and continued without interruption to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob, till, soon after six o'clock, an adjournment was ordered to the Cocoa Tree Inn for tea. This over, a short business meeting was held, the Rev. J. R. Wood being voted to the chair. No less than fourteen new members were elected, among whom we noticed Mr. R. A. Daniells, the Hon. Sec. of the St. James' Society, and several of the St. John's Hackney Society, viz., Messrs. W. D. and G. J. Smith, J. Pettit, A. Hughes, A. Coles, Walter Prime, and that prince of 12-bell ringers, the veteran Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green.

After the usual speeches, which indicated a warm interest in the work of the Association, a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung with excellent precision on hand-bells by some of the members of the St. John's Hackney Society, and was received with well merited applause. The ringers then adjourned to the belfry, where ringing continued till nine o'clock, when it became imperative for those who had come a long distance to think of setting their faces homewards.

Altogether, about sixty members were present at one time or another during the evening, and from a ringing point of view, the outing was both pleasant and profitable. In addition to the ringers already mentioned, we noticed Mr. C. F. Winney of Fulham, Mr. G. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow, Mr. C. H. Martin of Hendon, the popular Master of the North and East District, Mr. Albert Pittam of Willesden, Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham and E. E. Huntley, of Bushey, Mr. Price of Oxhey, Mr. R. G. Perrin of Walworth, Mr. Bevan of Kentish Town, and Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., of Tottenham.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Friday evening, September 24th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 52 mins. W. Coakham, 1; F. Nunn, 2; W. B. Manning (conductor), 3; F. G. Newman, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; F. Rumens, 6; J. Cullen, 7; W. Pinent, 8; W. H. Freeman, 9; W. Crockford, 10. Composed by John Bradley.

# DEATH OF MR. G. ROCHESTER, OF SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

It is with regret that we hear, just before going to press, of the death of the above-named gentleman. For some two years or more he had not been so well in his health as his relatives and friends could have wished, and although in the summer of this year he appeared to be better, it was only temporary, for about a month ago he became worse, paralysis supervened, and the end came on September 30th. The funeral, at which the Rev. H. A. Lipscomb, M.A., Vicar of the parish, officiated, took place at Sawbridgeworth on Tuesday last amidst many tokens of sympathy and respect both from parishioners and visitors; on the way to the churchyard there was not a house but what had either the shutters up or blinds down as a last mark of respect to the deceased. The coffin, which was of polished oak, bore the following inscription: "George Rochester, died Sept. 30th, 1897, aged 78 years." The chief mourners were Mr. H. Rochester (only son of deceased) and his wife and five children: George, Harry, Frank, Nelly, and Tom; Mr. Thomas Rochester (nephew), Miss E. M. Rochester (niece), Mr. Patmore (nephew), Mrs. Groves (sister-in-law), Miss Wells (a friend), Mr. Thos. Brace, and Mr. Wm. Boatman (friends). These were followed by the local ringers, and ringers representing various parishes: N. W. Tarling, A. Brown, W. Morris, W. Pleasance, J. Saban, H. Saban, W. Tarling, and C. Matthews (Sawbridgeworth), Mr. F. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), Mr. W. A. Alps (Waltham Abbey), Mr. H. J. Tucker, Mr. A. Tucker, Mr. C. Prior, Mr. W. Prior, Mr. G. Prior, Mr. W. T. Prior (Bishops Stortford), Mr. R. Tabor (Harrow), Mr. G. Brace (Hoddesden). The wreaths which covered the coffin were—"The last token of love from George, Harry, Frank, Nelly, and Tom." "With kindest remembrance from Mr. and Mrs. Ashall." Floral cross, "In loving remembrance of a kind friend." H. R. Rivers, Esq., formerly treasurer of the Sawbridgeworth Society of change ringers, was also present at the church and graveside.

As a ringer the late Mr. Rochester was well-known in many parishes, having shewn a desire in early life to learn all he could, but it must have been under many difficulties at the start, owing to the church of Great St. Mary's, in his native parish of Sawbridgeworth, having at that time but six bells. He had to travel into six parishes to obtain practice on eight, and this continued for a long time, one of these places being Waltham Abbey, where he came in contact with the celebrated ringers, Messrs. William, John, James, and Thomas Carr, four well-known brothers, together with Mr. Sherman, of Hertford, Mr. Wm. Lobb, of London, Mr. T. Britten, Mr. R. Richardson, and many other well-known men of that period, and in return many of them used to pay a visit to Sawbridgeworth. It was not until Mr. Rochester was fifty-two years old that he had the opportunity of ringing on eight bells at his native parish church, which was in 1871, that being the year they were made into a peal of eight, being opened on April 11th in the same year by the late L. Proctor, Esq., and his ringers. After that Mr. Rochester became more active. In November 1879 he rang his First Peal of 5040 (which he conducted) at Waltham Abbey, being at the time over sixty years of age; and in December 1880 a peal of 5040 Bob Major at Bishops Stortford. In February 1881 he conducted E. Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Sawbridgeworth, being the first peal on the bells, and rung by all local men. In May 1882 he rung a peal of Stedman Triples at Waltham Abbey, and in September 1882 a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Bishops Stortford, since which time it is said he has rung one or two other peals the records of which has not at present been obtained.

This brief notice would be singularly incomplete without a

word or two as to his consideration for ringers generally. Not only has his kindness been displayed at all times to all ringers from whatever quarter they came, but his hospitality has in the past done much to strengthen that friendship which is so valuable amongst any large body of men, and will not be forgotten by those who knew him. To know him once was to respect him always, and this could not have been more plainly shown than it was at the funeral, when ringers from six different parishes put in an appearance, which would have been increased very much had the funeral taken place on a Saturday. One thing is certain, that wherever the deceased was known his name will be cherished by those who have always thought he was one of the best friends ringers ever had.

About half-an-hour after the funeral the visitors, together with some of the local ringers, rang upon the bells (wholly muffled) a touch of 560 Kent Treble Bob, and a touch of 252 Stedman Triples as a last mark of respect to the deceased. And in the evening the local ringers rang a muffled peal denoting the age of Mr. Rochester, their late brother-ringer, who was also Bellwarden, a position which he had held ever since 1871.

At Waltham Abbey on Tuesday evening a muffled peal was rung upon the bells of the Abbey Church by the local ringers there, to the memory of one for whom they had the deepest regard and esteem, for with the late Mr. Rochester the Waltham Abbey ringers of the present day have spent many happy hours and profited by his kindly consideration on all occasions. The ringers were Messrs. T. Pallett, G. E. Peace, F. Carter, G. Thurgood, T. Mitchell, W. A. Alps, D. Tarling, T. Colverd, G. Cole, T. Adams, C. Hearman, and Thos. Morris (of Sawbridgeworth).

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER. — On Saturday, September 11th, the members of this Society had a outing to Bridgnorth, and, judging by its success, we hope it will become an annual one. We were accompanied by our respected Vicar and his son, and their company was much appreciated. It is hoped they will accompany us on future occasions. Arriving at Bridgnorth we went straight to the tower of St. Leonard's, a nice peal of eight, and for over an hour the bells were kept going in various methods. After a stroll round the ancient borough with our friend John Overton, we re-visited the tower for another hour's ringing. We had accepted an invitation from our Vicar to dine with him at The Crown and Raven hotel, and as is usual on these occasions full justice was done to a very excellent repast. After tendering thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality we wended our way to the station for home. Among the touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Superlative and London Surprise, the best was 384 of Superlative and a well-struck 576 of London Surprise. T. Wakeman, N. Davis, G. Salter, J. O. Bennett, E. C. Hunt, T. J. Salter, J. Crane and R. E. Grove. Our veteran, Mr. J. Bennett, was with us but did not take part in the ringing. S.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire). — On Sunday afternoon, September 19th, four members of the Barton-under-Wychwood Society drove to Tamworth, and were kindly received by the local ringers. After a 336 of Grandsire Triples a quarter-peal in the same method was successfully brought round in 47 mins. C. Otley, 1; T. Meredith, 2; G. Griffiths, 3; E. Allsop, 4; C. Chapman, 5; W. Lago, 6; J. Pratt (conductor), 7; C. Pratt, 8. Longest length by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk). — On Saturday, October 2nd, for practice, 120 Bob Doubles, 120 April Day, and 120 Morning Star. T. Stammers, 1; E. Youngs, 2; E. Symonds, 3; A. Symonds, 4; G. Moss, 5. On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 120 Bob Doubles, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 120 April Day, 120 Dream, and 120 Morning Star. E. Youngs, 1; G. Moss, 2; E. Symonds, 3; C. Nunn, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5. Our correspondent adds:—We are looking for the time to join the Norwich Diocesan Association, and would be pleased if any brother-member would help us into it.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT FINEDON,  
NORTHANTS.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 30th, a service, a parallel to which has never been held within the memory of any parishioner at present living in Finedon, took place in the beautiful church of St. Mary the Virgin, the occasion being the dedicating to the glory of God and the use of the church of the two bells recently added to the existing peal to complete the octave. The circumstances under which the addition has been made have already been detailed, and it is only now necessary to remind our readers of the fact—probably unique in the annals of church history—that while one bell commemorates the Diamond Jubilee of the nominal head of the Established Church in England, the other is given by the venerable Vicar in celebration of the fiftieth year of his vicariate. The bells have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

In the afternoon and until the time fixed for the evening service the bells were rung by parties of ringers from Finedon, Wellingborough, Rushden, Irthlingborough, Raunds, and Higham Ferrers. The ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev. G. W. Paul, at the Star Hall.

The special preacher for the occasion was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, Berkshire, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It is interesting to note that over fifty years ago he rang one of the bells at Finedon, this being during the time of the present vicar's father. The service commenced at eight o'clock, at which hour a large congregation had assembled in the church. The prayers were intoned by the curate (Rev. G. B. Ashwin), who also read the lesson, Hebrews x. 19. The ordinary Psalms for the day were chanted, and then the Vicar offered the dedicatory prayer for the bells. The hymn before the sermon was 303, "Whene'er the sweet church bell." The preacher, upon entering the pulpit, announced as his text Psalm cl., 5 and 6: "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise Him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord." At the outset he referred to the fact that they were able to obtain the very text they wanted for that occasion from the Psalms for the thirtieth day. He was speaking to a mixed congregation, composed of those who were bellringers and those who were not. The first verse of the two, he remarked, is for you and me, my dear brother bellringers, as I have called you many times, for what are the cymbals if they are not our church bells, of which you have magnificent specimens in your church tower. The text literally translated from the Hebrew meant cymbals that would bear a critical hearing and of a loud sound. The second verse of his text was for Christian people generally. In the Bible the word "bells" was only found twice, and they were used so that the people might know when "the priest goeth into the holy place before the Lord." He was thankful to say that the first occasion on which his new tenor sounded was at the celebration of the blessed Sacrament. He knew nothing that thrilled through the inmost soul like a fine peal of bells, so he wished to say a few special words to his brother bellringers. That verse commanded them to praise God in their peals, and it was very important to bear that in mind, for the temptation was to praise themselves or the society or guild to which they belonged. If that custom was not in vogue among them he asked them to adopt it. He then went on to detail at length the reasons why and the manner in which they must praise God, concluding by reminding them of the text, "By Him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." The hymn, "Hark, hark, my soul," was sung after the sermon, and the offertory taken on behalf of the bell fund.

The Vicar of Finedon has been an honorary member of the Central Northamptonshire Association since its formation. His brother, the late Rev. Dolben Paul, was formerly hon. secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The noted "Father Smith" organ in Finedon Church was placed there in the year 1717, and opened by Dr. Croft on May 17th of that year. A pleasing feature in connection with the increase of Finedon bells is the hearty and practical interest taken in the matter by the local ringers in contributing and collecting towards the cost. Ringers connected with churches in the district also gave very kind subscriptions.

## 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."

## NORWICH COURT MAXIMUS.

SIR,—One must think from the manner in which the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer treats this question that we have no right to differ, or hesitate to accept the statements that he may make. I can assure him that we do not desire to deprive "Norwich of its laurels," only that we object to gilding the leaves. We have sought in every direction that we could for evidence upon the point, and in place of it we get plenty of special pleading and possibilities stretched to probabilities, which it is supposed should carry conviction. Now, Sir, I will follow, as briefly as possible, through the letter of last week. First, Shipway was the first to publish the Single Court, etc. Granted; but he was also the first "to assimilate the method to twelve bells, therefore confuting the erroneous opinion hitherto entertained, that this system is not adapted for that number." (See preface.) Therefore, the Norwich men, in spite of "the difficulties of communication," had seen the book, or had pricked a method of their own, of which we have no knowledge, and which even the composer has not left us any trace; for I have it from the present possessor of S. Thurston's diary that there is nothing in it relating to this peal. Even Mr. Hubbard gave a very unsatisfactory opinion when asked by Mr. Snowdon, "but thought it was one of the methods given on page 37 or 38, in the 4th edition of his book," a choice of four methods. Now, Sir, we maintain that the Single Norwich Court given here materially differs from Shipway and answers "the somewhat sketchy description of the construction of the method rung," and of which Mr. T. Hurry, who was one of the band, composed a peal, which is published by Hubbard. Second: It is nineteen years since the few members of our company went to Norwich and saw "Jimmy Youngs," who, notwithstanding the statement of "an old Norwich ringer," retains a great deal of respect both for his truthfulness and genuineness. The Ipswich company at that time knew no more of Court Bob than the name, so it was only a very casual question, and not asked with any desire for a particular answer. One of the Norwich ringers still living told me that there was a tradition among them "that the said peal was Plain Bob spoilt." Fourth: It is recorded in the Norwich Scholars' peal-book that the peal rung at St. Michael's Coslany on December 18th, 1815, was Double Norwich, and that the one rang May 19th, 1827, was the "second peal in this difficult method that ever was accomplished in this city." Oh, but that is Major. Well; would a band claim first peal of Stedman in the county if Cinques had been rung and theirs was Triples? The memoir of the late S. Thurston, given in your issue of September 18th, was a most interesting paper, and gave us the spirit of the ringers of that day. From it we can judge that self-praise was largely resorted to by the Norwich men, and with good effect (which makes the mysterious silence on this peal the more remarkable). Mr. Bulwer says "it is reasonable to believe that the Norwich men must often have practised Norwich Court Twelve-in before Shipway's book appeared," but judging from the ages of a number of the band it is more reasonable to suppose they were practising the rudimentary stages of ringing; and as to being proficient in Norwich Court, why did they want to meet on Sunday mornings to practice Double Norwich Royal for three or four years and yet never rang a peal. It took the Ipswich company ten years to master it, even after ringing two peals of Royal, eight out of the twelve taking part in them. I would also point out to Mr. Bulwer that Mr. Snowdon's book did not influence the recording in the Norwich peal-book in 1880, as it was not published until 1884.

W. L. CATCHPOLE.

## THE HANDBELL PEAL AT OSWALDTWISTLE.

SIR,—In last week's issue appears a letter from E. E. Huntley claiming the first peal in seven methods on handbells for the Mitchell Brothers. But if "E. E. H." will look for the record of the Mitchell peal, he will find in the methods rung, Yorkshire Court and Court Bob, which Mr. J. J. Parker pointed out to be false. Therefore the honour of ringing the first true peal in seven methods belong to R. Parkinson and Co., and the first peal by members of one family (see J. C. Mitchell's letter in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 11th, 1895), belongs to Messrs. Meadows, of Otley, Suffolk.

W. TIMBERELL.

Chipping, Lancashire.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space to thank Mr. Huntley for his information. Of course we now give up the claim to its being the first of its kind, and only lay claim to its being the first by the Lancashire Association. We should be thankful if Mr. Huntley would kindly say in what methods the peal was rung, also if any other ringers know of any Minor handbell peal. A description of such will oblige

Oswaldtwistle.

R. PARKINSON.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The first thing which met our view on opening the paper last Friday evening was the report of the doings at the Annual Meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association. After I had read this account through very carefully, I came to the conclusion that the "Norridgers" know something now. I refrain at present from touching on the "Single and Double Court" question; that can wait until a future number. The report begins in a disappointing strain. The special service was but "poorly attended." It is not the correct thing, perhaps, to refer to this after what was said in last week's editorial; but though not over-modest or shy, I think had I been present when the Rev. H. E. Bulwer animadverted upon the "thinness" of the congregation, I should have had the cheek-ache. The reference to the peal-book I can hardly tumble to. It was decided that the entries in this volume should in the future be made with pen-and-ink only. I suppose by this is meant a plain caligraphy, similar to the headings placed in the copy-books. Quite enough too, when there are so many entries. But the Association ought to have two books of the kind, kept by two officers of the Society in case of loss either by fire or water. This disappointing report concludes by telling us that there was plenty of ringing during the morning, but it was not of a very grand description.

It ought, I think, to set the thinking men of the Association at work a bit. The Exercise is accustomed to look so rosiely upon the procedure of the great Eastern Association, that many will wonder what has come to it. Indifferent ringing, non-attendance at church at the Annual Meeting, and a squabble about "Single and Double," forms a concatenation of circumstances the reverse of rosy. What the end may be of this latter I almost shudder to think of. Mr. Bulwer asks some questions which at present look awkward for his opponents. Maybe they can be explained. But such a task wants some doing, as a cockney would say.

In connection with the question of attendance at church I have received the following letter: "Dear Sir,—I am often amused when reading your remarks in my 'BELL NEWS,' but the subject I am writing you about is a more serious one. The Editor only last Saturday makes some very strong remarks about ringers absenting themselves from the services to which they have called others. Now, I am not a saint, I am a sinner; I can as truly say with the Psalmist, 'If Thou, Lord, shalt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, who may abide it,' but nevertheless, I can conscientiously say I do love to attend the services, and therefore I do not feel the Editor's lash. I was ringing for service last evening at one of the grandest churches in the country (there are fixed seats for 1400) and it was the Harvest Festival. When we came down the tower, I and several others tried to get inside the church for service, but found it was an impossibility, as the church was packed and the porch full. I think if the Editor speaks so strongly about the ringers it is as much his duty to point out to the Rectors and Churchwardens their duty of providing a 'reserved' pew for the ringers. Hoping you will receive these few remarks in the same spirit as are given, I am, yours respectfully, Disappointed." I dare say the Editor understands his duties better than most of us. For the life of me I cannot see any objection to a church being full; it seems a very good sign. As for having a special reserved pew for ringers, I oppose it tooth and nail. During the acts of public worship I decidedly object to be labelled. I know it is a very favourite idea with many, but its evils have been lost sight of, I think. We shall have the grave-diggers asking for a pew next. It should also be remembered that though ringers are church officials, they are so not in the same sense as clerks or sextons. Their office is frequently honorary; at all times partly so. Their rank is, or should be, regarded as on a par with the wardens. No; the advocates of the "labelled" pew arrangement have not thought the matter out well. The plan may better enable the incumbent to judge who were absent from the service. But that knowledge would not always be welcome.

The tour by members of the Winchester Guild was apparently satisfactory to all concerned. Seven successful attempts out of

eight. Not at all bad, George. You rang some capital methods though the Cambridge didn't come off. Better luck next time. But three peals in one day! four of the party taking part in each is, well, not a tempting of Providence exactly, but a great trial say, to the parishioners who were obliged to hear them. It is to be hoped we shall not hear of many such days as this. Three peals in one day! Not the first time it has been done I think. But look at the temptation it gives to "aspirants for campanistean fame," to use an old quotation. We shall have some young band arranging directly for four peals in a day, and this will lead to five hundred peals in five hundred days, or some other similar extravagance.

But apart from the peals rung, these ringing tours must be highly commended. They wake-up the neighbourhoods involved, and set people's tongues agog. But my dear George W., try next year some fresh fields and pastures new. Have a run down into Dorset or into Rutland, or what do you say to a day-trip as far as Westmoreland? Think it over, George. Plenty of hospitality to be shown you. We shall all be waiting to hear of the Devonshire trip.

At last, so a correspondent writes, *The Times* has an article on bells. My correspondent facetiously adds: "Now we shall get on." I am afraid there will be some difficulty about reproducing this article in the "B.N." because of a peculiar feature called "copyright." The Thunderer may swoop down upon us for damages, and all the rest of it. But we shall see. Perhaps a way may be found out of the difficulty. People don't mind copying from the "B.N." and even from the observations of yours truly. But we journalists are magnanimous people. Ahem.

I have not heard lately from any of you who are working hard to get up the circulation. Don't be weary in well-doing, my friends. If there is any fresh novelty you would like to see in the paper only say so, and I will endeavour to oblige. Should you like some lessons in mushroom cultivation, the rearing of poultry, the latest fashions, motor-power, aquatics, or the natatory art? If so, I'm your man. Anything to make things hum, as our worthy friend "Jingle" once said. I have a bit of original poetry for you next week. PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2nd, a very successful district meeting was held at Titchfield, of which Mr. J. W. Whiting, of Fareham, is secretary. The following towers were represented: Portsea, Gosport, Fareham, Wickham, Swanmore, and Shedfield.

The bells were kept going from 6 to 9 p.m., and short touches was the order, so as to give every one a chance. Various methods were rung, including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford Single, College Single, and Plain Bob. Among the visitors was the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Master of the Guild, and the Rev. H. Wheat, curate of Titchfield. The latter, who has only started change-ringing recently, was piloted through his first 6-score with a bob bell. This gentleman deserves every encouragement, for he will no doubt become an excellent leader to the local band, who are now being instructed by Mr. Whiting. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar, the Rev. R. White, for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and to the Rev. H. Wheat, for so kindly welcoming them, and making the meeting a most pleasant and enjoyable one.

## ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

The *Cathedral Monthly Paper* has the following: On Friday, the 24th, in connection with the funeral of the late Dean, there was a large attendance of ringers. From one to two p.m. the ten bells were very slowly clocked with the clappers muffled, and when the service was ended they were rung half-muffled for half an hour, after which the tenor bell was struck seventy-nine times, corresponding with the Dean's years. On the Sunday following, the bells were half-muffled morning and evening, the ten being rung for both services.

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On Tuesday, September 14, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 26 cwt. in D flat.

FRED. WEBB .. .. . Treble.	JOHN MATHEWS .. .. . 5.
ARTHUR HAWES .. .. . 2.	JAMES FRANKLIN .. .. . 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. . 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. . 7.
HARRY G. JUDGE .. .. . 4.	ANTHONY STRANGE .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal on the bells. \*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. E. Hollis and Miss Kerwood. Any band wishing to have the use of these bells for a peal, can do so by first applying to Mr. H. Judge, Kidlington, Oxon. The "go" of the bells are all that can be desired.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

FRED WEBB .. .. . Treble.	JOHN MATHEWS .. .. . 5.
JAMES FRANKLIN .. .. . 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. . 6.
J. W. WASHBROOK .. .. . 3.	HARRY JUDGE .. .. . 7.
WILLIAM THORPE* .. .. . 4.	THOMAS HILL .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

\*First peal. This peal was rung on the birth of a son and heir to their graces the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough. The above are all local men except the conductor.



BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sunday, September 26, 1897, in Two Hours Fifty-five and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE .. .. Treble.	LEWIS G. READ .. .. 5.
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JOHN BASDEN .. .. 3.	ALLEN H. TABER .. .. 7.
REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 4.	ERNEST CARTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

This is the first peal on the bells.

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Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

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JOHN H. GRUNDY* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM A. TYLER .. .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 6.
RICHARD LANE .. .. 3.	EDWARD READER .. .. 7.
ARTHUR W. MATHEWS .. 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Wednesday, September 29, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

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

FRED. G. MAY .. .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 2.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 6.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. HART .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

LEEDS, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, September 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES. Tenor 36 cwt.

GEORGE TINGLE* .. .. Treble.	MATTHEW TOMLINSON .. 6.
ROBERT CHRISTIAN .. .. 2.	TOM LOCKWOOD .. .. 7.
HARRY LOCKWOOD .. .. 3.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH .. 8.
ALFRED WINDSOR .. .. 4.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD .. 9.
WM. WALKER .. .. 5.	HARRY SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by TOM LOCKWOOD.

\*First peal in the method. Christian hails from Great Yarmouth. This is the quickest peal of Caters on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 1, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 2.	EDWARD READER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM A. TYLER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR W. MATHEWS .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

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

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. Treble.	*GEORGE DENT .. .. 5.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 6.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	†JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN.

This peal contains the full combination of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, the 2nd never being in that position, and is now rung for the first time. \*First peal in the method and first attempt. †Sixtieth peal.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. Treble.	*HERBERT J. FORD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 2.	†FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 6.
GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. 3.	†JAMES W. LEONARD .. .. 7.
JIM BEACH† .. .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal of Treble Bob Major. It is also the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for so kindly granting permission on this and previous occasions, also Mr. Leonard for having things in readiness at each visit. Dunk hails from Westerham; Latter and Smither from Tunbridge Wells; Beach and Lambert from Horsmonden; Ford and Groombridge from Sevenoaks; and Leonard belongs to the local band.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT WHITE .. .. Treble.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
RICHARD HASTED .. .. 3.	WILLIAM LEBBON .. .. 7.
ALFRED NEWMAN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. LOVELAND .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

Messrs. White and Newman belong to Romsey; the rest to Winchester. This is the quickest peal on the bells, which was rung as a farewell to A. Newman, who is leaving Romsey.

BEDDINGTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES BANCE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 6.
EDGAR BENNETT .. .. 2.	*FREDERICK PATES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BULPITT* .. .. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 8.
HENRY BROOKER .. .. 4.	THOMAS VERRALL .. .. 9.
ALFRED TRAPPITT .. .. 5.	ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

\*First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Trappitt, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 30, 1897, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

C. COX .. .. . Treble.	C. LYES .. .. . 5.
A. PEGLER .. .. . 2.	H. FORD .. .. . 6.
E. E. DAVIS .. .. . 3.	*H. LOVELL .. .. . 7.
W. T. PEGLER .. .. . 4.	*G. PARSONS .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES and Conducted by H. FORD.

\*First peal.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN CLAYTON .. .. . Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. .. . 5.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. .. . 2.	JOHN THACKRAY .. .. . 6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. . 3.	*EDWIN WHEATER .. .. . 7.
SIDNEY C. CLARK .. .. . 4.	DAVID STEPHENSON .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by OBADIAH LANG of Liversedge, and Conducted by EDWIN WHEATER.

\*First peal as conductor. Clayton hails from Birstall; Thompson and Dixon from Guiseley; Broadley, Clark and Wheeler from Bradford; Thackray from Armley; Stephenson from Ossett.

## ASSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS NEWNHAM .. .. . Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS .. .. . 5.
HENRY CORBETT .. .. . 2.	EDWARD HULL .. .. . 6.
HENRY WOODS .. .. . 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. . 7.
JOHN WYATT .. .. . 4.	JOSEPH LISNEY .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble and tenor, being the former's first attempt, age 17; and the latter, whose age is 77, was heartily congratulated at the conclusion of the peal by all the band, finishing fresh and well.

## BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 29 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN .. .. . Treble.	FREDERICK G. MAY .. .. . 6.
THOMAS HYLAND .. .. . 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. .. . 7.
THOMAS COLLISON .. .. . 3.	WALTER T. BENNETT .. .. . 8.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. . 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. . 9.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. . 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong in the tittums, and her extent right in the home position, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Austin, May, Bennet and Pegler hail from Gloucester; F. E. Ward from Cheltenham; Messrs. Fowler and Willson from Leicester.

## MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 4, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALEXANDER MCFARLANE* Treble.	*RICHARD FENWICK .. .. . 5.
FRED P. HOWCROFT* .. .. . 2.	*JOHN W. PASSMAN .. .. . 6.
CHARLES R. HALL* .. .. . 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. .. . 7.
JOHN H. JONES* .. .. . 4.	*THOMAS METCALFE .. .. . Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

\*First peal in the method, and first rung on the bells.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 5, 1897, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 in each of the following methods:

College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	CHARLES CHASTY .. .. . 4.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 2.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. . 5.
WILLIAM J. BARKER .. 3.	FRANK HULL .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First 5040 in seven Treble Bob methods by ringer of treble. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. F. Hull, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## Date Touches.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 26th, at the parish church, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, a date touch of 1897 Canterbury Pleasure Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Pickin, 1; J. Stone, 2; J. Woods, 3; J. Ollerhead, 4; F. Jones, 5; C. Gittins, 6; J. Dillon, 7; T. Hughes, 8. Arranged and conducted by J. Dillon.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, September 28th, at St. Martin's church, twelve of the above Guild rung a date touch of Stedman Cinques, comprising 1897 changes, time 1 hr. 25 mins. Tenor 36 cwt. in C. B. Bastable (conductor), 1; T. Russam, 2; W. S. Pritchett, 3; T. Reynolds, 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. S. Pritchett, 6; \*A. Walker, 7; \*T. Wakeman, 8; \*T. Westwood, 9; W. Short, 10; W. Kent (composer), 11; \*W. Painter, 11. \*Longest length of Cinques.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—Recently a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; E. V. Hinton, 2; E. Waters, 3; S. Best, 4; G. Vey, 5; T. F. Best, 6; G. Preston, 7; W. Saffery, 8. Conducted by G. Preston. Rang on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Shrubbs to Capt. Bayliff, R.M.L.I.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, September 14th, at the parish church, 720 Duke of York. T. Whitworth, 1; W. Allwood, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt. Also 240 Violet. Messrs. Morton and Robinson belong to Eckington; the rest are local men.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Price, 1; W. Allwood, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Morton, 5; S. Robinson, 6; G. Marsden, 7; T. Whitworth, 8. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor belong to Treeton; the rest to the local company. On Sunday morning, September 19th, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; J. Worthington, 3; W. Worthington, 4; J. Morton, 5; S. Robson, 6; J. Harriss, 7; A. Worthington, 8. Tenor 17 cwt. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and tenor belong to Staveley; the rest to the local company.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Thursday, September 23rd, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. P. Haunnam (first quarter-peal), 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Harper, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; J. Matthews, 5; A. Pye, 6; E. Newman (first as conductor), 7; —. Ingram (first quarter-peal), 8.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, for early service at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; J. Baker, 2; G. Heath, 3; C. Green, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Chapman, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. For morning service 360 Oxford Bob. W. Hall, 1; J. Baker, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; L. Chapman (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 27th, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. L. Chapman, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4;

W. Hall, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. W. Hall (conductor), 1; J. Baker, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; H. Clayton, 4; G. Heath, 5; L. Chapman, 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. L. Chapman, G. Heath, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Clayton, 4; J. Houghton, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 360 Double Court. J. Baker, 1; W. Pettit, 2; J. Houghton, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; J. Baker, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; W. Pettit, 5; J. Houghton (conductor), 6. And a plain course of Double Oxford Bob. H. Clayton, 1; J. Houghton, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; W. Pettit, 4; W. Hall, 5; J. Martin, 6. Messrs. Hough and Pettit bail from Irthlingborough; Gilbert from Raunds; Martin from Higham Ferrers.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTED (Surrey).—On Saturday, September 25th, at the church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Wyatt, 1; A. Dean, 2; H. Corbett, 3; C. Dean, 4; C. Bance, 5; W. Chantler, 6; W. Smith (conductor), 7; H. Bryant, 8. Messrs. A. Dean and Corbett belong to the local band; C. Dean and Bryant to Benhillton; Bance to Beddington; Smith to Mitcham; Chantler to Ewell. Rung after meeting one short for a peal, Corbett taking the absentee's place.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On a Monday in August, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sedge, 1; H. Coast, 2; G. Coast, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; J. Grensted, 5; E. Day, 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hollands, 1; G. Coast, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; J. Grensted, 5; C. Millway (conductor), 6. And 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bob and two singles). W. Hollands, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; E. Day, 5; C. Millway (conductor), 6.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Friday and Sunday, September 24th and 26th, several touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rang at St. Alfege church before and after each of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services. The following took part in the ringing: W. Berry, W. Foreman, H. Flanders, J. Lamb, T. Taylor (Lewisham), E. H. Nixon (Lewisham), C. Withecamb (Bermondsey), G. Harman (Rotherhithe), D. S. Evans (late of Whitchurch, Salop), E. E. Richards, J. Waghorn, jun. (Tottenham), F. S. Bayley, I. G. Shade and F. W. Thornton. The honours of conducting were divided between H. Hoskins, J. Waghorn, I. G. Shade, and F. W. Thornton.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, August 30th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Miles, 1; T. Durling, 2; A. Durling (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; R. Hims, 4; G. French, 5; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 6; G. Durling, 7; A. Durling (first 500), 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service, a 672 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; J. Town, 3; E. Dunn, 4; J. Hack, 5; P. Harman, 6; W. Ingham, 7; G. Durling (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service, 503 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Sulvan, 1; F. Sanders, 2; J. Town (first 500 in the method with a bob bell), 3; E. Dunn, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Simpson, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. Ingham, 8. On Sunday morning, September 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; F. Sanders, 2; R. Hims (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 3; E. Dunn, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Simpson, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Sunday, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. R. Pain, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Spice, 3; A. Gower, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. Pain, 1; W. Hobb (conductor), 2; E. J. Dixon, 3; W. Spice, 4; T. Tabrett, 5; J. Roberts, 6. After service 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. J. Roberts, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; W. Hills, 3; W. Spice, 4; E. J. Dixon (conductor), 5; T. Tabrett, 6. This is J. Roberts' first 720; Messrs. Pain and Gower hail from Mersham; Spice from Charing; Tabrett from Ashford; the rest belong to the local band.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 23rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 1264 changes, in 45 mins. A. Godley, 1; G. Head, 2; W. H. Card, 3; R. Pelling, 4; G. Turley, 5; T. Card, 6; J. Maynard (conductor), 7; A. E. Edwards, 8. Rung in honour of the treble ringer's birthday, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON FITZWARREN (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service at All Saint's church, on the occasion of the

Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. F. Bellamy, 1; H. Creed, 2; I. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. First 720 in the method by H. Chaplin. For afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Bellamy, 1; F. Saunders, 2; I. Creed, 3; H. Creed, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. First in the method by H. Chaplin.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, September 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Parkinson (conductor), 1; T. Holden, 2; J. Bentley, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; W. Britcliffe, 6. First on the bells by a local band. On Wednesday, September 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Holden, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; J. Bentley, 3; C. Sharples, 4; I. Whalley, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 5th, on handbells, 720 Merchants' Return. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, September 6th, 720 Kent. On Wednesday, September 15th, 720 Oxford Single. Also 720 Canterbury. On Monday, September 20th, 720 College Single. On Tuesday, September 28th, 720 Violet. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. First in the method on handbells by all.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TARPORLEY (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples in 19 mins. J. Sheen, 1; S. Johnson, 2; H. Wright, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. Stockton, 5; F. Vernon, 6; J. Richardson, 7; A. Johnson, 8. Messrs. Johnson (2) hail from Northwich; the rest belong to the local band. For evening service 504 Bob Triples. H. Titton, 1; J. Sheen, 2; H. Wright, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. Stockton, 5; F. Vernon (conductor), 6; J. Richardson, 7; F. Lewis, 8. All members of the local band. First 504 by Messrs. Titton and Lewis.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On July 21st, at St. Paul's, 727 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Barker, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. Chasty, 5; F. Keech, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; D. Thompson, 8. Also 503 Grandsire Triples. F. A. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. J. Barker, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; D. Thompson, 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples. W. J. Barker, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; F. Keech, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; D. Thompson, 8. On July 25th, 320 Double Norwich. S. J. Cullip, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. Chasty, 5; I. Hills, 6; F. Hull, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On August 12th, on the front six, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. J. Barker, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. Also 504 Stedman Triples. W. J. Barker, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. Chasty, 5; J. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Toll, 8. On August 19th, 539 Grandsire Caters. H. Toll, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. J. Barker, 5; F. Smith, 6; I. Hills, 7; F. Hull, 8; C. Chasty, 9; F. Keech, 10. Also 408 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; W. Barker, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; F. Smith, 7; H. Toll, 8. On September 2nd, 504 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Tysoe, 7; E. Tingey, 8. Also 320 Double Norwich. E. Tingey, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; W. J. Barker, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Chasty, 6; H. Tysoe, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On September 5th, a course of Treble Bob Royal. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. J. Barker, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; F. Hull, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; H. Sharp, 10. On September 7th, attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters, lost after ringing 1 hr. and 5 mins. E. Tingey, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; J. Hack, 5; F. Hull, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; H. Tysoe, 8; H. Sharp (conductor), 9; F. Ball, 10. Afterwards a 503 Grandsire Caters. E. Tingey, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; J. Hack, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; C. Chasty, 9; F. Hull, 10. Also a course of Treble Bob Royal. E. Tingey, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. J. Barker, 5; J. Hack, 6; I. Hills, 7; H. Sharp, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; C. W. Clarke, 10. Also 320 Double Norwich. H. Tysoe, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; J. Hack, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; C. Chasty, 6; F. Hull, 7; J. Hills, 8. J. Hack hails from Hayes, Kent. On September 12th, 395 Grandsire Caters. H. Sharp, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Hull, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; A. Markwell, 9; H. Tysoe, 10. Also 324 Stedman Caters. W. J. Barker, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Hull, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; A. Markwell, 9; H. Sharp, 10. H. Sharp and A. Markwell hails from Wilburton, Isle of Ely. On September 19th, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Tingey, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F.

Keech, 4; W. J. Barker, 5; J. Hills, 6; C. Chasty (conductor), 7; F. Ball, 8. Also 880 Treble Bob Royal. E. Tingey, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; F. Smith, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. Hall, 5; S. J. Cullip, 6; I. Hills, 7; F. Hull, 8; C. Chasty, 9; H. Sharp (conductor), 10. *Handbell ringing*.—On September 10th, at 50 Cauldwell street, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. E. Tingey, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. J. Barker, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6. On September 24th, 720 College Pleasure. E. Tingey; C. R. Lilley, 2; W. J. Barker, 3; C. Chasty, 4; F. Hull, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

BEDFORD.—On September 14th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court. F. Parrott, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; E. Tingey (first 720 in method), 3; W. Barker, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. On September 21st, 720 Woodbine. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. J. Barker, 2; E. Tingey (first 720 in method), 3; F. Hull, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST (Beds.).—On Saturday, September 11th, an attempted peal of Treble Bob Minor was lost after ringing a 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, and London Scholars' Pleasure. E. Tingey, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. J. Barker, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. R. Lilley, 5; H. Sharp, 6.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 19th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Single. G. Backshall, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. G. Wedge, 1; F. Streeter, 2; J. Gasson, 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Holford, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; C. Holman (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. W. Holford, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob. G. Backshall, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Gasson, 5; C. Holman (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Single. G. Wedge, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. All ringing friends are welcome at this tower; ringing last Sunday in the month for evening service.

BRIGHTON.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, September 16th, at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 33 mins. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; K. Hart, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; H. Weston, 7-8. On Thursday, September 23rd, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Giles, 1-2; G. Williams, 3-4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5-6; F. Bennett, 7-8.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MILDENHALL (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 12th, a start was made for a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing over 800 changes it came to grief. Another attempt shared the same fate after 700 changes had been rung; at the third attempt it was brought round in 48 mins. H. Turner, 1; J. Lock, 2; H. Turner, 3; A. Turner, 4; G. Turner, 5; C. Carpenter, 6; W. Taylor (conductor), 7; C. Muncon, 8. Taylor hails from Newmarket: the others are local men.

#### THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, September 20th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. J. Morley, 1; E. Caunce, 2; T. Jenkinson, 3; C. Sharples (conductor), 4; J. Gardner, 5; W. Bentham, 6; J. R. Park, 7; W. Fairclough, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. William Lea, formerly a ringer at the above church. On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples, J. Marsh, 1; T. Jenkinson, 2; J. Eastham, 3; C. Sharples, 4; W. Fairclough (conductor), 5; J. Gardner, 6; W. Bentham, 7; J. R. Park, 8. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. J. Marsh, 1; J. Eastham, 2; T. Jenkinson, 3; C. Sharples, 4; E. Caunce, 5; J. Gardner, 6; W. Bentham (conductor), 7; R. Rimmer, 8.

#### THE ALLHALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. \*A. Martin, 1; E. Iverson, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; H. Barnett, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; C. Button (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; W. Martin, 8. \*First quarter-peal.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Tuesday, September 14th, 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Lawrence, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; O. Phillips, 6. Also 720 College Single. H.

Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all and on the bells. Tenor 14 cwt. On Sunday, September 19th, for afternoon service, 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; G. Phillips, 6. Also a touch of College Single. A. Lawrence, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 20th, 720 College Single. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; A. Phillips, 2; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; the rest as before.

HORMEAD (Herts).—On Thursday, September 16th, 120 Stedman, 120 Grandsire, and 120 Bob Doubles and 108 Grandsire Minor. No longer length of Minor could be rung owing to the bad circle of the ropes, the 3rd bell being in a corner. They also run left-handed.

ANSTEEY (Herts).—On Thursday, September 16th, 360 Bob Minor, and a 6-score of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, besides a touch of Oxford Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

BARKWAY (Herts).—On Thursday, September 16th, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and a 720 of Bob Minor was lost after ringing 500 changes, owing to a mis-call. Tenor 16 cwt.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, the last 700 of Holt's Original. F. Glennerster, 1; P. H. Read, 2; C. George, 3; A. Lance, 4; H. Martin, 5; W. Norris, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8. After evening service, 532 Grandsire Triples. F. Glennerster, 1; F. A. Smith, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Norris, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8. On Tuesday, September 28th, on handbells, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. George, 1-2; H. Martin, 3-4; G. N. Price (conductor), 5-6; W. Norris, 7-8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, September 21st, for the Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 55 mins. H. Dall, 1; R. Duke (longest touch), 2; J. Dawson, 3; R. Hall, 4; H. Salkeld, 5; S. Ferry, 6; W. Holmes (conductor), 7; E. Ferry, 8. Tenor 31½ cwt in D. This was also rung as a birthday compliment to R. Hall.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, September 26th, at St. Saviour's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 420 Grandsire Triples. W. Joyce, 1; A. D. O. Abrahams, 2; F. W. J. Butler, 3; E. Lillywhite, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; H. E. Street, 6; R. Elliott, 7; H. Wilkins, 8. After service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. W. J. Butler, 1; H. E. Street, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; E. Lillywhite, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; J. Waghorn, sen., 6; R. Elliott, 7; H. Wilkins (first quarter-peal), 8. Meeting-nights Mondays, at 8.30, when all ringers are welcome.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—Recently at St. Helen's church on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 719 Grandsire Caters. J. Higgs, 1; W. Adkins, 2; E. Blay, 3; J. Brawn, 4; G. Staniland, 5; E. Aldworth (conductor), 6; H. Holifield, 7; T. Short, 8; G. Holloway, 9; W. Absalom, 10.

FULMER (Bucks).—On Sunday, September 19th, at the parish church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Clark, 1; T. Toombs, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; E. Harding, 4; G. Gutteridge, 5; W. Bateman, 6.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, September 29th, for practice at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 32 mins. E. Bruce (first 720 in the method), 1; F. Tubb, 2; J. Hern, 3; C. Giles, 4; A. Osborne, 5; F. Hopgood (conductor), 6. Rung on the back six. Tenor 24 cwt. On handbells 518 Grandsire Triples, being the fifth part of Holt's ten-part peal. F. Tubb, 1-2; C. Giles, 3-4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5-6; A. Osborne, 7-8.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, before Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 College Single in 26 mins. Composed by Mr. Fisher, of Ducklington. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; A. Wilson, 4; \*R. Seddon, 5; E. Tipping, 6. \*First 720 in the method. For evening service 720 Plain Bob in 24 mins. W. Bamber, 1; R. Seddon, 2; \*J. Tipping, 3; A. Wilson, 4; C. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine

Service at Christ Church, 240 Oxford. J. Heckingbottom, 1; J. Hey, 2; Joe Thackray, 3; Jno Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6. Also 240 each of Duke of York and Violet. J. Hey, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; Jno Thackray (conductor), 4; the rest as before. For evening service 240 Merchants' Delight, Duke of York, and Kent. J. Hey, 1; Joe Thackray, 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; Jno Thackray, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD (Staffordshire).—On Monday, September 20th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Elton, 1; C. Otley, 2; G. Griffiths, 3; E. Allsopp, 4; J. Griffin, 5; W. Mee, 6; T. Meredith (conductor), 7; G. Whapples, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Elton, Mee, and Whapples. On Sunday, September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, several short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung in which the following took part: Messrs. Barton, Elton, Otley, Allsopp (2), Mee, Griffiths, Whapples, Jones, Woodman, and Meredith.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine Service, 952 Grandsire Triples. F. Broad, 1; H. Martin, 2; E. Playdon, 3; F. Chance, 4; W. Heming, 5; J. Bate, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. On Saturday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Broad, 1; H. Martin, 2; J. Chance, 3; E. Gilbert, 4; W. Heming, 5; J. Bate, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. Longest length by J. Bate since his return to England after an absence of thirty-three years.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Gooch, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; W. Rowland, 3; W. Rowland, jun., 4; W. Everard, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. White, 7; R. Burrell, 8. On Thursday, September 23rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, the last 742 of Holt's Original, standing as above. A. Edwards is a member of the St. Mary's company, Widford. Harper hails from Sudbury; White from Barking, both of whom now reside in Chelmsford.

COALEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 19th, 720 Bob Minor and a 6-score each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Slow Course, and a few courses of College Single. The 720 was taken from the *Clavis*, and contains nine bobs and six singles. Messrs. R. T. and G. Prout, C. East, G. Watkins, T. Savage and G. Condict (conductor).

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Sunday morning, September 5th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 224 Bob Major and 336 Grandsire Triples. For evening service 1008 Bob Major. W. Scott, 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Rashbrook (conductor), 3; R. Stannard, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Schofield, 7; W. Burch, 8. On Sunday morning, September 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Rashbrook (conductor), 1; R. Stannard, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; W. Howell, 4; W. Burch, 5; W. Schofield, 6. On Wednesday, September 22nd, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Kavanagh, 1120 Bob Major. W. Scott, 1; W. Howell, 2; D. Elliott (conductor), 3; W. Laddam, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Harvey, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; W. Schofield, 8. Also 1008 Bob Major. W. Schofield, 3; D. Elliott (conductor), 8; the rest as before. And 350 Grandsire Triples. Several other touches were rung during the day. On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine Service, 352 Bob Major and a course of Grandsire Triples. For evening service 560 Bob Major.

EDMONTON.—On Thursday, September 23rd, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. W. G. Darlington, 1; P. J. Darlington, 2; H. Nix, 3; A. W. Darlington, 4; W. A. Alfs, 5; — Pease (conductor), 6; L. J. Darlington, 7; S. T. Darlington, 8. This quarter-peal was taken from Taylor's six-part peal.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Bloomfield, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; W. Newman, 3; E. Scotcher, 4; J. Tarbun, 5; G. Piper, 6; W. J. Piper, 7; C. Hawkes, 8.

ISLIP (Northants).—On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Allen, 1; T. Bettles, 2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3; W. Buckley, 4; J. Betts, 5; W. Roberts (Northampton), 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—Recently, at St. Giles' church, 518, 210 and 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Hey, 1; S. Hall, 2; E. Haxley, 3; W. Fairey, 4; A. Arnold, 5; W. Roberts, 6; A. Stewart (conductor), 7; T. Wilford, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. H. Hey, 1; S. Hall, 2; A. Moore, 3; A. Arnold, 4; J. Mackay, 5; W. Roberts, 6; E. Haxley, 7; A. Stewart, 8. And two courses of Stedman Triples. A. Stewart, 1; A. Moore, 2; J. Mackay, 3; S. Hall, 4; A. Arnold, 5; W. Fairey, 6; E. Haxley, 7; E. James, 8. And 305 Grandsire Caters. — Watts, 1; W. Fairey, 2; A. Arnold, 3; A. Moore, 4; — Miller, 5; J. Mackay, 6; A. Stewart, 7; W. Roberts, 8; E. Haxley, 9; J. Freeman, 10.

And 336 Bob Major. A. Stewart, 1; A. Arnold, 2; — Miller, 3; W. Fairey, 4; A. Moore, 5; W. Roberts, 6; E. Haxley, 7; —, 8. And 503 Grandsire Caters. H. Hey, 1; A. Moore, 2; A. Arnold, 3; S. Hall, 4; J. Mackay, 5; W. Fairey, 6; A. Stewart (conductor), 7; W. Roberts, 8; E. Haxley, 9; E. James, 10. Watts and Miller hail from Birmingham.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Saturday, September 25th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles) in 25 mins. R. Rowell, 1; E. Road (conductor), 2; E. Baker, 3; J. Tirrell, 4; C. Chasty, 5; G. Coleman, 6. Also several touches of W. Johnson and E. Baker (conducting). On Sunday, September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. T. Measures, 1; C. Chasty, 2; E. Baker, 3; J. Tirrell, 4; G. Coleman, 5; W. Johnson (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. G. Coleman, 2; C. Chasty, 5; the rest as before. G. Coleman hails from St. Neots; the rest are local men.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On July 11th, at All Saints church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 26 mins. W. Turner, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. E. Sladen, 4; R. Whittles, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Monday, September 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Turner, 1; J. Lingard, 2; G. Bowers, 3; R. E. Sladen, 4; R. Whittles (conductor), 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. Turner, 1; J. Lingard, 2; R. E. Hoyle, 3; R. E. Sladen, 4; R. Whittles (conductor), 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. Turner, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 24 mins. J. S. Marshall, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Lingard, 3; E. Schofield, 4; J. Crossley (conductor), 5; A. Crossley, 6. On Monday evening, September 27th, for practice, 720 College Single (six bobs and twelve singles), in 24 mins. E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; A. Crossley, 6.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob with 6-8 covering. S. Ansell, 1; H. Newby, 2; J. Margetson, 3; \*W. Pickworth, 4; J. Miller (conductor), 5; C. Bale, 6; A. Miller, 7; H. Balaam, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday evening, September 26th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. Waddington, 1; E. White (first quarter-peal), 2; A. Hallett, 3; W. Battle, 4; R. E. Hammond, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; H. Walker (first quarter-peal), 8. After service 700 in the same method. H. Samuel, 1; the rest as before.

WILLENHALL.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Goodchild, 1; T. Lowe, 2; S. Dace, 3; S. Atkins, 4; J. A. Brown (conductor), 5; E. Unitt, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Appleby, 8. Messrs. Lowe, Unitt and Smith belong to Darlaston; J. A. Brown to Bilston.

## Obituary.

### WILLIAM WHITLOCK SCOTT.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who died suddenly on Wednesday, September 29th, 1897, aged 69 years, whilst preparing to attend church to execute his duties as sexton of St. Peter's Church, Colchester, having held that office 55 years, his father having held the same for many years before him. He was also chorister at the above church in his younger days. His interment took place on Sunday, October 3rd, in the churchyard of St. Paul's, Colchester, being attended by the members of his company, and adjoining towers, and by members of the choir, the following ringing a course of Grandsire Triples and two of his favourite hymn-tunes at the graveside: G. Rashbrook, 1-2; J. Kittle, 3-4; R. Stannard, 5-6; G. Burch, 7-8. Being a regular attendant at practices he will be greatly missed, his place being hard to fill. He rang his last touch at St. Peter's on Sunday, September 26th, ringing in 560 of Bob Major. The following touches were rung upon the bells before morning service with the bells deeply muffled: 360 Kent Minor and 336 Bob Major: G. Rashbrook (conductor), 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Button, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Schofield, 7; W. Burch, 8. For evening service with the bells half-muffled: 720 Bob Major and a course of Grandsire Triples: W. Harvey, 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Rashbrook, 5; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; R. Stannard (conductor), 6; W. Schofield, 7; W. Burch, 8.



### Notices.

**The Lancashire Association, Manchester Branch.**—A Meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, to-day, Saturday October 9th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.

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

**The Kent County Association—Tonbridge District.**—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, to-day, Saturday, October 9th. Tower open at 3 o'clock.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
4, South View Road, High Brooms,  
near Tunbridge Wells.

**The East Derbyshire Association**—A ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton, to-day, Saturday, October 9th. Business meeting in Parish Room, adjoining Vicarage, at 6 p.m. Six bells in good order; ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—At a meeting held at the new head-quarters, The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on September 21st, it was resolved that a testimonial be presented to Mr. Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the good work he has done towards the advancement of change-ringing during the past fifty years. Subscriptions towards this object will be gladly received by any of the following committee:—Messrs. F. S. Bayley, Burkin, Butler, Cockerill, W. Davies (Liverpool), Dorrington, T. Hattersley (Sheffield), Horrex, Hughes, T. Mash, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, F. W. J. Rees (Nayland, Colchester), W. D. Smith, Springall, Waghorn, jun., and Winney.

The 260th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 13th, at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate street, E.C. Further particulars will be announced later.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Tradescant road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashted, on Saturday, 16th October, 1897. The bells at St. Giles, Ashted, will be available from two o'clock, by kind permission of the rector. Tea at The Leg of Mutton, at 6 p.m. sharp. Will the local representatives kindly send to Mr. John Wyatt, of The Forge, Ashted, a note of the number of their members likely to attend the tea, to enable him to make proper arrangements.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*  
Royston, Court Road, Sutton.

**The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The twentieth annual meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 25th.

THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
314 High Street West, Sunderland.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.** The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, October 16th, at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton. The bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and also the bells at the parish church. The annual reports will be ready for this meeting, and it is hoped a representative from each tower will be present so as to secure them for their members. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names not

later than the 12th inst., at one shilling per head, to  
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**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—A special ringing meeting of this society will be held at Ossett (eight bells), on Saturday, October 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting-house—The Red Lion inn. Members and any ringers are earnestly invited.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, October 16th. Tea 1s. per head, at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present at the tea are requested to inform Mr. J. White, Ordsall, not later than Monday, October 11th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

**Lancashire Association, — Rossendale Branch.**—A meeting of this branch will take place on October 23rd, at Bury. Ringing to commence at 3.0 o'clock. Tea in the School-room at 5.30. The Rector will bear the cost of tea for those sending their names to John Dykes, 14, Argyle Street, Walmsley Road, Bury, not later than October 19th.

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

**Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, October 23rd. Further particulars next week.

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

St. Albans, 6th October, 1897.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The twentieth annual meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 25th. The Committee will meet at the Three Tuns Hotel at 12.0 noon. Divine service in the Cathedral with sermon by the Very Rev. Dr. Kitchin at 1.30. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 2.30. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' churches will be available for ringing during the day. Those intending to dine must notify the same not later than Friday, October 22nd, to

THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*  
314, High Street, Sunderland.

**The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.**—A complimentary branch meeting will be held at Burnley parish church on Saturday, October 30th, in honour of Mr. J. Pollard. A tea will be provided in the school-room for all who give notice to Mr. H. Tomlinson, 3, Alnwick Court, Westgate, Burnley, before Wednesday, October 27th. Tickets ninepence each. A hearty invitation to all ringers.

T. REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip, on Saturday, October 30th. Members who purpose attending must kindly inform the Hon. Sec. at once, so that arrangements may be made. Nearest station—Mells, on the Bristol and Frome branch of the G.W.R. Full particulars later.

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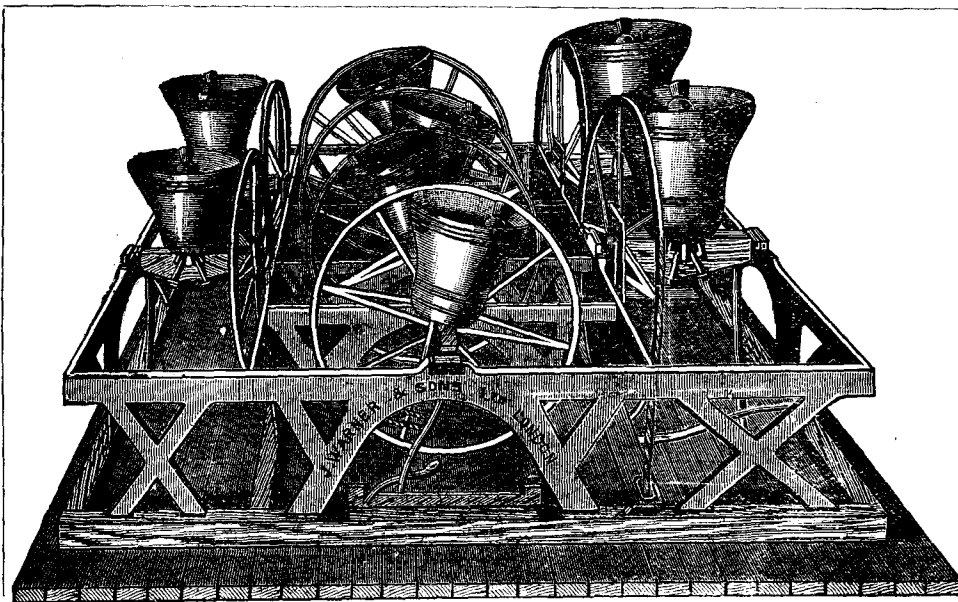
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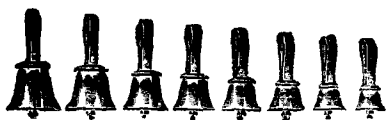
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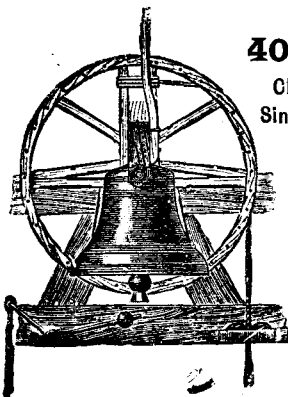
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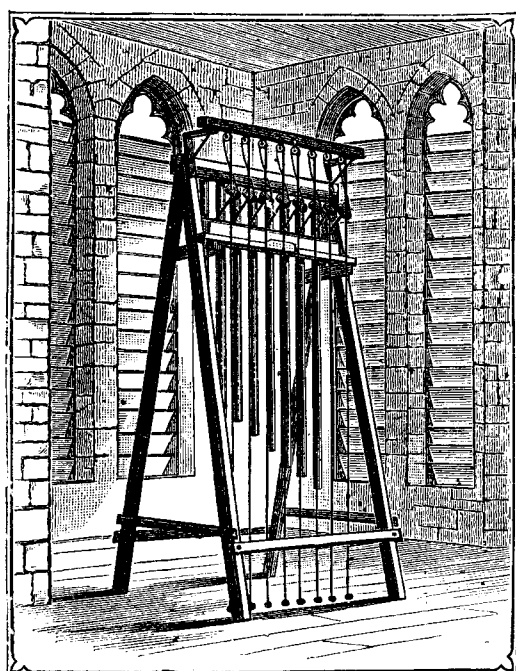
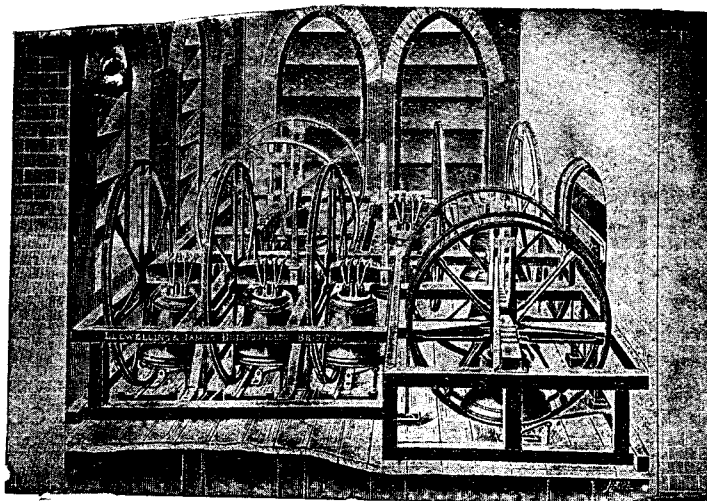
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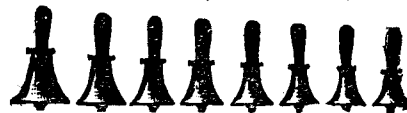
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## A RINGING TOUR IN CORNWALL.

Towards the end of 1896 the Rev. Athelstan Coode, of Cardynham, Cornwall, having restored and augmented his ring of bells, formed a project for inviting a select body of ringers to visit Cornwall during the following year, and go from tower to tower with a view of shewing the ringers of the county what real ringing was like, and if possible to arouse their interest, and endeavour to move them to better things than the round ringing in which they so wonderfully excel. In conjunction with the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild, all preliminary arrangements had just been completed, when in January last Mr. Coode was almost suddenly taken from us, the cause of change-ringing in Cornwall thereby, humanly speaking, suffering a terrible blow, exceeded only by the deep sorrow the sad news was received by his many friends. It was felt that to carry out the arrangements without our dear friend would be, to say the least, disrespectful to his memory, so a tour in Devon was proposed instead. Mrs. Coode hearing of it wrote at once, and entreated the band to go further west, saying that it would be most pleasing to her, and having the cause of ringing nearest at heart for her husband's sake, she especially desired the band to ring in Cornwall, and especially at Cardynham. In accordance with this urgent request, Mr. Kelly made arrangements, which were carried out almost to the letter: ten good men and true—not a left-hander amongst them—turned up in due course on St. David's platform at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, October 4th. Here some wonderful picnic tickets were obtained from Mr. Kelly at an absurdly small price, available for the week, enabling the holders to break the journey wherever and whenever they pleased, every one at the end of the week averring that it was the cheapest bit of travelling he had ever been enabled to do. Mr. Frank Davey, of St. Sidwell's, having wished the band a plentiful harvest of peals, the Cornish Express quickly deposited us at Devonport, where the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, Chaplain of the dockyard, was in waiting, who took us to tea at his house. The Baptist Union was holding its autumnal session at the Guildhall immediately adjacent to St. Andrew's church, where Stedman Caters was proposed; it was felt to be an uncharitable act to interfere with their deliberations, so the venue was changed to the dockyard chapel, the Chaplain having already obtained permission from Admiral Fremantle, the naval commander-in-chief. A peal of Superlative Surprise resulted, the first on the bells. We heard afterwards that the Secretary of the Winchester Guild, and another (possibly the Rev. H. C. Courtney, Master of the Bath and Wells Association, who had stated his intention of bicycling over from Minehead), were awaiting outside St. Andrew's. We had no means of making public the change of tower, and regret if they or others suffered any inconvenience or disappointment. Friends in Plymouth and Devonport put up the band for the night, an early start the following morning bringing us in due course to Bodmin Road, where a couple of carriages belonging to Mr. Edward St. Aubyn took us to the lovely mansion of Glynn, overlooking the valley of the Fowey. Here Mr. and Mrs. St. Aubyn were in waiting on the terrace to welcome the party to breakfast, after which we were sent on to Cardynham, where after a close inspection of the Cornish crosses in the churchyard, the massive oak seats in the church, a copy of a letter from King Charles to his faithful subjects in Cornwall, ordered to be preserved in all the county for ever, and many other sights of interest, a splendid peal of Double Norwich was rung, many of the band turning their thoughts towards Mr. Coode, who had hoped to do great things by introducing change-ringing into Cornwall. Good seed was evidently sown by him, for the present Vicar, who entertained us at luncheon, fired by the example of his predecessor, has taken up ringing, having round him a band of thirty young men, who ring before and after services on Sundays as well as three times a

week, expressing a desire for even more. Many ringers from the neighbourhood were in the churchyard who gave an unqualified approval to the peal. One individual asserted that his father had won so many gold and silver-laced hats in prize-ringing matches, that his kitchen was not large enough to hold them. This was one of the best-going rings we visited; Mr. Blackburn of Salisbury having been employed by the Rev. A. Coode. After lunch, what was described as "a five-mile walk with an occasional lift" (N.B.—the two patriarchs rode all the way) brought us to the county town of Bodmin, which as Carew writes in Queen Elizabeth's reign, "consisteth wholly (in a manner) of one streete, leading east and west, wel neere the space of an Easterne mile, whose south side is hidden from the sunne by an high hill, so neerely coasting it in most places, as neither can light have entrance to their stairs, nor open ayr to their other roomes. The other side is also overlooked by a great hill though somewhat farther distant." Norden goes on to say, the town "hath bene of larger receite than now it is, as appeareth by the ruyns of sundrie buyldings decayed." Having inspected these ruins and notable objects in the church, pointed out by one of the Curates, the bells were raised, and a splendid peal of Stedman tapped off, its conclusion being greeted with genuine applause by scores of ringers gathered in the churchyard. These bells are considered the most musical in the county. Mr. Gifford standing out, employed his time in interviewing the ringers who thronged the precincts, stirring up interest in the noble art, and receiving in return the valuable information that it was essential to a good peal that the tenor should be "rung square." The Rural Dean had previously sent to all ringers in his Deanery stating that their attendance was requested at a meeting, when Mr. Kelly would speak on the work of the Devon Guild, and their opinion would be asked as to the advisability of forming a similar Guild for Cornwall. A goodly number was present, and opinions freely expressed, the excellent peal proving the possibility of half-pull ringing with good striking, hitherto deemed impossible by many round ringers.

Lanhydrock House, the seat of the Right Hon. Lord Robartes, was now our destination, his Lordship's carriage taking us there, and a hearty welcome awaiting us, the local men ringing in our honour. One of the party, by no means the youngest, on being conducted to his room by one of the footmen, took it as a gentle hint that he was to go supperless to bed: this he proceeded to do, while the others waited patiently for him for dinner, till Lady Robartes instituted a search for him, and found him, if not in the arms of Morpheus, at least well on his way there. A hearty laugh greeted his appearance, renewed again and again in the smoking room, when the erring one himself joined in at peace with all men over his B. and S. and Rothschild Regalia. At 8 a.m. next morning an ancient bell said to be pre-conquest, and probably re-cast in pre-Reformation times, with an inverted inscription believed to read: "Given by Athelstan for the good of his soul," rang for service in the church hard by. Breakfast followed, with family prayers immediately after, attended by upwards of forty, the hymn, "When morning gilds the sky," being played on the beautiful two-manual organ by the Hon. Mary Vere Agar-Robartes. A peal of Superlative Surprise was then rung on the bells, the work of Taylor and Sons, everything as expected being in the most perfect order. After lunch the carriage took us to Lanlivery, where a marvellous picture of some ringers in the garb of prize-fighters, hung over a list of forty-two ringers, signed by the Vicar, greeted our eyes. Some of the local men, assisted by our coachman, raised the bells, and Mr. Kelly standing in, an excellent peal of Stedman Triples was rung, being Mr. Coleridge's 50th in the method. Mr. Houns-low held a large class of instruction in the churchyard, and aroused much interest in "Method ringing"; numberless ringers and others trooped in the church at the conclusion, one

gentleman showing his delight at the ringing in general and the "square tenor" in particular by exclaiming, "That be what I calls zummat worth hearkening onto." The local men rang rounds, and "falled and raised in peal" to perfection, Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, being responsible for the excellent hanging of the bells. The visitors thought that forty-two ringers in one parish was an unprecedented number, but to show how keenly ringing is appreciated in the West, we might mention that a St. Veep ringer, who followed us from place to place, assured us that in his village of 535 inhabitants there were no less than "sixty-eight ringers with several young ones coming on." These men are accustomed to have a sort of prize-ringing from time to time among themselves, drawing lots for sides and finishing up with a tea at the Vicarage. At Lanhydrock, a recent prize-ringing match took place, and Lanlivery won the first prize: by going into the very heart of the prize-ringing centre and showing the ringers "a more excellent way," the visitors hope they have laid the foundation for better things. A beautiful moonlight drive back to Lanhydrock, with late dinner and a couple of hours in the smoking room, where one at least regretted that he had touched the spring of the 'Tantalus' Spirit Case, necessitating the ringing up of the butler ere it could be re-opened, sent the party to bed to prepare for the morrow. A lovely drive after breakfast to the station with a genial farewell from Lord Robartes, and more cigars, saw us *en route* to St. Austell, whose lovely tower, profusely adorned with sculptured figures, mullions, tracery, etc., rang out in welcome, the bells being most skilfully manipulated by the local men; a large force from neighbouring towers being also present. A peal of Stedman was here rung, the 6th and tenor going badly, but being "rung square," hearty congratulations were forthcoming at its conclusion, Mr. Hounslow again holding school during the progress of the peal. Many sought the honour of shaking hands, among them a worthy gentleman who described himself as "a ringer for sixty years, a judge for forty, and a churchwarden for thirty, and the finest ringing I ever heard in my life!" We look to Mr. Hicks, the foreman, whose enthusiasm is only equalled by Mr. Rowe, of Bodmin, and Dr. Symons, of Penzance, to do great things for change-ringing in the West. Among others who sought to shake hands and offer his congratulations was the son of the former tenor ringer, of gigantic frame and kicking the beam at 21½ stone. Two of the Coode family provided dinner at "The White Hart," blackberries and Cornish cream, which appeared regularly three times a day, putting an effective finish on the meal. By train down the lovely scenery of the Estuary brought us to the ancient seaport of Fowey, where the Vicar gave us tea. A party of ringers raised the noble bells of St. Finbarre's in peal; ringers quickly congregated from all parts, and by the Vicar's request sat in the nave while Mr. Kelly addressed them at length on change-ringing and its cultivation by means of Guilds and Associations. "Fie on thee, Nathan! didst thou not pull off several of the bells and forthwith skedaddle?" but thou wast wise, thy mates could do nothing, ninety feet of rope, and scarce a bell which would strike correctly, an attempted course, which resulted in hideous clashing, soon proclaimed that nothing could be done, save give advice that a competent bell-hanger should forthwith be consulted, an opinion borne out by a county ringer who declared they were "the crossest bells I ever comed across," and backed up by the local hanger himself: "I knowed it couldn't be done." Even the local men could only make them play round a little above stock level, as for "call-changes" they never attempted what they knew well was impossible. Ringing being out of the question, a stroll was taken through the town to "Point Neptune," an inhabitant on the way discoursing in a learned yet pleasing manner on "Marrows and Mausoleums." Fowey is noted for many things besides its scenery. Did not the Port, formerly ranking with Plymouth and Falmouth, send out a Fleet of forty-seven ships in the reign of Edward II. ? did not four Fowey ships, manned by Fowey men and commanded by Fowey captains, engage the first four ships in the Spanish Armada? is it not recorded in history that Frenchmen divers times assailed the town? and last most notably, about Henry Vith's time (1457); the wife of Thomas Treury (Treffry) the 2nd; with her men, repelled the French out of her house in her husband's absence; whereupon Thomas Treury builded a righte faire and stronge embateled towr in his house, and embateling al the

waullles of the house in a manner made it a castelle and onto this day it is the glorie of the town building in Faweye." This mansion called "Place" (from Plas or Palace), was duly noted by the visitors hard by the church on their drive to Trenythor, the picturesque residence of the Bishop of Truro, who with Mrs. and the Misses Gott, were ready to welcome them, showing them to their rooms, those on the lower floor being known by the names of the Deaneries, and those on the upper tier being named after the lighthouses round the coast. After dinner and prayers in the private chapel, Mr. Hounslow showed his capabilities as a *siffleur*, Mr. Washbrook tapping Cinques in the key of the Leeds bells on the piano; Lieut. Gott then took most of the party to his smoking-room where a most pleasant hour or two were spent. The Bishop came down to early breakfast, and the Misses Gott took farewell of the party at the station *en route* for Truro, where Mr. A. Cornish, formerly of Cambridge University, and now of the Theological College, met the band and conducted them to Kenwyn, where after a little operation on one of the stays which had hitherto prevented the bell being set, Superlative Surprise was set going only to fail after two hours by two ropes getting entangled owing to the long draught, the only surprise about it being that one of the ringers was not hung forthwith. A 500 of Stedman, with "square tenor," having been rung to please the local men, who had been joined by Dr. Symons, of Penzance, Canon Moore invited us to lunch at his house, and afterwards went with us to the Cathedral, where a meeting was held in the Chapter House, with a view to forming a Diocesan Guild, the Bishop presiding. Speeches were made by Revs. M. Kelly (who will again, by invitation, bring the matter forward at the Diocesan Conference), by the Archdeacon of Bodmin, the Rev. J. H. Kempe (formerly secretary to the Devon Guild), the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon Donaldson and Dr. Symonds, the Bishop publicly thanking the visiting band of ringers for their efforts in disseminating a knowledge of the art of change-ringing. A hurried view of the beautiful Cathedral so far as completed was then taken and the return journey commenced to Plymouth, where a short touch on St. Andrew's was contemplated, choir practice at 8 p.m. interfering with anything longer. A few courses of Stedman Caters were rung on this truly noble ring of ten, the tenor man having had quite enough of it. A similar state of things prevails at Totnes, where a peal was contemplated on the following morning; an attempt was duly made, but the seventh and tenor of this grand ring were so evidently unpealable that the attempt was abandoned after forty-five minutes of hard labour.

It was hoped that the non-success of the three last attempts would be compensated by a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Sidwell's, Exeter; five local men assisted the five visitors who were able to remain, but this too was doomed to failure after 2 hours' ringing, the seven front bells being perfectly inaudible to strangers unaccustomed to the belfry.

Thus ends the record of "a tour in Cornwall." Brilliant success attended the six first attempts at peals; dismal failure the last four, through no fault of the ringers themselves. It only remains to thank most warmly those numberless friends who made the tour such an enjoyable one; the generous friends who entertained us, the clergy who so kindly welcomed us to their towers, the Rev. M. Kelly, who worked so hard in making the necessary arrangements, and last but by no means least, the warm-hearted, enthusiastic ringers of Cornwall who gave such a welcome as has never before been extended to ringers in any part of the kingdom, who showed in almost every tower their skill in "rising and falling" the bells, a skill which we hope and trust will in the future be extended to the practice of change-ringing proper, after the example set them by their visiting brethren, the practice of the art in the county of Cornwall, the truest and best, most lasting and permanent memorial of our dear friend, the Rev. Athelstan Coode.

C.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Dunstable on Saturday, October 2nd, which the writer is sorry to say was very poorly attended. It is the usual custom, when writing out reports of meetings for "THE BELL NEWS," to mention those towers represented, but in this case I must mention companies, supposed to be in union with the Association, who were conspicuous by

their absence, not being represented by a single member! They were: Woburn (where change-ringing is supposed to be in a flourishing state, and within five miles), Dunstable (not one member shewed up), Aspley Guise, Sandy, Biddenham, Kempston, Turvey, Sharnbrook, St. Peter's Bedford—in fact St. Paul's Bedford was the only tower represented; and I am very pleased to say that twelve members good and true to the cause we have at heart, with the Hon. Secretary (Rev. W. W. C. Baker) attended the meeting. The excuse made by one company was that they did not know of the meeting. They were asked if they had not seen it announced in our paper, and the answer was that they did not take "THE BELL NEWS!" Fancy a band of six-bell ringers, who are very well up in several Minor methods, not taking in the ringers' organ! I am sorry to say that a great deal of apathy has been shewn to the Association for some time by some of its members. If they have any grievance to be remedied, the most manly way would be to attend the Association meetings, and have it discussed and settled. How many addresses have these absentees listened to at annual meetings when the preacher has touched upon forbearance? I am afraid they have profited by it but very little. One of the secrets of keeping a good band together is to bear and forbear one with another. At St. Paul's, Bedford, we have an excellent band of about fourteen, most of them young men, and at the present time all united as one.

The Priory Church of Dunstable contains the best peal of eight in the county, and the following well-struck touches were rung upon them, 504 Stedman Triples: S. Cullip, C. Chasty, C. W. Clarke (conductor), Rev. W. W. C. Baker, J. Hills, C. Lilley, W. Shimmans, F. Keech. 419 Grandsire Triples: W. G. A. Tiley, W. Barker, E. Tingey, E. Lilley, C. W. Clarke (conductor), F. Keech, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, J. Impey. 228 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Tingey, W. Barker (conductor), S. Cullip, E. Lilley, I. Hills, C. Chasty, W. Shimmans, F. Hull. 168 Stedman Triples: E. Lilley, W. Barker, S. Cullip, F. Hull, I. Hills, W. Shimmans (conductor), C. Chasty, E. Tingey. 416 Double Norwich Court: E. Tingey, W. Barker, I. Hills, E. Lilley, C. Chasty, W. Shimmans, F. Hull, C. W. Clarke (conductor). Also 240 Bob Major and 336 Double Norwich, with the Rev. W. W. C. Baker ringing the treble. Leads of Triples were also rang with E. Franklin, J. Impey and several other local ringers taking part.

After ringing, a short business meeting was held in the belfry, when it was proposed and carried that the next meeting should be held at Sandy; one hon. member was also proposed by I. Hills—the Rev. B. R. Airy, vicar of St. John's, Torquay, carried with acclamation.  
J. HILLS (Assistant Secretary).

#### KEYSOE, HUNTS.

THE RESTORED CHURCH BELLS.—Thursday, September 30th, was a very important day for the village of Keysoe. The bells of the parish church have just been re-hung, and two of them recast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the dedication service was held on the day above-named. The church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion, and was crowded with a very attentive congregation. An eloquent and most impressive sermon was preached from 1 Cor. xiv. 19, by the Rev. B. A. Airy, vicar of St. John's, Torquay. A touch was rung in the middle of the service, the vicar himself taking one of the ropes. At the close of the service, which was choral, and rendered in a most effective manner, a tea was held in the vicarage grounds. Some ladies in the village, and some from the neighbouring villages (the latter including Mrs. Campion, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Shore, Miss Murfin and Miss Claridge), very kindly supplied the tables with all that was requisite in the way of cakes, bread and butter, etc., whilst Mr. W. J. Graves, of Bedford, gave all the tea that was required. The money realised by the sale of the tickets was therefore all clear gain to the church bells fund. The tea was pronounced by all to be one of the best ever given in the village. After tea, the vicar (the Rev. J. H. Banham) gave an account of the financial state of the bells fund. An anonymous donor had given the munificent gift of £100, and about £90 besides had been raised by the liberality of the villagers and other friends outside. The vicar and churchwardens will be very grateful for any further contributions towards the deficiency, which is about £60. After Mr. Banham had thanked all for their liberal help, Mr. Airy addressed the

company. Being the son of the late respected Vicar (the Rev. W. Airy), and a native of Keysoe, his speech was looked forward to with special pleasure. It was full of interesting reminiscences of by-gone days, and contained references to various events that happened thirty and forty years ago and more, which were, however, fresh in the memories of the older portion of his audience. It was particularly interesting and was received with rounds of applause. The sermon, the speech, the tea, will never be forgotten by those who had the privilege of being present. Amongst the clergy who were there, we noticed the Rev. H. G. Watson (Great Staughton), the Rev. G. L. Sharland (Stowe), the Rev. R. K. Vinten (Kimbolton), the Rev. A. G. Bibby (Kimbolton). On Sunday the harvest thanksgiving services were held, and in the evening an impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Kater Vinter, vicar of Kimbolton, from Ex. xxviii. 34, 35. The church was crowded, and the choral service well-rendered by the Keysoe church choir. The collection and tea realised about £18.

In the evening five members of the St. Paul's company went over and met Mr. J. Foote, of Little Haughton, a former member of St. Paul's, and rang some good 120s of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles and Stedman, with T. Foote taking part. Also Bob Singles with the Rev. W. Airey ringing the tenor, to the great delight of a great number of the parishioners. After ringing, the vicar, the Rev. J. H. Banham, very kindly invited us to the vicarage to partake of supper. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for his very kind and generous hospitality.  
H.

#### BRADFORD, YORKS.

On Tuesday evening, October 5th, the Royal Criterion Handbell Ringers and Glee Singers—"Messrs. Harry Tipper (conductor), Ryall, Belton and James, with Miss Tipper as accompanist—paid their first visit to Bradford, and in the Lecture Hall of the Mechanics' Institute gave several meritorious performances on their splendid peal of 145 bells (cast by Mears and Stainbank). Amongst the selections given were "Marche aux Flambeaux," "La Charme Gavotte," Dorothy Waltz (by E. Cooke), Harmonious Blacksmith, an operatic selection, a national of English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh airs, and imitations of village chimes. Upon a peal of twenty-five solo bells Mr. Tipper, accompanied on the piano by Miss Tipper, gave "The Dear Homeland," and in response to an encore replied with "The gates of the West." Mr. Ryall (alto) sang "Thou art so near" (by Reichardt), and Mr. James (tenor) "Come into the garden, Maude" (Balfe). The part-songs comprised "By Celia's Arbour," "Ye Catte," "Crows in a Cornfield," "A Catastrophe," "In Absence," and a plantation melody "The old folks at home." There was a large audience, who signified their approval of the performance by a hearty applause.

#### Ringers' Outings.

THE GORING SOCIETY.—On Saturday, October 9th, the members of this society visited the village of Cholsey, and by kind permission had a long evening's practice on the bells of the parish church, and as the arrangements left nothing to be desired, every one was quite satisfied at what was done. All meeting at Goring station, the five o'clock train soon conveyed us to our destination, and one of the local ringers meeting us, we were soon at the belfry, and rising the bells in peal a 360 of Bob Minor was brought round without a hitch of any kind. As we wanted to hear the bells in various methods, 360s was all that were attempted, a 360 each of Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, 180 of Grandsire Minor, and 120 Grandsire Doubles being brought round. After having a busy evening we made our way back to The Swan for a little refreshment and a chat with the local ringers, who gave us a hearty welcome and informed us that the bells had not been rung by any band of ringers ringing by method since this company visited it a long time ago, which is a pity, as the bells, which were rehung some few years ago by Mears and Stainbank, go very well. The visitors were Messrs. A. Spokes, J. Wedge, J. Bower, J. Alexander, G. Wilson (conductor), W. Aldridge, C. Tidbury, and J. Parsons.

## HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AND HARVEST FESTIVAL.

On Sunday, October 3rd, a service, a parallel to which perhaps has never been held within the memory of any parishioner took place in the beautiful church of this large parish, the occasion being the dedication of two treble bells and the harvest festival. At a meeting of the parishioners held some time ago it was resolved, as a permanent memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, to increase the number of bells at the Parish Church from six to eight. The necessary funds were forthcoming, and the resolution was put into effect. The order was placed in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., with the result that two extra bells have recently been placed in the tower. Immediately after the anthem had been sung at the morning service the clergy, choir, and churchwardens proceeded to the foot of the tower, where the Rev. J. H. Way, vicar, made the following introductory remarks: "Brethren,—as a thank-offering to Almighty God for the blessings to the church and nation which have marked Queen Victoria's long and glorious reign, two new bells, cast out of the purest metal, have been added to the six already in the church tower. They have been carefully tuned and equipped with necessary fittings by Messrs. Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, and a brass plate with the following inscription is being engraved, and will be placed upon the walls of this tower to commemorate the event:—Bells 1 and 2 were hung in this tower, and dedicated in the name of the Most Holy Trinity to the service of this church, October 3, 1897. Let them be to The Praise of God, and for a remembrance of Victoria R. I." All the people shouted God save the Queen! The old six bells were cast at Chepstow, in 1717, by Evans and Evans. On these bells are the following inscriptions:—1.—Prosperity to those who love good bells; 2.—God preserve our benefactors; 3.—Peace and good neighbourhood; 4.—John Jayne, John Hancock, churchwardens; 5.—The Hon. Edward Southwell; 6.—Lord and Lady de Walden.

A short service was then held and the bells were formerly dedicated to the service of the Church. The ringers then rang a few rounds on the eight bells, after which an appropriate hymn was sung, and the morning service proceeded with. The preacher in the morning was the Right Reverend Bishop Cheetam, D.D., late of Sierra Leone, who delivered a most impressive sermon, which was greatly appreciated by the ringers present. He spoke of the important part which ringers take in connection with the church, classing them as church workers; he was glad to say ringing and belfry reform had improved of late years more than in days gone by. It will be something for the parishioners to remember as a Jubilee memorial as well as the duty they should perform when they have the bells calling them to the House of Prayer.

In the evening after service a short touch of Stedman Triples and a touch of Kent Treble Bob was rang by the St. Stephen's Guild from Bristol. F. Ellis, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; W. Knight, 3; W. Cave, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5; \*J. Gould, 6; F. Price, 7; J. Hinton, 8. And a short touch of Grandsire Triples with \*C. H. Edwards, 1; and \*G. Martin, 8; conducted by J. Hinton. Everyone was well pleased with the tone and "go" of the bells. \*Local men. J. G.

## MR. GEORGE RUSSELL, OF CROYDON.

Mr. Charles Dean, Hon. Secretary of the Surrey Association, sends the following:—

"Dear Sir,—At the usual weekly practice at Beddington, held on the evening of the 7th instant. Mr. George Russell, of Croydon, rang in two touches of Stedman Caters—219 and 327. As Mr. Russell is in his 88th year, it would be interesting to know whether any of your readers are acquainted with any other active ringer who has attained such an age. I might also mention that Mr. Russell attempted to call a touch of Stedman Triples, although this was not brought round."

We are very pleased to hear that our old friend is in such good health; we hope he will be able to respond to a call for "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower" when we again meet him.

GENTLEMEN'S Curb Alberts. Heavily Plated with Pure Gold. Guaranteed 18 carat, 4s. 6d., 22, 5s. 6d., Double, 7s. 6d. and 8s. 6d. Member of Norwich Diocesan Association.—SKINNER, 3, Mayes Terrace, East Dereham.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The September meeting of this society was held at Bramley, on the 25th inst. A peal was successfully rung by a mixed band representing four churches connected with the society, particulars of which have previously appeared. A business meeting followed at "The Cardigan Arms," the president, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, presiding. The minutes of previous meeting were passed and read, proposed by Mr. M. Broadbent (Armley), seconded by Mr. J. Brown (Bramley). A resolution, next proposed by Mr. G. Bolland (Tong), seconded by Mr. M. Broadbent (Armley), to hold a special ringing meeting of the society at Ossett, on October 16th, was unanimously carried. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens and local company for use of bells, etc. was proposed by Mr. G. Bolland, who in doing so alluded to the clean and neat appearance of the ringing-chamber, which has just undergone a thorough renovation. This was seconded by Mr. J. Haley (of Tong), who complimented all concerned in bringing about such an improvement. The resolution was carried with applause. Mr. Holgate, in responding, returned thanks for the kind expressions accompanying the vote of thanks. He thanked all present for the numerous attendance; and at all times he would be much pleased to receive on his own behalf and brother ringers of Bramley, any ringers who might favour them with a visit. The peal arrangement was left in the hands of Mr. F. Hargraves for next meeting. The usual vote of thanks to the chair concluded. Touches of Oxford followed on tower bells; and handbell ringing at the meeting house in Oxford Minor, Grandsire Triples, Major and Royal up to 10 p.m. The following towers were represented: Armley, Rothwell, Tong, Holbeck, Pudsey, and St. Michael's, Headingley.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A special ringing meeting of the above association was held at Alfreton, on Saturday, October 9th, 1897, ringers being present from the following towers: Alfreton, Clay Cross, Horsley, South Normanton, Ripley, North Wingfield, Tibshelf and Wingerworth. Through the generosity of the President, the members were invited to a tea at The George hotel. At 5 p.m., thirty-nine members sat down and did ample justice to the ham, tongue, beef, etc. After tea the secretary read a letter from the Rector of Morton, expressing regret that his ringers could not see their way clear to remain as members of the Association. It was unanimously carried that the December meeting be held at Ripley. The Vicar of Alfreton was also heartily thanked for the use of the bells during the day. The Secretary proposed and Mr. F. Hill seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Mr. Morgan (president), for the splendid tea, which was carried with enthusiasm and loud applause. The rev. gentleman replied in very suitable terms, expressing a wish that yet the jubilee bell might come as proposed early in the year. But funds came in very slowly. The meeting over, the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till just after 8 p.m., when a 720 was started for, but alas, crash came No. 5 into the pit, through the gudgeon breaking, this of course brought ringing to an abrupt finish. It is to be hoped the Vicar and Churchwardens of Alfreton will be able to soon get the bell up again, as these are now a very handy ring of six, and are yet waiting for the first 720 to be rang on them. T. A.

## LATE NOTICE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

There will be a Quarterly Meeting at Andover on Monday, October 25th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Meeting at 4.0. Tea at 5.0 in the parish room for those informing me before October 22nd.

Hursley, Winchester. CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, October 2nd, at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) W. Halls, 1; G. Pearl, 2; W. H. Doran, 3; I. Dear, 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. This 720 was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of September 25th. Messrs. Halls, Dear and Dale hail from Hornchurch; the rest belong to West Ham.

## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—At a meeting held at the new head-quarters, The Coffee-Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on September 21st, it was resolved that a testimonial be presented to Mr. Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the good work he has done towards the advancement of change-ringing during the past fifty years. Subscriptions towards this object will be gladly received by any of the following committee:—Messrs. F. S. Bayley, Burkin, Butler, Cockerill, W. Davies (Liverpool), Dorrington, T. Hattersley (Sheffield), Horrex, Hughes, T. Mash, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, F. W. J. Rees (Nayland, Colchester), W. D. Smith, Springall, Waghorn, jun., and Winney.

The 260th anniversary dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate street, E.C., on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Burkin, W.H.L. Buckingham, Butler, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, T. Mash, McLaughlin, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Springall, Weatherstone, Winney, or W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Tradescant road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashtead, to-day, Saturday, 16th October, 1897. The bells at St Giles, Ashtead, will be available from two o'clock, by kind permission of the rector. Tea at The Leg of Mutton, at 6 p.m. sharp. Will the local representatives kindly send to Mr. John Wyatt, of The Forge, Ashtead, a note of the number of their members likely to attend the tea, to enable him to make proper arrangements. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Royston, Court Road, Sutton.

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.** The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, October 16th, at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton. The bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and also the bells at the parish church. The annual reports will be ready for this meeting, and it is hoped a representative from each tower will be present so as to secure them for their members.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—A special ringing meeting of this society will be held at Ossett (eight bells), to-day, Saturday, October 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting-house—The Red Lion inn. Members and any ringers are earnestly invited.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall to-day, Saturday, October 16th. Tea 1s. per head, at 5 p.m.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

**St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of this branch will take place on October 23rd, at Bury. Ringing to commence at 3.0 o'clock. Tea in the School-room at 5.30. The Rector will bear the cost of tea for those sending their names to John Dykes, 14, Argyle Street, Walmersly Road, Bury, not later than October 19th.

Helmshore. J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

**Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, October 23rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m.; tea at 5.30; business meeting to follow. All members and visitors intending to be present are particularly requested to so inform me not later than Tuesday, October 19th, in order that arrangements may be made for tea, etc. Members travelling by rail are asked to state station they will book from.

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

St. Albans, 6th October, 1897.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Slough, on Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing from 2 p.m. Evenson at 5; preacher, Rev. H. C. Wilder. Tea, 9d. per head, at 5.30, in Church Room. Apply to T. P. FIELD, Esq., *Hon. Sec.*

17, Upton Park, Slough.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Bartholomew's church, Westhoughton, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7. All ringers invited to attend.

HENRY MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

149, Clarence Street, Bolton.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The twentieth annual meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 25th. The Committee will meet at the Three Tuns Hotel at 12.0 noon. Divine service in the Cathedral with sermon by the Very Rev. Dr. Kitchen at 1.30. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 2.30. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' churches will be available for ringing during the day. Those intending to dine must notify the same not later than Friday, October 22nd, to

THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*

314, High Street, Sunderland.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A complimentary branch meeting will be held at Burnley parish church on Saturday, October 30th, in honour of Mr. J. Pollard. A tea will be provided in the school-room for all who give notice to Mr. H. Tomlinson, 3, Alnwick Court, Westgate, Burnley, before Wednesday, October 27th. Tickets ninepence each. A hearty invitation to all ringers.

T. REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip, on Saturday, October 30th. Members who purpose attending must kindly inform the Hon. Sec. at once, so that arrangements may be made. Nearest station—Mells, on the Bristol and Frome branch of the G.W.R. Full particulars later.

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

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above society will be held at Oldham Parish church, on Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready at 4; meeting at 5.

S. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

57, Alexandra Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Nuneaton, on Saturday, October 30th. Full particulars in next week's issue.

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

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chailey, on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open from 4 to 9 p.m. A kind invitation to tea at the rectory has been given to the members by the Rector of Chailey. It is hoped as many as possible will attend so as to encourage our six-bell bands.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, November 6th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. A tea will be provided for those who send in their names to the secretary not later than Wednesday, November 3rd. Railway allowances, half-fares up to 2s. will be allowed and paid out at 5.30 p.m., in the church room adjoining the church. Tea at 6 p.m. sharp, to be followed by a business meeting. A short service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m., and an address will be given by the Rev. R. W. Atkinson, Vicar of St. John's.

W. BEDWELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

13, Ladywell Road, Lewisham, S.E.

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## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT DEBENHAM.**—Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble for the way he rang his bell, it being his first peal and first attempt, age 14 years. It was also W. Groom's fourth peal (three of Bob Major and one of Oxford Treble Bob), age 16 years, and ninth peal by the ringer of the 3rd (four of Bob Major, three of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Grandsire Triples and one of Plain Bob Minor), age 16 years. First peal by the ringer of the 5th, age 15 years. Messrs. Perry and Thurlow hail from Framsdon, the others belong to the local company.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1897.

THE ringing tour in Cornwall, by a select company of the Devonshire Guild, was certainly a success, though not so complete as was hoped for. The chief object was to arouse the interest of Cornishmen in half-pull ringing, and in doing so to place before them the great advantages of such ringing over that to which they have so long been accustomed. The visitors really endeavoured to carry out their mission effectively. Quite a novel mode of gaining notoriety was practised, and whoever suggested it is obviously worthy of praise. While ringing was going on in the several towers, one or other of the party addressed a meeting of local ringers and others in the churchyard upon the beauties of practical change-ringing, and the desirability of maintaining a strong and lasting connection with a county organization. Our friends, who for the nonce became public speakers, no doubt felt for a time the novelty of their position. But we may naturally assume that any diffidence they may have felt in the

circumstances soon vanished, from the ardour which permeated them. We hope, and shall believe that the value of this mode of propagating a knowledge of what real ringing is, will soon be apparent.

But there is one melancholy feature in connection with this affair. One who doubtless would have been the life and soul of the enterprise for ringing extension in Cornwall, was called away at the initial part of the proceedings. Man proposes; God disposes. An appropriate souvenir of this Cornwall campaign would be a tangible record to the memory of him who conceived it.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ERITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH TOWN* .. .. Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 2.	JOHN HACK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 7.
THOMAS P. RICHARDS† .. 4.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal on eight bells away from tenor. †First peal on eight bells. Messrs. Town and Richards, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Beckenham and Penge.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	*JOHN HACK .. .. 6.
FREDERICK PERRIN .. .. 2.	*CHARLES S. BURDEN .. 7.
ERNEST HOLT NIXON* .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 8.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 9.
GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 5.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal on ten bells.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 9, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS .. 5.
FRANK BUCK .. .. 2.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 3.	ERNEST BECKWITH .. 7.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

Messrs. Beckwith and Elliott, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Coggeshall, Essex. This is W. J. Sorrell's fiftieth peal.

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

On Monday, October 11, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LANGFORD .. .. Treble.	WALTER J. SORRELL .. 5.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS .. 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

### The Provinces.

#### MORTIMER BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY COX* .. .. Treble.	*WALTER JERRAM .. .. 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BALLARD* .. .. 3.	*KENNETH MASON .. .. 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES, JUN. .. 4.	*FREDERICK EATWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal. Messrs. Hopgood, Newell and Reeves hail from Reading; the rest belong to the local company, to whom some amount of credit is due for their perseverance in mastering the art of change-ringing, as it is only a little over a year since they began learning the method. No doubt they will soon be able to accomplish a peal with their own band, as they have already rang quarter-peals, and Mr. K. Mason is most anxious to take up the calling. We wish them success.

#### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SEDLY COLLINS .. .. Treble.	JAMES RUMSEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GROOM .. .. 2.	GEORGE PERRY .. .. 6.
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. 3.	WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON and

Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

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

#### DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE MOTTASHAW .. Treble.	CHARLES DRAPER .. .. 5.
CHARLES DOWELL .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON .. .. 3.	CHARLES HART .. .. 7.
SAMUEL MASKREY .. .. 4.	GEORGE WHEELDON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. Wm. Shardlow, to whom reference is made on another page.

#### NORTH SHIELDS.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER HUNT* .. .. Treble.	*ANDREW TULLY .. .. 5.
JOSEPH BROWELL* .. .. 2.	HARRY ROSS .. .. 6.
JOHN ROSSITER .. .. 3.	JOEL HERN .. .. 7.
THOMAS HUDSON, SEN. .. 4.	†FRED. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE and

Conducted by FRED. J. HARRISON.

\*First peal of Bob Major. †First peal of Bob Major as conductor. Messrs. Hudson and Harrison hail from Sunderland and Jarrow respectively; the rest belong to North Shields. Messrs. Hunt and Ross were elected members previous to starting.

#### CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY BROOKER .. .. Treble.	EDWARD MATHEWS .. .. 5.
ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. 2.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. 6.
ALFRED TRAPPITT* .. .. 3.	FRANK HOLDER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BULFITT* .. .. 4.	JAMES WIGNELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Bance, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, October 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 5.
NOAH DAVIS .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 3.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 7.
ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Tenor.

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

## STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ANTHONY TRIGG* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PURVIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 2.	GEORGE DOUGHTY .. .. 6.
EDWARD READER .. .. 3.	ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 7.
HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 4.	JOHN YATES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by E. READER.

The first peal in the method on the bells. \*First peal. †First peal in the method  
†First peal on eight bells.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Thursday, October 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF ANNABLE'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED. SUMNER* .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 3.	*WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT* .. 4.	†JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. PRITCHETT.

\*First peal of Double Norwich. †First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.  
First peal of Double Norwich rung at King's Norton by a local band, and rung at  
the first attempt.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 7, 1897, in Two Hours Forty-three and a ½-Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE PINCOTT .. .. 5.
JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. 2.	PETER NUTTALL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FARNWORTH .. 3.	HENRY MOSS .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. RUSHTON .. 4.	J. MAKING .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by PETER INCE.

## BURNLEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN ROWE WERRING .. Treble.	RICHARD ASHWORTH .. 5.
FREDERICK TOWNS .. 2.	JAS. BROGDEN TAYLOR .. 6.
JOHN WILLIAM STIRK .. 3.	*EDWIN TIMBRELL .. .. 7.
WILLIAM TIMBRELL* .. 4.	TOM REDMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

\*First peal of Major and first attempt. J. B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot; the  
brothers Timbrell from Chipping.

## ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, October 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JOHN RENNIE, 55, STRETTON ROAD, ASTON,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5328 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 1-2.	ROBERT J. HUNT .. .. 5-6.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 3-4.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. 7-8.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and  
Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.This peal contains seventy-two courses with 238 bobs and 2 singles, having a 7,6,8,9,  
and 6,7,8,9, at back-stroke alternately throughout the peal, and is the first short-  
course peal ever rung upon handbells and the longest yet rung in the method, also  
the first of Stedman Caterers on handbells by the Guild.Referee—Thomas Wakeman, who had a copy of the peal, and ticked off every call  
and course-end as they were rung.

## BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN MASON .. .. Treble.	OLIVER JAMES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	HENRY MARTIN .. .. 7.
GEORGE HAYWARD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM PAGE .. .. 8.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 4.	GEORGE BOURNE .. .. 9.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 5.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal by all except Messrs. Short, Barber and Pritchett  
The last peal of Treble Bob Royal recorded on these bells was rung on August 18th,  
1817, in the Oxford variation. This peal is now rang for the first time, and appeared  
in "THE BELL NEWS," May 22nd, 1897.

## FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER PERKINS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 5.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 2.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 6.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 4.	†JOHN PACKWOOD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

†First peal. This is the first peal on the bells. Messrs. Garratt, Pettitt and  
Houghton hail from Irthlingborough; Hensher from Wellingborough; Martin  
from Higham Ferrers; Clarke from Bedford; the rest are local men.

## CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

PHILIP ALLFREY .. .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAW .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal of Major on this grand ring of bells. J. S. Goldsmith hails from Lewes,  
the rest from Brighton.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 9, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. Treble.	HENRY TUCKER .. .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. 6.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 3.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 7.
GEORGE BODDINGTON .. 4.	MAURICE STEER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

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

On Saturday, October 9, 1897, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT C. MAYO* .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. REEVES .. .. 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 2.	†ARTHUR W. HIGGS .. .. 6.
JOHN TUCKER .. .. 3.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 7.
CHARLES GILES .. .. 4.	ERNEST BRUCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. REEVES.

R. Mayo hails from Wantage; the rest from Reading. \*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

## SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 10, 1897, in Three Hours Twenty-three-and-a-½-Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

ROBERT CHRISTIAN* .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. .. 6.
RICHARD LANE .. .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 7.
WILLIAM A. TYLER .. .. 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal in the method, and hails from Great Yarmouth. First peal in the method on the bells.

## MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD .. .. Treble.	*SAMUEL STOTT .. .. 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 2.	EDWARD CASH .. .. 7.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 8.
ALFRED CROSS .. .. 4.	*SIDNEY LAWRENCE .. .. 9.
JOHN EACHUS .. .. 5.	*RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

\*First peal of Royal. S. Wood hails from Ashton; Turner, Cross, and Chapman from Pendleton; Brown and Eachus from Manchester; Stott from Oldham; Cash from Swinton; Lawrence from London; Ridyard from Worsley.

## MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 11, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT ALCOCK* .. .. Treble.	RICHARD FENWICK .. .. 5.
JOHN H. JONES .. .. 2.	THOMAS METCALFE .. .. 6.
FRED P. HOWCROFT .. .. 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. .. 7.
CHARLES HALL .. .. 4.	*ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

\*First peal in the method.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

This peal was rang on the 100th anniversary of the opening of the bells. A note to it will be found elsewhere.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX,

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 12th, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. Treble.	*HENRY JONES .. .. 5.
ALFRED TURNER .. .. 2.	KEITH HART .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 4.	JOHN F. STEADMAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

First peal of Stedman as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. J. Turner, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. H. Jones hails from Ringmer; F. Bennett, G. Williams and K. Hart from Brighton. rest belong to the local band.

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

On Tuesday, October 12, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH EDWARDS* .. .. Treble.	*JAMES WALLIS .. .. 5.
EDWARD DUNK .. .. 2.	*THOMAS WALLIS .. .. 6.
RICHARD JENNER* .. .. 3.	†JOHN PRESTON .. .. 7.
JAMES HEASMAN* .. .. 4.	JOHN MAYLAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN PRESTON.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First in the method as conductor. E. Dunk hails from Westerham; the rest belong to the local band.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 12, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THOMAS START* .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. .. 6.
ROBERT CHRISTIAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM A. TYLER .. .. 7.
RICHARD LANE .. .. 3.	*JOHN H. GRUNDY .. .. 8.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 9.
SAMUEL SMITH .. .. 5.	JOHN SMITH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

\*First peal of Caters. R. Christian hails from Great Yarmouth; Start from Shepshed; the remainder belong to Loughborough.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDK. J. GLENNERSTER .. Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 5.
CHARLES GEORGE .. .. 2.	HERBERT MARTIN .. .. 6.
WILLIAM NORRIS .. .. 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 7.
WALTER NORRIS .. .. 4.	*JAMES SCOTT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

\*First peal.

## THE DOCKYARD, DEVONPORT.—DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE DOCKYARD CHAPEL,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. 5.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 6.
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. .. 7.
ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Major on the bells.

**BODMIN, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.***On Tuesday, October 5, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,

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

THURSTANS' CONVERTED INTO A FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. 5.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
ALFRED PITSTOW .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal on the bells and first peal in the method in the county.

**CARDYNHAM, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.***On Tuesday, October 5, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEUBREDIUS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. in F.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	ALFRED PITSTOW .. 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Major in Cornwall.

**LANLIVERY, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.***On Wednesday, October 6, 1897, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BREVITA,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

REV. M. KELLY .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 6.
ALFRED PITSTOW .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. 4.	*REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal on the bells. \*50th peal of Stedman Triples.

**LANHYDROCK, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.***On Wednesday, October 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYDEROCK,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	ALFRED PITSTOW .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal on the bells, and first peal in the method in the county.

**ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.***On Thursday, October 7, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. 5.
ALFRED PITSTOW .. 2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the first peal on the bells.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal of Double Norwich rung at Irthingborough, Northants, and recorded last week, it should have stated that Mr. G. Dent hails from Harlow, Essex.

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**Date Touches.****LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.**

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On October 4th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1897 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. The ringers of the 4th and 5th hail from Oswaldtwistle, and it is their longest touch of Major.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, at Christ Church, being the Harvest Festival, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins., in the following methods: 97 Woodbine and 600 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, and College Pleasure. J. Hey (longest length), 1; Joe Thackray, 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

**Miscellaneous.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

SWINDON.—On Saturday, October 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 1 hr. and 30 mins. a sudden collapse occurred. T. Laurence, 1; G. Brown, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; T. Robinson, 4; C. Gardner, 5; E. Bishop, 6; O. W. Layng, 7; H. Roberts (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. T. Ricketts, 1; G. Brown, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Robinson, 4; J. H. Shepherd, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6; H. Roberts, 7; C. Gardner, 8.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

OLNEY (Bucks).—On September 30th, at St. Laurence's church, Weston Underwood, 720 Bob Minor. F. Hopper, 1; T. Wright, 2; W. Wright, 3; W. Freeman, 4; R. Raban, 5; R. D. Perkins (conductor), 6.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, September 26th, 640 Treble Bob Major. W. Pollard, 1; G. Smithers, 2; H. Card, 3; G. Head, 4; H. Porter, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; S. Perkins, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 3rd, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Pollard, 1; A. Welsh, 2; H. Card, 3; G. Head, 4; G. Smithers, 5; H. Porter, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

BEARSTED.—On Saturday, October 2nd, the Boxley Band visited Bearsted and rang 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. S. Jeffery, 1; W. Holmwood, 2; A. Arnold, 3; W. Hope, 4; W. Kilpatrick, 5; G. Pound (conductor), 6.

BOXLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. R. Arnold, 1; A. Arnold, 2; W. Holmwood, 3; W. Hope, 4; W. Kilpatrick, 5; G. Pound (conductor), 6. R. Arnold is an old member of the band, and this is his first 720 of Minor, and was rung at the first attempt.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

PORTSEA (Hants).—Practice night every Monday till further notice. On September 27th, at St. Mary's church, 210 Grandsire Triples. Rev. A. R. Warburton (first 200), 1; C. Groves, 2; P. Hannam, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; A. Pye, 6; E. Newman (conductor), 7; — Ingram, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. Newman, 6; A. Pye (conductor), 7; J. Webb, 8.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 3rd, it being the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung for Divine Service in the morning. T. Ansell, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. For evening service 360 Oxford Treble Bob, standing in the same order as above.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 5th, 720 Duke of York. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. Booth, 6. On Thursday, September 9th, 720 Violet. F. Spence, 1; H. Moston, 2; W. Brammer (first in the method), 3; S. Horsfall, 4; T. Burrows, 5; R. Lewis (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 12th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Astbury (Flixton), 1; R. Lewis, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; P. Hamblett (Daresbury), 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Tuesday, September 14th, 720 Kent. J. Ashcroft, 1; T. Burrows, 2; S.



Horsfall, 3; H. Moston, 4; R. Lewis (conductor), 5; F. Spence, 6. On Sunday, September 19th, 720 Merchants' Return. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. Also 720 College Pleasure. H. Moston, 2; R. Lewis, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Tuesday, September 21st, 720 College Exercise. H. Moston, 1; S. Horsfall, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Lewis, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Friday, September 24th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure and Violet. H. Moston, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. On Sunday, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 each of London and New London Pleasure, standing as before.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIDLINGTON (Oxon).—On Sunday, October 3rd, for evening service 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Webb, 1; W. Bennett, 2; F. Exon, 3; J. Clinhard, 4; J. Matthews, 5; E. Hims (conductor), 6; H. Judge, 7; J. Franklin, 8. Messrs. Hims, Exon and Clinhard hail from Oxford; the rest are local men. These bells, originally a peal of six, have been augmented to eight, and rehung in a wrought iron frame by Messrs. Webb and Bennett. The casting was executed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The result is a most excellent ring of eight bells in good going order, and must certainly add to the reputation of the firms employed. Any band of ringers wishing to try this peal should write to Mr. H. Judge, Kidlington, who says he would be very pleased to welcome them and make any arrangements for a peal or touch.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HELMSHORE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 5th, 720 London Surprise Minor. On Tuesday, September 7th, 720 Woodbine. On Sunday, September 12th, 720 Oxford. On Tuesday, September 14th, a 720 in the following methods: 120 London, 120 Cambridge Surprise, 120 of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, and 60 each of College Single and Plain Bob. On Sunday, September 19th, 720 of Cambridge and 720 of College Single. On Tuesday, September 21st, 720 Duke of York (first attempt). On Sunday, September 26th, 720 Duke of York. H. Steff and J. H. Entwistle, 1; T. P. Brandwood, 2; R. Wallwork, 3; J. Banks, 4; T. Wallwork, 5; J. H. Banks (conductor), 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 2nd, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major but after ringing 30 mins. the tenor rope broke, there not being time to start again, a 1268 of Kent was rung. Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 1; H. Folkard, 2; W. Flory, 3; W. Last, 4; H. Howlett, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read, 8. Recently for practice a 784 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; W. Flory, 3; W. Last, 4; J. Self, 5; H. Howlett, 6; H. Folkard, 7; A. Read (conductor), 8. And a 720 Kent Minor. W. Flory (conductor), 1; W. Last, 2; H. Howlett, 3; J. Self, 4; S. Garnham, 5; A. Read, 6. A 336 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; H. Howlett (conductor), 3; J. O'Neil, 4; W. Last, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read, 8. And 720 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; W. Howlett, 3; J. Self, 4; F. Folkard, 5; W. Last, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read (conductor), 8. On handbells, a 672 Bob Major. H. Howlett (conductor), 1-2; W. Flory, 3-4; W. Last, 5-6; J. O'Neil, 7-8. Also 360 Bob Minor. W. Last (conductor), 1-2; H. Howlett, 3-4; J. O'Neil, 5-6. On Tuesday, September 29th, for the Harvest Festival for evening service, a 688 Bob Major. W. Flory, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (conductor), 2; H. Howlett, 3; W. Last, 4; C. Harper, 5; J. Self, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read, 8. After service 600 Bob Minor. W. Flory (conductor), 1; C. Harper, 2; W. Last, 3; J. Self, 4; H. Howlett, 5; A. Read, 6.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Wednesday, September 22nd at St. Mark's church, a 756 Plain Bob Triples. T. Wilson, 1; A. Ballard, 2; J. North (aged 70), 3; F. Coke, 4; W. Miller, 5; J. Morris, 6; W. Willson (conductor), 7; A. Royce, 8. First in the method by all except the conductor, and first attempt. On Wednesday, September 29th, a 288 Treble Bob Minor. J. Wilson, 1; F. Cooke, 2; E. E. Smith, 3; J. Morris, 4; W. Miller (first in the method), 5; W. Willson (first in the method), 6. And 912 Bob Major. J. Wilson, 1; C. H. Fowler, 2; J. Buttery, 3; F. Cooke, 4; E. E. Smith, 5; J. Morris, 6; W. Miller (longest touch in the method), 7; W. Willson (conductor), 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROYDON (Essex).—On September 25th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Marrable, 1; T. Gordon, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Gordon, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also Kent Treble. T. Gordon, 1; G. Gray, 2; N. Tarling, 3; G. Gordon, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Gordon, 1; T. J. Watts,

2; J. Waghorn, sen., 3; G. Gordon, 4; G. Gray, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Sewell, 1; G. Gray, 2; T. Gordon, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; G. Gordon, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Waghorn, sen. (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Gordon, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Matthews (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Barker, 2; T. Gordon, 3; W. Tarling, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; T. J. Watts, 6. Also 240 Stedman Doubles. I. Cavill (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; G. Barker, 3; W. Tarling, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Crabb, 6.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, September 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Parsons, F. Brace, T. Heathcote, W. Whitehouse, J. Pearsall, and A. Roberts. Another 720 in the same method. A. Roberts, T. Heathcote, J. H. Parsons, W. Whitehouse, A. E. Parsons, and G. Pagett. On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Pugh, J. Orford, W. R. Small, W. Whitehouse, F. Brace, and A. Roberts. On the occasion of the Harvest Festival the following 720s were rung. On Thursday, September 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Skelding, W. Newman, J. Orford, W. Whitehouse, A. E. Parsons, and A. Roberts. On Saturday, October 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. E. Parsons, W. Newman, J. Orford, W. Whitehouse, F. Brace, and A. Roberts. On Sunday, October 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Franks, H. Skelding, W. Newman, W. Whitehouse, J. Brace, and J. Orford. And 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Skelding, W. Newman, J. Orford, W. Whitehouse, F. Brace, and A. Roberts. Conductors—A. E. Parsons, J. Orford, and A. Roberts. First 720 of Treble Bob by Messrs. Brace, Heathcote, Whitehouse, Pearsall, and Orford. First 720 of Grandsire by W. Newman, and also his first attempt at Treble Bob. First 720 by W. Franks, and first 720 by H. Skelding with a bob bell. W. R. Small hails from Tipton; J. H. Parsons from Wollaston; Pugh and Pagett from Stourbridge.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 26th, at St. Mary's church, 672 London Surprise Major. T. Salter (conductor), 1; N. Davies, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; E. Hunt, 5; W. Page, 6; J. Crane, 7; J. Page, 8. Also 448 London Surprise Major with J. Pagett, 4; W. Smith, 8; the rest as before. W. Page hails from Worcester, and this is his longest length in the method. On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. J. Pagett (conductor), 1; W. H. Smith, 2; G. Salter, 3; N. Davies, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Crane, 6; E. Hunt, 7; J. Salter, 8. On Wednesday, September 29th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 31 mins. on the front six. J. Pagett, 1; N. Davies, 2; R. E. Grove, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; J. Bennett, 5; E. Hunt, 6. On Sunday morning, October 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. T. J. Salter, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; G. Salter, 2; N. Davies, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. Crane, 6; J. Pagett (composer and conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8. For evening service 448 London College Major. J. Pagett (conductor), 1; W. H. Smith, 2; G. Salter, 3; N. Davies, 4; J. Bennett, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; E. C. Hunt, 7; J. Crane, 8. Also a course of Stedman Triples standing as above, conducted by W. H. Smith. Teuor 30 cwt.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, October 3rd, at Christ Church, being the Harvest Festival, 97 Woodbine, 240 each of City Delight and Arnold's Victory, and 120 of Oxford. J. Hey, 1; Joe Thackray, 2; J. Heckingbottom, 3; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. On Monday evening, October 4th, for continuation of above services, 600 Woodbine. Joe Thackray, 1; F. Blacketh (Bramley), 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6.

ASTLEY (Worcestershire).—On Friday, October 1st, a 726 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins. J. Earp, 1; W. Martin, 2; W. Pardoe, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Bond, 1; J. Midwinter, 2; \*J. Tarrant, 3; \*E. J. Menday, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; H. Bond, 6; \*T. Newman (conductor), 7; \*H. Simmonds, 8. Also 300 and 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Bond, 1; J. J. Midwinter, 2; H. Bond, 3; E. J. Menday, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6; H. Simmonds, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. Tenor 29 cwt. \*Hails from Caversham, Oxon., the rest are local men.

FINEDON (Northants).—On Thursday, September 30th, in connection with the opening of the bells, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Perkins, 1; A. Perkins, 2; J. Houghton, jun., 3; T. Hensher, 4; G. Dent, 5; W. Gilbert, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; F. Gilbert, 8. And 448 Superlative Surprise Major. W. Perkins, 1; J. Martin, 2; A.

Martin, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; W. Gilbert, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. Also 336 Double Norwich. W. Perkins, 1; A. Tyler, 2; J. Houghton, jun., 3; W. Newman, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; J. Garratt, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. J. Houghton, jun., 1; A. Tyler, 2; T. Hensher, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; F. Gilbert, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; J. Tompkins, 8. Also 224 Bob Major, 168 Grandsire Triples, 112 Grandsire Triples, and 224 Oxford Treble Bob Major. G. Dent hails from Harlow, Essex.

**HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).**—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 252 Stedman Triples. J. Martin (conductor), 1; G. Warner, 2; W. Pettitt, 5; G. Dent, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; A. Martin, 6; A. Tyler, 7; A. Everitt, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Warner, 1; J. Martin, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; G. Dent, 4; G. Brown, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; A. Martin, 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. And 304 Bob Major. A. Everitt, 1; G. Warner, 2; J. Houghton, jun., 3; A. Tyler, 4; A. Martin, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; G. Dent, 7; J. Martin (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 10th, for evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 44 mins. W. V. Newman (first in the method), 1; W. Pettitt, 2; J. Houghton, jun., 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; A. H. Martin, 5; I. B. Martin, 6; A. Tyler, (first in the method as conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8.

**HORNCURCH (Essex).**—On Saturday, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Halls, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; G. Dear, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; G. Cox (first 720 on tower bells), 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

**HELMESHORE (Lancashire).**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. J. Taylor, 1; L. Taylor, 2; S. Lord, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; O. Eastwood, 8. The above was rung for the Harvest Festival. J. B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot; the rest from Newchurch.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).**—On Monday, October 4th, on handbells, two courses of London Surprise Major. A. H. Martin, 1; W. V. Newman, 2; J. Garratt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; T. Hensher, 6; A. Tyler, 7; J. B. Martin, 8.

**RUGBY (Warwickshire).**—On Monday, October 4th, at the parish church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Doody, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; W. T. Lightfoot, 4; H. Tarver, 5; J. George (composer and conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. Shotton, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in D. This quarter-peal contains the twenty-four 4-6s. The striking was good throughout, which gave this fine-toned peal (cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London) an opportunity of pouring forth their beautiful music. Great credit is due to Messrs. Doody and Watson for the masterly manner their bells were rung, as they only commenced to learn change-ringing during the last few months.

**STAPLETON, NEAR BRISTOL.**—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Jennings, 1; C. H. Gordon (conductor), 2; A. Pike, 3; W. Tiley, 4; A. E. Bawn, 5; J. Long, 6.

**SPRINGFIELD (Essex).**—On a recent Sunday morning, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). E. Ward, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; M. Rolfe, 3; H. Harper (Sudbury), 4; J. Dale (Hornchurch), 5; J. Sharpton, 6.

**ST. ALBANS (Herts).**—On Sunday evening, October 10th, for Divine Service at the cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. L. Waddington, 1; H. J. Samuel, 2; T. F. Barnes, 3; J. E. Randall, 4; R. E. Hammond, 5; A. Hallett, 6; W. Battle (conductor), 7; G. W. Steabben, 8. Composed by the late J. Hubbard.

**TIPTON.**—On Thursday, September 30th, at St. Martin's, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, touches of Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. S. Bowcut, 1; W. James, 2; W. R. Small (conductor), 3; G. James, 4; F. Bywater, 5; A. Hill, 6; R. Hall, 7; A. de Vine, 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples. W. R. Small, 1; T. Horton, 2; A. Hill, 3; G. James, 4; S. Reeves (conductor), 5; W. Micklewright, 6; R. Hall, 7; F. Bywater, 8. On Sunday, October 3rd, before Divine Service, 210 Grandsire Triples. S. Bowcut, 1; G. James, 2; W. R. Small (conductor), 3; T. Griffiths, 4; W. James, 5; J. Smith, 6; A. Hill, 7; F. Bywater, 8. And 336 Bob Major. S. Bowcut, 1; F. Bywater, 2; G. James, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; W. James, 5; W. R. Small, 6; A. Hill (conductor), 7; J. Smith, 8. Also before evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Bywater, 1; W. R. Small, 2; A. Hill, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; G. James, 5; W. James (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; J. Small, 8.

**WARRINGTON (Lancashire).**—On September 12th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Willson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout (conductor), 6. First

720 of Treble Bob by W. Oxley. On September 13th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Willson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; G. Lewis, 6. Ringers of the 5th and 6th hail from Grappenhall. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Spence, 1; A. Oxley (conductor), 2; H. Moston, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. Ringers of the treble and 4th hail from Grappenhall. On September 19th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Willson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout (conductor), 6. On September 20th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Willson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; W. Brammer, 4; E. Edwardson (conductor), 5; F. W. Stout, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Gough, 1; J. Willson, 2; W. Oxley, 3; F. W. Stout, 4; A. Oxley, 5; W. Brammer (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."

NORWICH COURT MAXIMUS.

SIR,—I have stated the reasons for the opinion on this question entertained, not by myself alone, but by very many others competent to form a judgment upon it. Mr. Catchpole has also stated his reasons for entertaining a contrary opinion. There is no direct evidence to be appealed to on either side. It is a conflict of probabilities; and your readers must judge for themselves on which side the probabilities are strongest. I only wish to add, with regard to the concluding sentence of Mr. Catchpole's letter, that I happen to know that the St. Peter's Society relied upon Mr. Snowdon's writings for their information about peals of Court rung in Norwich of which they had no local record, when they drew up the record in 1880; and that Mr. Snowdon wrote articles upon Norwich Court as early as 1876; and also personally visited and rang at St. Peter's, Norwich, during the year 1878 or 9. This I distinctly recollect. There was, therefore, no question of the St. Peter's Society being dependent on the publication of the *Treatise* in 1884 for information. H. EARLE BULWER.

A STRANGE PERFORMANCE.

SIR,—Some months ago I was at East Bergholt, near Colchester. Here Cardinal Wolsey commenced a great tower at the west end of the parish church, but his fall occurred before it could be raised above the roof, and in that condition of incompleteness it has remained ever since. In the unique bell cage in the churchyard there hangs a heavy ring of five bells, standing on the ground, and of course without ropes to the wheels. Above the frame is a very curious notice to the effect that early in the present century 120 College Singles were rung on the bells, "with the treble in the hunt and the tenor do" (*i.e.* ditto). Then follow the names of the ringers. Can any of your readers enlighten me as to this method, and also as to the possibility of ringing the bells in changes without ropes? CLERICUS.

## Obituary.

WILLIAM SHARDLOW.

Members of the Midland Counties Association will regret to hear of the extremely sudden death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence on Friday morning, October 1st, at the age of 66 years. Deceased had been preparing the bells for a service on the following day, and was apparently in good health, and also on the day previous to his death fulfilled his duties until dinner time at the Midland Railway Loco's works, when an apoplectic fit deprived him of sense and speech, in which condition he passed peacefully away without gaining consciousness. Deceased had been a sidesman at St. Andrew's church, Derby, for 30 years, and also sexton since the opening of the bells in 1881. He joined the Midland Counties Association in 1886, and had taken part in nineteen peals, in which he invariably rang the treble, which he always rang with safety and excellent striking, and St. Andrew's belfry stands out as a lasting memorial of the interest he took in ringers and ringing. His remains were interred in the Nottingham Road new cemetery on Monday, October 4th, the first part of the service being taken in St. Andrew's church, and the committal service was impressively conducted by the Rev. A. H. Prior, M.A. He was carried by six of his shop-mates, and in the evening eight of St. Andrew's ringers rang a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled as a mark of respect and esteem to their old brother-string. Wreaths were sent by members of the family, the Central Postal Department, his shopmates, and St. Andrew's church ringers.

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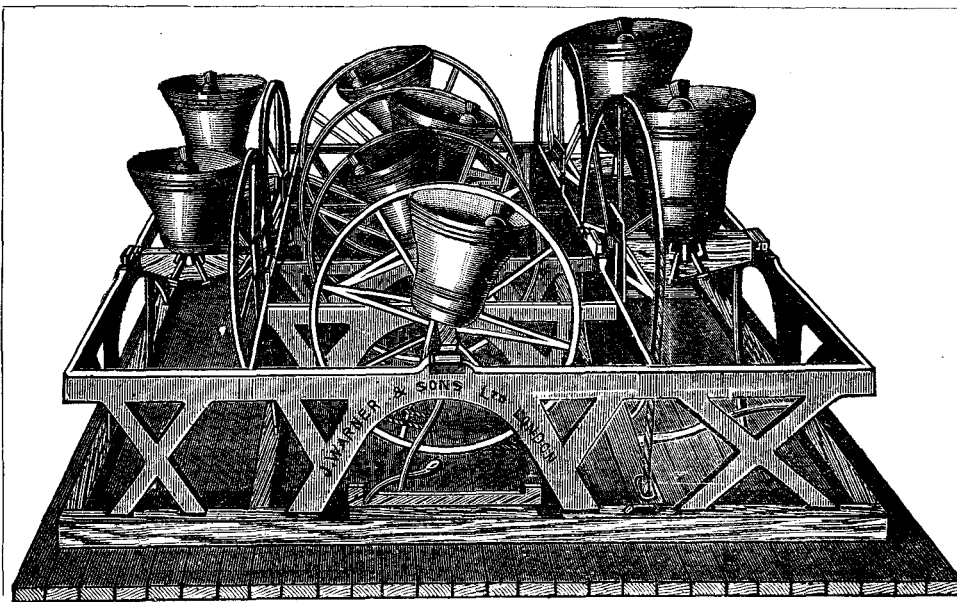
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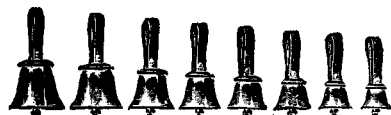
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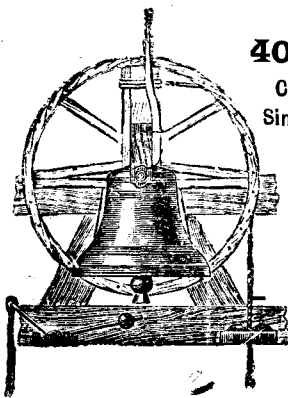
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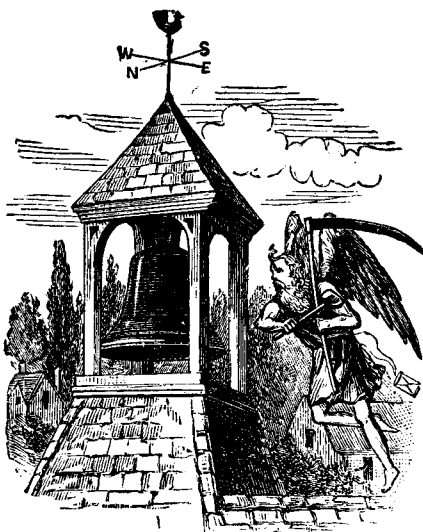
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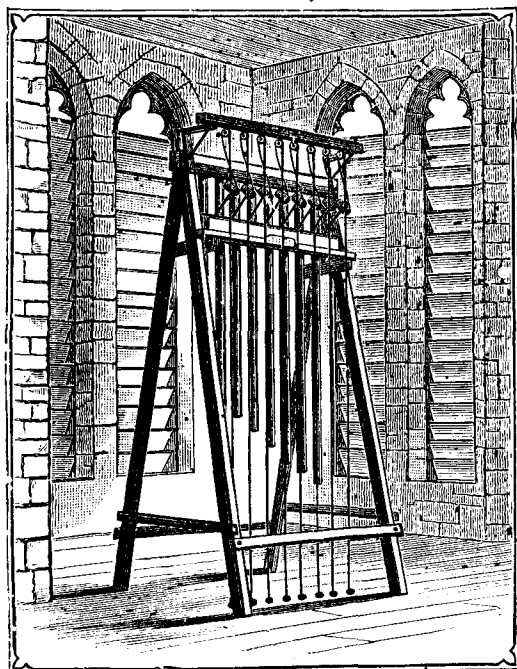
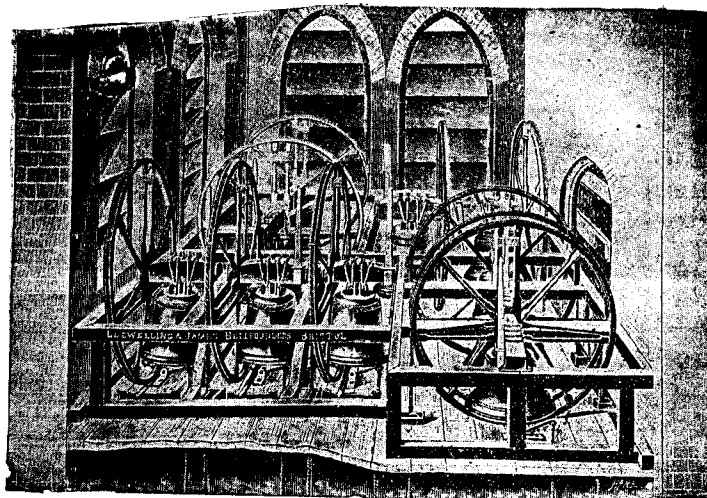
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## DEDICATION OF JUBILEE BELLS AT MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.

Friday evening, the 1st instant, witnessed the consummation of an object which the people of Middlewich, churchmen and dissenters alike, have looked forward to with eagerness for the last few months. When first the inhabitants began to discuss the question of celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee it soon became apparent that there was a strong feeling that the bells in the parish church tower of St. Michael's, which had been silent for nearly two years on account of the dangerous condition of the bearings, should be put in order. It doubtless occurred to many that the Jubilee celebrations would not be complete without the merry bells ringing forth their melodious and glad sounds, and, in accordance with the general desire the Vicar, the Rev. F. Minton, M.A., called a meeting of the parishioners to consider the question. This meeting was held in the vestry on the 6th April, 1897, and was well attended. Prior to this the Vicar and churchwardens had interviewed Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and had ascertained the cost of putting the bells in order, and of completing the peal by the addition of two extra ones. At the meeting, which was, of course, presided over by the Vicar, the Chairman announced what the cost of the work would probably be. The estimates read were: re-hanging the existing bells with new fittings, £150; retuning bells and recasting one, £200; retuning bells, recasting the small one, and adding two new smaller bells, with a new steel girder framework, £400.

Considerable discussion ensued, and it was plainly apparent that there was a strong determination to celebrate the auspicious event by completing the octave. At the meeting it was decided to add the two smaller bells, to take out the old framework, and substitute for it a steel girder framework, to have the first bell re-cast, and the other five re-tuned. The cost of this was to be, as stated, £400. Mr. Robert Brown, who has warmly associated himself with the movement, expressed his strong conviction that the whole of the money required would be forthcoming within fourteen days. A letter was read from the Lord of the Manor, Colonel C. H. France-Hayhurst, D.L., of Bostock Hall, who and whose family have for many years been ardent and generous supporters of the church, offering to subscribe the sum of £100 if the parishioners resolved to entertain the scheme. This offer was received with warm expressions of thanks, and such was the zeal with which the loyal inhabitants entered into the project that before the meeting dispersed the further sum of £110 8s. 6d. had been promised by those present, thus in a few minutes bringing the worthy object within the range of feasibility. A committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, was appointed, with the curate, the Rev. George Mathias, B.A., as honorary secretary: The Vicar, churchwardens, sidesmen, and Messrs. R. Brown, G. Garfit, J.P., R. Barker, H. Hall, F. A. Lidbury, W. Joule, Whittingham, W. Lees, H. White, and J. Bettley-Cooke, and Mesdames Hancock, Crest, Morris, Minto, and Royle. Mr. E. Platt (Union Bank), was appointed treasurer. A collecting committee was also formed from this committee. Directly afterwards Mr. W. Roylance-Court, J.P., promised £40. The committee quickly canvassed the town, with the result that more than the amount required for the work then decided upon was speedily subscribed. In consequence of this fortunate state of things, and of the opinion expressed by the bell-founders, it was decided to have a larger and a smaller bell than those in the old peal of six, and instead of making the peal into what might be termed a second-rate one thus putting themselves in the proud position of possessing one of the finest peals in the North of England. This entailed an additional expenditure, but the amount of the contract for the whole of the work, £445, was soon obtained. On taking down the old bells it was found necessary to put a new roof in the tower, the old one

having got completely rotten, in fact it is a marvel how it bore up under the weight of the number who were on the steeple on the night of June 22nd, witnessing the Jubilee bonfires all round the county. The vane was regilded, and a new staff erected, and other necessary work was accomplished in the interior of the tower, at a total cost of about £50. For this work and the consequent increased expenditure no allowance was made in the estimate, and there is, therefore, a deficit of something like this amount, which is still required. The work in the tower was entrusted to Messrs. S. Clarke and Son, builders, Middlewich, and they strengthened the whole framework so as to minimise the danger of ringing on Jubilee day. The removal of the old bells from the tower was effected through the floors, in which apertures were specially cut. The font was boarded up, and some of the pews being removed in the north-west corner of the church rendered it a fairly easy matter to convey them away. They were, together with the new bells, hoisted up in the tower in the same manner. The old bells were exceedingly deep-toned and sonorous, and it is evident they were considered superior to most around, although they lost much of their effect in consequence of the peal not being a full one. The largest of the original ones weighed about 18cwt., the new tenor bell purchased drawing the scale at 25 cwt. The others range down to 6 cwt., which is the weight of the smallest, or treble. This is now called the first bell, the original first being now second, and the others following as in their former order. To those accustomed to seeing the old framework and arrangement of the bells the present one must strike them as a decided improvement. The bells are in patent bearings, thus enabling them to be rung with greater ease, and the steel framework which has superseded the clumsy one of wood not only allows more room for the bells but has a tendency to strengthen and holds the sides of the tower together. The small new bell bears the name and address of the founders, and the date, "1897," whilst the large new one, in addition to bearing that, bears the following inscription:—"Six bells were retuned and two new ones added in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. June 1897." The old bells are now better pitched, and the peal is said by good authorities to be the heaviest one in Cheshire, and certainly one of the finest in the North of England. They are exceedingly musical, reflecting the highest credit upon the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, and the parishioners are indeed to be congratulated on being the possessors of such an excellent peal. The committee, and particularly the curate, as honorary secretary, deserve the warm thanks of everyone concerned for the successful manner in which they have fulfilled the trust reposed in them. As the clock will require overhauling, the chimes have not yet been set, but it is hoped to have the Westminster chimes ere long. Very many, too, are desirous of having the chimes arranged to play melodies every three hours as they did up to 1887. Very few churches can boast of these, and those at Middlewich might almost be regarded as unique. To arrange these again will, it is understood, entail a rather large outlay. The service, which was fully choral, commenced at 6.30. There was a large congregation, and the church which had been decorated for the harvest thanksgiving, looked exceedingly pretty and effective. The Vicar (Rev. F. Minton, M.A.) and the curate (Rev. George Mathias, B.A.) assisted Canon Blackburne, and Mr. Consterdine ably presided at the organ. The choir entered the stalls singing the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The special psalms which were selected were the xcvi. and cl. The curate read the lesson (Numbers x. 1-11), and this was followed by the hymn "The Church's one foundation." Canon Blackburne, in his address, said that they were met together that evening on a very interesting occasion, to do that which, perhaps, had never occurred in the history of any one of them in that parish, and which might not happen again

for perhaps fifty, sixty or a hundred years or more, to dedicate their bells. The bells of a church were very interesting to all who thought about them. They had been employed by the church, they were told, for nearly fourteen centuries, and by ancient nations perhaps as many more centuries. The rev. gentleman then proceeded to give a brief history of bells, and spoke of the great art required to ring the thousands of changes on them, and exhorted the ringers to attend church. He expressed the hope that the day might be a happy and a bright one in the history of the old parish of Middlewich. It had been a happy year, taking England through, in many ways. He then spoke of the thankful and loyal feelings of the Queen's subjects that Jubilee year, and remarked that the very fact of having those bells to dedicate that day had proceeded from the fact that the parish wished as one proof of such feelings that a complete octave of bells should sound from the old parish church. He was thankful to be told that the ringing of those bells was free from the simplest shadow of debt, but they must not expect on an occasion like that not to be asked for some thankoffering. The bells were paid for, and established safely through a happy discovery that was made in good time. He expressed the wish that the tower should be free, and appealed to them to make one more steady, united effort to raise the balance that was required to defray the cost of the work in the tower, which was something like £50. If they would make one little effort he did not think it impossible in a week or a month that the bells and the tower of the church would be free, and they would then show what they could do for the honour of God, and the welfare of the church they loved. The rev. gentleman made an allusion to the old church, and to the interesting associations connected with it, and, in concluding, expressed a fervent hope that the church might be to them a place in which they would love to worship and to which they hoped to be drawn more and more. Might they who should hear the bells, whether as tokens of sorrow or tokens of joy, by the good grace of God and His blessing, so live that when the bells tolled for each of them they would be tolling, not over loss, but the saved soul resting in peace, and anticipating a joyful resurrection, through Jesus Christ their Lord.

After the address, Mr. George Garfit, J.P., as the representative of the subscribers, approached the chancel step, and addressing the Vicar, asked his acceptance, as the representative of the church of the parish, of the peal of bells which has been placed in the sacred building, and requested that they might be solemnly dedicated to the service of God.

The Vicar then thankfully accepted the bells, but before asking Canon Blackburne, in accordance with their desire, to dedicate them, he formally placed them under the care and guardianship of the churchwardens of the parish, and their successors for ever, and solemnly charged them, in the presence of the congregation, to see that they were carefully and zealously preserved for the holy purpose for which they had been given.

The churchwardens, Messrs. William Boosey, Thomas Haddon, and George Moreton, then approached the chancel step, and Mr. Boosey, as senior churchwarden, accepted the charges on their behalf. The Vicar then called upon Canon Blackburne to dedicate the bells. The latter then performed the service of dedication, and proceeded with the clergy and choir to the tower, singing the hymn.

Lifted up into the steeple  
Our bells are now set on high,  
To fulfil their holy mission,  
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

The Canon then read several prayers, and they then returned to the chancel, whilst a short peal was magnificently rung on the bells by the Witton church change-ringers. Another special hymn preceded the Benediction, and this was followed by the recessional hymn "O praise ye the Lord," which was sung in a hearty manner, and concluded the service. Whilst the congregation was leaving the church, the organist played the National Anthem. The collection realized £9. After the service the bells rang out merry peals until nine o'clock, the streets being thronged with people who had come from far and wide to hear them. The Witton church ringers, who had been engaged for the occasion, rang them in fine style, and to the best advantage, the Middlewich ringers subsequently relieving them, in a creditable manner.—From the *Northwich Guardian*.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Society was held at Ordsall, near Retford, on Saturday, October 18th, when there was a pretty good attendance, members from the Ordsall, East and West Retford, Everton, Harthill, Shireoaks, Markham, and Work-sop towers being present. Ordsall tower contains a very nice light ring of six bells, the tenor being about 10 cwt., they are in good order and go well. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., when a 720 of Violet was brought round by some of the early arrivals. Then a funeral caused a rather long stand, but when that was over another company brought round a well-struck 720 of Kent before the tea, which was served in the club room of "The Plough inn at 5 o'clock, the head of the table being taken by the Rev. Dr. Stott, rector of Ordsall, who was supported by the Rev. H. F. de Lisle, of Whitwell, and the Rev. B. Darley, hon. sec., the Rev. Canon Gray, rector of West Retford, having also been present during the afternoon. For, whereas we sometimes see in "THE BELL NEWS" complaints as to the lack of encouragement of church ringers on the part of the clergy, we are happy to say that no meeting of the North Notts. has ever taken place without the presence and co-operation of some of the clergy within its area. The Host of The Plough had provided a capital repast to which full justice was done by thirty-three members and friends, amongst whom we were pleased to welcome Mr. G. Holmes, of Snaith, a member of the Yorkshire Association. After tea some members proceeded to Retford, to have a pull in the tower of the parish church, which has a fine ring of ten bells. The rest of the party adjourned to the school-room, placed at their disposal by the Rector, for the usual business meeting, at which he also presided. It was then arranged that the next Quarterly Meeting should be held at Work-sop, in January, 1898. The Rev. H. F. de Lisle was elected an unattached performing member, and a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Stott for the use of the bells and for so courteously presiding over the Meeting brought the business to a conclusion, and the day ended with some more ringing, a report of which will be found in the usual place.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting of this society was held at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, October 16th. Between forty and fifty ringers attended. The gathering was in every way a pleasant and successful one. For this thanks are due to the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. Milligan, who gave the ringers a very kind reception, and to Mr. Dawkes, the tower-keeper, who had done all in his power to make the meeting a success. The bells in the tower are a new Jubilee peal by Barwell, of Birmingham, and there can be only one verdict as to their arrangement, "go," and excellent tone. The tenor is just under 10 cwt., but like the rest of the bells sounds heavier than its real weight, whilst the tone of the whole peal is even and melodious. After ringing during the afternoon the members present gathered in the church at 5 o'clock, when the form of service recently drawn up with the sanction of the Bishop of Lichfield, patron of the society for use at meetings was for the first time used. The address was given by the Vicar, who extended a cordial welcome to all present. The same rev. gentleman afterwards presided at the Committee meeting and also at the tea which followed, when upwards of forty members did justice to the good things provided. After tea a very agreeable social evening was spent, thus pleasantly bringing a most successful meeting to a close. It is needless to say that hearty votes of thanks were passed, both to the Vicar and also to Mr. Dawkes for their kind help, the former gentleman being elected an hon. member of the society. If possible the next meeting will be held at the old church, Smethwick, on January 15th. 1898.

GREAT TRY (Essex).—On Sunday, September 26th. on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1008 Bob Major. W. Dyer, 1; O. Dyer, 2; G. Galley, 3; F. Percival, 4; W. Ladhams, 5; W. Galley 6; G. Rashbrook, 7; W. Ladhams (conductor), 8.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. G. LINDOFF.

On Friday evening, the 9th inst., the members of the above society met to do honour to their worthy Master, Mr. G. Lindoff, who was leaving England on the morrow to take up the duties of Instructor to the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, and to spend a few hours together in a social manner before bidding him farewell. Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, the oldest member of the company, presented Mr. Lindoff, on their behalf, with three handbells, to augment the peal of ten presented to him by the Gillingham ringers in 1893, to a peal of twelve, and to form a light peal of eight in the key of C, size 11; a Gladstone bag, and a pipe. Mr. Clifton asked Mr. Lindoff to accept the present as a token of the society's esteem and regard for him, and referred in grateful terms to the great benefit he had been to the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, and the progress made under his instruction, and concluded by wishing him every success in his new sphere of duty.

This was received with musical honours, and Mr. Lindoff thanked the society for their kindness, and assured them that the four years spent with them in Lincoln was one of the happiest periods of his life, and he expressed a desire to be elected as an honorary member. Farewells and good wishes were expressed at the conclusion of the meeting.

The St. Peter-at-Arches company feel that this notice would be incomplete without congratulating the St. Patrick's Society, Dublin, upon securing the services of such a talented and capable instructor, and wish them every success in the Art of change-ringing which they are taking up in such a thorough manner.

## RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT SILSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon last, October 16th, the ring of six bells at the above place were re-opened, after having been repaired by Messrs. Shaw and Co. of Bradford. The bells are only a new peal, and were first opened in November last year. Shortly after three o'clock six members of the Skipton company commenced the ringing, and after a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, they struck for a 720 in the same method. This was followed by one of Violet, and another of Oxford. The positions of the ringers were: Walter Bailey, F. Metcalf, E. Metcalf, H. Horner, W. Billows (conductor), W. D. Hillary. Tenor about 12 cwt. After nearly two hours' ringing, the ringers adjourned to the church schoolroom, where tea was awaiting them. In the evening, a social was held in the same place, the receipts being to defray the expense of a new set of handbells (eight in number), also purchased from Messrs. Shaw and Co. During a short interval Messrs. F. Metcalfe, W. Billows, H. Horner and W. D. Hillary rang a course of Kent Treble Bob Major (two in hand), and the social came to a conclusion at 11 o'clock. The members of the Kildwick company also manipulated the steeple bells during the evening.

## In Memoriam.

WILLIAM SHARDLOW.

Poor Shardlow's left this world of pain,  
Gone to return no more;  
We ne'er shall see his face again,  
His earthly toil is o'er.

Gone to that far-off distant land,  
Where sickness is not known:  
To join amongst the angelic band,  
That dwell around the Throne.

His name was known both near and far,  
And honoured with respect;  
But now alas! he is no more,  
Death in our midst has crept.

May comfort reach the widow's heart,  
That is with anguish torn;  
And help her cheerfully to part  
With him whom now we mourn.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE BAGSHOT SOCIETY.—On Monday, October 11th, the members of this society paid a visit to the villages of Ewhurst and Cranleigh, Surrey, to have a ring on their bells. Starting from Bagshot at 7 a.m. by brake to Blackwater, S.E.R. to Guildford, where we had to change, to the Brighton and South Coast line to Cranleigh, where we arrived at 9.30 a.m. After a look round the old church, and a little refreshment, we started for a walk to Ewhurst (three miles), arriving there at 12 noon, where we were met by Mr. Francis, of Ewhurst, who conducted us to the tower. Here a 720 Oxford Treble Bob was brought home. A start was then made for a 720 Kent Treble Bob, but failed when nearly home. The ringers were J. Corbett, T. Gould, H. Stapleton, F. Francis, E. Collins, and E. Spooner (conductor). The bells were then lowered. It may be mentioned that these bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Strinbank, and the "go" of them is all that can be desired. An adjournment was then made to The Bull inn, where dinner was waiting for us, and to which ample justice was done. We then drove back to Cranleigh, and were met by W. Streeter and others, who conducted us to the tower, where another 720 of Oxford was brought home after very hard work by J. Corbett, T. Gould, E. Spooner, F. Francis, H. Stapleton, and E. Collins (conductor). We should have attempted a 720 Kent, but the "go" of these bells are so bad, they go so heavy, and strike false. We have had the pleasure of visiting this tower on several occasions, but find each time the bells go worse; but we trust should we have the pleasure of another visit, to find that they have been thoroughly overhauled by being quarter-turned and rehung. We think we are right in saying that they have not been touched for about sixty years, as one of our company was born in this village, and first learned to pull a bell about forty-five years ago, and was very pleased to meet one old friend who learnt with him; but we should be more pleased to hear that some kind friend had given two new trebles to complete the octave, for it seems a pity that such a fine old tower, about twenty-four feet square, should only contain six bells, there being plenty of room for twelve. After a little refreshment and a big chat, we made our way to the train. Blackwater was reached at 7.30, and Bagshot at 9.30, all being well pleased with their day's outing. We wish to thank both vicars, churchwardens, and ringers for their kindness, and hope we shall soon see them in Bagshot belfry again. G.

CHRIST CHURCH, FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.—On Saturday, October 9th, the ringers of this church had an outing to Prestwich, Lancashire, and, judging by its success, we hope to go again before long. We were accompanied by a few friends from our parish, and their company was much appreciated. Arriving at Prestwich we went to the old church tower, which contains a nice ring of six, and the bells were kept going for a long time. We had accepted an invitation from our friend Mr. Gratrix to dine with him at The Ring of Bells inn, and full justice was done to an excellent repast. After tendering our thanks to our friend, we again went to the tower and rang 720 Oxford Bob, Mr. Gratrix ringing the treble. We left Prestwich about nine o'clock, after a very enjoyable day. F. R.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GORING (Oxon).—Any ringer visiting this belfry of an evening and not being at the church when the ringers go up to the belfry, will find on entering the door at the bottom of the steps leading to the belfry, placed on the left hand side, a switch, which if turned towards the steps will put the electric light on, thus preventing turning anyone away. It is rather an awkward belfry to find out. We most heartily invite any band who wish for an outing to pay us a visit. The writer would like to know if there is another tower where the electric light is up the staircase. This improvement is due to the Vicar, who on visiting the belfry found it very awkward in the dark. Mr. G. Ellis has done the work in a thorough manner.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Joseph Pearson, Dublin.—Next week.

## THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this association was held at Market Deeping, on Saturday, October 9th, when a large number of members from Stamford, Crowland, Grantham, Wytham-on-the-Hill, and Peterborough were present. The bells are a rather fine peal of six, and are in very good ringing order, a new set of ropes have recently been adjusted, and as permission for the members to use the bells had been kindly granted by the Rector, the Rev. W. W. Howard, Dean of Stamford, the bells were raised about 11.30, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 25 mins. as follows: E. Gale, C. Harper, R. S. Cox, R. Wyche, F. Dennison, Rev. H. Law James, conducted by Mr. R. Wyche. After this Divine service was held, when an interesting and suitable address was given by the Dean, stating the history of the bells of this church and the many different occasions on which they were rung. After the service a substantial dinner was held at The White Horse hotel, which was heartily enjoyed by all, and for which great credit is due to the host, Mr. James Winch, who evidently knows how to please and satisfy the members in every way. The meeting then followed, the Dean presiding supported by the Rev. H. Law James, when the Rev. F. E. Lowe, of St. John's, Stamford, and Messrs. Dolby Bros., of the same place, were elected honorary members. Messrs. J. Thorpe, jun. (Market Deeping), R. Brightman (Market Deeping), W. Mowbray (Grantham), E. G. Baker (Peterborough) were elected skilled members, and Messrs. H. T. Benson, B. T. Shillaker, J. Needham, all of Market Deeping, were elected probationers. It was announced that the Rev. H. Law James would bring forward at the next meeting that "any person desirous of becoming a skilled member of this association, must be competent enough to ring the treble through a 6-score of Doubles, or the tenor behind a 5000 of Triples." It was then proposed by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. C. Harper, that a small committee be formed to revise the rules and present them at the next meeting for discussion. Proposed by Mr. H. Parker and seconded by Mr. T. Allam, that the committee for the above shall be the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. R. Wyche, and the secretary (Mr. E. Gale), they all living in Stamford could better arrange the matter. Proposed by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. E. Popple, that the next meeting be held at Grantham, on the Saturday nearest the full moon in January. Carried. The Dean then expressed his thanks to the members for visiting Market Deeping, where they would always be welcome. The Rev. H. Law James then proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding at the meeting and also for the kind way in which he had welcomed them. Carried with acclamation. Various 720s were rung during the remainder of the day.

## DINTON, BUCKS.

The Annual Harvest Festival Service was held on Thursday, October 7th. The service in the parish church commenced at 6.30 with the dedication of the new treble bell by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Buckingham. This bell has been added to the peal as a memorial of the Jubilee. The Dinton bells are well-known in the neighbourhood as a particularly pleasing ring, being very full and mellow in tone, but up to the present year were only five in number. The new bell fully sustains the character of the peal, being well in tune, and possessing the rarer merit of going well with the old ones in respect of quality of tone. The new bell bears the following words: "Victoria Jubilee bell, many years may I tell, Victoria reigned well; H. Bond and Sons, founders, Burford, Oxon." The work has given every satisfaction. The tenor is 20 cwt. in E flat.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

There will be a Quarterly Meeting at Andover on Monday, October 25th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Meeting at 4.0. Tea at 5.0 in the parish room for those informing me before October 22nd.

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## AMONG THE COTSWOLDS.

Since the bells at the church of SS. Peter and Paul of Northleach has been increased from six to eight, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham, had been asked to raise a band to try and ring a peal on that most musical ring, the two new ones which complete the octave being all that could be wished for, and with the assistance of the St. Michael Juniors of Gloucester, under the guidance of Mr. J. Austin, they made their way on "bikes" to attempt a peal a Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which will be found recorded in its proper place. On arriving in Northleach, the first thing thought of was where to get tea, which was much needed after a ride of twenty miles, but on enquiry it was ascertained that Mr. T. W. Tayler (the master of the local ringers), had provided a capital spread at The Union, where a good tea was prepared by the Host, at very short notice. After attending to the wants of the inner man, tracks were made for the tower, where the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Browne, M.A.), and Mr. T. W. Tayler, who gave them a very hearty welcome to their tower, and hoped they would be successful with the peal. A start was made as soon as possible, but proved to be a false one; a second start was made, and after some excellent striking the first peal on the bells was an accomplished fact. The Vicar was the first to congratulate them on their success, who was closely followed by Mr. Taylor and other local ringers. After leaving the tower, The Union was again visited, where the spread so kindly provided by Mr. Tayler was done full justice to. If time had allowed, the Vicar and churchwardens with some of their friends would have sat down with them, but owing to the hour of closing being so near, the visitors were very disappointed in not having the pleasure of their company, especially that of the Vicar and Mr. T. W. Tayler.

On Sunday morning the tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were rung before service, two of the local company taking part, Mr. Tayler ringing his longest touch on eight bells. As there was another item on the card, "good-bye" was said all too soon, every one feeling satisfied at the kind way in which they had been received by the Northleach band, and hope to make another journey at some future date. Mounting the "bikes" again, a very pleasant but hilly ride of nine miles brought them to Stow-on-the-Wold, where Messrs. Taylor and Co. have just added two new trebles to complete the octave in the church of St. Edward. Permission was given by the Rector for the use of the bells, which are a grand musical ring, tenor 30 cwt. A start was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but owing to the bad "go" of the tenor, and the new ropes on the bells, it was abandoned. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Double Norwich were afterwards rung under the conductorship of John Austin. The next order was for tea at The Unicorn, where ample justice was done to all the good things provided by the hostess. A start was then made for home, which was reached after three hours' hard riding, it being a very hilly country, and a strong wind blowing, every one feeling quite pleased with himself at so enjoyable an outing. The band take this opportunity of thanking the vicar of Northleach, and Mr. T. W. Tayler for their kindness to them, and also for allowing them the use of the bells; and the vicar of Stow for so readily placing his tower at their disposal.

## SULLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 9th, some of the Penarth ringers spent a pleasant afternoon in the quiet little village of Sully, with the double object of pleasure and to induce the newly-formed band there, who have commenced "call-changes," to go in for scientific ringing and join the Diocesan Association. Four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the pretty ring of five by J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; T. Northey, 4; G. Watkins, 5. After a little coaching of some of the local band a start was then made for home.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 260th anniversary dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate street, E.C., on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Burkin, W.H.L. Buckingham, Butler, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, T. Mash, McLaughlin, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Springall, Weatherstone, Winney, or W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Tradescant road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of this branch will take place to-day, Saturday, October 23rd, at Bury. Ringing to commence at 3.0 o'clock. Tea in the School-room at 5.30.  
*Helmshore. J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec.*

**Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Knebworth to-day, Saturday, October 23rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m.; tea at 5.30; business meeting to follow.

*E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.*  
St. Albans, 6th October, 1897.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The autumn meeting will be held at Slough, to-day, Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing from 2 p.m. Evensong at 5; preacher, Rev. H. C. Wilder. Tea, 9d. per head, at 5.30, in Church Room. Apply to T. P. FIELD, Esq., *Hon. Sec.*  
17, Upton Park, Slough.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Bartholomew's church, Westhoughton, to-day, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7. All ringers invited to attend.

*HENRY MOSS, Branch Sec.*  
149, Clarence Street, Bolton.

**Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.**—The twentieth annual meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 25th. The Committee will meet at the Three Tuns Hotel at 12.0 noon. Divine service in the Cathedral with sermon by the Very Rev. Dr. Kitchin at 1.30. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 2.30. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' churches will be available for ringing during the day.

*THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec.*  
314, High Street, Sunderland.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—A complimentary branch meeting will be held at Burnley parish church on Saturday, October 30th, in honour of Mr. J. Pollard. A tea will be provided in the school-room for all who give notice to Mr. H. Tomlinson, 3, Alnwick Court, Westgate, Burnley, before Wednesday, October 27th. Tickets ninepence each. A hearty invitation to all ringers.

*T. REDMAN, Branch Sec.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above society will be held at Oldham Parish church, on Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready at 4; meeting at 5.  
*S. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.*  
57, Alexandra Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.** Quarterly meeting at Ecton, near Northamp-

ton, on Saturday afternoon, October 30th. The bells are a ring of six, tenor about 14 cwt. Usual arrangements.

*Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chailey, on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open from 4 to 9 p.m. A kind invitation to tea at the rectory has been given to the members by the Rector of Chailey. It is hoped as many as possible will attend so as to encourage our six-bell bands.

*GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Dis. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, October 30th. A conveyance will leave Radstock station at 1.30 p.m. for Leigh. Short service in parish church at 3 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the vicar. Members who purpose attending must kindly inform the Hon. Sec. at once, so that the necessary arrangements for the tea and conveyance may be made.

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

**The Kent County Association.**—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe, on Saturday afternoon the 30th October. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30 at The Wilberforce. Members intending to be present must send their names to me through the secretaries of their bands before the previous Thursday. Half-railway fares but not exceeding 2s. will be allowed to all members present at 5.30.

*C. WILFRID BLAXLAND,*  
*Dis. Hon. Sec.*

Hythe, Kent.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, October 30th. The peal of eight at the parish church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea followed by general meeting at 4.45 p.m., both at the Gate hotel and restaurant. Tickets for tea, one shilling, as usual. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to forward their names to Mr. H. Argyle, Trent Road, Nuneaton, not later than Wednesday, the 27th inst. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare-and-a-quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station.

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

**The Leeds and District Amalgated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at St. Francis church, (R.C.) eight bells, Holbeck, Leeds, on Saturday, October 30th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, The Bellmount inn, David Street. Any ringers or friends are heartily welcome. The church is situated five minutes' walk from the Leeds Joint Station along Victoria Road and Monor Road.

*R. BOWNS, Hon. Sec.*  
18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**Ely Diocesan Association.**—Sudbury Archidiaconal Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at All Saints, Sudbury, on Monday, November 1st. Meat tea at The Bull hotel at 4 p.m. Tower open all day.

*CHAS. SILLITOE, Branch Sec.*  
East Street, Sudbury.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John's, Deptford,

on Saturday, November 6th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. A tea will be provided for those who send in their names to the secretary not later than Wednesday, November 3rd. Railway allowances, half-fares up to 2s. will be allowed and paid out at 5.30 p.m., in the church room adjoining the church. Tea at 6 p.m. sharp, to be followed by a business meeting. A short service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m., and an address will be given by the Rev. R. W. Atkinson, Vicar of St. John's.

*W. BEDWELL, Hon. Dis. Sec.*  
13, Ladywell Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Birchington on Saturday, November 6th. Tower will be open at 3 p.m. for ringing.

*A. FOREMAN, Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, on Saturday, November 6th, to celebrate the unveiling of new peal tablets by the vicar, and the president of the Lancashire Association. The vicar is kindly providing tea in the schoolroom at 6 p.m. on that date, to all members sending in their names to Mr. John Smith, 25, Hope Street, Pendleton, Manchester, not later than Wednesday, November 3rd. Members please attend strictly to this notice. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea.

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

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT GRAVESEND.**—It was originally intended to make an attempt for Treble Bob, but it was found to be useless to attempt a peal in that method on account of the bad "go" of the bells. Many of the party expressed a wish to ring on these bells, on which so many excellent performances have been accomplished, and are recorded in the tower. This tower still holds the record for the longest peal of Double Norwich in the county, and was at that time the longest peal rang in the method. After a consultation as to what was to be done it was decided to make an attempt for Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in 2 hrs. and 50 mins. The peal was listened to by many ringers of the neighbourhood, including that veteran ringer, Mr. William Loft, of Gravesend, and who heartily congratulated the ringers on their success in ringing such a well-struck peal. We wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for granting permission, and to thank all brother-strings for their cordial welcome.

**THE PEALS AT CHOBHAM AND GUILDFORD.**—These peals were rang for Mr. D. Hayward, who hails from Great Yarmouth, who has been to Guildford on business for some time, and had expressed a wish to ring Holt's Original and a peal of Caters before leaving. The peal at Chobham was a lucky one, as the tenor-man missed the train and had to cycle over; then a rope broke and had to be put right and still another start before a first-class peal was rung.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1897.

REPORTS of those affairs known by the term of "Ringers' Outings," frequently demonstrate that there are rings of bells yet to be found in a deplorable and most unsatisfactory condition. We read too often that when a company is taking a short rural tour, that at the majority of churches they visit, the bells are uncared for and neglected. A case in point appears this week. The Bagshot company visited a village in the same county of Surrey, Cranleigh by name, where, at the parish church, they found a fine old tower about twenty-four feet square. For what purpose was such a tower built? To contain a good ring of bells, of course, which could be maintained in proper repair. What are the facts? Six bells in a most unringable condition. Our correspondent hazards the conjecture that no repairs of any kind have been done to them for sixty years! If this is so, it is a wonder they could be rung at all. What, we may ask, have the Church authorities in Cranleigh been thinking of all this

time? Perhaps some of them may not be conscious of the existence of any bells in their parish! Then we need not sing about "ringers' apathy" after this.

Most of us, unfortunately, know that when any church restoration is being considered, the bells are in many cases entirely ignored, or attention to them is postponed to an indefinite period. We can read of plenty of alterations in the interior economy of churches; alterations, by the way, which future generations will look upon as absurd, to use a very mild term. What revolutions have some of us seen in church arrangement, to give way by-and-by to other fads? The money can be got for the satisfaction of these whimsicalities, but restore the bells? Faugh!

This is how the interests of church bells are shelved, frequently. True it is that the obverse side of the picture is seen occasionally, but such instances cannot compare with those of the former description. To wait patiently for better things is all we can do.

### The Metropolis.

STRATFORD, BOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1897, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL HAYES.. .. Treble.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 5.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 2.	ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. 6.
ROWLAND FENN* .. .. 3.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 7.
YORK GREEN .. .. 4.	†HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. This peal, which has the 4th sixteen, and the 5th fourteen times in 6ths place, and the 6th twelve times wrong and sixteen times right, is now rung for the first time.

### The Provinces.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DERBY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 12, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

LOUIS L. LOMAS .. .. Treble.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM POYSER .. .. 2.	*JOHN THOMPSON, JUN. .. .. 6.
THOMAS ALTON .. .. 3.	JOHN THOMPSON, SEN. .. .. 7.
JOHN NEWBOLD .. .. 4.	†ROBERT ANTHONY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

\*First peal †First peal on tower bells.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE RANMOOR SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 13, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES R. SAWYER .. .. Treble.	SAM THOMAS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM GOODWIN .. .. 2.	RICHARD W. COLLIER .. .. 6.
FRANCIS ALLEN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT .. .. 7.
THOMAS SAWYER .. .. 4.	RICHARD C. COLLIER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 14, 1897, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE READING* .. .. Treble.	JOHN J. JONES .. .. 6.
CHARLES W. EADES .. .. 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. .. 7.
ERNEST C. BONIFACE* .. .. 3.	FRANK BLONDELL .. .. 8.
DENISON HAYWARD .. .. 4.	†WILLIAM W. THORNE .. .. 9.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 5.	FREDERICK WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

\*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters as conductor, and the quickest peal of Caters on the bells. The striking being first class.

BINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWIN GREENWOOD .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. .. 5.
CHARLES PRATT .. .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 6.
TOM LAWSON .. .. 3.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT .. .. 4.	GEORGE A. NETTLETON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths, and the 2nd never there. Greenwood and Bancroft hail from Keighley; Pratt from Calverley; Dixon from Guiseley; Broadley from Bradford; Kendall and Nettleton from Shipley; Lawson belongs to the local company.

RAMSBOTTOM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. R. FRITCHARD'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT LEACH .. .. Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR .. .. 5.
JOHN H. HAYDOCK .. .. 2.	*ARNOLD S. ROSTRON .. .. 6.
JONATHAN WOLSTENHOLME .. .. 3.	JAMES B. TAYLOR .. .. 7.
JAMES S. TAYLOR .. .. 4.	JOHN BOOTH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

\*First peal and first attempt. James B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot, Walter Taylor from Newchurch, the rest are local men.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRED WATLING .. .. Treble.	GEORGE MOY .. .. 5.
ROBERT WELLS .. .. 2.	FENTON THOMPSON .. .. 6.
JOHN LARTER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM DREW .. .. 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 4.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by WILLIAM DREW.

This peal was arranged for George Moy, who has just returned from America after an absence of seven years, never having touched a bell rope in that time; and for John Larter, who hails from Wenhamston.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, HALLIWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

WILLIAM THORNBY .. .. Treble.	JOHN MAKINSON .. .. 5.
JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. .. 2.	PETER NUTTALL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FARNWORTH .. .. 3.	HENRY MOSS .. .. 7.
ALBERT E. RUSHTON .. .. 4.	*ROBERT BARTON .. .. Tenor.

(Conductor not mentioned).

\*First peal. It is twenty years since a peal was rung on the bells. They were re-hung by Mears and Stainbank in December, 1896.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALFRED TARBUN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HAWKES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ROWLAND .. .. 2.	HARRY HARPER .. .. 6.
WILLIAM J. PIPER .. .. 3.	ALFRED WHIGHT .. .. 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 4.	ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

Messrs. Rowland, Harper and Whight hail from Chelmsford, Hawkes from Springfield, Tarbun, Piper and Edwards belong to the local band, and the conductor to Barking.

## PENSHURST, KENT.

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

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART,

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM LATTER .. .. 5.
JACK PRESTON .. .. 2.	THOMAS WALLIS .. .. 6.
JAMES WALLIS .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. .. 7.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. .. 4.	JOHN MALYAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. J. George hails from Rugby; J. Preston, Wallis (2) and J. Malyan from Edenbridge; E. R. J. Dunk from West-ham; W. Latter from Tunbridge Wells; Groombridge from Sevenoaks.

## NORTHLEACH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

JESSE GILLET .. .. Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 5.
FRED G. MAY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq. and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## CHOBHAM, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. WOOD* .. .. Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM FREARS .. .. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. 6.
DENISON HAYWARD .. .. 3.	FRANK BLUNDELL .. .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. .. 4.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

\*First Peal of Triples. Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## BURNLEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RENNIE HARTLEY .. .. Treble.	NOAH TOWNEND .. .. 5.
FREDERICK TOWNS .. .. 2.	RICHARD ASHWORTH .. .. 6.
DAVID CAMPBELL .. .. 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY .. .. 7.
JOHN ROWE WERRING .. .. 4.	TOM REDMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PATRICK and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Miss Tunstall, a lady who was a good friend to the ringers.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Three Hours and Seventeen-and-½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER GILLARD* .. .. Treble.	FRANK MILLARD .. .. 5.
HENRY J. POOLE .. .. 2.	†EDGAR E. BURGESS .. .. 6.
HENRY PEARCE .. .. 3.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. 7.
ARTHUR DOBLE .. .. 4.	GEORGE H. YENDALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

\*First peal of Major by the Association; first by all the band; first on the bells.  
†First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

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

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MARTIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HARPER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

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

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

On Saturday, October 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. Treble.	CHARLES GILES .. .. 5.
JOHN TUCKER .. .. 2.	*ARTHUR W. HIGGS .. .. 6.
HENRY TUCKER .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 4.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. \*First peal of Stedman.

## ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 18, 1897, in Three Hours and Six-and-½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 25 cwt.

WALLACE DAVIS* .. .. Treble.	*CHARLES DAVIS .. .. 5.
PERCY LANE* .. .. 2.	*FRANCIS VOICE .. .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 3.	JOHN CLARK .. .. 7.
CHARLES SADLER* .. .. 4.	*JAMES WATTS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*These members commenced ringing in February, 1896, under the leadership of Mr. J. Clark, and this is their first peal. It is several years since a peal was rung on these bells.

## HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,  
AND THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, October 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK SUMNER .. .. Treble.	HARRY MASON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. .. 2.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 3.	*THOMAS WAKEMAN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, and first in the method as conductor. This composition contains the full combination of 4,5,6 in 5,6. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the tower keeper, Mr. Grosvenor, for having everything in readiness. H. Mason hails from Old Hill.

## OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
HERBERT MARTIN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 3.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 7.
FRANK A. SMITH .. .. 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

W. H. Newell, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Berkhamsted. It was intended to ring at Bushey, but was prevented, owing to evening service. The band tender their best thanks to the Rev. N. Price for kindly granting the use of the bells at the last minute.

## Date Touches.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Tuesday, October 5th, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a date touch of Oxford Bob Triples in 1 hr. 16 mins. W. Rickett, 1; G. Prior, 2; T. Newman, 3; A. Tucker (composer), 4; W. Prior, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8. All the above are members of the Essex Association, with the exception of Messrs. Rickett and A. Tucker.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Thursday, September 23rd, at St. Alkmund's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 337 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Aspley, 2; G. Taylor, 3; C. Greenall, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Lewis, 1; W. Copley, 2; W. Taylor, 3; G. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Also several touches of Darlston Bob Triples. W. Espley, 1; G. Taylor, 2; W. Taylor, 3; C. R. Greenall, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. On Sunday afternoon, September 26th, for Divine Service, several touches of Grandsire Triples. J. Lewis, 1; W. Stockdale, 2; W. Espley, 3; G. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; R. Chant, 8. For evening service 168 and 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; T. Burd, 3; W. Taylor, 4; G. Taylor, 5; F. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Lewis, 8. On Friday, October 1st, for practice, 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Dolman, 1; W. Espley, 2; F. Taylor, 3; W. Taylor, 4; G. Byolin (conductor), 5; A. Fullick, 6; Rev. J. Mackay, 7. G. Taylor, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; W. Taylor, 3; F. Taylor, 4; G. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; R. Chant, 8. And 420 Grandsire Triples. W. Espley, 1; G. Taylor, 2; W. Taylor, 3; F. Taylor, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Dolman, 8. On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; W. Owen, 3; F. Taylor, 4; G. Taylor, 5; W. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Lewis, 8. On Sunday evening, October 3rd, after Divine Service at St. Chad's church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Espley, 1; G. Taylor, 2; T. Burd, 3; F. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Perkins, 1; W. Espley, 2; G. Scarratt, 3; W. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Rung on the back eight. Tenor 43 cwt. On Monday, October 4th, in the tower of St. Alkmund, on handbells, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; G. Taylor, 3-4; G. Byolin (conductor), 5-6; A. Fullick, 7-8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Monday, August 2nd, at St. Leonard's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. D. Smith (conductor), 1; A. Manning, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; A. Petts, 4; A. Coles, 5; F. Harvey, 6; S. Binfield, 7; S. Gower, 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 29th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Alice Andrews, of Bromley, and Mr. W. T. Lowe, of Reigate, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; R. Humphrey, 4; J. Hack, 5; T. Harford, 6; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service, being the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Simpson, 1; T. Durling, 2;

R. Hims, 3; H. Salvan, 4; G. French, 5; E. Dunn, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Composed by H. P. Harman. For evening service 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; T. P. Richards, 4; R. Humphrey, 5; W. James, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; J. Reid (Ewell), 8.

CANTERBURY.—On Sunday, September 19th, at St. Alfege church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Fox, 1; E. Beney, 2; M. Pierce, 3; W. Spice (Charing), 4; P. H. Pierce, 5; T. Tabrett (Ashford), 6.

CHARING (Kent).—On September 11th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Leeds, 1; E. Dixon, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; W. Spice, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. Messrs. Leeds, Dixon, Hobbs, and Tabrett hail from Willesbrough. On September 21st, 360 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs). P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor rung on the bells by an entirely local band. First 720 with a bob bell by Messrs. Archer, Good, and Ward, and first 720 as conductor by W. Spice. Also 108 of Minor J. Willis, 2. And 120 of Doubles with W. Edmead on the treble.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On August 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Butler, 1; L. Silver, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; J. Avis, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. On September 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On September 11th, 720 Kent. W. Lane, 1; B. Spinner, 2; L. Silver, 3; F. Hayes, 4; R. Munn, 5; G. Hayes, 6. On September 19th, 720 Grandsire. G. Butler, 1; F. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; F. Ring, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On September 21st, 720 Kent. G. Butler, 1; R. Smith, 2; L. Silver, 3; F. Hayes, 4; R. Munn, 5; G. Morrad, 6. On September 26th, 720 Kent. C. Waterman, 1; F. Hayes, 2; G. Morrad, 3; B. Spinner, 4; R. Munn, 5; L. Silver, 6. And 720 Plain Bob. G. Butler, 1; G. Morrad, 2; F. Hayes, 3; L. Silver, 4; B. Spinner, 5; C. Waterman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford. B. Spinner, 1; F. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; C. Waterman, 4; G. Morrad, 5; L. Silver, 6. On September 28th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Morrad, 1; R. Smith, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Warren, 1; S. Sargent, 2; W. Moore, 3; G. Melbourne, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; F. Radley (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 19th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 26th, 720 New London Pleasure. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday, October 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Chaplin, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; W. Moore, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; S. Hayes, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. Messrs. Moore and Grimwade hail from Bocking; S. Hayes from London.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. C. Dempsey, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Wightman, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; T. Faulkner, 5; E. Andrews, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; J. Dale, 8; W. Pye (conductor), 9; G. Haydon, 10. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 21st, for practice, 784 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Freeman, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; E. Wightman, 4; J. Rann, 5; J. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, October 5th, 560 in the same method. E. Wightman, 1; F. Freeman, 4; the rest as before.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday, August 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Basden (conductor), G. Alder, J. Elderfield, L. Read, C. Clarke, and A. Crook. On Sunday, August 22nd, 720 Court Bob, conducted by C. Clarke. And a 720 Plain Bob, conducted by J. J. Parker. On Sunday, August 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by J. J. Parker. On Sunday, September 5th, 720 College Single, conducted by J. J. Parker. On Sunday, September 12th, 720 Court Bob, conducted by C. Clarke. On Wednesday, October 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Clarke, J. Parker, J. Elderfield, J. J. Parker (conductor), G. Basden, and A. Crook. On Sunday, October 10th, 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by C. Clarke. And 720 Canterbury, conducted by J. J. Parker.

BEENHAM (Berks).—On Tuesday, September 7th, for practice, 720



Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. V. Rowe, 1; W. Lucas, 2; E. Holloway, 3; J. Hatto, 4; W. Horne, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. V. Rowe and E. Holloway hail from Bradfield. On Saturday, September 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Lucas, 1; A. E. Reeves (Reading), 2; F. Richardson, 3; E. Holloway, 4; C. Giles (conductor), 5; W. Horne, 6. On Tuesday, September 21st, 360 Oxford Bob (nine bobs). F. Wigmore, 1; W. Horne, 2; E. Holloway, 3; R. George, 4; W. Lucas, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Hatto, who was 57 years of age on that day. On Sunday, October 3rd, for the afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles), conducted by F. Richardson. After service 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles), conducted by J. Hatto. This 720 was composed by Mr. E. Francis, of Norwich, and the figures appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 25th.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (SUDBURY BRANCH.)

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, September 26th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). W. Hollocks, 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; T. Levitt, 5; R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. Preston tenor has up to the present been reported in the key of F, but it is in the key of G.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On September 11th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hunt, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; S. Radford, 3; A. Evans, 4; E. Harbour, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. Radford (conductor), 7; W. Thomas, 8. On September 12th, 306 Grandsire Triples. A. Iles, 1; J. Fowler, 2; W. Thomas, 3; J. Hunt, 4; T. Radford, 5; S. Radford, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; A. Evans, 8. On September 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Iles, 1; H. Moggridge, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Garland, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6. First 720 by A. Iles. And 408 Stedman Triples. S. Wyatt, 1; W. Thomas, 2; S. Radford, 3; T. Radford (conductor), 4; E. Harbour, 5; J. Burge, 6; A. Evans, 7; E. Wright, 8. On September 25th, at St. James's church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Radford (conductor), 1; S. Wyatt, 2; H. Poole, 3; E. Harbour, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Burge, 6; A. Evans, 7; W. Thorn, 8. On September 26th, at St. Mary's church, 1259 Grandsire Caters. S. Wyatt, 1; H. Poole, 2; W. Thomas, 3; E. Harbour, 4; J. Hunt, 5; T. Radford, 6; J. Maddock, 7; A. Evans, 8; J. Burge (conductor), 9; E. Wyatt, 10. On October 2, 270 Caters. T. Radford (conductor), 1; J. Maddock, 2; W. Gillard, 3; H. Poole, 4; A. Doble, 5; J. Burge, 6; E. Harbour, 7; J. Fowler, 8; W. Thorn, 9; J. Hunt, 10. Also 504 Stedman Triples. E. Harbour, 1; J. Hunt, 2; J. Maddock, 3; A. Evans, 4; H. Poole, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. Radford (conductor), 7; W. Thorn, 8. On October 3, 574 Grandsire Triples. G. Collard, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Hunt, 3; T. Radford, 4; E. Harbour, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; E. Wyatt, 8; this touch was rung for afternoon service for the Friendly Societies' church parade. And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Hunt, 1; H. Pearce, 2; A. Doble, 3; A. Evans, 4; G. Yandall, 5; T. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; E. Wyatt, 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Friday, September 3rd, at the parish church, 420 Stedman Triples. F. Howcroft, 1; R. Fenwick, 2; C. Hall, 3; J. Jones, 4; W. Rudd, 4; A. McFarlane, 6; J. W. Blakiston (conductor), 7; W. Mead (Clun, Salop), 8. On Sunday, September 12th, 976 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Alcock, 1; J. Jones, 2; C. Hall, 2; F. Howcroft, 4; T. Metcalfe, 5; J. W. Passman, 6; J. Blakiston, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. In the afternoon an attempt was made by the same band for a peal in the same method, but "stand" was called after ringing twenty courses through a change-course taking place. F. J. Harrison belongs to Jarro-won-Tyne. On Sunday, October 3rd, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Borrows, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; C. Hall, 3; W. Rudd, 4; R. Fenwick, 5; J. Carter, 6; J. Blakiston (conductor), 7; J. Passman, 8. For evening service 672 Superlative Surprise Major. R. Borrows, 1; F. Howcroft, 2; C. Hall, 3; J. Jones, 4; R. Fenwick, 5; J. Passman, 6; J. Blakiston (conductor), 7; T. Metcalfe, 8. R. Borrows hails from Richmond, Yorks, and was at one time a member of this band.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL (Hereford).—On Monday, September 20th, for practice, a 742 Grandsire Triples, being the last 700 of Holt's Original. C. Evans, 1; C. Layton, 2; W. Evans, 3; C. Greening, 4; G. Peacey, 5; H. Allen, 6; T. Williams, 7; W. Smart, 8. On Monday, September 27th, a 630 Grandsire Triples. C. Evans, 1; T. Williams, 2; W. Evans, 3; C. Layton, 4; G. Peacey, 5; H. Allen, 6; J. Field, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. On Sunday, October 3rd, on account of the Harvest Festival, for early morning service, a 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Pea-

cey, 1; C. Layton, 2; C. Greening, 3; S. Hope, 4; W. Evans, 5; H. Allen, 6; J. Field, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. And another 210. W. Evans, 1; S. Hope, 2; G. Peacey, 3; C. Layton, 4; C. Greening, 5; H. Allen, 6; J. Field, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. And for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 43 mins. W. Evans, 1; S. Hope, 2; G. Peacey, 3; C. Layton, 4; A. Layton, 5; H. Allen, 6; J. Field, 7; C. Pedlingham (first quarter-peal in the method), 8. And 168 of the same. On Monday, October 4th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. C. Layton, 1; H. Allen, 2; G. Peacey, 3; W. Evans (first quarter-peal away from the treble), 4; C. Greening, 5; A. Layton, 6; J. Field, 7; W. Smart, 8. Also a 97 of the same. C. Layton, 1; J. Field, 2; H. Allen, 3; W. Evans, 4; S. Hope, 5; G. Peacey, 6; A. Layton, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. All conducted by C. Layton. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAERLEON (Mon.).—On Thursday, September 30th, at the parish church, after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. L. Stafford, 1; R. Le Vesconte, 2; E. Davies, 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. Butler, 5; J. Cox, 6; J. W. Jones (conductor), 7; J. H. Russell, 8. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHEPSTOW.—On Saturday, October 2nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing over 2000 changes, 168 Stedman Triples. J. W. Jones (conductor), 1; J. Butler, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson, 4; F. Atwell, 5; J. Cox, 6; J. H. Shepherd, 7; J. Morley, 8. First touch of Stedman by R. Thompson. A plain course of Bob Major and 336 Bob Major. J. H. Russell, 1; J. Prickett, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; R. Thompson, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Atwell, 7; J. Cox (conductor), 8. Tenor 21 cwt. Jones, Cox, Atwell and Butler hail from Newport; Shepherd from Swindon.

NEWPORT.—On Tuesday, September 7th, for practice, 168 Stedman Triples. J. W. Jones (conductor), 1; J. Butler, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. Atwell, 4; F. Green, 5; J. Cox, 6; J. Trowbridge, 7; T. Longville, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. H. Millard, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; J. Butler, 3; R. Thompson, 4; F. Atwell, 5; F. Green, 6; J. Cox, 7; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 8. R. Thompson hails from Chepstow. On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine Service, two 160s of Grandsire Triples. J. W. Jones, 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. Butler, 5; G. Watkins, 6; J. Cox, 7; J. Goddard, 8. Messrs. Biss and Balcombe hails from Cardiff; Watkins from Barry. On Tuesday, September 14th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. T. Butler, 1; H. Millard, 2; J. W. Jones (conductor), 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. Butler, 5; F. Green, 6; J. Cox, 7; T. Longville, 8. On Tuesday, September 21st, 210 Grandsire Triples. T. Butler, 1; R. Thompson, 2; J. W. Jones (conductor), 3; F. Atwell, 4; J. H. Russell, 5; F. Green, 6; J. Butler, 7; T. Longville, 8. Also a plain course of Bob Major. J. H. Russell, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; J. H. Shepherd, 3; — Lang, 4; R. Thompson, 5; J. Butler, 6; F. Atwell, 7; F. Green, 8. Messrs. Lang and Shepherd hail from Swindon. On Sunday, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 192 Bob Minor. T. Longville, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; F. Atwell, 3; F. Green, 4; J. Cox, 5; J. Trowbridge, 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 12th, for the Harvest Festival, the bells were rung for each service during the day in touches of Bob Major and Triples. For evening service 756 Bob Triples. A. Lee, 1; W. Peirce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; J. Howard, 4; A. Took, 5; G. Tovell, 6; E. Easter, 7; W. Lee, 8. On Monday, September 13th, four courses of Grandsire Triples, on hand-bells. H. Clarke, 1; G. Seamans, 2; A. Took, 3-4; F. Lambert, 5-6; A. Lee, 7-8. Also three courses. R. Tracy, 1; Also 120 Bob Minor, 360 Grandsire Doubles and 360 Plain Doubles. A. Lee, 1-2; F. Lambert, 3-4; Mrs. F. Lambert, 5-6. On Sunday, September 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples. S. Kerrison, 1; W. Peirce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; A. Lee, 4; E. Easter, 5; J. Howard, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; W. Lee, 8. Also after evening service 504 in the same method. R. Howard, 5; rest as before.

WISSETT (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 19th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire, Plain Doubles and April Day. J. Howard, 1; A. Lee, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; A. Took, 4; C. Kerrison, 5. Also 360 Grandsire. C. Kerrison (conductor), 1; A. Lee, 2; W. Kemp, 3; W. Durrant, 4; S. Kerrison, 5.

HUNTINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 25th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells deeply muffled on the occasion of the funeral of Lord Huntingfield, which took place at this church. T. Mower, 1; W. Bloomfield (conductor), 2; J. Nudd, 3; H. Barrell, 4; A. Ransby, 5.

BRAMFIELD (Suffolk).—On Monday September 27th, 720 Grand-

sire, Plain Bob and April Day, and 120 of St. Simon's Doubles. A. Lee, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; J. Walker, 3; E. Thain, 4; J. Punchard, 5.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

**BURNLEY.**—On Tuesday, September 7th, at Holy Trinity, 224 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; N. Townend, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Heys, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman, 8.

**ACCRINGTON.**—On Saturday, September 11th, at St. James's Church, 720 Kent. J. R. Werring, 1; R. Scholes, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; J. Brown, 4; R. Parkinson, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). E. Ecroyd, 1; W. Britcliff, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; Jas. Mather, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Bentley, 1; W. Slater, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; J. Smith, sen., 4; Isaac Whalley, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 14th, 640 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; N. Townend, 3; D. Heys, 4; D. Campbell, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; R. Hartley, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 19th, for morning service, 768 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; T. Redman (conductor), 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; J. Mather, 8. Also for evening service, 720 Oxford. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Saturday, September 25th, 720 Kent. L. Holt (Bacup), 1; F. Towns, 2; Z. Lord (Bacup), 3; J. H. Barnes (Bacup), 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, 576 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; D. Heys, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; M. Wood, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also for evening service, 768 in the same method. D. Heys, 1; R. Hartley, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; D. Campbell, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service, 768 Kent. D. Heys, 1; D. Campbell, 2; E. Timbrell, 3; W. Timbrell, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth (conductor), 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman, 6.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**HAZEL GROVE.**—On Sunday, September 5th, at the church of St. Thomas, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24½ mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Sunday, September 12th, 720 Plain Bob in 25½ mins. S. Fernley (conductor), 1; J. Dean, 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley, 4; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 5; A. Fernley, 6. J. Wilde hails from Bredbury. On Wednesday, September 15th, for practice, plain courses of New London Pleasure and Violet Treble Bob. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; S. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6.

**PRESTBURY.**—On Saturday, September 11th, at the parish church, touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6.

**GAWSWORTH.**—On Saturday, September 11th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. Also touches of Kent and Plain Bob standing as above.

**STOCKPORT (Cheshire).**—On Friday, September 24th, at St. George's Heaviley, 792 Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; H. Meakin, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; T. Sale, 5; J. Bayley, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; A. Gordon, 8; A. Sidebottom (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. Messrs. Sale and Gordon are members of St. Mary's. On Saturday, October 2nd, 864 Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Bayley, 3; T. Jackson, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Pearson, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall, 8; A. Sidebottom (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Divine Service, on the occasion of the first Harvest Festival, 1043 Grandsire Caters. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Bayley, 3; T. Jackson, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Pearson, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall, 8; A. Sidebottom (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. For evening service 575 Grandsire Caters. G. Astbury, 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Bayley, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; H. Meakin, 5; T. Marshall, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; A. Sidebottom, 8; I. S. Wilde (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. Astbury hails from Flixton; Lawrence from London; Wilde from Hyde. On Monday, October 4th, for practice, 971 Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; C. Barber, 3; T. Jackson, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Fernhead, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall, 8; A. Sidebottom (conductor), 9; E. Williamson, 10. J. Fernhead hails from Garston. First touch by C. Barber with a bob bell.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

**DORCHESTER (Dorset).**—On Tuesday, September 28th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Harwood, 1; T. G. Hodger, 2; C. B. Hurst, 3; E. S. Hodger, 4; G. T. White, 5; J. C. Hull, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Benger, 8. T. W. Radford hail from Taunton. Longest touch by the band.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**HORBURY (Yorks).**—On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 720 City Delight. E. Carr, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. The ringing is stopped from this date, owing to the unsafe condition of the steeple.

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

**UFFINGTON (Lincolnshire).**—On Tuesday evening, September 28th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 1; E. Popple, 2; R. Wyche, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; C. Harper, 5; F. Dennison, 6.

**STAMFORD (Lincolnshire).**—On October 5th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 27½ mins. F. Dennison, 1; E. Popple, 2; R. Wyche, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; C. Harper, 5; F. Dennison, 6.

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

**TREETON (Yorks).**—On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Whitworth, 1; W. Osborne (first in the method), 2; W. Allwood, 3; S. Walker, 4; W. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. For evening service 120 each of Oxford and Violet, and 720 Arnold's Victory. T. Whitworth, 1; W. Allwood (first in the method), 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; W. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 28th, for practice, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Wooffenden, 1; W. Osborne, 2; W. Allwood, 3; W. Lambert, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Nicholson, 6. Touches of Violet and Cambridge were rung by the above. W. Osborne ringing the treble. W. Osborne hails from Beighton, Derbyshire. On Sunday, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 240 College Treble, 240 Primrose, and 120 Arnold's Victory. A. Wooffenden, 1; W. Allwood, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Arnold's Victory. T. Whitworth, 1; W. Nicholson, 5; the rest as before. On Thursday, October 7th, for practice, 360 Primrose. A. Wooffenden, 1; W. Allwood, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; W. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts.).**—On Sunday, September 36th, for afternoon service at the parish church, 120 Stedman Triples. G. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady (conductor), 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; G. Phillips, 6. Also 120 Bob Doubles standing as above. A. Smith (conductor). On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service, a 360 College Single. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles with W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 1; and G. Phillips, 6; the rest as before. And for afternoon service 360 Grandsire Minor. J. Heady, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And a course of Stedman Doubles. G. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; A. Smith, 6. On Tuesday, October 5th, for practice, 720 of College Single. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Wright, 1; W. H. Lawrence, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; J. Heady, 5; H. Carter, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Phillip, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 4; A. Smith, 5; G. Phillips, 6.

**GREAT MUNDEN (Herts.).**—On Friday, October 8th, the above band paid a visit to the above tower, and rang a 720 Grandsire Minor. And 144 College Single. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And a 120 Stedman Doubles. W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 1; A. Wright, 6, the rest as before. On Sunday, 10th, for morning service, 120 Stedman. J. Heady, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; H. Warner (Bennington), 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 5; G. Phillips, 6. And 360 College Single. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6; the rest as before. And for afternoon service, a 360 Oxford Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

# WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

**RIPPLE (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, September 26th, being the Harvest Festival at this church, the writer availed himself of the opportunity to get a few ringers to meet at his native parish church, for a ring on the peal of six bells (tenor 13 cwt. by Rudhall), which are much admired by all in the district. Leaving Worcester at 1.15 p.m. a pleasant twelve miles' journey on the iron steeds brought three to the rendezvous, to be joined by H. Salisbury (Little Comberton), R. G. Knowles (Hanley), L. Longley (Croome), with other friends. After waiting a short time for the baptism of a double event, the bells were put in motion and a 720 of Plain Bob was rung in 25 mins. R. G. Knowles, 1; L. Longley, 2; H. Salisbury, 3; G. Checketts, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6. And 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 24 mins. H. Salisbury, 1; L. Longley (conductor), 2; G. Checketts, 3; W. Page, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; R. G. Knowles, 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob in 26 mins. W. H. Johnson, 1; G. Checketts, 2; L. Longley, 3; H. Salisbury, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; R. G. Knowles, 6. Next came several six-scores in which Godfrey (Pershore), C. Hayling (Ripple), and F. Smith (Hanley) took part. The afternoon's ringing finished up with a 6-score of Stedman Doubles.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

**OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).** On September 29th, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Godfrey, 1; W. H. Godfrey, 2; L. Wilson, 3; Rev. M. Kelly (conductor), 4; R. A. Daniell, 5; J. Baker, 6; J. Godfrey, 7; A. Pike, 8. In the evening, at the Vicarage, on handbells, a course of Grandsire Triples. Miss A. M. Kelly, 1; Miss D. Kelly, 2; R. A. Daniell, 3; 4; Rev. M. Kelly, 5; 6; Miss M. C. Kelly, 7; 8. And 120 Stedman Doubles. Rev. M. Kelly, 1; R. A. Daniell, 2; Miss A. M. Kelly, 3; Miss D. Kelly, 4; Miss M. C. Kelly, 5; 6. Eight courses of Bob Minor (180 changes). R. A. Daniell, 1; Miss A. M. Kelly, 2; Miss D. Kelly, 3; Miss M. C. Kelly, 4; Rev. M. Kelly (conductor), 5; 6. These touches were arranged for R. A. Daniell, Esq., who hails from St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.

**CHIPPING (Lancashire).**—On September 1st, 720 College Pleasure. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On September 8th, 720 each of Woodbine and College Pleasure, standing as above. On September 16th, 720 Duke of York. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5; T. Seed, 6. On September 27th, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; T. Seed, 3; J. Kenyon, 4; F. Timbrell, 5; W. Timbrell (conductor), 6. On September 30th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On September 20th, on handbells, 720 each of Plain Bob and Canterbury. F. Timbrell, 1; 2; R. Timbrell, 3; 4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5; 6. Also 168 Bob Triples. J. Seed, 7; the rest as before.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).**—On August 19th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-eight bobs and ten singles). T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 3; —. Woodhouse, 4; T. Jackson, 5; T. Stuart, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-seven singles and three bobs). T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Cushing, 4; —. Woodhouse, 5; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 6. On September 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Turner, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On September 26th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

**DONCASTER (Yorks.).**—On Sunday morning at the parish church, for Divine Service, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Dean of Llandaff, formerly Vicar of Doncaster, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's variation) in 51 mins. H. Brock, 1; C. Scott, 2; G. Halshworth, 3; H. Marwood, 4; R. Bayles, 5; C. Armitage, 6; H. Wilson, 7; S. Holmes, 8. Longest touch in the method by the local band.

**KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).**—On Sunday, September 19th, 1168 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Sumner, 1; W. S. Pritchett, 2; F. Clayton, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; J. S. Pritchett, 5; W. H. Smith, 6; W. Palmer, 7; W. H. Barber (composer and conductor), 8. On handbells, 582 Stedman Caters. W. S. Pritchett, 1; 2; F. Clayton, 3; 4; W. H. Barber (conductor), 5; 6; J. S. Pritchett, 7; 8; W. H. Smith, 9; 10.

**LEYTONSTONE (Essex).**—On Thursday, September 16th, at the church of St John the Baptist, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor in seven methods, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr.

30 mins., owing to some one being ill near the church. J. Moule, 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Mardell, 3; E. Wightman (conductor), 4; H. Gowers, 5; T. Beams, 6.

**LLANDAFF.**—On September 27th, for practice at the cathedral, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. R. Hopkins, 1; J. Aldridge, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; R. Brothwell, 8. On Monday, October 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Biss, 2; R. Balcombe, 3; O. Layng, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Aldridge, 6; W. Coombes, 7; R. Brothwell, 8.

**SEELY OAK (Worcestershire).**—On Thursday, September 23rd, 601 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Barber (conductor), 1; E. Byolin, 2; S. Saker, 3; F. Clayton, 4; T. Lewis, 5; E. Bryant, 6; J. Dowler, 7; H. Withers, 8. Also 336 in the same method. F. Clayton, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; S. Saker (conductor), 3; E. Byolin, 4; T. Lewis, 5; E. Bryant, 6; J. Dowler, 7; H. Withers, 8. S. Saker hails from Hastings. On handbells, at The Globe tavern, 480 Kent Treble Bob Royal. R. J. Hunt, 1; 2; F. Clayton, 3; 4; W. H. Barber (conductor), 5; 6; W. A. Hancock, 7; 8; W. Short, 9; 10.

**WANSTEAD (Essex).**—On Thursday, September 23rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor in seven different methods, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 6 mins., owing to some one being ill near the church. J. Moule, 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; E. Wightman, 5; T. Beams, 6. On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service, 360 Kent Treble Bob. G. Cornell, 1; H. Gowers, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; J. Marks, 5; T. Beams (conductor), 6. After service 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. J. Moule, 1; K. C. Fox, Esq., 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; G. Cornell, 5; J. Marks (conductor), 6.

**WOODFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. H. Gowers, 1; K. C. Fox, Esq. (first with a bob bell), 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; T. Beams, 6. For afternoon service 240 and 280 College Single. J. Shuttle, 1; K. C. Fox, Esq., 2; E. Wightman (conductor), 3; J. Kimberley, 4; H. Gowers, 5; J. Mardell, 6. For evening service 240 Oxford Treble Bob and 240 Kent. E. Wightman, 1; K. C. Fox, Esq., 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; H. Gowers, 5; T. Beams (conductor), 6. After service 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. H. Gowers, 1; K. C. Fox, Esq. (first in the method), 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; J. Marks, 6.

## Obituary.

### JOHN JONES.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of our parish clerk, John Jones, who died on October 1st after a short illness, and leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss. He was a ringer for twenty-one years up to the time the Bletchley St. Mary's ringers started learning change-ringing. The funeral took place on Tuesday, October 5th. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Bennett, assisted by the Rev. A. C. Webber. The members of the choir also attended to show their last token of respect to one who will be greatly missed amongst the choir, ringers, and friends of this parish, and the villages around. The choir sang two hymns, one in the church, and one by the graveside. The wreaths which covered the coffin, came from members of his family and friends about the parish. On Sunday morning, October 10th, with the bells muffled, an 120 was rung. And for evening service 360 Grandsire Doubles on the back six. V. Sear (conductor), 1; A. Crane, 2; R. Sear, 3; E. Marks, 4; A. Atkins, 5; F. James, 6. A. C.

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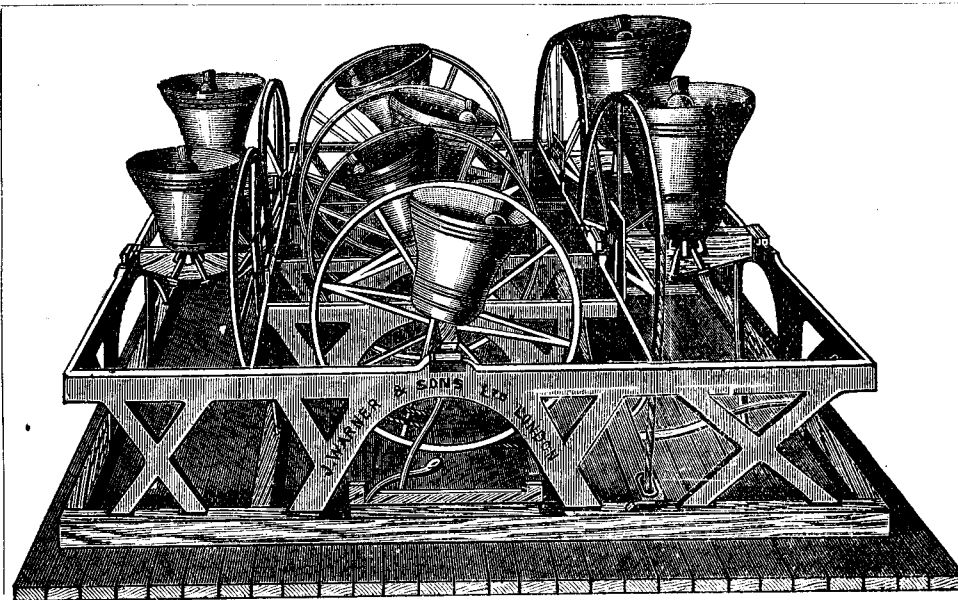
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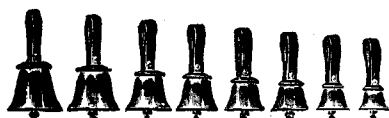
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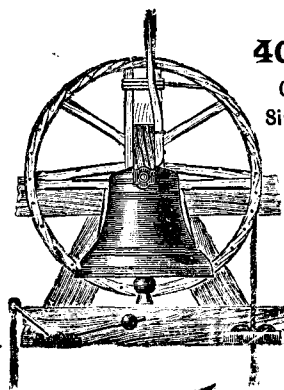
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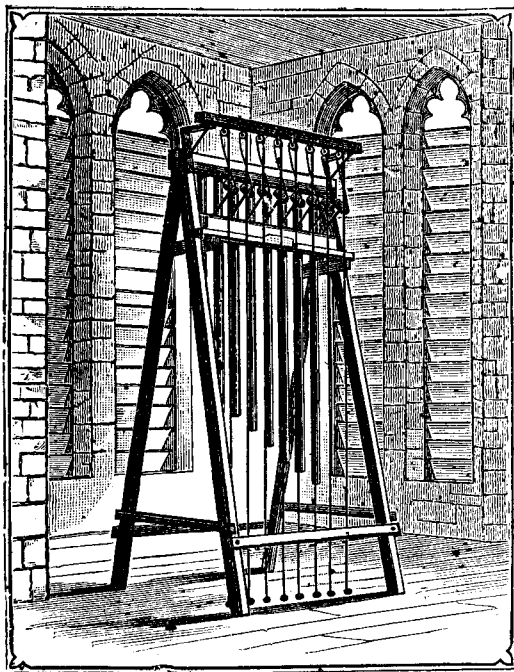
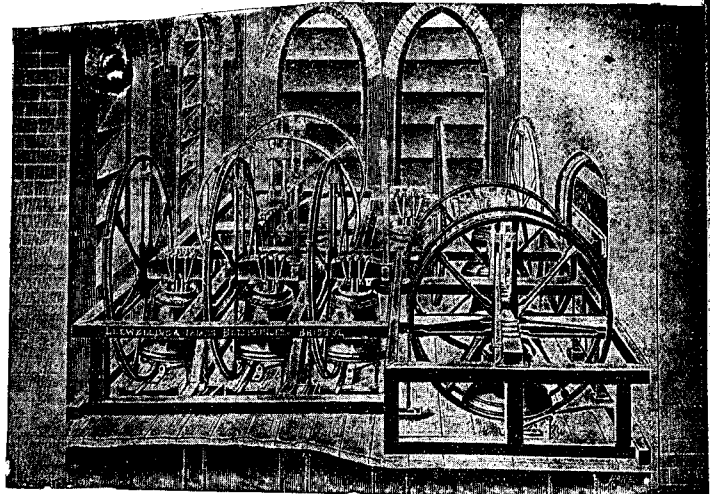
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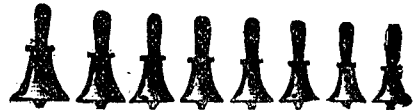
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## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16th inst., the members of this association held their last quarterly meeting of the year at Ashtead, which is situated between Epsom and Leatherhead, and about sixteen miles from London. The parish church, the register of which dates back to the year 1662, is situate in Ashtead park, the seat of Pantia Ralli, Esq., and is dedicated to St. Giles. The embattled tower contains a peal of the finest bells for their weight ever rung. The tenor (key F) weighs 14 cwt. 8 lbs. and was cast with the rest of the bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, in 1873. Soon after three o'clock the peal was raised and went merrily to Grandsire and Stedman Triples until 5.45, when the ringers sought out the Leg of Mutton, and to the number of 44, including the Rector, the Rev. F. G. L. Lucas, M.A., and his curate, Rev. M., R. Bethune, sat down to an excellent meat tea provided by host Battle. Appetites having been appeased, the honorary Secretary proposed, Mr. C. Bance (Beddington), seconded, and it was resolved that the Rev. F. G. L. Lucas, occupy the chair. The rev. gentleman on taking the chair cordially welcomed the members of the Association to Ashtead, and referred at some length to the use which had been made of bells in past times. In alluding to the manner in which different worshippers were called together, he recalled the fact that Mahomedans were called to worship by a man who ascended to the top of the Mosque and shouted to the faithful to come and worship. He thought, however, how much more pleasant it was to have the bells pealing for the people at Ashtead to go to church than for Joe Page to stand on the top of the tower and shout for them to attend.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed. It was reported that since the previous meeting there had been rung at Beddington a peal of Grandsire Caters, and at Carshalton a peal of Stedman Triples. It was resolved that both peals be entered in the peal-book. In this connection a discussion arose as to whether it was desirable to continue the recording of peals in the elaborate manner hitherto prevailing. The Secretary reported there were some fifty entries to be made, and this would cost over £6. It was eventually agreed the matter should be further discussed at a meeting to be called of the local representatives who should report at the next meeting. It was also decided that the representatives should prepare the annual report and get it issued by the date of the next meeting. The following were elected performing members of the Association: the Rev. M. R. Bethune and Mr. William Farrell (Ashtead), Mr. William Smart (Benhillton). The Rev. F. G. L. Lucas was elected an honorary member.

The Secretary having drawn attention to the fact that no district meetings had been held recently for the practice of the higher methods, it was left to him to make arrangements for same. It was decided to hold the next meeting on a Monday in January, at Croydon. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Rev. Canon Utterton for allowing the use of Leatherhead bells and to the Chairman for presiding, the members, who were from Ashtead, Beddington, Benhillton, Betchworth, Croydon, Cheam, Epsom, Leatherhead, Mitcham and Reigate then adjourned to participate in ringing at Ashtead and also at Leatherhead, and thus brought an enjoyable outing to a close.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.—A meeting of this district was held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, October 9th. Although the belfry was open at three o'clock there were not sufficient members present to ring until nearly 5.30. The members were welcomed in the belfry by Miss MacAlpine Leny, who apologised for the absence

of the Rector through another engagement, but who would meet them later on. The bells were raised and some short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. At six o'clock an adjournment was made to the rectory, where an excellent tea was provided by the kindness and generosity of Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon. During the tea the Rector gave many interesting accounts about the original church which was built over 500 years ago, and was destroyed by fire, in which the bells were melted; and the present 5th bell was cast from the metal recovered from the ruins. The present church is the third one built on the same site and is exactly like the original one.

The business meeting was held after the tea, the Rector presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. T. Groombridge said that he understood the order had been given to rehang the bells at Sevenoaks, and proposed that the annual district meeting be held there on the last Saturday in January, provided the bells were finished, failing that the meeting to be held at Westerham. This was seconded and carried. There being no other business the district secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, and also to Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Leny for their kindness in providing such an excellent tea. He said it was well-known that ringers were always welcome at Speldhurst, and it was proved by the many visits the College Youths had paid there. It was the first time the Association had held a meeting there, and it was also the first time the members had been so liberally entertained. He only wished that there were more in the county that took the interest in ringers and ringing which the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Leny did. This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Tunbridge, who said he thoroughly endorsed all that the district secretary had said. The votes of thanks were carried with applause.

The Rector, in responding, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to meet the members of the Association. He took a great interest in them, and as long as he was there he should continue to be an honorary member. With regard to the ladies he was sure they were equally pleased to meet and entertain them, the name of Miss Leny was well-known to ringers, she having enjoyed the distinction of being the only lady member of the College Youths, and she had often dined with two or three hundred ringers, and did not feel at all out of place. In conclusion, he said he hoped the Association would again visit them on some future occasion. The ringers then returned to the belfry and touches in various methods were rung until nine o'clock.

## HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

An interesting gathering of ringers took place at the borough church of All Saints last Saturday afternoon, to witness the intended unveiling of a handsome tablet just erected in the belfry, recording a record peal in this county, rang during this year of Jubilee records. The rector, the Rev. E. D. Shaw, M.A., the Mayor, P. J. Rutland, Esq., J.P., Mr. Alderman Phillips, Superintendent Spar, and others; Messrs. Perryman and Wilder, of Slough, and the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were present: Hughenden—Messrs. Evans, Boreham, Jones, and Biggs; Marlow—Messrs. Truss (2), Green, Nye, and Hawkins; Slough—Messrs. A. C. and W. H. Fussell; Boyne Hill—Messrs. Martin and Holdway; Wycombe—Messrs. Clarke, Twitchen, Markham, Hollowell, Wheeler, Butler, and Watkins.

Thanks to Mr. W. H. Clarke, Hon. Sec. of the Wycombe Society, and Mr. Laurence Youens (steeplekeeper), everything was in readiness in good time, but the tablet thought fit to unveil itself just before the arrival of the Mayor, and the wire of clock chime hammer broke, thus delaying the raising of the

bells, which are an excellent peal of ten excepting the treble, which sadly needs tuning a quarter of a note sharper.

About four o'clock the rector arrived, and at once kindly performed the Guild's office—a prayer in which the ringers heartily joined, and a few rounds on the bells followed. The rector expressed his pleasure in attending to accept the handsome gift from the Mayor, and hoped the achievement thus recorded would be an incentive to their own society of change-ringers. He spoke highly of the Diocesan Guild and its work, and the high position occupied by all present day ringers as Church workers. He congratulated the members of the band who were present that took part in the peal, and in referring to the older performance by College Youths (a 5111 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 40 mins. rang on April 8th, 1792), trusted that it would not be another century ere it was again accomplished.

The Mayor, who is also a change-ringer, having learnt to pull a bell while articled at Exeter, expressed his pleasure in making the gift, and thanked those gentlemen present for attending that afternoon. Like the rector he was very pleased with the board and its voluntary design—a most creditable one to its author, Mr. W. H. Fussell.

Alderman Phillips proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for such a generous gift. It was many years since he last visited the belfry; he was glad to do so again, and see both the old and the new tablets: the former he could readily read once, now it was almost undiscernible. The latter was an excellent piece of decorative writing. He felt sure every one was pleased with the manner in which it was finished.

Mr. W. H. Fussell seconded Mr. Phillips' proposal, and on behalf of the band tendered thanks to the rector for permission to make the attempt. It was not always found that an incumbent was energetic enough to smooth away the opposition and complaints of those who objected to bells, especially in so crowded a situation as this church is. Without attempting there would have been no success, and therefore no need of such a handsome memorial of their achievement. The board would be a lasting tribute of the kindness and generosity of the Mayor and rector of High Wycombe.

It was regretted that the composer and conductor of the peal, Mr. H. N. Davis, was absent owing to the recent loss of his father and consequent pressure of business.

Touces of Grandsire Caters and Triples was rang, and an adjournment was then made to Mr. Hills' refreshment rooms for tea, which was the more enjoyed by the serving by an impromptu waiter. Here a course of Grandsire Caters on a peal of handbells by Shaw and Sons, of Bradford, Yorks, was rung by A. C. Fussell, 1-2; J. Evans, 3-4; W. H. Fussell, 5-6; J. C. Truss, 7-8; G. Martin, 9-10. This course was the first ringing upon these bells, their tone and especially the tuning being much admired.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Stedman, Bob Major, and Grandsire were rung and conducted by Messrs. Evans and Truss, till the time for departure came, an enjoyable afternoon's social ending too quickly. The weather was fine, and several of the visitors took the opportunity of looking over the church, which was just decorated for the Harvest Festival, to be held on the morrow. As the distant ringers started homewards, the Bloomsbury (London) regiment of Rifle Volunteers marched into the town from Amersham, where they were billeted for the night. The fine brass band of the regiment provided the musical portion of the Sunday services, as the organ was under repair and extension.

The death took place at Manchester on Tuesday morning last of Sir Thomas Percival Heywood, Bart. He was born in 1823, and was educated at Cambridge. He was a justice of the peace for Staffordshire and Derbyshire, and was High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1852. He is succeeded by his son, Mr. Arthur Percival Heywood, born in 1849.

MILDENHALL (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, October 4th, for practice, 504 Bob Triples, in 21 mins. H. Turner, 1; \*T. Soames 2; H. Turner, 3; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 4; G. Turner, 5; A. Turner, 6; C. Carpenter, 7; R. Gooch, 8. Conducted by Henry Turner. \*First touch of Triples. Gooch hails from Bury St. Edmunds; the rest are local men.

#### FYLDE DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this branch took place at Kirkham, on Saturday, October 16th, the bells of the parish church (St. Michael's) being placed at the disposal of the members (by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Mason) at 3 p.m. Shortly after this hour the bells were set going to Minor methods; the treble being out of order, little but Minor could be attempted. We might here say that the bells are going to be rehung, as by the recent bazaar a good sum has been realized for the purpose, and a new roof for the church. The latter is now being proceeded with; so the local company we hope may have the pleasure of accomplishing the 5040 they hope to secure when the re-hanging is carried out. Tea and meeting was announced to take place at The Black Horse hotel, at 6 p.m. Through the absence of Canon Mason, the Rev. J. Barker, curate (and an honorary member), presided. J. Fell, one of the branch secretaries, read apologies from the following: Canon Mason (Kirkham), J. C. Needham, Esq., and G. R. Bellamy, Esq., Rev. R. Halstead, and the Rev. J. Gilbertson of Lytham.

The Chairman then gave the members a warm welcome to Kirkham, and hoped when the branch next visited Kirkham, to give them a tea.

Mr. R. Redman (Kirkham), proposed, and Mr. N. Stanhope, seconded, that Blackpool be the place of next meeting. Mr. R. Cookson proposed Poulton-le-Fylde; after a little discussion Blackpool was selected for January, 1898.

The Rev. J. Barker, according to promise made early in the year, gave a very interesting paper on bells, their early origin, and spoke of them down to the present time. It would be foolish on the part of the writer to attempt to give even a brief outline of this far-reaching paper.

Mr. Clitheroe's (of Blackpool) remarks might be taken as the key-note when he said he was sure that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded to the essayist for the masterly manner in which Mr. Barker had enlightened the members on the early origin of bells. He (Mr. Clitheroe) thought this a new departure in the feature of these meetings; he had listened very carefully to the speaker, and received information which he had not known before.

Mr. G. Mawes here proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given (through the Chairman) to Canon Mason for the use of the bells; and further said personally he had enjoyed the paper of Mr. Barker's very much, and hoped at some future meeting the members might have the pleasure of hearing it again.

Mr. Clitheroe, in a few well-chosen remarks, spoke of the interest Mr. Barker had shown on this and other occasions, and hoped the Chairman might be able to handle a rope, and this especially when the bells are put in order.

Mr. Cookson said he should be pleased to alter the practice night to suit the Rev. J. Barker. The rev. gentleman promised to attend when possible.

The towers represented were St. John's (Blackpool), St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, St. Peter's and St. John's (Lytham), and Kirkham Parish Church. It is to be hoped the members will make an effort to attend the next meeting; it is the sincere desire of the secretaries that they should do so.

#### ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

On Tuesday evening, October 19th, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. Bicknell), the members of the Cathedral Society paid a visit to St. Michael's church and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, also a few courses of Bob Minor, being the first change-ringing on the bells since being re-hung. The tower of this church has recently been re-built by Lord Grimthorpe (to whom all thanks are due for putting the St. Albans churches in such a substantial state of repair), and the bells re-tuned and two re-cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The ringers present were; H. L. Waddington, J. E. Randall, R. E. Hammond, A. Hallett, F. S. Barnes, H. J. Samuel, E. Whish and W. Battle (conductor). The tone and go of the bells are all that can be wished for.

## THE DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT ST. VERYAN, CORNWALL.

Thursday, October 5, was a "red letter" day for St. Veryan, and the parishioners were on the move at early dawn making the final preparations for the great festival that was to be held in connection with the dedication of a new peal of bells, a new clock, and the harvest-tide thanksgiving.

Three services were held at the parish church. The special service of thanksgiving (the Holy Communion) was celebrated at 10.30 a.m. There was a goodly number present, and we cannot doubt but that hearty and devout thanks were poured out before God's throne for all His gifts, blessing, and love vouchsafed to the parish. The Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Kempe) was the celebrant, and there were forty communicants.

The second service was held at 2.45 p.m., when the bells and clock were dedicated to the service of Almighty God. The form of service used was one which had been compelled expressly for the occasion by the Vicar with the entire approval of the Bishop. The Vicar acted as the Bishop's chaplain and carried the pastoral staff, and he was ably supported by the two worthy churchwardens, Mr. W. C. Blamey and Mr. Trudgian, who carried out their duties throughout the day most admirably. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese conducted this service, and gave a very beautiful and instructive address on the use of church bells, pointing out the holy lessons that they and the clock teach to those who are willing to learn. This impressive service conducted by the Bishop will not easily be forgotten by the large congregation assembled to take part in the dedication festival.

The final service was at 6.45 p.m., when the Venerable the Archdeacon of Cornwall preached an eloquent and powerful sermon to a crowded congregation; the Archdeacon (a former Vicar), who is greatly beloved in the parish of St. Veryan, always receives a warm and hearty welcome whenever he comes. The church had been most tastefully decorated by loving hands with corn, fruit, and flowers, sent as offerings from various parishioners and friends. The musical portions of the services throughout the day were rendered by the organists and choir with great care and reverence, and the services were of a most hearty and responsive kind. Mrs. Kempe played the harmonium in the afternoon, and Miss Drake in the evening.

The Penzance company came to open the bells with their leader, Dr. Symons; they rang a touch of Grandsire Doubles after the dedication, all the congregation standing during this interval, and also rang other touches during the afternoon. St. Michael Caerhays ringers rang for second evensong, and they and St. Goran ringers rang at intervals during the evening. One and all of the ringers expressed themselves highly pleased with the "go" of the bells.

The work has been carried out admirably and in the most satisfactory way by Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, new oak beams, a new floor, and a new oak frame for six bells being fixed in the place of the old decayed timber. The three old bells were sent to Warner's, two to be tuned and one to be re-cast; they also cast three new bells to make a peal of six, and these have all been splendidly hung in a cage prepared for them, and are in perfect harmony and of a sweet tone.

One and all in the parish of St. Veryan are to be congratulated on the work that has been carried out at the parish church by Mr. Stokes, whose excellent workmanship is the admiration of all who inspect it.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORWOOD, MIDDLESEX.—On Thursday, October 14th, by kind permission of the Rev. J. L. Macdonald, M.A., rector, a small party of the above met to try this nice light musical ring of bells. Four of the Heston company and one of St. Mary's, Ealing, were first to arrive, and with the assistance of one or two of the local company, rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Mr. Beade, of Isleworth, then put in an appearance, when a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung by S. Carter, sen., J. Basden (conductor), T. Beadle, H. Chandler, C. Edwards, and S. Carter. This is the first 720 on the bells. The local band then took the ropes and rang a few call-changes for the visitors to hear the bells outside. By this time another from Ealing and two more from Heston had put in an appearance, when the bells were kept going to the tune of Stedman Doubles, etc.,

finishing up with 360 of Bob Minor, by C. Turner, A. H. Taber, C. Edwards, H. Chandler, J. Basden (conductor), and S. Carter, the bells being then lowered in peal. It was the unanimous opinion that they were a very musical little ring of bells, and that great credit was due to the man who hung them, the go of them was all that could be desired. Some of the visitors seemed to think that the only improvement needed was that the 2nd was over-clappered. The visitors desire to heartily thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and the local company for so cordially meeting them and making the visit so enjoyable. There would have been a better muster, but being Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Mary's, Ealing, only one or two could get away. Mr. C. Bird took part in some of the Stedman Doubles.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very pleasant and useful meeting was held at Slough on Saturday, October 23rd. In the absence of the rector (the Rev. P. H. Eliot), the members were welcomed by the Rev. A. P. Du Caine, who, with the Hon. Sec., Mr. T. P. Field, had taken every pains to ensure the comfort of the ringers and the success of the day. Ringing began early in the afternoon until evensong at five o'clock, when the rector of Farnham Royal, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, gave the address, and was taken up again after tea. The Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), took the chair at the tea in the Church Rooms, when the company numbered thirty-four, among whom were the Revs. H. C. Blagden, E. Broome, A. P. Du Caine, L. F. Hake, R. H. Hart-Davis, R. P. Newhouse, H. C. Wilder, and L. Winter; Messrs. A. H. Cocks, T. P. Field, W. Newell, A. W. Pike, A. W. Truss, W. E. Yates, J. C. Truss, and Fussell.

The Master in the course of his remarks announced that the two new bells had reached Christ Church Cathedral, and would soon be in their place in the tower, and that he hoped that notice of a service of dedication would shortly be sent round to all belfries in union with the Guild. He further declared that it was proposed to attempt a peal of 17,000 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Kidlington immediately after Christmas.

A hearty vote of thanks followed to the preacher (Rev. H. C. Wilder), the Rev. A. P. Du Caine, and the hon. local sec., Mr. T. P. Field.

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## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A meeting of this branch was held at Bury on Saturday, October 23rd. The bells were set going early in the afternoon, and by four o'clock some thirty ringers had put in an appearance. Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent were rung more or less successfully. Frequently during the afternoon the pleasure of being present was marred by discussions as to whether learners or more experienced ringers should monopolise the meeting. It is to be hoped in future that those ringers who dislike learners will be more tolerable, and at the same time learners should thoroughly know their methods before attempting in the belfry. Until the method is mastered they will learn more, and be less discouraged, if they will stand behind a good ringer, and ask to be shown that way. A free tea was provided at the Central Dining Rooms, the rector, the Rev. F. G. Blackburn, defraying the cost. The business meeting followed tea, the Rev. O. D. S. Studdy presiding. The next meeting will be at Helmshore. The usual vote of thanks were heartily passed.

NORTHFLEET (Kent).—On Sunday, October 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. H. Lingham, 1; R. Smith, 2; B. Spinner, 3; H. Simmons, 4; W. Ware, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of W. Ware's birthday. On Sunday, October 10th, 720 Plain Bob was rung for Divine Service, in 25 mins. H. Fletho (first 720), 1; H. Lingham (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; R. Smith, 3; H. Simmons, 4; W. Ware, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. This is the first 720 by a local band for a number of years.

TIDENHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, September 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. Thompson, 1; G. Hobson, 2; J. Williams (conductor), 3; J. Morley, 4; H. Price, 5; A. Jones, 6. Also another 6-score. J. Williams, 1; G. Hobson, 2; J. Morley, 3; A. Jones, 4; R. Thompson (conductor), 5; A. Paddock, 6. First 6-score by A. Paddock, G. Hobson, A. Jones, J. Morley and R. Thompson hail from Chepstow.



## CHARLES, DEVON.

The dawn of Thursday, last week, heralded by the sun's golden beams, proclaimed the promise of great success in store for all who had worked so arduously in preparation for the Harvest Festival and rededication of the parish church bells. These bells, five in number, have long been widely known for their highly musical tone, but for the past few years it has been impossible to ring them without the danger of the decayed framework falling to pieces. The earliest record of the bells dates back to the time when an "Inventory of church goods was taken, Tempo Edwardi VI. 1553, hundred of Sherwell, parish of Charles, iij belles in ye towre their." In 1733 they were rehung and two more bells added. The inscriptions upon them are: treble, "Prosperity to all my benefactors"; 2nd, "Peace and good neighbourhood"; 3rd, "William Evans, of Chepstow, cast us all," 1733; 4th, "George Gould, George Gould, junr., churchwardens"; tenor, George Leworthy, gent, John Rosier, minister." During the present year special efforts have been made by the Rector and Mrs. Bates, ably assisted by Mr. Carnell, the esteemed and indefatigable churchwarden, and other friends, to obtain funds for rehanging the bells and putting the tower in thorough repair. When it is remembered that a sum of nearly £500 has been spent by this remote little parish upon its church during the past five years it will be readily seen that the task of obtaining the necessary funds was no easy one. In a short time, however, the sum of £74 was raised, and the contract for rehanging placed with Mr. Stokes, of Exeter, Sir Thomas Acland generously giving the value of the timber. A new lead-roof was also added to the tower, and the unsightly plastered ceiling in the belfry replaced by one of pitch pine with diagonal panels, varnished. The result is that the general appearance and comfort of the church does the greatest credit to all interested in its welfare. It is hoped that the deficit of £22 will be more than covered by the proceeds of a bazaar which it is proposed to hold in the early part of next year. The double event was celebrated on Thursday last week, commencing with a public tea in the schoolroom. At the evening service the church was densely packed, many being unable to gain admission. The decorations excelled those of all previous years, and the opinion was freely expressed that it would be impossible to make the church look more beautiful than it did. Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Hunter, the Misses Turnley, Carpell, Cossens, Marshall, Woolacott, and Mr. Jewell were responsible for the decorations. The beauty of the chancel was completed by a splendid white altar cloth, with coloured hangings, the gift of an anonymous donor. The churchyard has also been put in order, Mr. Budden having presented the churchwardens with a roller for keeping the paths and grass in order. The clergy robed in the school-house, and marched in procession to the church, hymn 28 (Church Hymnal), being sung as they entered. The Rev. G. Dickinson intoned the service, which was fully choral. Great credit is due to the choir for their careful rendering of each portion of the service. The anthem, "He Watereth the Hills," was much appreciated. Mr. Jewell took the solo, "The Lord God is a Sun and Shield." The Rev. J. Newman read the first lesson, and the Rev. W. P. Woodhouse the second. Canon Edmunds, who, as a former Rector in the adjoining parish of High Bray, is held in the highest esteem, was the preacher. Taking for his text Isaiah xxxviii. 16, the rev. gentleman referred to the widening and deepening of our thoughts, which we could assign to the influence of harvest festivals, as compared with the narrowing influences of country life, where in our isolation we were too apt to take a low view of the world's business. He appealed to his hearers to remember that Heaven was one focus of human thought, and home the other. In the difficulties which sometimes attended the harvest we should strive to trace a more vivid perception of God's love. Referring to the bells, the rev. gentleman remarked that they were signs of devotion, and that devotion which first prompted those who provided the bells depended upon those who provided ringers for its successful operation, while the moral value depended upon the spirit in which they were rung. The bells in their purity of tone and sweetness of harmony were indeed symbols of what our lives should be, pure and sweet. After appropriate prayer had been offered at the dedication ceremony, the bells were rung for a few minutes by Messrs. Burgess, Davey, Gratton, Passmore, and Ridd. The offertory, amounting to about £4,

will be divided between the North Devon Infirmary and the Bells Restoration Fund. Mr. L. W. Wallis, of Barnstaple, presided at the organ. The Rector and Mrs. Bates entertained the clergy, churchwarden, and other friends to supper at the Rectory.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WICKHAM, HANTS.

On Saturday, 9th, a special short service was held in the parish church of St. Nicholas, Wickham, the occasion being the dedication of the 4th bell, which has been recently recast. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. H. Duke. Other clergy present were the Rev. Stanhope Rashleigh, the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey and Rev. W. R. Williams. The entire cost of having this bell recast has been defrayed by Miss Burnby Greene, a lady who takes great interest in the church. It bears this inscription:

Fear God, Honour the King,  
To the Glory of God and in commemoration of the  
60th year of the Reign of Queen Victoria,  
M. Burnby Greene, Donor.  
R. Wells, of Aldbourne, fecit made me.  
MDCCLXVII.

After the service a good 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by the following: W. H. Churcher, 1; F. Hill, 2; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; G. W. Gatham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6; which was listened to with great satisfaction, for the bell is all that could be wished for and blends beautifully with the others. A move was then made to the reading room, where a substantial tea had been provided by the Rev. Stanhope Rashleigh, to which full justice was done, after which the belfry was visited again and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by the same band. The bells were kept going till 9 p.m., when all assembled again at the reading room for refreshments, which were kindly provided for all visitors by the above-named gentleman, for which they tender their heartiest thanks. The work has been carried out by Taylor, of Loughborough, and is most satisfactory.

## A WORTHY EXAMPLE.

Off the high road, in rustic seclusion, away from the toil and moil of this hurrying life, six miles distant from Hythe railway station, nestling amid surrounding elms, stands the ancient church of All Saints, Burmarsh; and in its grey tower hang three of the sweetest of the many lovely bells of Kent. If we may be guided by Stahlschmidt, the treble and 2nd have hung there from 1392, having been founded by William Burford, of London, and the tenor (8 cwt.) from the middle of the fifth century, probably founded by I Danyell. For years past, their tongues so sweet have scarcely been heard above the whisper of a chime, for, though so venerable, so tuneful, so perfect and unblemished, they are, alas! surrounded by the deplorable havoc which time has made upon their fittings, and they now hang in danger of falling. The Rector and parishioners, alive to their responsibility, and fully valuing the legacy left them by their pious forefathers in centuries gone by, have placed themselves under the guidance of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who suggest a perfect restoration, and that at once, as well as adding a tenor and a treble to make a bright peal of five in G., which is all the little tower will hold. A band of village swains, who love their church, are ready to give themselves to the noble study and practice of change-ringing, as soon as the opportunity permits, but this cannot be till the dust, the dirt, and the decay of past years have all been done away, and the ancient bells can swing again in company with two new-born brethren of the present day, enframed and enstocked in safety. We wish the Rector, his parishioners, and his enterprising lads every success in their undertaking.

WARTWICK (Leicestershire).—On Thursday, October 7th, previous to the Harvest Festival, 1000 Grandsire Triples were rung in 35 mins. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; S. W. West (conductor), 4; H. Partridge, 5; J. A. Moul, 6; L. Partridge, 7; F. Boam, 8.

## Notices.

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

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 260th anniversary dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate street, E.C., on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Burkin, W.H.L. Buckingham, Butler, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, T. Mash, McLaughlin, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Springall, Weatherstone, Winney, or W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
37, Tradescant road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The practice on November 2nd will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, at 8 p.m.

**The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.**—A complimentary branch meeting will be held at Burnley parish church to-day, Saturday, October 30th, in honour of Mr. J. Pollard.  
T. REDMAN, Branch Sec.

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above society will be held at Oldham Parish church, to-day, Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready at 4; meeting at 5.  
S. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.  
57, Alexandra Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.** Quarterly meeting at Ecton, near Northampton, this Saturday afternoon, October 30th. The bells are a ring of six, tenor about 14 cwt. Usual arrangements.  
Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

**The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chailey, to-day Saturday, October 30th. Tower open from 4 to 9 p.m. A kind invitation to tea at the rectory has been given to the members by the Rector of Chailey. It is hoped as many as possible will attend so as to encourage our six-bell bands.  
GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Dis. Sec.

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip to-day Saturday, October 30. A conveyance will leave Radstock station at 1.30 p.m. for Leigh. Short service in parish church at 3 o'clock, followed by business meeting.

Hy. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.  
The Cottage, Old Cleve, Washford.

**The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.**—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe, this Saturday afternoon, 30th October. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5.  
C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, Dis. Hon. Sec.  
Hythe, Kent.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Nuneaton to-day, Saturday, October 30th. The peal of eight at the parish church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea followed by general meeting at 4.45 p.m., both at the Gate hotel and restaurant. Tickets for tea, one shilling, as usual.

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

**The Leeds and District Amalgated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at St. Francis

church, (R.C.) eight bells, Holbeck, Leeds. to-day, Saturday, October 30th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, The Bellmount inn, David Street. Any ringers or friends are heartily welcome. The church is situated five minutes' walk from the Leeds Joint Station along Victoria Road and Monor Road.  
R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
18, Irwin Street, Hoggs Field, Holbeck.

**The Chester Guild.—Wirral Branch.**—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, to-day, Saturday, October 30th, at 6 p.m. Leaders of towers are requested to let the Hon. Sec. know how many members will attend.

HENRY WOOLCOTT, Hon. Sec.  
Grange Mount, West Kirby.

**Ely Diocesan Association.**—Sudbury Archidiaconal Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at All Saints, Sudbury, on Monday, November 1st. Meat tea at The Bull hotel at 4 p.m. Tower open all day.  
CHAS. SILLITOE, Branch Sec.

East Street, Sudbury.

**The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.**—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, November 6th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. A tea will be provided for those who send in their names to the secretary not later than Wednesday, November 3rd. Railway allowances, half-fares up to 2s. will be allowed and paid out at 5.30 p.m., in the church room adjoining the church. Tea at 6 p.m. sharp, to be followed by a business meeting. A short service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m., and an address will be given by the Rev. R. W. Atkinson, Vicar of St. John's.  
W. BEDWELL, Hon. Dis. Sec.  
13, Ladywell Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.**—The next meeting of this district will be held at Birchington on Saturday, November 6th. Tower will be open at 3 p.m. for ringing.  
A. FOREMAN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, on Saturday, November 6th, to celebrate the unveiling of new peal tablets by the vicar, and the president of the Lancashire Association. The vicar is kindly providing tea in the schoolroom at 6 p.m. on that date, to all members sending in their names to Mr. John Smith, 25, Hope Street, Pendleton, Manchester, not later than Wednesday, November 3rd. Members please attend strictly to this notice. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea.  
WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54 Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Tue Brook, near Liveepool, on Saturday, November 6th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30.  
HENRY COLEY, Branch Sec.  
3, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

**The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Leesfield, on Saturday, November 6, Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Rules and Diagram for Minor methods will be available to members attending the meeting. All ringers invited.

E. B. SHAW, Branch Sec.  
14, Thomas Street, Lees.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at

Hanley, on Saturday next, November 6. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. F. Mountford, 40 Harley Street, Hanley, not later than Wednesday, November 3rd.

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

**Society for Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Shifnal, on Saturday, November 13. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business Meeting at 5 p.m. Those wishing to avail themselves of cheap railway tickets from Shrewsbury, must communicate with the Hon. Sec.  
J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.  
Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

## THE YATES DISTRESS FUND.

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Amount already advertised	17	0	3
W. Ingham	0	2	6
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T. Chandler	0	1	0
W. Turner	0	1	0
J. Turner	0	1	0
H. Barrett	0	1	0
A Friend	0	1	0
T. B.	0	0	6
T. Taylor	0	1	0
C. Bedwell	0	1	0
T. Clews	0	1	0
J. B.	0	0	6
The ringers of St. Paul's church, Warrington, per Mr. A. Oxley	0	6	0
	£17	19	9

Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. W. Brown, Hon. Secretary, 54, Wenlock street, Hulme, Manchester.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. H. BLAKISTON.—We very much appreciate your letters. Your kind invitations are not forgotten.

PEGU.—We are afraid the remedy is very far off.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

**JOINER.**—Improver seeks situation. Large shop preferred. Change-ringer from eight-bell tower. A., care of Editor. [Send addressed envelope.]

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**The Metropolis.**

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 21, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN MOULE* .. .. Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 4.
WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 2.	HENRY GOWERS .. .. 5.
JOHN MARDELL .. .. 3.	THOMAS H. BEAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal. First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor, also first on the bells. The ringers, through this paper, thank Mr. Markby, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness on this and other occasions. Messrs. J. Moule and T. H. Beams were elected members of the Association before starting.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT O. D. ABRAHAMS* Treble.	*FREDK. W. T. BUTLER .. 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS .. .. 2.	*HENRY E. STREET .. .. 6.
ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE* .. 3.	FREDK. A. NUNN .. .. 7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 4.	*WILLIAM H. JOYCE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS.

\*First peal. F. G. Newman and F. A. Nunn from St. Mary's, the rest belong to the St. Saviour's Society. Rang at the first attempt.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 25, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY GOWERS .. .. Treble.	*JOHN KIMBERLY .. .. 4.
WILLIAM MILLER .. .. 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. 5.
JOHN MARDELL .. .. 3.	THOMAS H. BEAMS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\*First in seven methods, also the first in seven methods on the bells. After the peal the ringers gave the conductor great credit for the manner in which he had helped them forward, as only Grandsire Doubles were practised till he came among them in November last. Rang as a birthday peal for J. Kimberly, the usual good wishes being given.

**The Provinces.**

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

On Thursday, October 21, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

EDGAR TINGEY .. .. Treble.	FRANK HULL .. .. 6.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	ISAAC HILLS .. .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 8.
WILLIAM J. BARKER .. .. 4.	HARRY TYSOE .. .. 9.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP .. .. 5.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

This is the first peal of Royal by all except the conductor and ringer of the tenor the first peal of Royal on the bells, also the first peal of Royal by the Association, and was rung at the first attempt. This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th's place, and the 5th its extent right.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.**—A RECORD of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 1s. 2d.; cloth do., 1s. 8d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Berks.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, October 21, 1897, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

ROBERT SIMN .. .. Treble.	EDWARD WALLIS .. .. 6.
JOHN SIMN .. .. 2.	EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN .. 7.
HUGH D. DALL .. .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARD .. .. 8.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. .. 4.	WILLIAM HOLMES .. .. 9.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. .. 5.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late J. Cox and Conducted by EDWARD WALLIS.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters rung by this Association.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. DAVID E. RHODES, PARK VIEW,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

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

Referee, David E. Rhodes, who had a copy of the peal and ticked off every call and course-end as they were rung. First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by all, and rung to celebrate the forty-fourth birthday of Mr. D. E. Rhodes, all wishing him many happy returns.

BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, October 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

FARRINGTON JONES .. Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 5.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 2.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 3.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 7.
HENRY DAWKES .. .. 4.	JOHN A. BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. JAGGAR.

W. Smith hails from Darlaston; J. A. Brown from Bilston; the rest are local men.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, October 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JOHN RENNIE, 55, STRETTON ROAD, ASTON,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

BERNARD WITCHELL .. 1-2.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 5-6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3-4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 7-8.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal is now rung for the first time upon handbells out of London, and conducted from two non-observation bells. Referee—Thomas Wakeman who had a copy of the peal, and ticked off every call and course-end as they were rung.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 23, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE LATE HENRY JOHNSON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD DODD .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS .. .. 5.
HENRY WOOD .. .. 2.	EDWARD HULL .. .. 6.
HENRY CORBETT .. .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN .. .. 7.
JOHN WHITE .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM LYNCH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

\*First peal. Messrs. Dodd, Lynch, and White hail from Dorking, Corbett from Ashted, the rest from Leatherhead.

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

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM JAMES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. .. 6.
GEORGE JAMES .. .. 3.	ADAM HICKMAN HILL .. 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 4.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL JESSON and Conducted by ADAM H. HILL.

Messrs. Knight and Griffiths hail from Wolverhampton; Micklewright from Dudley; Smith from Netherton. This peal contains the extent of the six combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

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

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS WAKEMAN .. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 5.
ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. 7.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Tenor.

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

The above peal was rung on the forty-eighth birthday of John Crane.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES WILSON .. .. Treble.	EDWARD E. SMITH .. .. 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 2.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. 6.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 3.	WILLIAM T. MILLER .. 7.
JOHN BUTTERY .. .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal, which is the first in the method on the bells, was rung to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee Year. It is the first peal of Major by the ringers of the treble and 7th, and the first of Bob Major rung in Leicester on church bells since 1807. This composition, which has all the 5-6s, 6-5s, 4-6s, 6-4s, etc., with 2-3 never in 6ths, is now rung for the first time.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JAMES BATTS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 2.	CHARLES SMART .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 3.	HENRY DAINS .. .. 7.
JOHN SMART .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Dains hails from London; Goldsmith from Lewes; Smart (2) and Gatland are local men; the rest from Brighton.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5104 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.

ROBERT ALCOCK .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM RUDD .. .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	JOHN W. PASSMAN .. .. 6.
CHARLES HALL .. .. 3.	THOMAS METCALFE .. .. 7.
FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT 4.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

\*First peal in the method. Messrs. Harrison and Routledge belong to St. John's Guild, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the rest hail from Middlesbrough. This was also the first peal on the bells.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

H. TERRY* .. .. Treble.	A. J. CULHAM .. .. 5.
J. TUCKER .. .. 2.	G. ESSEX .. .. 6.
R. T. HIBBERT .. .. 3.	T. NEWMAN .. .. 7.
E. J. MENDAY .. .. 4.	J. HANDS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lbs. in Fb.

WALTER PERKINS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and  
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

This is the first Peal in the method on the bells. John B. Martin hails from Higham Ferrers; W. R. Hensher from Kettering; the rest from Irthlingborough. This peal is a reduction of a 5408.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

THOMAS I. ADES* .. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 5.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. HARDING .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 7.
SYDNEY SAKER .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAKY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST PYE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE W. GRAHAM .. .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 2.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 6.
STAFF-SGT. ALFRED PYE .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition, in fifteen courses, is now rung for the first time, it has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th place at five course-ends each. Messrs. E. G. R. and W. Pye, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Chadwell Heath, Essex; A. Pye belongs to Portsmouth, the rest belong to Fareham. First peal in the method on the bells.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY AND THE WORCESTER  
CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

BENJAMIN S. HILL .. .. Treble.	JOHN MASON .. .. 6.
LIONEL LONGNEY .. .. 2.	*GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM C. JONES .. .. 3.	ALFRED MOORE .. .. 8.
THOMAS ALBUTT .. .. 4.	GEORGE BOURNE .. .. 9.
GEORGE HAYWARD .. .. 5.	OLIVER JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Composed by G. HAYWARD and Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

\*First peal. L. Longney hails from Croome; B. Hill, W. C. Jones, and G. Checketts from Worcester; the others are local ringers.



## CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1897, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

JAMES HUNT .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY .. .. 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON .. .. 2.	JOHN HARRIS .. .. 6.
THOMAS G. SAREL .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 7.
JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal, in thirteen courses, has the 6th the extent each way in 5-6, with eleven out of the twelve 8-6-7s, and 8-6s. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th and 6th hail from Staveley; 3rd, 4th and tenor from Norton; the 1st and 7th belong to the local company.

## DEANE, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 25, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. COX'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH* .. Treble.	*JOSEPH POTTER .. .. 5.
JOHN DAVIES .. .. 2.	PETER NUTTALL .. .. 6.
WILLIAM THORNLEY .. .. 3.	HENRY MOSS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FARNWORTH .. 4.	†TITUS BARLOW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOSS.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. Moss, Davies, Farnworth, and Nuttall hail from Bolton; Duckworth and Barlow from Deane; Thornley from Halliwell, Potter from Walkden.

## STAMFORD BARON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS.)

On Wednesday, October 27, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Court Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs. in F.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN .. Treble.	ROBERT S. COX .. .. 4.
EDWARD POPPLE .. .. 2.	FREDERICK DENNISON .. 5.
CHRISTOPHER HARPER .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first seven-method peal by the Association and by all the band except the conductor, and the first peal in the Borough of Stamford. R. Christian is a native of this parish, now resident at Great Yarmouth. The peal was rung to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of Lord Burghley, eldest son of the Marquis of Exeter, of Burghley House, in this parish, and the ringers wish his lordship many happy returns of the day.

## ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

Recently, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WM. WAINWRIGHT* .. Treble.	J. CURTIS .. .. 5.
W. CANNER .. .. 2.	E. W. BEADSMOORE .. 6.
G. HATTON .. .. 3.	J. H. DUNMORE .. .. 7.
A. HITCHCOCK .. .. 4.	G. THORNLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CANNER.

\*First peal. It was intended to ring the above peal on Thursday, October 28th, the eleventh anniversary of the re-dedication of the bells, but special services in the church prevented this.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The conductor of the peal of Grandsire Triples rang at St. Peter's, Halliwell, and reported in our last issue, was W. Thornley; the treble was rung by W. Thornley not Thornby, and the tenor by R. Barlow not Barton.—The peal rang at Kelsale on October 16th, should have read 5056 changes instead of 5088 as published, and was taken out of "THE BELL NEWS" for September 4th, 1897, composed by Arthur Craven.

## Date Touches.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, October 10th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; S. W. West, 4; H. Partridge, 5; B. West, 6; J. A. Mould (conductor), 7; L. Partridge, 8. Composed by W. Dickinson, of Heckington. This is the first date touch on the bells, and the greatest extent of changes by an entirely local band.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, August 30th, for practice at the parish church, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. P. Knight, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Thompson, 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5; G. Hoad, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 8. And 420 Stedman Triples. H. S. Reeves, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Thompson, 4; E. Kenward, 5; W. Argent, 6; F. Hoad, jun., 7; A. Moseley, 8. On Monday, September 6th, 251 Grandsire Triples. F. Hoad, sen., 1; W. Linter, 2; J. Hoad, 3; F. Linter, 4; T. Brown, 5; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 6; F. Hoad, jun., 7; G. Hoad, 8. And a course of Kent Treble Bob. On Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine Service, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Thompson, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5; G. Hoad, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. S. Reeves, 8. And two courses of Stedman. F. G. Perrin hails from London. On Monday, September 13th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. P. Knight, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Thompson, 3; G. Huggett, 4; F. Linter, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 8. G. Huggett hails from Betchworth. On Monday, September 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. P. Knight, 1; G. Hoad, 2; G. Thompson, 3; G. Huggett, 4; E. Kenward, 5; W. Argent, 6; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 7; A. Moseley, 8. On Sunday, September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Linter, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Thompson, 3; G. Hoad, 4; E. Kenward, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6; W. Argent, 7; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. H. S. Reeves, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; J. Hoad, 3; G. Thompson, 4; G. Hoad, 5; F. Hoad, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Howard, 8. After service 420 Stedman Triples. P. Knight, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Thompson, 3; E. Kenward, 4; G. Hoad, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Robinson, 8. On Monday, September 22nd, 252 Stedman Triples. P. Knight, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Thompson, 3; G. Hoad, 4; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Howard, 8. On Monday, October 4th, 252 Grandsire Triples. G. Thompson, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; J. Hoad, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; G. Hoad (conductor), 5; W. Argent, 6; F. Hoad, jun., 7; W. Pooley, 8. And 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Thompson, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; J. Willshire, 3; G. Hoad, 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. S. Reeves, 8. Also 336 Stedman Triples. G. Thompson, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Hoad, 3; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 4; J. Willshire, 5; E. Kenward, 6; F. Hoad, jun., 7; A. Moseley, 8. J. Willshire hails from London.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On September 21st, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins. J. Rumble, 1; F. Pates, 2; E. Bray, 3; H. Brooker (conductor), 4; W. States, 5; W. Hill, 6; T. Verrall, 7; J. Talbot, 8. On October 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. F. Pates, 1; W. Groves, 2; E. Bray, 3; H. Brooker (conductor), 4; J. Talbot, 5; W. States, 6; W. Hill, 7; T. Verrall, 8.

CHEAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, October 5th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). W. Watts, 1; F. Northfield, 2; C. Spence, 3; W. Canning, 4; F. Northfield, 5; C. Gomme (conductor), 6.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, October 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Waldock, 1; D. Springall, 2; H. Pates, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; R. B. Blanchard, 5; G. Pell, 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. S. Greenwood and family, whose eldest son was buried on that day. Prior to the interment, the service, which was fully choral, was held in the church, much sympathy being shown by the large attendance of parishioners. The remains were carried to the grave by his brother foresters, by whom he was much respected.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, October 13th, for practice at St. Laurence's church, 534 Stedman Triples. J. E. Hern, 1; F. Tubb, 2; C. Giles, 3; G. Harbour, 4; W. Newell, 5; F. Hopgood (conductor), 6; A. Osborne, 7; J. Tucker, 8. Also 560 Double Nor-

wich. G. Harbour (first touch in the method), 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; F. Tubb, 3; C. Giles, 4; J. E. Hern, 5; A. Osborne, 6; J. Tucker, 7; F. Hopgood (conductor), 8. On handbells 336 Bob Major. F. Tubb, 1-2; C. Giles, 3-4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5-6; J. Tucker, 7-8. G. Harbour hails from Taunton.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Saturday, October 2nd, 630 of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Alder, R. Flaxman, G. Bloomfield, J. J. Parker, W. Alder, L. Read, C. Clarke, G. Green.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Wednesday evening, October 6th, before the Harvest Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. J. Hawkins (first quarter-peal), 1; J. C. Truss, (conductor), 2; C. Green (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 3; W. Taylor, 4; L. Collins, 5; E. Jones, 6; W. E. Yates, 7; A. Truss, 8.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Matthew's church, Bethnal Green, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 48 mins. J. Bonney, 1; \*A. Deards, 2; \*C. Fenn, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; \*R. Fenn, 5; T. Faulkner (composer and conductor), 6; \*E. Andrews, 7; A. C. Hardy, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method. Messrs. Bonney and Wood belong to the local company; the rest to St. Margaret's, Barking. On Saturday evening, October 9th, at the church of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. J. Williamson, 1; J. Bonney, 2; J. Scholes, 3; F. C. Newman, 4; E. Hall, 5; E. Wallage (conductor), 6; S. E. Joyce, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. Williamson's longest length with the treble. Afterwards two courses of Stedman Triples, with J. Scholes, 1; — West (Salisbury), 3; W. J. Williamson, 8; the rest as before.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 3rd, the St. Alfege band, Greenwich, attended St. Margaret's church by desire of the rector, the Rev. F. H. Law, and rang for Harvest Festival services as follows: before Matins 1008 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. J. Crowder (Lee), 1; I. G. Shade (conductor), 2; W. Berry, 3; J. Lamb, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; W. Foreman, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; D. Evans (late of Whitchurch, Salop), 8. For evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins., composed by I. G. Shade and conducted by F. W. Thornton, the band standing in the same order. Longest lengths by D. Evans.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's church, 360 Bob Minor. C. H. Walker, 1; —, 2; C. Bedwell, 3; J. Turner, 4; H. Barrett, 5; T. Chandler, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; W. Keates, 8. And for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Walker, 1; H. Barrett, 2; C. Bedwell, 3; W. Turner, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; W. Keates (first quarter-peal), 8. After service four courses of Bob Major. C. Walker, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; W. Berry (Greenwich), 3; F. W. Thornton (Greenwich), 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Barrett, 7; H. Warnett (conductor), 8.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, October 3rd, for the Harvest Festival, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Marshall, 1; T. Peachey, 2; E. Mexter, 3; W. Easter, 4; W. Hunt, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Easter, 1; W. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Hunt, 3; T. Peachey, 4; E. Mexter, 5; C. Waterman, 6; F. Shedd, 7; J. Phillips, 8. First touch of Treble Bob by ringers of 1, 2 and 3; also first quarter-peal by ringers of 4 and 5.

BOXLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 12th, being the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Cheeseman, 1; W. Holmwood, 2; W. Hope, 3; J. Shorter, 4; W. Kilpatrick, 5; G. Pound (conductor), 6. After service two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Hope, 1; W. Cheeseman, 2; G. Pound, 3; W. Bills, 4; J. Shorter, (conductor), 5; W. Holmwood, 6. And 216 Grandsire Minor. W. Cheeseman, 1; W. Hope, 2; J. Shorter, 3; W. Holmwood, 4; W. Kilpatrick, 5; G. Pound (conductor), 6. W. Cheeseman, J. Shorter and W. Bills hail from Bearsted, and this is W. Cheeseman's first 720 of Minor; also J. Shorter's first in the method.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Law, 1; J. Rose, 2; A. Pheasant, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; T. G. Deal, 5; W. J. Jeffries, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; F. Palmer, 8. On Sunday, October 10th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival 518 Triples, and a quarter-peal in the same method. J. Law, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; W. J. Jeffries, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; C. Venables, 8. Composed by J. Bradley.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SHEPshed.—On Sunday, October 10th, at the parish church, a

quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, 1; R. Christian, 2; G. Hardy, 3; W. Johnson, 4; W. Platts, 5; E. Elliott, 6; T. Start (conductor), 7; S. Briers, 8. Composed by H. Franks. R. Christian hails from Great Yarmouth, Hardy from Loughborough, the remainder belong to the local company.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, September 19th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Parrott, 1; S. Lowe, 2; A. Robinson, 3; F. Lowe, 4; H. King (Biddenham), 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Parrott, 1; S. Lowe, 2; F. Lowe, 3; S. Constant (conductor), 4; H. Toll, 5; A. Robinson, 6. On Sunday evening, October 3rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. S. Lowe, 1; S. Constant (conductor), 2; F. Lowe, 3; W. Davison (Biddenham), 4; A. Robinson, 5; H. Toll, 6. On Tuesday evening, October 5th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Lowe, 1; S. Lowe, 2; W. Hall (Elstow), 3; S. Constant (conductor), 4; H. Toll, 5; A. Robinson, 6. And 360 Bob Minor.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, October 9th, 1897, the following attempted a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. Tann (conductor), 1; J. Betts, 2; R. Whiting, 3; F. Borrett, 4; E. Poppy, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. Souter, 7; James Souter, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 10th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Borrett (conductor), 1; F. Surridge, 2; C. Baker, 3; J. Botwright, 4; C. Tann, 5; J. Betts, 6. And 504 in the same method. J. Tann (conductor), 1; H. Matthews, 2; D. Ruth, 3; J. Betts, 4; F. Surridge, 5; F. Borrett, 6. After service 720 in the same method. J. Tann (conductor), 1; R. Whiting, 2; R. Ruth, 3; J. Botwright, 4; C. Baker, 5; J. Betts, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

#### LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HOLBECK (Leeds).—On Sunday evening, October 10th, for Divine Service at St. Francis (R.C.) cathedral, 1056 Bob Major. J. Watson, 1; T. O'Hara, 2; J. O'Meara, 3; R. Binns (conductor), 4; P. Larvan, 5; J. O'Brien, 6; G. McHale, 7; M. Killoran, 8. Longest length by all except the conductor.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 5th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Sinden, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. Carter, 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; W. Eastland, 6; W. Thomas, 7; W. Eldridge, 8. Composed by H. Franks, of London, this being his sixteenth quarter-peal.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 17th, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending St. Nicholas church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Blondell, 1; S. Radford, 2; D. Hayward, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; S. C. Boniface, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; W. W. Thorne, 7; F. Wood, 8.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, October 10th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. E. Smith, 1; A. Smith, 2; A. J. Le Clercq, 3; F. A. Barnett, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—SUDBURY BRANCH

MONKS ELEIGH.—On Sunday, October 3rd, at the parish church, for morning service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a 720 of Bob Minor. R. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; W. Green, 3; C. Green, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; A. Keele, 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), all standing as before. Conducted by A. Symonds. And 360 of Bob Minor with Mr. G. Scowen, of Epsom, Surrey. No more ringing takes place on these bells till they have been re-hung.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, October 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Earp, 1; W. Martin, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; T. Elcox, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Earp, 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Elcox, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; J. Reynolds, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6.

ASHTON ON-RIBBLE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 10th, at St. Mark's church, 180 Bob Minor. W. Fitchie (conductor), 1; T. Bond, 2; W. Bradshaw, 3; J. Hodgkinson, 4; H. Salter, 5; H.

Hargreaves. 6. Another r80 in the same method. H. Withers, 1; T. Bond, 2; W. Bradshaw, 3; J. Hodgkinson, 4; H. Slater, 5; H. Hodgkinson, 6.

BAKEWELL (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, October 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Clarke, 1; J. Fearn, 2; J. Woodward, 3; C. Draper, 4; H. Turner, 5; A. Wallace, 6; W. Wallace (conductor), 7; R. Smith, 8. First quarter-peal by all with the exception of C. Draper, and the first on the bells. Messrs. Woodward, Draper, and W. Wallace hail from Derby; the rest are local men.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Friday, October 1st, at the church of St. Mary the Great, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Jackson, 1; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 2; I. Rockett, 3; J. Taylor, 4; H. Mansfield, 5; E. Andrews, 6; W. Eusden, 7; G. Taylor (conductor), 8.

CHARLWOOD (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 10th, at the parish church, for morning service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Attwater, 1; F. Wickens, 2; S. Ellis, 3; G. Wickens, 4; B. King, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, a 720 of College Pleasure. G. Attwater, 1; G. Wickens, 2; S. Ellis, 3; F. Tullett, 4; B. King, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure. G. Attwater, 1; S. Ellis, 2; A. Mills, 3; F. Rice, 4; F. Wickens, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Woodbine, the band standing the same as in London Scholars. And for evening service, a 360 of Oxford Bob. G. Wickens ringing the 5th, the rest as before. A. Mills hails from Crawley, and F. Rice from Worth.

CHEPSTOW (Mon).—On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, 7-8 covering, in 26 mins., composed by J. Parker. E. Williams, 1; H. Morgan, 2; S. Hopton, 3; J. Prickett, 4; R. Thompson (conductor), 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Bye, 7; A. Richings, 8. On Sunday, September 19th, for Divine Service in the morning, 196 Grandsire Triples. E. Williams, 1; J. Prickett, 2; G. Watkins (Barry), 3; H. Morgan, 4; W. Freestone, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; F. Bye, 8. On Sunday, October 10th, for Divine Service in the evening, 360 Doubles, 7-6-8 covering, one each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury. M. Close, 1; S. Hopton, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; A. Richings, 6; F. Bye, 7; B. Tamplin, 8. On Wednesday, October 6th, for the Harvest Festival, 366 Grandsire Minor, with 6-8 covering. E. Williams, 1; H. Morgan, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson (conductor), 4; W. Freestone, 5; F. Bye, 6; J. Morley, 7; A. Richings, 8. Also 360 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. E. Williams, 1; H. Morgan, 2; R. Thompson (conductor), 3; J. Prickett, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Bye, 7; A. Richings, 8.

COTTENHAM (Cambs).—On Saturday, October 9th, at the parish church, a 6-score each of the following: Stedman Doubles, Stedman Slow Course, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury Doubles, Oxford Single, and Old Doubles. R. Rayner, 1; F. Brown, 2; H. Mansfield, 3; W. Mansfield, 4; W. Eusden (conductor), 5; J. Moule, 6. And a 6-score each of New Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, and St. Simon's Doubles. R. Rayner, 1; W. Mansfield, 2; H. Mansfield, 3; F. Brown, 4; W. Eusden (conductor), 5; W. Bowers, 6. Messrs. Rayner, Brown, Mansfield, and Eusden hail from Chesterton; the rest are local men.

DORCHESTER (Dorset).—On Tuesday, October 12th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Harwood, 1; G. White, 2; C. Hurst, 3; E. S. Hodger, 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; J. Hull, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Benger, 8. Plummer hails from Bourremouth; Radford from Taunton. This is the longest touch by the local ringers, to whom great credit is due for the way in which they struck their bells. It was also their first attempt.

ELMLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 5th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. E. Summers, 1; F. Johnson, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; H. Salisbury, 4; C. Holford, 5; F. Cook, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Holford, 1; F. Johnson, 2; E. Summers, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; F. Cook, 5; H. Salisbury, 6. Messrs. Cook and Johnson belong to Bengeworth; Salisbury to Comberton; Longney to Croome; the rest are local men.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN'S (Norfolk).—On Sunday afternoon, October 10th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. A. Bullen, 1; G. Lilley, 2; G. Molton, 3; B. Pettit, 4; H. Blake (conductor), 5; W. Underwood, 6. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Molton, 1; B. Pettit, 2; A. Bridge, 3; H. Simpson, 4; H. Blake, 5; W. Underwood, 6. Underwood and Pettit hail from Caversham, the rest are local men.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 12th, 360 Bob Minor. J. Ward, 1; W. Pickworth, 2; S. Wade, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Dixon, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. J. Ward, 1; A. Jacob (conductor), 2; W. Dixon, 3; W. Ward, 4; H. Stubbs,

5; J. Sharman, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Dixon, 1; W. Ward, 2; F. C. Newman, 3; J. Sharman, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. E. King, 1; W. Dixon, 2; J. Sharman, 3; F. C. Newman, 4; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 5; A. Jacob, 6. On Sunday, October 3rd, 360 Bob Minor. E. King, 1; G. Griffin, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; W. Ward, 4; S. Wade, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 10th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. E. King, 1; A. Jacob (conductor), 2; W. Pickworth, 3; W. Ward, 4; S. Wade, 5; C. Fordham, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. E. King, 1; W. Dixon, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; W. Ward, 4; S. Wade, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. E. King, 1; G. Griffin, 2; S. Wade, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; W. Dixon, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Saturday, October 2nd, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Strutt, 1; J. Wright, 2; E. Stacey, 3; W. Tiller, 4; G. Naish, 5; G. Strutt, 6; J. Howes (conductor), 7; J. Chandler, 8. On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service, 755 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Strutt, 1; J. Wright, 2; E. Stacey, 3; W. Tiller, 4; G. Naish, 5; G. Strutt, 6; J. Howes (conductor), 7; J. Chandler, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples, G. Smithers, 1; A. Welsh, 2; H. Ford, 3; H. Porter, 4; W. Franks, 5; W. Thomas, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans), in 43 mins. G. Head, 1; G. Smithers, 2; H. Ford, 3; W. Latter, 4; W. Franks, 5; W. Thomas, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; E. Mankelow, 8. Franks and Thomas hail from Battle, Sussex. This is W. Thomas's first quarter-peal in the method.

### 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."

#### RINGS OF BELLS IN IRELAND.

SIR,—We, the members of the SS. Augustine and John's Bell Ringing Company, Dublin, having the pleasure of meeting many English bell-ringers who visit our city from time to time, their first word to us is that they have always heard when at home in England, that there is no such thing in Ireland as a peal of bells, in fact they are astonished when they see or hear our peal. Now, we, as bell-ringers, can say from experience that we have in Ireland peals of bells that can compare favourably with some of the best peals in England, the following in our own city:—SS. Augustine and John's, a peal of eight, tenor 29 cwt.; St. Paul's, a peal of eight, tenor 24 cwt.; St. Patrick's (new peal), a peal of ten, tenor 45 cwt.; Christ Church Cathedral, a peal of ten, tenor 39 cwt.; St. George's, a peal of eight, tenor 24 cwt.; St. Andrew's, a peal of six, tenor 18 cwt. Also the following chiming: St. Paul-of-the-Cross; St. Joseph's; St. Bartholomew's; St. Matthias; Rathmines Town Hall. Also many peals in our country, cities, and towns, including among the rest, the following: Cork City, four peals; Limerick City, two peals; Belfast City, two peals; Kilkenny City, one peal; Wexford, one peal; Thurles, one peal; Armagh, one peal; Drogheda, two peals; Sligo, one peal; Derry, one peal; Lurgan, one peal; Blessington, one peal; Glengary, one peal; Waterford, one peal; Mullingar, one peal; Bray, Co. Wicklow, one peal; and many others throughout Ireland, we having the pleasure of ringing many of these peals. So, you will see from above list that we are not so badly off in our Emerald Isle for peals of bells as our English brother-ringers are led to believe we are. Hoping to have the pleasure, when any band of English ringers visit our city, to show them our tower and bells, and have a ring with them, as we have had on some of our visits to England. Thanking you in anticipation of seeing this letter published on behalf of Irish ringers in your valuable paper, I will now conclude with the conductor's command, "Stand!"

Dublin.

JOSEPH PEARSON, Secretary.

#### MR. NICHOLLS' APPEAL.

SIR,—Probably a reply will be forthcoming from the secretary of the Bedfordshire Association anent Mr. Nicholls' remarks in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 23rd inst. In the meantime I would say that whether his complaint is well-founded or otherwise, it may be taken as typical of many another case. I myself am a member of three Associations, but I fail to see that either of them does as much for the beginner as might be done. I am aware that so-called "instructors" are supplied on reasonable terms if application is made for them, but too often they are incompetent to teach—excellent performing ringers—

but quite deficient of tact as Instructors. Assuming Mr. Nicholls is justified in his remarks, I sympathise with him, having been in a similar difficulty—desirous of learning the Art, but for many years without knowledge as to how to start. I now belong to a crack band, although perhaps not a "crack" ringer. Skilled performers who have had the good fortune to learn and practice with a skilled band, know nothing whatever of the difficulties which a band of all stoney ringers have to encounter, and too often smile at first efforts and records of Minor performances, instead of giving a helping hand or a few words of encouragement. Your correspondent is quite unknown to me, but from the tenour of his letter, I imagine he possesses the same dogged perseverance that I once had, and even now have when occasion requires it. I do not desire to encroach upon the duties of the Bedfordshire Association, but if Mr. Nicholls is unable to get help from that source, I hope we may hear from him again. Till then I will not say more.

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## PEALS ON BROMSGROVE BELLS.

SIR,—In your issue of the 16th inst., I was pleased to see an account of a peal of Treble Bob Royal rung on the bells of St. John's church, Bromsgrove. I wish to point out to our friends who rang the peal that they are wrong in assuming that no similar peal had been rung on those bells since the year 1817. The St. Philip's society, assisted by the late Mr. James Duffill, of Bromsgrove, rang a nine-course peal of 5000 changes upon them on Sunday, September 15th, 1851. Another peal was rung upon them by members of the same society on the Sunday following Michaelmas Day, 1854. I have not the particulars of this peal to hand, but they are available if needed, and it was memorable as being rung on the day the news of the battle of the Alma reached England. I have been questioned as to peals of Stedman Caters on these bells. I know of two—one rung about 1850 or 1851 by the St. Martin's Youths, and another by the St. Philip's Society, September 4th, 1853. I should be pleased to hear of my Bromsgrove friends ringing another.

J. DAY.

Birmingham.

## ANOTHER GROWL.

SIR,—You can scarcely imagine what my feelings were on reading last week's "BELL NEWS" under the Sussex County Association's notice, "to encourage our six-bell bands." I thought it was a misprint, but no? it is there again this week. Four years ago I was asked to join a band of six-bell ringers, and soon after learning, scored my first 6-score of Doubles. Being anxious to learn different methods, I then joined the Sussex County Association. At my second meeting I unexpectedly, but fortunately met with an old friend who stood behind and piloted me through two touches of Grandsire Triples. Fired with ambition, two others of our band joined the Association, and we all attended the practices at a tower where this method was rung, and subsequently stood in for a peal, but owing to a mis-call were not successful. As this tower is not affiliated to the Association, we acquainted the officers with our desire for a peal, but with one exception (although there are six peals of eight within a radius of seven miles, and peals have been several times rung since), none of us have received an invitation to participate. Although the whole of our band is keen on change-ringing, no help has ever been extended to us, we have to plod along as best we can unassisted. Is it any wonder the other members of the band refuse to join? They say "What advantage do you get? Three of you pay a subscription, and get no more than we do for nothing." I have asked over and over again for a report and for a certificate of membership, but can get neither; the next result of my membership is one attempt for a peal and one yearly receipt. It seems useless to belong to an Association which ignores its independent members in this way. At the present time we are dependent entirely on outside invitations for peals. As was well said at the Annual Meeting last Easter at Brighton, the Association is ruled by a clique, if you are one of it you can get peals. The magic first peal does not often appear in S. C. A. peals. I should like to add that these remarks do not apply to any individual. I have met two of the divisional secretaries at meetings, and have invariably been well-treated. My object in writing is to try and infuse a little more consideration into the Association as a whole, for its members not so fortunately situated as the bands in towns.

NON-PEALER.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Adverting to the report of the quarterly meeting of the above Association held at Dunstable on the 2nd inst., and which appeared in your issue of the 16th, and signed by Mr. I. Hills, as assistant secretary. I feel that it should not be allowed to pass by without some comment on my part (much as I regret crossing swords with an old comrade), as the statements therein are in some cases inaccurate, and in others explanation is perhaps needed, to place the matter in its proper light before such of your readers who may have been interested in reading the report. Mr. Hills says "in fact only one company, St. Paul's, Bedford, was represented." This is very significant, and there must

surely be some cause for such general absence of attendance of members from other companies. He also quotes Woburn (*inter alia*), "where change-ringing is supposed to be in a flourishing state, and within five miles of Dunstable." The actual distance by road from Woburn to Dunstable is nine miles, and by train one would have to start at 10 a.m. to be in time to take part in the day's proceedings, and involving a three-miles journey to our nearest railway station. There need be no cynical supposition as to the state of change-ringing in Woburn. I have, with a few friends, endeavoured to keep the fire burning in the rain for many years before the formation of the Bedfordshire Association, of which I was Hon. Secretary for the first ten years of its existence. The Woburn company is a voluntary one, meeting regularly for tower practice on Mondays and for handbells on Saturdays. Pardon me if I mention that three of our company actually took part in the ringing of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the occasion of the re-dedication of the Dunstable bells. Our company have continuously and persistently practised the art of change-ringing ever since their formation in 1865, and gladly welcome additions to their ranks. As to the cause of the apparent apathy displayed, for myself and friends I say that when the scheme for augmenting St. Paul's bells at Bedford was brought forward we heard a great deal about it at the annual meetings of the Association, and on parting at the railway station after the meeting, Mr. Hills (with whom I have stood shoulder to shoulder in promoting the practice of change-ringing), knows full well that it was with the greatest delight that we agreed to meet on the occasion of the celebration of the dedication. However, when the time arrived several members attended from Woburn, but it was very soon felt that the gathering was to be a select one, for we were told that the meeting was for St. Paul's company only. Question: Was that meeting solely composed of Bedford St. Paul's ringers, and if not, why were we excluded? I agree that one of our secrets for keeping men together is, as Mr. Hills intimates, "forbearance." This is very good so far, but members will not be very well kept together if there is an open and genial welcome on one occasion, and a narrow and exclusive isolation on another.

CHARLES HERBERT.

Woburn, Beds., 25th October, 1897.

## THE FIRST PEAL RUNG ON EIGHT BELLS IN THE TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON.

SIR,—There has hitherto been a difference of opinion as to when the first eight-bell peal was rung in Northampton. The information given below (kindly obtained and placed in my hands by Mr. A. O. Stewart, of St. Giles' belfry), quite settles the question. St. Peter's bells were recast into eight in the year 1734. A company of the London College Youths, under the leadership of Mr. Benjamin Annable, visited Northampton in 1739, and rang a peal of Major. The bells of the churches of St. Giles and All Saints were not increased to eight until some forty years later. Benjamin Annable, who conducted this peal, was a professor of mathematics at Cambridge. He was a noted ringer and composer. He died in 1756, and was buried under the tower of the church of St. Bride, Fleet Street, London. Extract from the College Youths' Peal Book;—"Peal No. 43. St. Peter's in Northampton. The company rung on Friday, June 15th, 1739, a complete peal of 5040 Bob Major, and in three hours 12 minutes and a half it was performed. Mr. William Pickard, treble; Mr. Samuel Lee, second; Mr. James Windus, third; Mr. Joseph Griffiths, fourth; Mr. James Barton, fifth; Mr. William Watts, sixth; Mr. Benjamin Annable, seventh (called bobs); Mr. Job Tingay, tenor." There is no record of another peal being rung at St. Peter's until the one accomplished by members of the Central Northamptonshire Association on May 22nd of this year, on which occasion the ringers were all residents of Northampton.

E. J. DENNES.

## A PRACTICE-NIGHT AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

On Saturday, October 23rd, three of the Edmonton and two of the Tottenham ringers paid a friendly visit to Waltham Abbey, for the purpose of having a pull at the Abbey bells, and those of the local ringers who could meet them with the following result. A 756 of Stedman Triples. P. J. Darlington, 1; G. E. Pearce, 2; F. C. Newman, 3; H. Barnett, 4; A. W. Darlington, 5; W. A. Alps, 6; L. J. Darlington, 7; G. Cole, 8. And a 672 of Stedman Triples. P. J. Darlington, 1; A. W. Darlington, 2; F. Carter, 3; L. W. Darlington, 4; D. Tarring, 5; H. Barnett, 6; W. A. Alps, 7; T. Adams, 8. And a 280 of Grandsire Triples. C. Hearmon, 1; G. E. Pearce, 2; W. A. Alps, 3; P. J. Darlington, 4; H. Barnett, 5; F. C. Newman, 6; L. W. Darlington, 7; T. Adams, 8. Also a 504 of Stedman Triples. P. J. Darlington, 1; G. E. Pearce, 2; H. Barnett, 3; G. Thurgood, 4; W. A. Alps, 5; F. C. Newman, 6; A. W. Darlington, 7; G. Cole, 8. The remainder of the evening was spent at the head-quarters of this society, The Green Dragon inn, where singing and touches on the handbells brought a pleasant evening to a close. The brothers Darlington hail from Edmonton; Messrs. Bargett and Newman from Tottenham.

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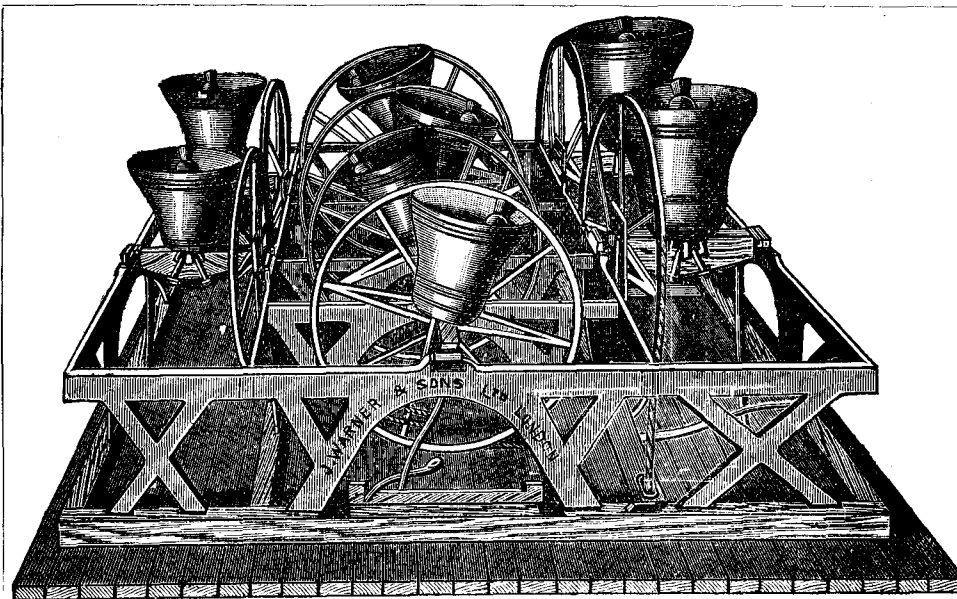
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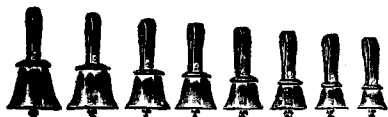
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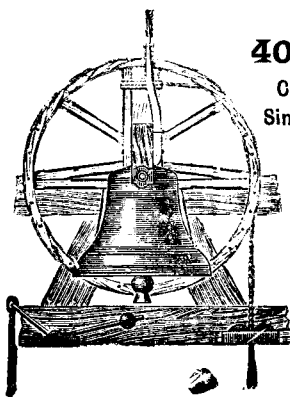
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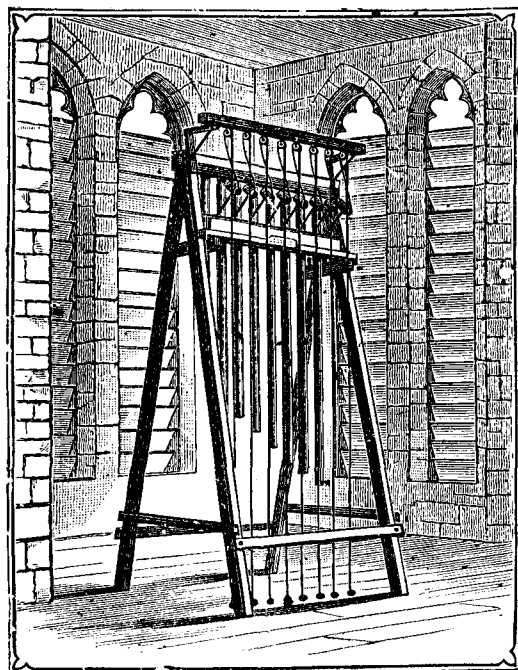
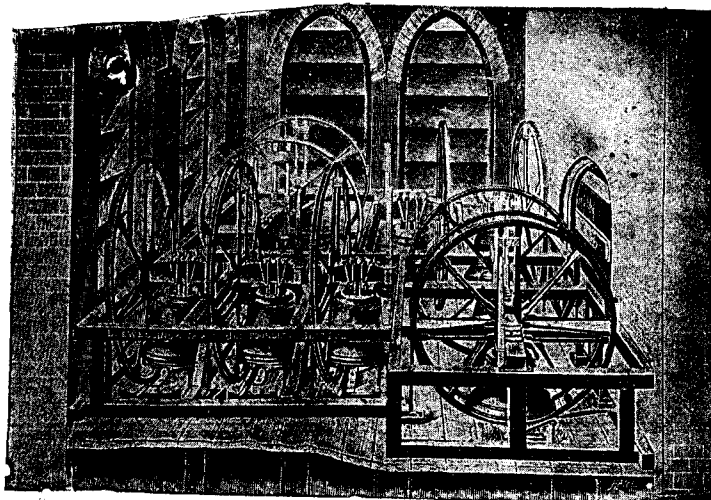
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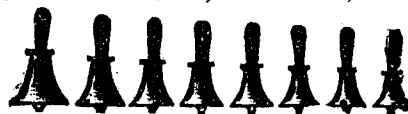
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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### QUARTERLY MEETING AT ANDOVER.

Members or representatives from Shere, Hawley, Woolston, Fareham, Portsea, Basingstoke, Oakley, Odiham, Christchurch and Hursley were present at the above meeting on Monday, October 25th. The excellent ring of bells (tenor 17 cwt.), which were rehung by Messrs. Taylor about three years ago, were raised soon after noon, but it was not until 2 p.m. that there were a sufficient number of hands to commence operations. Then a delay occurred owing to the recent death of the widow of the late Canon Collier (formerly Vicar of Andover), and the tenor was tolled for half-an-hour while the funeral was taking place in a churchyard in the neighbourhood. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob then began, and continued till 4.0 p.m., when a move was made for the parish room adjoining the vicarage. The business meeting was held here, the Master (Rev. R. C. M. Harvey) in the chair, and Revs. F. G. Hume, E. G. Norris, F. Knight, and C. E. Matthews (Hon. Sec.) being present.

The minutes of the last meeting (the annual) were read and passed. Six compounding and six performing members were elected. An application for assistance towards railway fares from Mr. G. H. Preston, Secretary of the Christchurch District, was considered. A band from the last-named place was anxious to proceed to Ringwood to attempt a peal, and so encourage the local company. The application, however, was refused with reluctance, on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Whiting, seconded by Mr. J. Harper. The Master pointed out that there would be no end to the applications of bands for assistance if such grants were made by the Guild.

A discussion then ensued relative to printing members' names in the annual report before their subscriptions had been paid for the current year. The Hon. Secretary said he did not see how this could be prevented so long as his applications and letters remained unanswered. Only last June the printer was kept waiting because he (the Hon. Sec.) could not forward all the returns. This was partly the reason it was so difficult to get a report absolutely correct. Mr. Whiting remarked that some bands never paid their subscriptions till the middle of the year, or even later, while according to Rule iv. all subscriptions were due in January. It was felt that no resolution could be passed on the subject.

The Hon. Secretary then called attention to the manner in which the arrangements on the programme at the last annual meeting had been upset by some bands. He desired to express his regret that he had written too strongly to one company on the subject, he afterwards found out that there were several other defaulters. It was no use calling a committee meeting to draw up a list of excursions to various towers if companies would not abide by it. If the annual festival after dinner was to be a "happy afternoon at the seaside," then it was no use printing a programme. Mr. H. White suggested the afternoon excursions should be given up, and then one tower only might be reserved for those who wanted to ring. Mr. Harper said the committee had sat at Eastleigh a whole afternoon to arrange the programme, and it was simply wasting their time and the Guild's funds if no better results followed. It was proposed by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, seconded by Mr. H. White, and carried *nem. con.*, that the matter be referred to and discussed at the next annual meeting.

Reference was then made to an accident at Curdridge, whereby a clock hammer had been broken on July 19th last. The Hon. Secretary said that Mr. Tomlins, of Gosport, had carefully examined the fracture, and reported it to him. He had written to the Vicar of Curdridge, expressed their regret, and offered to defray cost of repairs.

On the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Whiting, Shere

was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting to be held in Surrey, and Mr. Harper proposed, Mr. M. Steer seconding, that the date be Monday, January 10th next: carried. This finished the business of the meeting.

A capital tea was then served by Mr. Barber, of High Street, Andover. Seventeen members sat down, with Mr. W. Bramley, one of the Andover band. The repast having been duly "brought round," Mr. Preston proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. P. R. P. Braithwaite, Vicar of Andover, for the use of the bells and the parish room, which was most gratefully accorded.

Those who could remain again repaired to the tower; and Mr. H. White, with his usual enthusiasm, prevailed on a few to miss their last train, and return with him via Basingstoke. By this arrangement a full compliment was retained till 9.30 p.m. and it is to be hoped an impetus has thereby been given to the local band to abandon "Tombstone Surprise" for scientific ringing. Such a noble ring of bells ought soon to be placed amongst those already affiliated to the Guild.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this Association was held at Knebworth, on Saturday October 23rd, and was attended by nineteen members representing St. Peter's, St. Albans; Hatfield, Hitchin, Baldock, Ware, Little Munden, and Graveley. The church tower was opened shortly after three o'clock in the afternoon and the bells were rung until about half-past five, when an adjournment was made to the National Schools, where by the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. H. M. Wells) a substantial tea was provided. At the conclusion of the meal a business meeting was held, the Rector being in the chair. Mr. Wells welcomed the association to Knebworth, and spoke of the work of the association, and of the responsibility of the office of a ringer as a worker in the church of Christ. Mr. H. Tyler (Hatfield) and Mr. R. Dennis (Knebworth) were elected ringing members, and the Rector was elected an honorary member. The next district meeting was fixed to be held at Baldock, in February. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for granting the use of the tower that day, for his kind hospitality, and for presiding at the meeting, and a similar vote was passed to Mr. J. Dennis, for the efforts he had made to render the meeting an enjoyable one. The members then returned to the tower, and ringing resumed until 9 o'clock.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

A meeting of the above was held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, October 30th. Ringers were present from Newchurch, Bacup, Blackburn, Waterfoot, Whalley, Church, Colne, and Oswaldtwistle. Touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the day. At the meeting Mr. Walker spoke of ringing as being a healthful recreation, instancing Mr. Pollard in support of his remarks. Mr. Ashworth moved a vote of congratulation on the attainment of such a record as he holds; Mr. Scholey seconding the motion, which was carried amid applause. Mr. Pollard in responding thanked those present for the kindly feeling shown in coming to make the meeting such a successful one. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the proceedings.

SEAL CHART (Kent).—On Saturday, October 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (called differently), in 43 mins. J. Kettle, 1; C. Seagu, 2; M. Exeter, 3; R. J. Saxby, 4; D. J. Goldsmith, 5; D. Kettel, 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Constance Walford.

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## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly General Meeting of this Association was held at Sleaford, on Saturday October 23rd. Members attended from Lincoln (the St. Peter-at-Arches Society), Heckington, Timberland, together with the local ringers. Triples and Major were rung on the fine bells of the Parish Church in the early afternoon, and at 4.30 the members attended the service, at which the Vicar gave a short but very useful address. He mentioned that when any particular peal or touch was accomplished it would always be well to remember not to indulge in irreverent wit or humour, and reminded his listeners that it was a ringer's duty when ringing the bells and calling the people to worship not to forget that he should likewise join the congregation. A capital tea was partaken of at The White Hart hotel, after which the Vicar said he felt he could not let the opportunity pass without proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Norman E. Snow, for his valuable assistance in promoting any work connected with the bells or the ringers. For fifteen years, he (the Vicar) had never had any difficulty with the members of the local band, and they had always been ready to ring on any fitting occasion. Such success was, no doubt, achieved by Mr. Snow, who, although he had numerous musical enjoyments with various other churches, was always ready to forward the interests of the ringers. Mr. Snow having thanked the Vicar and those present for their kind expressions, the usual business meeting was proceeded with. The Rev. E. T. Lewis, of Caythorpe, was elected an honorary member, and the Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Ottery St. Mary, Devon, a non-resident life member. The Hale band, through the instrumentality of Mr. J. Holmes, of Heckington, had had the objects of the Association brought before them, and were elected members, and one member from Timberland was duly elected. Mr. G. Chester was unanimously elected to fill the duties of general secretary, vacated through the removal of the Rev. Reginald Bond, on the understanding that he (Mr. Chester) should be relieved of the duties of secretary to the Lincoln district as soon as convenient, and Mr. C. W. P. Clifton was also elected to serve on the general committee. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for his address at the service, and to Mr. Snow for making all the necessary arrangements, concluded the meeting. The company afterwards paid a hurried visit to Ewerby, a village some four miles away from Sleaford, and had the pleasure of ringing touches of Grandsire Caters, also a touch of Treble Bob, on the back eight of the new peal put in last year by Messrs. Taylor and Co., through the generosity of Lord Winchilsea.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—DEDICATION OF BELLS.

The Dedication Service in connection with the reopening of the bells of the above parish church took place on Sunday, October 24th. The work of recasting and improving the old peal, as a Diamond Jubilee Memorial, had been placed in the hands of Mears and Stainbank, and the bells, which are a beautiful set of castings, were on their arrival placed in the churchyard for several days, so that the parishioners might have an opportunity of seeing them.

The tenor, a beautifully-ornamented bell of about 14 cwt., in the key of F., bears a medallion portrait of the Queen, with the inscription: "She wrought her people lasting good," and "These bells were recast to the glory of God, and to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria 1897."

The 7th bears the imperial crown, with the name and titles of Her Majesty: "Victoria R. and I.," and the inscription:—

"May all in truth and harmony rejoice,  
To honour Church and Queen with heart and voice."

The 6th is inscribed with the names of church officials: "The Rev. R. Bowcott, M.A., Vicar; the Rev. J. Labouchere, B.A., Curate; C. J. Lucas, F. Freeman, Churchwardens; W. Charman, Clerk;" and the following couplet:—

"We ring for the people of Warnham,  
'Gainst powers of evil to warn 'em."

The 5th bears the names of the local band of ringers, with the inscription:—

"We ring by night, we ring by day,  
We'll like to ring for joy alway."

The 4th bears the following rhyme:—

"When orange blossoms decks the head  
Of Warnham belle, to true love wed,  
My most harmonious note I'll bring,  
To weld together heart and ring."

The 3rd is inscribed as follows:—

"Anon, we peal with joyful mirth,  
For marriage, festival and birth,  
Anon, ring out a mournful toll,  
To speed to heaven the parting soul."

The 2nd bears the following:—

"Wilfrid, I was placed here to complete the peal.  
Ring out the old, Ring in the new,  
Ring out the false, Ring in the true."

The treble has the following: "Little Joey":—

"I am named after C. E. L.  
In token of his birth,  
I'm but a very little bell,  
Tho' big in joy and mirth.  
I was placed here by C. I. L.  
Who lives at Warnham Court,  
All the neighbours wished me well  
And so I think they ought.  
Tis my sole wish for long to swing,  
With seven brothers here,  
And oft-times sound a merry ring,  
All Warnham hearts to cheer."

The service, a special one, was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. Bowcott, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Labouchere, the church being filled with a large congregation. The special psalms 122 and 150 were sung, and after the 3rd collect the hymn "In the name of God the Father"; after the special dedication prayers, the beautiful hymn, "Lifted high within the Steeple" was sung. Scarcely had the closing strains of this died away, when a burst of melody was heard from above, as the bells rang out in peal for the first time, the ringers having in the meantime taken their places at the ropes. After a short touch of Grandsire Triples, the hymn "Hark on high the joyful music" was sung, immediately followed by an excellent address from the Vicar. For the offertory the beautiful and appropriate hymn "The Sacred Bells of England" was used, and as the congregation were leaving the church the bells again rang out in a touch of Court Bob Triples. Other touches of Major and Triples were afterwards rung, the "go" and tone of the bells being most satisfactory, the unanimous opinion of all, being, that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had carried out the work entrusted to them in a manner fully worthy of the reputation of the firm.

## CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

During the early part of the year the parishioners of Castle Hedingham determined to commemorate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee by adding four new bells to the one hanging in the tower at the parish church, which already contained a frame for five, the Vicar, the Rev. J. J. Twist, kindly offering to bear the expense of the fourth bell. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Sons, Loughborough; the "go" and tone of the bells leaves nothing to be derived. The dedication service was held on Wednesday evening, October 20th, at 7.30 p.m., a crowded congregation being present. The prayers were read by the Rev. G. C. Twist, and the bells dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, who afterwards preached an appropriate sermon from the texts upon the bells.

A few rounds were rung immediately after the dedication, and after the service a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins., each 6-score called differently, by the St. Michael's Guild of ringers, Braintree: W. Hammond, H. Collins, C. H. Howard (conductor) H. Pilcher, F. Slade. Tenor 15 cwt. A large number of people remained after the service to watch the ringing and were delighted with the tone of the bells and the manner in which they were rung. Change-ringing being quite unknown in the district, a strong band of energetic young men has been formed, including the Vicar's son, Rev. G. C. Twist, all of whom are most anxious to learn the art of change-



ringing and become members of the Essex Association. The association would do well to assist in providing an instructor in this neighbourhood, as there are now several peals of bells in good going order, with the right sort of young men ringing them, but cannot aspire to change-ringing without an instructor.

The ringers which took part in the opening, and some friends from the neighbouring parish of Wickham St. Paul's, who have been teaching the new band to manage and ring the bells, afterwards sat down to supper in the National Schools by invitation of the Vicar, who was unavoidably absent through ill health, his place being ably filled by his son, Rev. G. C. Twist.

The members of St. Michael's Guild beg to thank through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" the Vicar for his hospitality, and Rev. G. C. Twist for the kind way in which he received them and attended to their wants after the ringing, and consider they have only done their duty as members of the Association by offering to open the bells gratuitously with a view of introducing and establishing change-ringing in the district.

#### A WEEK-END AT ROBIN HOOD'S BAY.

On Saturday, October 23rd, in response to an invitation from the Rev. Robert Jermyn Cooper, M.A., eight members of the St. Hilda's society, accompanied by Messrs. Harrison and Routledge, of Newcastle, left by the 2.40 train for the above place, the route laying along the picturesque coast of the North Sea, and at times so near to the edge of the precipitous cliffs did the train run, that those not familiar with this line are apt to feel somewhat nervous, especially the gentler sex (Mary) who preferred to cross the high viaducts with close eyes. Reaching our destination at 6 p.m., we were met by Mr. Barnaby, and our old friend Mr. T. Clark (late of Ripon), who, after friendly greetings conducted us to the vicarage, where we were heartily welcomed by the reverend gentleman, who soon had us seated before a substantial repast. This over, the tower was the next move, and ropes were adjusted, preparatory to starting for a 5000 of Double Norwich, and a good peal successfully brought round in 3 hrs. and five mins. Again was the good vicar in evidence, who congratulated the band on ringing the first peal on the bells, the local men also turning up in full force to bestow their tribute of praise. After again partaking of refreshments at the vicarage the visitors dispersed to their allotted quarters for the night. Sunday morning saw several of the band astir quite early, Passman and Tom making for the briny, it being for their annual bath, at least thought Freddy, but through Tom letting slip a remark afterwards about t'watter rearing up, this could not be right. 9.30 saw us again in the tower, when 1008 of Stedman Triples was tapped off, also three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major, the whole of the band afterwards attending service.

In the afternoon we were kindly shown round the village by the local men. Here it would be as well to relate that there is an interest attached to this place from the tradition of its having been the retreat of the renowned and romantic freebooter from whom its name is derived, and who, it is said, had always several vessels in readiness here for sea, by the aid of which he eluded his pursuers. The place seems to lend itself to this sort of thing, being built on a steep slope running down to the water's edge. The visitors were quite tickled when shown the main street—4 ft. 2 ins. wide. A visit was then made to the pleasantly-situated gardens attached to the Vicarage, where the handbells were brought into play. Here Freddy excels, and greatly amused the audience by his rendering of several tunes, and by the skilful manner in which he manipulated the bells.

After tea an attempt was made for a touch of Superlative, but this was lost near the end by the casting of a rope, 288 of Kent Treble Bob was then rung and the bells let down in peal. That the visit was a success cannot be denied, the inhabitants appreciating to the fullest extent the way in which their lustric bells were handled, and will ever remember our visit.

The visitors wish to express through this paper their heartfelt gratitude to all who strove to their uttermost to make our visit so enjoyable, among whom may be mentioned the Rev. R. J. and Misses Cooper, Messrs. Barnaby, Russell, Harrison, R. and G. Weldon and others, not forgetting the ladies who looked to our comforts. The visitors left by the 8.10 a.m. on Monday for the annual meeting at Durham, with the exception of Mac and Mary, who left us at Middlesbrough. B.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the Ely Archidiaconal Branch was held at Ickleton and Sawston, on Thursday afternoon, October 21st. Ringers were present from Ely, Cambridge, Newmarket, Saffron Walden, Ickleton and other places. The visitors were met at Whittlesford station, and drove first to Sawston, where there is a good ring of eight (but unfortunately no change-ringing), and kept the bells going for about an hour. A move was then made for Ickleton, where a substantial meat tea had been provided in a room kindly lent for the occasion by Sir Robert G. Herbert, G.C.B., Lord of the Manor, who also presided, and cordially welcomed the association to Ickleton, where he trusted the meeting would be an incentive to fresh efforts and a closer social relationship amongst the local ringers. The Rev. Walter W. Crump (Haddenham), the Diocesan Secretary, then brought forward the usual matter of business, in the unavoidable absence of the District Secretary (Mr. R. M. Croft), and said he was very sorry that Ickleton should be the only parish in that part of Cambridgeshire belonging to the Association, and really hoped that now local attention was called to the matter other companies in the district might be induced to combine for the purposes of good fellowship and the advance of their art. He was pleased to be able to add that the worthy Chairman had promised to become an honorary member. This statement was received with unanimous applause, and the formal election was at once proceeded with. Mr. J. F. Penning (Saffron Walden) was also elected an honorary life member residing outside the Diocese, and other ringers were elected as ordinary members. A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for his kindness, and to the Vicars of Ickleton and Sawston for granting the use of the bells. The Rev. I. Crump (Ickleton), having briefly replied, the members adjourned to the church, where touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire ended the meeting.

The long promised meeting at Soham is to be held if possible on New Year's Day.

#### Ringers' Outings.

THE MILDENHALL SOCIETY, SUFFOLK.—We were unable to go out for the day this year as we did last, because one of our band couldn't leave his work, and we couldn't do without him. But we determined to go out somewhere for all that, so on Thursday, October 14th, nine of us started at 6.0 p.m. for a ring at a neighbouring church, followed a little later by two more members on bicycles. An hour's drive brought us to our destination—West Stow, near Bury St. Edmunds. There was a moon, but not sufficient to show the beauties of the scenery, which are above the average. We immediately repaired to the church, which has a fine tower 80 feet high, containing a sweet ring of six, most of which are old bells, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and tenor having the inscription: "G. Draper made me" with the dates 1629 or 1631; and on the 5th: "J. Darbie made me 1674." The treble was cast by Mears about 1846, and has a good clear tone, though the note is rather too sharp, and it is not altogether in keeping with the mellow tones of the older bells. The whole lot were rehung two or three years ago by an Ixworth man, and do him great credit, the go being all that could be wished. The following ringing was done: 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. H. Turner, jun., A. Turner, H. Turner sen. (conductor), Rev. H. B. Woolley, G. Turner, and C. Carpenter; tenor about 15 cwt. in F sharp. And three 6-scores of Bob Doubles, in which A. Munson, T. Soames, and F. Barton took part. We have lost J. Lock, who has gone to Stratford, E., where it is to be hoped some good company will pick him up, as he is full of ringing, and altogether a useful man. After an hour-and-a-half on the bells the company was hospitably entertained at supper by the Rector (Rev. A. H. Pemberton) and Mrs. Pemberton, to whom they wish to return thanks. After a pleasant drive back through Icklingham we reached home at 11 o'clock, well satisfied with the evening's work. W.

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# ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1896 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER. TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

Position in 1896.	January to November.	December.	TREBLE BOB														GRANDSIRE.														MINOR METHODS.														DOUBLE NORWICH.														FORWARD.														PLAIN METHODS.														SURPRISE METHODS.														STEDMAN.	Total number of points for 1896.	Position in 1895.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
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shire, 1; Staffordshire, 1; Surrey, 1. The greatest number of changes in one peal, 11,328. Peals containing over 10,000 changes, 3; over 7,000, 2; over 6,000, 6; under 6,000, 779. The following records have been established during the year:—11,328 London Surprise Major by the Oxford Diocesan Guild; 10,075 Grandsire Cinques by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society; 10,440 changes in 15 Treble Bob Minor Methods by the Yorkshire Association. The 225 peals of Grandsire Triples are made up as follows:—Holt's ten-part, 77; Holt's Original, 32; Holt's six-part, 6; Taylor's Bob-and-Single, 36; Parker's twelve-part, 11; J. Carter's, 11; Rev. C. D. P. Davies five-part, 10; E. B. James's ten-part, 7; Hollis's five part, 6; other peals, 29. The 79 peals of Stedman Triples are made up as follows:—Thurstan's, 45; Heywood's Variation, 10; Brook's Variation, 7; other peals, 17. The 17 Treble Bob peals:—In the Kent Variation, 117; In the Oxford Variation, 24; College Exercise Major, 1; In 15 Treble Bob Minor Methods (10,440 changes), 1; In 7 Treble Bob Minor Methods, 32. The peals of Doubles:—7 methods; 14, 4, 5, 7 methods; 14 methods; 125 methods.

The time occupied in ringing the 791 peals was 2425 hrs. 5 mins., or 101  $\frac{1}{2}$  days and nights, the average time for each peal being 3 hrs. 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  mins. Conductors of four peals and upwards: G. Williams, 32; C. W. Clarke, 21; J. E. Groves, 15; J. W. Washbrook, 14; J. Carter, 12; W. Bedwell, C. Tyler and F. T. Spence, 10; F. Hopgood and H. R. Newton, 9; J. Austin, W. Holmes, F. J. Harrison, Rev. F. E. Robinson, C. Sillicoe and C. F. Winney, 8; T. Card James Motts, S. Reeves, and H. White, 7; A. Craven, W. Micklewright, J. Parker, T. Redman, W. Short, J. Tann, F. W. Thornton, W. Taylor, W. Wilson and A. Waters, 6; F. Bradley, T. Faulkner, G. Lindoff, W. Pye, R. Ridyard, H. Springall, A. E. Thompson, and G. Wightman, 5; G. Bartlett, C. E. Borrett, W. Charman, W. Franks, J. Houghton, jun., Rev. H. L. James, F. Knight, L. Longney, T. Newman, J. C. Truss, A. Ward, W. Wakley, and B. Wichell, 4; in addition to these there were 39 who conducted 3 peals; 64 who conducted 2 peals, and 173 who conducted 1 peal; also 1 peal on six bells in which all six ringers conducted a part, one silent peal of Stedman on handbells, and one peal published without a conductor's name; making a total of 338 persons who acted as conductors during the year.

Number of peals on church bells, 758; on handbells, 33. They were rung as follows: January, 68; February, 79; March, 57; April, 75; May, 65; June, 33; July, 25; August, 41; September 53; October 91; November, 96; December, 107. Increase during the twelve months on 1895, 25.

The following table shows the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS."

	1881.	From Jan. to Dec.	1885.	From Jan. to Dec.	500	1889.	From Jan. to Dec.	797	1893.	From Jan. to Dec.	705
1882.	"	"	244	"	556	1890.	"	699	1894.	"	859
1883.	"	"	330	"	646	1891.	"	878	1895.	"	766
1884.	"	"	419	"	759	1892.	"	802	1896.	"	791

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N.B.—In reckoning totals of points, peals of over 7000 and under 10,000 changes are treated as two peals, and peals of over 10,000 and under 12,000 changes are treated as three peals. The points per peal as given above, are the same as presented to the Central Council at the last annual meeting (see "THE BELL NEWS" of June 19th, 1897).

**BRIGHTON (Sussex).—**On Sunday, October 9th, a 672 of Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; F. Hill, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; G. Hill, 4; H. Statham, 5; P. Allfrey, 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; R. Wood, 8. And for evening service a 1050 of Grandsire Triples, the band standing the same as in the morning. W. Allfrey (conductor). On Sunday evening, October 17th, a 784 of Grandsire Triples. P. Allfrey, 1; F. Hill, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. Hill, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; H. Statham (conductor), 7; R. Wood, 8.

**BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—**On Sunday evening, October 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Eades, 1; T. Abbutt, 2; G. Hayward, 3; A. Jackson, 4; G. Ward, 5; G. Bourne, 6; O. James (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8.

**CHADDLESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—**On Sunday evening, October 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Broad, 1; J. Chance, 2; J. Broad, 3; A. Jackson, 4; E. Gilbert, 5; J. Bate, 6; H. Martin (conductor), 7; T. Cooper, 8. Also 420 in the same method. F. Broad, 1; J. Chance, 2; E. Gilbert, 3; A. Jackson, 4; J. Perrins, 5; J. Bate, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; H. Martin, 8. T. Cooper hails from Wednesbury.

**EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—**On Tuesday, October 19th, at Christ Church, 505 and 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Beal (first touch of Triples), 1; G. Howse, 2; E. Beal (first touch with a bob bell), 3; A. Gower, 4; E. Brant, 5; F. Fayers, 6; J. Sharp (conductor), 7; C. Crunden, 8. Messrs. Beal (2), and Brant hail from Pevensey.

**LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—**On Saturday, October 23rd, at the parish church, 1500 Grandsire Cinques in 1 hr. F. Kemp, 1; W. Odway, 2; W. Crockford, 3; H. Newham, jun., 4; H. Wood, 5; W. Messam, 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; A. Dean, 8; E. Hull, 9; H. Over (longest touch in the method), 10. On Sunday, October 24th, for evening

service, a 1585 Grandsire Cinques in 53 mins. E. Dodd, 1; H. Wood, 2; C. Race, 3; H. Newham, jun., 4; J. Wyatt, 5; H. Newham, sen., 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; W. Massam, 8; A. Dean, 9; E. Hull, 10. On Sunday, October 24th, for evening service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 503 and 575 Grandsire Cinques. After service 317 and 593 in the same method. Messrs. F. Kemp, H. Wood, T. Miller, W. Marks, E. Hull, H. Newham, sen., H. Newham, jun., T. Newham, W. Messam, H. Over, A. Dean, C. Race, and J. Wyatt. All the above were conducted by W. Marks.

**LLANDUDNO (North Wales).—**On Wednesday, October 20th, for practice at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. T. Barrow, 1; S. Brown, 2; S. Collington, 3; J. Cole (conductor), 4; F. Brown, 5; A. Helstrip, 6; C. Jones, 7; S. Swan, 8.

**RAMSGATE (Kent).—**On Wednesday, October 20th, at St. Lawrence's church, on the occasion of the dedication of a new clock that has been placed in the tower to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Sayer (longest length), 1; G. Wilson, 2; A. Sayer, 3; T. Reed, sen., 4; T. Wilson, 5; P. Reed, 6; G. Wilson (conductor), 7; H. Wellard, 8. The tenor man belongs to the local company; the rest hail from Quex Park, Birchington.

**RICHMOND (Yorks).—**On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Shelton, 1; R. Briscoe, 2; R. Borrows, 3; J. T. Rushton, 4; J. T. Frinchum, 5; W. Phillips (conductor), 6. On October 18th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Shelton, 1; W. Phillips, 2; R. Briscoe, 3; J. T. Rushton, 4; J. T. Frinchum, 5; R. Borrows (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. On Sunday evening, October 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A.

Shelton, 1; W. Phillips, 2; R. Briscoe (conductor), 3; I. T. Rushton, 4; J. T. Frinchum, 5; R. Borrows, 6.

**SOLTHULL (Warwickshire).—**On Thursday, October 14th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques, 1259 changes, in 54 mins. J. Bragg, 1; T. Wake, 2; J. Jeonings, 3; A. Walker, 4; F. Rowley, 5; G. Walker, 6; W. Wall, 7; G. A. Martineau (conductor), 8; S. Bragg, 9; H. Haines, 10. Longest length of Cinques by Messrs. Bragg (2), Rowley, Wall, and Haines. First touch as conductor by G. A. Martineau.

**SOUTHWOLD (Suffolk).—**On Saturday evening, October 23rd, for practice at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor. E. Grindell, 1; H. Thompson, 2; E. Upcraft, 3; G. Thompson, 4; E. Goldsmith, 5; T. King (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 24th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Bob Minor. The ringers as before. And in the evening a 720 Bob Minor. H. Thompson, 1; T. King, 2; E. Upcraft, 3; G. Thompson, 4; E. Goldsmith, 5; J. Larter (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor with 6-8 behind. E. Grindell, 1; G. Thompson, 2; H. Thompson, 3; T. King, 4; E. Upcraft, 5; E. Goldsmith, 6; J. Larter, 7; F. Osborne, 8. J. Larter hails from Wenhamston, the rest belong to the local company.

**WEST HOATHLEY (Sussex).—**On Sunday, October 17th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, some Grandsire Singles were rung for the morning, afternoon and evening services, and also after evening service. C. Cole, 1; F. Leney, 2; J. Pollard, 3; S. Still, 4; G. Leney, 5.

**WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—**On Monday, October 18th, for practice, three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. S. West, 1; J. Moul, 2; B. West, 3; A. Whitmore, 4; L. Partridge, 5; F. Boam, 6. Also a 6-score with J. Rawson, 1. Conducted by J. Moul, B. West, and L. Partridge.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1897.

IN consequence of several reports being crowded-out this week, our next number will comprise four extra pages. The following week we shall issue a photograph of Mr. J. C. MITCHELL, and announce other particulars which will be welcome to our readers. At present we have an immense quantity of touches on hand; these will all appear in due course.

## The Metropolis.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. 3.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 7.
HENRY G. HILL .. .. 4.	WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of H.R.H. the late Duchess of Teck.

## WOODFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 1, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,  
AT THE HOUSE OF MR. H. GOWERS, FULLER'S ROAD,  
ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

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

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE.. .. 3-4.	*EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 7-8.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire—E. A. Bacon, who marked off every lead-end as rung. \*First peal in the method on handbells.

## The Provinces.

## DRIGHLINGTON.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JEREMY THORNTON .. .. Treble.	RUFUS THORNTON .. .. 6.
THOMAS HEPWORTH .. .. 2.	ARTHUR MUFFETT .. .. 6.
G. H. WILSON .. .. 3.	R. BARKER .. .. 7.
H. S. CLAPHAM.. .. 4.	L. SNOWDEN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by L. SNOWDEN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of esteem and respect to the Rev. V. F. Hammond, who was for twenty-six years vicar of Drighlington before his removal to Greenock, where he died.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 28, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.  
Tenor 20 cwt.

F. JAKEMAN .. .. Treble.	G. H. DONALD .. .. 5.
C. BROADBENT .. .. 2.	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT .. 6.
J. DONALD .. .. 3.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. 7.
WALTER JAKEMAN .. .. 4.	B. SHARPE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

Fist peal in the method by all except the conductor.

## ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, October 29, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. RENNIE, 55, STRETTON ROAD, ASTON,  
ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANGES.

FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 1-2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5-6.
BERNARD WITCHELL .. 3-4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 7-8.
THOMAS WAKEMAN .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, of West Ham, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Referee—Mr. Albert Walker, who had a copy of the peal and ticked off every call and course-end as they were rung. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## KEMPSTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

On Saturday, October 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being a 720 in each of the following methods:—

College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure,  
Violet, Woodbine, Merchant's Return and Oxford.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDGAR TINGEY .. .. Treble.	HERBERT SHARP .. .. 4.
WILLIAM J. BARKER .. .. 2.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 3.	FRANK HULL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. J. Rosser, for the use of the bells; and Mr. F. Bridges for having everything in readiness.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, October 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR SLATER .. .. 5.
JOHN GOUCHER* .. .. 2.	THOMAS G. SAREL .. .. 6.
EDWIN JAMES .. .. 3.	JOHN ALLEN .. .. 7.
JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th the extent each way in 5-6, with both bells six times at home, and is now rung for the first time. \*First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. Goucher and James, the band wishing them many happy returns.

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

On Saturday, October 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

CHARLES CARTER .. .. Treble.	SYDNEY SAKER .. .. 5.
WALTER FRANKS .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. ADES .. .. 6.
NEWTON CRUTTENDEN .. 3.	WILLIAM THOMAS .. .. 7.
LOUIS ATTWATER* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

\*First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Saker and Attwater hail from Blacklands, Hastings, N. Cruttenden and T. J. ADES from Bexhill, for whom this peal was arranged; the rest belong to the local band.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. SMITH.. .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 5.
NOAH DAVIS .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. PARSONS.. .. 6.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

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

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

DAVID ELLIOTT.. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 2.	CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. 6.
WILLIAM DYER .. .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method by all except the treble and 7th men, and rung at the first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. Elliott, sen., father of the conductor.

## LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, October 30, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being a 720 of Oxford Bob, and Two each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

EMMANUEL SUMMERS* .. Treble.	LIONEL LONGNEY .. .. 4.
HUBERT SALISBURY .. .. 2.	†GORDON CHECKETTS .. .. 5.
FRANK COOK .. .. 3.	FREDERICK JOHNSON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

\*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.



IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5344 CHANGES.

JOHN J. MAWBY* .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. .. 5.
ALPHAUS PERKINS .. .. 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. .. 6.
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and  
Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

This peal has the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6, the 2nd never being there, and it is now rung for the first time. It is the first peal in the method ever rung in Northamptonshire, the ringers all belonging to one company. \*First peal in the method.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.  
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

CHARLES BARBER* .. .. Treble.	*JOSEPH PEARSON .. .. 6.
JAMES BOOTH† .. .. 2.	*JOHN HANKINSON .. .. 7.
THOMAS JACKSON* .. .. 3.	TOM MARSHALL .. .. 8.
JOHN BAYLEY .. .. 4.	*ANDREW SIDEBOTHAM .. .. 9.
HIRAM MEAKIN* .. .. 5.	*EDWARD WILLIAMSON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, of London, and  
Conducted by ANDREW SIDEBOTHAM.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor. Reference elsewhere.

BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 30, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES WATTS .. .. Treble.	ROBERT HUNT .. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. .. 3.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and is supposed to be the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in Wolverhampton.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, November 1, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. Treble.	†THOMAS HYLAND .. .. 5.
JOSEPH KITTERIDGE† .. .. 2.	†THOMAS WAKEMAN .. .. 6.
FREDERICK SUMNER .. .. 3.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. .. 7.
EDWARD HINTON* .. .. 4.	*HENRY WITHERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. It was intended to ring Treble Bob, but one of the band not being able to come the above was rung instead.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

720 each London, Chester, Carlisle, Lincoln, York, Cambridge, and Superlative. Tenor 11½ cwt. in A flat.

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

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On June 20th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Edwards, 1; J. Preston (conductor), 2; J. Steddy, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Wallis, 5; J. Heasman, 6. And 730 Stedman Triples. J. Edwards, 1; J. Heasman, 2; J. Steddy, 3; J. Preston (conductor), 4; J. Wallis, 5; T. Wallis, 6; R. Jenner, 7; J. Malyan, 8. On June 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Preston (conductor), 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Wallis, 3; J. Heasman, 4; R. Jenner, 5; T. Wallis, 6. On July 27th, 720 Kent, with J. Steddy, 2; R. Jenner, 4; J. Heasman, 5. On August 15th, 720 Kent (fifteen bobs). J. Preston (conductor), 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Wallis, 3; J. Steddy, 4; J. Heasman, 5; T. Wallis, 6. On August 22nd, 720 Kent. J. Preston (conductor), 1; P. Chantler, 2; J. Wallis, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Steddy, 5; J. Heasman, 6. On August 23rd, 720 Kent. J. Edwards, 1; J. Heasman, 2; J. Wallis, 3; T. Wallis, 4; R. Jenner, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. On August 29th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Malyan, 1; J. Preston (conductor), 2; J. Heasman, 3; T. Wallis, 4; R. Jenner, 5; J. Wallis, 6. On September 12th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Malyan, 1; J. Heasman, 2; J. Wallis, 3; T. Wallis, 4; R. Jenner, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. On September 15th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Edwards, 1; J. Preston (conductor), 2; J. Wallis, 3; J. Heasman, 4; R. Jenner, 5; T. Wallis, 6. On Sunday, October 3rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob. J. Malyan, 1; J. Steddy, 2; J. Wallis, 3; T. Wallis, 4; R. Jenner, 5; J. Preston (conductor), 6. And 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Edwards, 1; J. Heasman, 2; J. Preston (conductor), 3; J. Steddy, 4; J. Wallis, 5; T. Wallis, 6; R. Jenner, 7; J. Malyan, 8. On Monday, October 4th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Edwards, 1; J. Heasman, 2; R. Jenner, 3; J. Preston (conductor), 4; J. Wallis, 5; T. Wallis, 6; G. Breed, 7; J. Malyan, 8. G. Breed hails from York.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On September 5th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; W. Milhams, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On September 19th, 720 London Surprise. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On October 4th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On October 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. M. Digby, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; W. Martin, 4; F. J. Ring, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, September 19th, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Gillard, 1; H. Poole, 2; F. Millard, 3; A. Doble, 4; H. Pearce, 5; E. Burgess, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; G. Yendall, 8. Longest length in the method on the bells, and by all the band. On Thursday, September 23rd, 840 Grandsire Triples. H. Moggridge, 1; W. Gillard, 2; H. Pearce, 3; J. Maddock, 4; G. Yendall, 5; E. Burgess, 6; H. Poole (conductor), 7; W. Thorn, 8. On Sunday, September 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; E. Harbour (first in the method), 2; H. Poole, 3; E. Burgess, 4; F. Millard, 5; G. Yendall, 6.

WILTON (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, September 26th, at St. George's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Wyatt (first 720), 1; J. Maddock, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; H. Poole (conductor), 5; G. Yendall, 6. First touch of Treble Bob on the bells.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, September 21st, for practice, 720 London Surprise. — Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise, standing as above. For evening service 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; J. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 28th, for practice, 720 College Exercise. D. Preston, 2; the rest as above. Conducted by C. Preston. And 720 York Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. Wheeldon, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Tuesday, October 5th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday, October 10th, for Divine Service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. C. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 2; D. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Lichfield Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; C. Preston, 3; the rest as before. On Tuesday, October 12th, for practice, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. J. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 14th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob. And on

Sunday morning, October 17th, 720 Chester Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6. For morning service 720 Lincoln Surprise. For service in the afternoon 720 Superlative Surprise. For evening service, 720 Carlisle Surprise standing as above. On Tuesday, October 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. E. Davies (Stoke), 1; the rest as before. Also 720 York Surprise. On Sunday, October 24th, for morning service, 720 Chester Surprise. G. Chester, 1; the rest as before.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.)

**BARNET (Middlesex).**—On September 27th, for practice at the parish church, over 600 of Bob Major. W. F. Dolton, 1; J. Stevens, 2; J. Sumpter, 3; I. Attwater, 4; S. Wade, 5; F. A. Milne, 6; C. H. Martin (conductor), 7; A. H. Belton, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Chidwick, 1; G. Godfrey, 2; A. D. Chidwick, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; J. Stevens (conductor), 5; S. Wade, 6; C. H. Martin, 7; E. Dolton, 8. And 180 Bob Minor and a course of Stedman Triples. C. H. Martin, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; F. A. Milne, 3; J. Stevens, 4; I. Attwater, 5; S. Wade, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, 8. On October 18th, a 336 of Bob Major. W. F. Dolton, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; F. A. Milne, 3; G. I. Miles, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Carroway, 6; E. E. Pratchett, 7; A. H. Belton, 8. Also three courses of Stedman Triples. J. Sumpter, 1; W. J. Dell, 2; F. A. Milne, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; A. H. Belton, 5; F. Carroway, 6; C. F. Martin, 7; E. Dolton, 8. And Grandsire Triples, in which J. Witty, W. J. Baldwin, and A. J. Chidwick took part.

**HENDON (Middlesex).**—On Wednesday, September 22nd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 360 Bob Minor. E. Webb, 1; F. Pratt, 2; E. Pratchett, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). F. Jones, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; F. Pratt, 3; H. J. Martin, 4; E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday morning, October 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), standing as above. On Wednesday, October 20th, 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). E. Webb, 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also 120 Canterbury Minor, G. Miles taking part. Tenor 16½ cwt. First 720 of Minor by E. Webb.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**HORNCHURCH (Essex).**—On Saturday, October 9th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 31 mins. C. Dempsey, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; I. Dear, 4; E. Wightman, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6.

**KELVEDON (Essex).**—On September 5th, 720 Double Oxford. C. Mills, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; W. Keeble, 3; D. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman. W. Keeble, 1; H. Evers, 2; D. Elliott (conductor), 3; E. Beckwith, 4; W. Elliott, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. On September 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Mills, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 2; H. Elliott, 3; C. Rogers, 4; W. Hunwick, 5; H. Evers, 6. On Sunday, October 3rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich. G. King, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; D. Elliott, 5; W. Elliott, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Willsher, 1; H. Elliott, 2; W. Hunwick, sen., 3; G. Humm, 4; E. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. Also 504 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Humm, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 3; W. Elliott, 4. And 360 Cambridge Surprise. H. Elliott, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. Also 360 Double Court. C. Mills, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; H. Elliott, 3; the rest as before. And 720 New London. H. Elliott, 1; W. Keeble, 3; D. Elliott, 4; the rest as before. After evening service a touch of Kent. On Friday, October 8th, 720 Double Court. G. King, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 2; J. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; D. Elliott, 6. On Wednesday, October 13th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. Gazzard (first 720), 1; C. Mills, 2; H. Elliott, 3; D. Elliott, 4; W. Keeble, 5; H. Evers (conductor), 6.

**INWORTH (Essex).**—On September 12th, ringers from Kelvedon, Coggeshall, and Feering paid a visit to this church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire, Oxford, Cambridge, and Old Doubles; also a 6-score of Stedman. W. Keeble, 1; H. Evers, 2; W. Elliott (conductor), 3; E. Beckwith, 4; J. Newman, 5. Other ringers included Messrs. Elliott, Sadler, Newman, Humm, Hunwick, jun., Mills, Willsher, and Pye.

**COGGESHALL (Essex).**—On Sunday, September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 576 Kent. R. Potter, 1; H. Elliott, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8. Also 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Keeble, 2; W. Elliott, 4; H. Elliott, 6; the rest as

before. On Sunday, October 10th, for Divine Service, 560 Double Norwich. D. Elliott (conductor), 4; C. Norfolk, 6; J. Newman, 8; the rest as before. Also on handbells three leads of Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 New London. H. Pye, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; D. Elliott, 3-4; W. Keeble, 5; E. Beckwith (conductor), 6.

**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On September 20th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles.) W. Farrow, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; F. Slade, 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Webb, 6. On Sunday, October 3rd, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), taken from the *Clavis*. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), composed by E. Francis (Norwich). W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; W. Webb, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. On Tuesday, October 5th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss J. W. Gosling, of Bocking, and Mr. W. J. Law, of Forfar, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), and 300 Canterbury Pleasure. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; H. Collins, 2; N. Pilcher, 3; F. Slade, 4; E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hammond, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; F. Slade, 5; W. Webb, 6. On Monday, October 11th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). W. Hammond, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Collins, 3; N. Pilcher, 4; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Also another 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 24th, 360 and 420 Bob Minor, and 360 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; C. N. Howard (conductor), 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Webb, 6.

**STISTED (Essex).**—On Sunday, October 10th, for Divine Service in the afternoon at All Saints' church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Radley, 1; \*H. Collins, 2; \*N. Pilcher, 3; Ed. Chaplin, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. \*First 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and hail from Braintree.

**WOODFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday, October 10th, for practice, 360 Oxford Single. E. C. Fox, Esq., 1; K. C. Fox, Esq., 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; H. Gowers, 5; E. Wightman, 6. For evening service 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 26 mins. E. C. Bacon, 1; W. Pye, 2; J. Mardell, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; E. Pye, 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the treble and 3rd, and first attempt. E. Bacon hails from Loughton; the brothers Pye from Chadwell Heath; the rest are local men.

**WANSTEAD (Essex).**—On Sunday, October 10th, after evening service at Christ Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins. H. Gowers, 1; J. Mardell, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. Pye, 4; E. Pye, 5; E. Wightman (conductor), 6. Also 180 Bob Minor. J. Phillpot, 1; H. Gowers, 2; G. R. Pye (conductor), 3; W. Pye, 4; E. Pye, 5; J. Mardell, 6.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**ORDSALL (Notts).**—On Saturday, October 16th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting, 720 Violet in 25 mins. H. Unwin, 1; J. Guest, 2; D. Russon (conductor), 3; T. Smith, 4; J. Fitzjohn, 5; E. Russon, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. M. Phillipson, 1; Rev. H. F. De Lisle, 2; Rev. B. Darley, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Lambert, 5; H. Blagg (conductor), 6. Also 720 in the same method. G. Holmes, 1; H. Unwin, 2; J. Guest, 3; T. Smith (conductor), 4; J. White, 5; H. Lambert, 6. G. Holmes was a visitor from the Yorkshire Association; the rest are members of the North Notts. Association.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**ST. ALBANS (Herts).**—On Sunday afternoon, October 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. R. H. Weatherley, 1; H. Lewis, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; N. N. Hills, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; W. Battle, 6. The tower of this church has recently been rebuilt by Lord Grimthorpe, and the bells rehung in a thorough workmanlike manner by Messrs. Taylor and Sons. First 720 since rehanging.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

**TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).**—On Saturday, October 9th, at the church of All Hallows, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. P. J. Darlington, 1; G. Peace, 2; F. Carter, 3; H. Barnett, 4; A. Darlington, 5; W. A. Alps (conductor), 6; C. Button, 7; W. Darlington, 8.

**WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).**—On Monday, October 18th, at the abbey church, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the illuminated clock presented by J. Parnell, Esq., J.P., 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Pallett, 1; G. Peace (conductor), 2; T. Mitchell, 3; F. Carter, 4; D. Tarling, 5; T. Colverd, 6; W. A. Alps, 7; T. Adams, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. F. Jelf, 1; G. Peace, 2; F. Carter, 3; G. Thurgood, 4; D. Tarling, 5; W. A. Alps (conductor), 6; T. Colverd, 7; G. Cole, 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday afternoon, August 29th, for Divine Service, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Betts, 2; A. Grimes, 3; W. Rumsey, 4; F. Borrett, 5; W. Grimes, 6; E. Poppy, 7; J. Souter, 8. Messrs. Grimes and Rumsey hail from Debenham.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, September 6th, on handbells in the tower, two 720s of Bob Minor, conducted by W. Rumsey and W. Groom. S. Collins, 1; J. Rumsey, 2; W. Groom, 3; A. Grimes, 4; W. Rumsey, 5-6. Also a course of Bob Major. W. Grimes, 1-2; A. Grimes, 3-4; W. Rumsey, 5-6; W. Groom, 7-8. On the tower bells on Thursday, September 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Collins, 1; W. Groom, 2; J. Rumsey, 3; A. Grimes, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6. First 720 of Kent by Messrs. Groom and J. Rumsey. On Monday, September 20th, 720 in the same method. S. Collins, 1; W. Grimes, 2; W. Groom, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; A. Grimes, 5; W. Rumsey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 26th, being the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. S. Collins, 1; W. Rumsey, 2; A. Grimes, 3; W. Groom, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6. Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich. In the afternoon 608 Bob Major. S. Collins, 1; W. Grimes (conductor), 2; W. Groom, 3; G. Perry, 4; G. Thurlow, 5; A. Grimes, 6; W. Bullock, 7; W. Rumsey, 8. Also 896 Oxford. W. Grimes (conductor), 1; W. Groom, 2; A. Grimes, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; W. Crickmer, 5; W. Rumsey, jun., 6; G. Perry, 7; G. Rowe, 8. And 464 Bob Major. J. Creasey, 1; W. Crickmer, 2; W. Groom, 3; W. Grimes (conductor), 4; A. Grimes, 5; J. Rumsey, 6; W. Bullock, 7; W. Rumsey, 8. For evening service 704 of Oxford. W. Rumsey, 1; W. Groom, 2; W. Ruffles, 3; W. Grimes, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; A. Grimes, 6; G. Rowe, 7; W. Crickmer (conductor), 8. After service 464 Bob Major. S. Collins, 1; W. Grimes, 2; W. Ruffles, 3; W. Groom, 4; A. Grimes, 5; J. Rumsey, 6; W. Crickmer (conductor), 7; W. Rumsey, 8. And 576 of Oxford. S. Collins, 1; W. Rumsey, 2; A. Grimes, 3; W. Groom, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; W. Crickmer, 6; W. Ruffles, 7; W. Grimes (conductor), 8. Messrs. Perry, Thurlow, Creasey, and Bullock hail from Framdsen; Crickmer from Earl Soham. On Thursday, October 7th, a 720 Bob Minor. G. Rumsey, 1; S. Collins, 2; J. Rumsey (conductor), 3; W. Groom, 4; A. Grimes, 5; W. Rumsey, 6. On Sunday, October 10th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Rumsey, 1; S. Collins, 2; W. Rumsey, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Groom (conductor), 5; A. Grimes, 6. On Thursday, October 14th, 720 in the same method. G. Rumsey, 1; S. Collins, 2; J. Rumsey, 3; W. Groom, 4; A. Grimes (conductor), 5; W. Rumsey, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, September 23rd, at St. Paul's church, 448 Double Norwich. H. Tysoe, 1; W. Barker, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Hull, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. Lilley, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. On Sunday, September 26th, 503 Grandsire Caters. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Lilley, 2; E. Tingey (first 500 in the method), 3; F. Smith, 4; W. Hall, 5; S. J. Cullip, 6; W. H. Lawrence, 7; F. Keech, 8; J. Harvey, 9; W. Barker, 10. Also 224 Superlative Surprise Major. E. Tingey, 1; W. Barker, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Harvey, 6; C. Chasty, 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. J. Harvey hails from Hertford; W. H. Lawrence from Little Munden, Herts. On Friday, October 8th, 432 Double Norwich. E. Tingey, 1; W. Barker, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; C. Chasty, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Lilley, 6; W. Shimmans, 7; F. Hull, 8. On Sunday, October 10th, 540 Grandsire Caters. E. Tingey, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Lilley, 3; W. Barker, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Keech, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Chasty (conductor), 8; H. Tysoe, 9; F. Hull, 10. On Sunday, October 17th, 324 Stedman Caters. W. Barker, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. Lilley, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Hull, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; H. Sharp, 9; J. Sear, 10. On Tuesday, September 28th, at St. Mary's church, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. E. Tingey, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Barker, 3; C. Chasty, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 12th, 720 Double Court. W. Gazeley, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; E. Tingey, 4; C. Chasty (conductor), 5; W. Barker, 6. Also 720 Kent. C. W. Clarke, 1; C. Lilley, 2; W. Hall, 3; E. Tingey, 4; W. Barker, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. On Friday, October 8th, at 50, Cauldwell Street, on handbells, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. W. Gazeley, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Barber, 3; F. Hull, 4; C. Lilley, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Gazeley, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; E. Tingey, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. Chasty, 5-6. On Friday, October 15th, 720 Kent. W. Gazeley, 1; W. Barker, 2; E. Tingey, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6. Also 720 Violet. E. Tingey, 1; C. Lilley, 2; W. Barker, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAWSWORTH.—On Sunday afternoon, October 3rd, for Divine Ser-

vice, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fourteen bobs) in 24 mins. F. Massey, 1; A. Lomas (composer and conductor), 2; J. Hammond, 3; W. Henshall, 4; C. Postles, 5; E. Johnson, 6. On Sunday, October 10th, 720 in the same method (fourteen bobs), standing as above. Conducted by E. Johnson.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. G. Lampard, 1; J. W. Elkins, 2; W. C. Lampard, 3; K. Hasted (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Lebbon, 6; W. H. George, 7; W. H. Loveland, 8. On Wednesday, October 13th, for practice, 336 Stedman Triples. G. Smith, 1; W. Lebbon, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Harris, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. Loveland, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Mary's church, for morning service, 600 Grandsire Doubles. For evening service 840 of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. After service a visit was paid to St. Michael's, Wood Green, where about 1500 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. E. King, A. Hird, C. Fordham, W. Pickworth, H. Childs, I. J. Attwater, S. Wade, A. Jacob (conductor), M. Fensom, R. Barnard. I. J. Attwater hails from Highgate; M. Fensom and R. Barnard are local men.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 10th, at the church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, after Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., taken from Holt's Original T. H. Taffender (conductor), 1; W. Langdon, 2; T. Langdon, 3; G. E. Symonds, 4; W. H. Pasmore, 5; F. Clements, 6; W. Humberstone, 7; W. Corbett, 8. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. On Sunday, October 10th, for Divine Service in the evening, at St. Luke's, Chelsea, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins. \*W. Webber, 1; V. W. West, 2; \*W. Moss, 3; W. Langdon, 4; T. H. Taffender, 5; G. R. Fardon (conductor), 6; T. Langdon, 7; W. J. Barber, 8; T. E. Barber, 9; G. Chesterman, 10. \*First quarter-peal of Caters. Both the above quarter-peals were rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to W. Langdon.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 26th, at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hitch, 1; S. Ansell, 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; H. Newby, 4; S. Wade, 5; J. Sharman, 6; J. Miller, 7; C. Bale, 8. On Wednesday, October 6th, after meeting short for a peal, 720 Bob Minor was rung on the back six. A. Glasscock (first 720), 1; S. Ansell (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; J. Miller, 3; S. Wade, 4; H. Newby, 5; A. Miller (conductor), 6. Tenor 25 cwt.

STONEY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, October 23rd, a very pleasant and successful outing was made to the tower of this church. The following ringing was done:—A 720 of Bob Minor. M. Matthews, 1; D. Harris, 2; E. Herbert, 3; G. Cowley, 4; Geo. Valentine, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. G. Cowley, 1; D. Harris, 2; G. Valentine, 3; E. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; S. Wolfe, 6. And a 720 Bob Minor. M. Matthews, 1; G. Valentine, sen., 2; S. Avis, 3; R. Valentine, 4; E. Herbert, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6. Afterwards tea was partaken of and a move made for home, which was safely reached, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, September 20th, at St. Mary's tower, a 588 of Bob Triples. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; E. Herbert, 5; H. D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. Baker, 7; J. Barnwell, 8. And a 420 of Bob Triples. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; E. Herbert, 5; D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. Baker, 7; A. Beesley, 8. On Monday, October 4th, a 336 of Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; M. Matthews, 3; C. Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. Baker, 7; E. Herbert, 8. And 336 of Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; E. Herbert, 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. Baker, 7; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 8. On Monday, October 11th, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. W. Janes, 1; C. Herbert, 2; M. Matthews, 3; Rev. W. Baker, 4; E. Herbert, 5; D. Harris, 6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7; S. Avis, 8. And a 336 of Bob Triples. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; E. Herbert, 7; Rev. W. Baker, 8. On Monday, October 18th, a 864 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; E. Herbert, 2; M. Matthews, 3; C. Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. Baker, 7; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 8. Handbell Ringing.—A 448 of Bob Major. C. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; D. Harris, 5-6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. C. Herbert, 1-2; D. Harris, 3-4; E. Herbert, 5-6; Cyril Herbert, 7-8; M. Matthews, 9-10. On Thursday, October 21st, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major was made which came to grief after ringing 2300 changes. C. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; D. Harris, 5-6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7-8.

## 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."

## "ANOTHER GROWL."

SIR,—No doubt our general secretary of the Sussex County Association (Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cotter), will reply to "Non-Pealer's" letter in last week's "BELL NEWS." But as I am responsible for the notice he refers to in the first part of his letter, I thought I would explain it. My reason for the remark was that Chailey being a tower with very few half-pull ringers near; not easy to get at, owing to short service of trains; and only six bells, I felt doubtful if many would care to attend, and my idea was to try and make as successful a meeting as possible, to try and stir up the local men, having been situated myself for several years at different places where there were only six bells. With regard to our friend's letter, he says the whole of his band are keen on change-ringing; this to me seems strange, as I never knew a band keen on change-ringing but what made some progress. If he is not satisfied with their progress, why does he not apply to the proper quarter for assistance from the Association according to the rules. Then again as to report and certificate; I can hardly think he has applied for them since they have been issued. Speaking for myself I can say I have completed all orders received for same up to this date. Then as to peals; why does our friend not make himself acquainted with the nearest peal-ringing band, as I presume there must be one, if he has (as he says in his letter) six rings of eight within a radius of eight miles, and if he has any go in him and does not mind the time and expense, he will soon have the opportunity of standing in a peal or peals; he would also then find out that you want to belong to no clique to stand in Sussex County Association peals. As to our friend's remark about what was said at the Annual Meeting at Brighton last, he is quite mistaken, as that remark had nothing to do with the Sussex County Association. I should be very pleased to have a letter from "Non-Pealer," and then perhaps he may in the near future be able to figure as a "pealer" at one of the towers of his neighbourhood between Brighton and Hastings.

Brighton. GEORGE WILLIAMS, Hon. Div. Sec. Central Division.

SIR,—Although I am very much adverse to controversy through the medium of your paper, I feel it my duty, as one of the Divisional secretaries of the Sussex County Association (and if I mistake not the identity of non-pealer of the same division in which he resides) to reply to some of the remarks made by him in last week's "BELL NEWS." For instance, I cannot understand the reason of non-pealer's surprise at the words in the notice referred to, "to encourage our six-bell bands," because if he consults the list of meetings for united practice, issued once a year to each band affiliated to the Association, he will find that the meetings (twelve in a year), are most invariably held alternately at six and eight bell towers. I am very anxious myself that the association should be of some practical use to its members in the way of assisting bands to learn change-ringing, and as an experiment, a short time ago, I called together four representatives of each of the towers (five in number) in my immediate neighbourhood, with the result that a series of evening meetings for united practice has been arranged, by which there is a meeting held at one or other of the towers every week, and although up to the present but a few members only have availed themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for advancement, I am of opinion that great assistance could be rendered to those wishing to make progress if similar arrangements were made by grouping the towers within an easy distance of each other, but I do not see how the association can do more than suggest such an arrangement. The six towers mentioned by non-pealer would form a convenient group in my opinion, but, if am right in my conjecture, two only of these are affiliated to the association. At the meeting referred to I also brought forward the question of the more regular attempts for peals in the same towers, but it was found impossible to make any arrangement of this kind for various reasons then brought forward. It seems to me that for the Association to make any attempt to arrange peals for its members is quite out of the question, and it must of necessity be left to individual members or bands, and I feel sure that if "Non-pealer" was to attend the practices occasionally of the towers within the radius he mentions, he would soon be able to arrange to stand in a peal. With reference to "Non-pealer's" repeated application for a report and certificate, I have no recollection of receiving such, but a gentle reminder by post would have soon put this matter straight. A copy of the annual report is, or should be, sent to each tower affiliated, and 3d. each is charged for each additional copy required. The price of the certificate is 7d., and I shall be very pleased to forward "Non-pealer" both a report and certificate upon receipt of 7d. With reference to the Society being governed by a clique, I think

this is a very uncalled-for remark. Speaking for myself, I know of no such clique, nor do I know of any application for assistance being refused by the Association; but it is quite impossible for the Association to assist those bands who do not make an effort to help themselves.

101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

S. SAKER,

Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.

SIR,—On reading "THE BELL NEWS" of October 30th we noticed "Non-pealer's" complaint. We wish to extend an invitation to him, and say he is welcome to ring in a peal at any time at St. Paul's. As a tower we are not affiliated to the Association, but are independent members; and we wish to say, in justice to the Association, that we have received a lot of assistance from them. Trusting this will meet with "Non-pealer's" acceptance.

H. STALHAM, Hon. Sec.

6, Guildford Street, Brighton.

## THE PEAL AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, WALTHAMSTOW.

SIR,—Will you kindly correct the footnote to above peal by stating that F. G. Newman never has been, and is not, a member of the St. Mary's Society, Walthamstow.

F. RUMENS.

6, Ershine Road, Walthamstow.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will any member of the Northamptonshire Association kindly give me information as to weight and "go" of Wellingborough bells; whether they are in good condition or bad; how long been rehung; how many peals have been rung on them, and what the methods were.

ENQUIRER.

## THE HANDBELL PEAL AT OSWALDTWISTLE.

SIR,—We beg to publicly thank Mr. Timbrell for his kindly information. Having seen no further claims it only remains for us to renew our claim, that our peal was the first of its kind ever rung. Thanking you, Sir, for this and past favours.

R. PARKINSON.

## LATE PEAL.

## COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

First peal away from the treble by W. S. Evans. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Duchess of Teck.

SPROUTON (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 17th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Rumsey, 1; F. Mee, 2; W. Brown, 3; C. Mee, 4; W. Rivers, 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. Messrs Grimes and Rumsey hail from Deberham; Brown from Bramford; the rest belong to Sproughton.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Tuesday, October 19th, at the parish church, in the evening, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss A. Stedman, of Capel, and Mr. Lunn, of Woking, Surrey, a 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. T. Ansell, 1, J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 360 New London Pleasure and 288 of Oxford standing as above.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 26th anniversary dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate street, E.C., on Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Burkin, W.H.L. Buckingham, Butler, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, T. Mash, McLaughlin, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Springall, Weatherstone, Winney, or W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Tradesant road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open in the afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. Members are requested to attend the meeting at head-quarters for the election of officers on Tuesday, November 16th, after the ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral.

**The Kent County Association.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. John's, Deptford, to-day, Saturday, Nov 6th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m., and an address will be given by the Rev. R. W. Atkinson, Vicar of St. John's.

W. BEDWELL, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

13, Ladywell Road, Lewisham, S.E.

**Kent County Association.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Birchington to-day, Saturday, November 6th. Tower will be open at 3 p.m. for ringing. A. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, November 6th, to celebrate the unveiling of new peal tablets by the vicar, and the president of the Lancashire Association. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

54 Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Tue Brook, near Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

3, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Leesfield, to-day, Saturday, November 6, Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Rules and Diagram for Minor methods will be available to members attending the meeting. All ringers invited.

E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

14, Thomas Street, Lees.

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Hanley, to-day, Saturday, November 6th.

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

**Society for Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Shifnal, on Saturday, November 13. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business Meeting at 5 p.m. Those wishing to avail themselves of cheap railway tickets from Shrewsbury, must communicate with the Hon. Sec. J. MACRAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**The Birmingham Amalgamated Society.**—There will be no practice at St. Philip's church, Birmingham, on Monday nights until further notice. JOHN CARTER.

**The Waterloo Society, London.**—The meetings at St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton, are altered from Tuesdays to alternate Thursdays, commencing November 4th, 1897.

VICTOR W. WEST, *Hon. Sec.*

## THE LATE DUCHESS OF TECK.

Better known to a previous generation as H.R.H. Princess Mary of Cambridge, the death of this royal lady has created much real sympathy, especially for those who were nearest and dearest to her. The following touches bear upon the sad event:—

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Ross (Herefordshire).—On Monday, November 1st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck. W. Davis, 1; P. Lane, 2; W. Colwall, 3; C. Sadler, 4; C. Davis, 5; F. Voyce, 6; J. Clark (conductor), 7; T. Watts, 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, October 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples and two courses of Grandsire Triples. For Divine Service in the evening 504 Stedman Triples and two courses of Grandsire Triples. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Duchess of Teck. The flag was flying half-mast on the tower. The following took part in the above: T. Newman, G. Essex, J. Hands, H. Smith, E. W. Menday, E. J. Menday, A. Cullum, R. T. Hibbert, J. F. Tarrant, A. W. Pike, H. Terry and A. Newman, jun.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 31st, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 52 mins. †G. Strutt, 1; J. Green, 2; J. Howes, 3; H. Owen, 4; H. Adams, 5; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 6; †R. Charge, 7; J. Nicholls, 8; E. Adams, 9; M. Smith, 10. †Longest touch in the method. G. Strutt and J. Howes hail from Kingston. Rang with the bells half-muffled on account of the death of H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck.

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, October 30th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 55 mins. C. Fairfield, 1; J. Bragg, 2; T. Wake-man, 3; G. A. Martineau, 4; F. Rowley (conductor), 5; S. Bragg, 6; H. Haines, 7; A. Tarplee, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by C. Fairfield and A. Tarplee. First with a bob bell by H. Haines. First in the method as conductor by F. Rowley. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the Duchess of Teck.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 31st, for Divine Service at the abbey church, 504 Grandsire Triples and 420 Stedman Triples with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duchess of Teck. For evening service a touch of Grandsire Triples.

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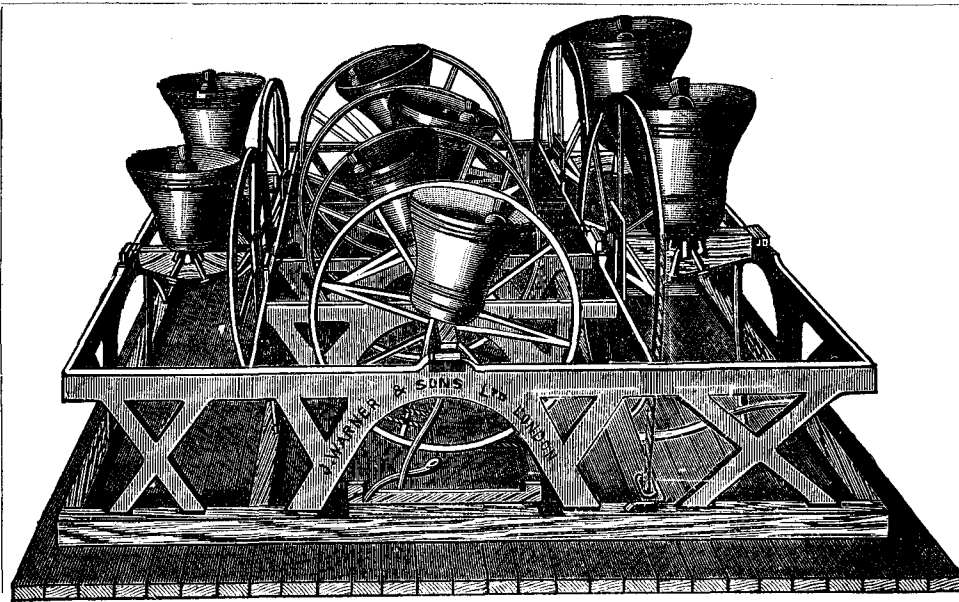
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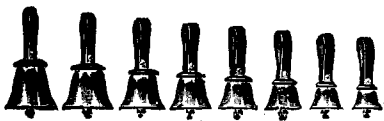
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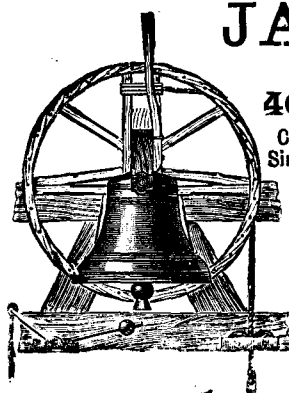
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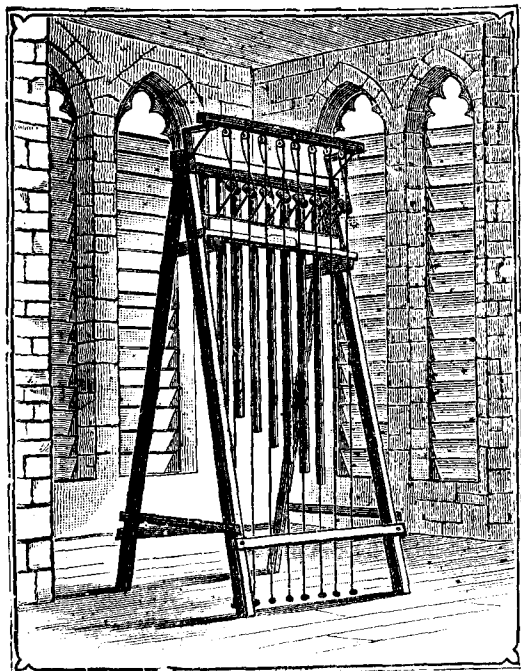
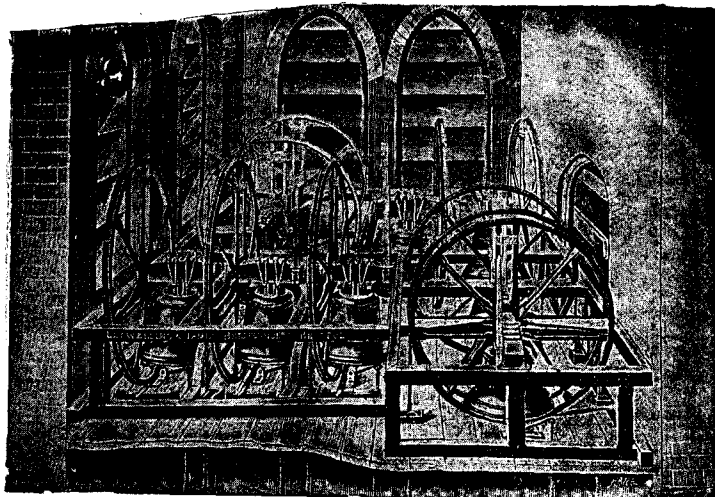
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## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING IN DURHAM.

The twentieth annual meeting was held at Durham on Monday, October 25th. There was a large attendance of members, and during the morning, parties ascended the belfries of the Cathedral, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' churches, and indulged in change-ringing, which was much appreciated by the citizens. The committee met at The Three Tuns hotel at noon, and at half-past one the whole of the members in Durham attended a special service in the Cathedral. The form of service authorised by the Bishops of Durham and Newcastle was used, the prayers being read by the Sacrist, the Rev. G. W. A. Firth. The lesson was read by the Dean, who also delivered the address, which was based on Exodus xix. 19, which, Dr. Kitchin said, was the splendid introduction of the giving of the law. That was a moment in the world's history which had far-reaching power and effects ever since. Here in England they began their service by the ringing of bells, and during the service there were read the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses. There was a distinct thrilling effect in both the ringing of bells and the sound of the trumpet, and which had in it a direct effect upon the nervous system and the characteristic feelings of the human being, so that they could not listen without being moved by some grand feeling of astonishment a thrill of sensation and of memory in very many ways. The Dean went on to state that the bells in our Church take the place of the sound of the trumpet in the time of Moses. But it was not always so. They had to pass through at least seven centuries, if not more, of the history of the Church of Christ before the sound of the bells was ever heard. For a long time Christians met in silence. They were oppressed. The world was full of their enemies. They had to meet in the darkness of the night in secret places. The state of affairs for Christians became more easy in the fourth century, and it was interesting to note how in Egypt, where Christianity had perhaps its strongest footing, the old form of calling the worshippers together, namely, by the sound of the trumpet, was long in use. This also obtained in other countries such as Palestine; and bells did not seem to have made their appearance till about 865, when, as they were told, certain brazen instruments called campana began to be used by the Greeks. They were a gift from the Duke of Venice to the Eastern Emperor, and were hung up in the tower of the church of Santa Sophia. It was not at all clear that even these were bells. They might have been brazen discs after the manner of gongs on which sound could be made. In connection with the death of St. Hild, who they in the north venerated, they read in Bede that there was suddenly heard the known sound of a bell of brass. They thus had a record of the bell being used to call the people together for prayer in the year 680. The story that Paulinus of Nola invented the bell, seemed to the Dean to have no foundation in fact. There seemed to be every possibility that the early

bells were first made in that district of Italy, from which they derived their names campanana, and in the thirteenth century, Durandus writing upon the reasons of Divine Service in various forms, told them that in the thirteenth century there were many bells. The earliest example of bells was contained in a very beautiful early manuscript in the possession of the present Duke of Devonshire, and which once belonged to Winchester Cathedral. It was painted in the cloister of Winchester Cathedral, and this was done before the year 980. This manuscript was a Benedictionary, which contained in it a picture of St. Ethelweld calling his monks together by the sound of a bell. In that illumination there was a bell tower with no less than four different bells, and with the accustomed weathercock over their heads. That, the Dean fancied, was the first example of bells being hung together. They next came to the time of Durandus in the thirteenth century, who told them that every church ought to have bells. This was for monastic churches in those days, and the bells were not all hung together, but were hung in different parts of the place. The people had no notion of the pealing of bells up to that time. Many ideas had been embroidered on to the idea of bells. Bells were rung for the dying for two reasons. They were rung to arouse the people round about to pray for the souls of the dying as they were leaving the bodies. They were also rung through an amount of superstition. The people of those times believed that the whole air was full of demons of all kinds, and by means of the ringing of bells they could disseminate these creatures and send them away from the bed side of the poor man or woman who was dying. In the same way in some parts of Europe to this day, in Bavaria for example, the people had a vague idea that the ringing of the bells would keep off a thunderstorm. The Dean next referred to the practices in the middle ages. Bells were very carefully cast, and then had to pass through certain religious ceremonies before they could be used in the Church. The people used also to dress up the bells like human beings and baptize them. This continued until Charlemagne forbade the baptising of bells any longer. Bells were gradually coming into use all through the middle ages, and they found England of all countries rather ahead in the matter of bells of the rest of the world. In English belfries bells were used in different ways to what they were in other parts of the world. Change-ringing as we have it in this country is almost unique. They went abroad and heard the bells, but were not long in discovering that peal-ringing was chiefly, if not solely understood and known by the English people. Fuller, the English historian, describes a peal of six bells, one being inscribed:—"Men's deaths I toll by doleful knoll"; the next, "Lightning and thunder I break asunder"; the third, "On Sabbath all, to church I call"; the fourth, "The sleepy head I call from bed"; the fifth, "Winds so fierce I can disperse"; and the sixth, "Men's cruel rage I do assuage." Thus old Fuller accounted for the way in which the bells had their proper names and titles put upon them. And they were six excellent objects which the bells of those days were fond



of following up. Some of them are still carried on to the present day. The Dean did not know that the bells could do all that was claimed for them, but they had excellent objects, and he hoped those engaged in bell-ringing would bear them well in mind. The bells were the commencement and beginning of all religious worship, and of all those feelings which were aroused in people's hearts by hearing the church bells. He had known people who had travelled abroad, and who lived away from England, who never forgot as long as they lived the sound of the bells at home. Many touching descriptions had been given, in which hard working men had yearned in their dying moments to hear the bells of their native village. The sound of bells had an immense effect on the whole nervous system of man, an effect which, if properly used, was wholesome and good for all persons to come within the reach of. In this way their bells were instruments for which they were very grateful. He hoped the Durham and Newcastle Association of Ringers may flourish in every possible way, increase in numbers and effect upon the whole district, and enable everyone engaged in bell-ringing to feel that they had before them to a great extent a religious duty to perform.

The service was brought to a close by the singing of the hymn which concludes—

Hark the swelling, pealing music?  
Hark the swinging sounding bells!  
Loud their voice rings out to heaven:  
Loud the praise of God forth tells.

The annual dinner was held at The Three Tuns hotel. The President, Mr. R. S. Story, presided, and was supported by the Dean of Durham, several clergymen who are performing members, and about fifty other members. After "The Queen," the President gave "The Bishop and Clergy of the two Dioceses." He said not only had they had the Cathedral thrown open to them that day, but they had also been honoured by a special service in the Cathedral, and, above all, honoured by an address from the Dean of Durham. They had on former occasions been to St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's, and were very grateful to the Vicars of those parishes for the kind receptions they had always accorded them. Now they had gone to the Cathedral, which pointed, he thought, to the fact that they were advancing in the hearts of the clergy, and that the latter were extending to them the strong, warm hand of fellowship. They certainly appreciated very highly the honour done them that day, and he was certain he was expressing the desire of everyone present in conveying to Dr. Kitchen their warmest thanks for his eloquent and very interesting address, which they would not readily forget.

The Dean said it had been an immense pleasure to him to feel that the Cathedral could open its doors to those whose business was really to add to the respect and honour with which the churches of the two dioceses should be treated by their own people. He did not know how great the influence of those present would be if they used it properly, and he thought they had used it already to a great extent in the different places in which there are rings of bells. They had taught others how to properly handle the bells, and to take care of them. Belfries at one time used to be the resort of fellows who once a week or so used to attend there, their efforts generally ending in their getting a great deal more drink than was good for them. The object of their Guild was quite strong in the other direction, and to teach ringers to use the bells properly as parts of Divine Service. That was why he had

taken such a pleasure and interest in their meeting. When he was approached on the subject he wrote to the Bishop, and laid before him their proposed scheme for a service in the Cathedral. His Lordship wrote back speaking in almost enthusiastic terms of the work which they were doing, and had it been in his Lordship's power to see them that day he would have done so with the greatest of pleasure, for he knew of nothing in which he took a greater interest than in this particular branch of work in his diocese. The Dean, in conclusion, urged the ringers to carry on their good work, and to set a good example to the rest of ringers, not only to live up in the belfry but sometimes to come into the body of the church. It was too bad to think that there were only certain places in the church to which certain people went, and who then sneaked out by the back door. He urged the members of the Association to set these a good example, and hoped it would not be long before they came to Durham again.

A band of five, under Mr. Harrison, having rung a touch of Grandsire Caters on the handbells,

Mr. Hudson read the annual report, in which a high tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. Francis Lees, one of the vice-presidents of the Association. It also dealt with what had been done in the respective belfries under the control of the members of the Association during the past year, made honourable mention of the good results achieved in the belfry of Chester-le-Street, and touched upon the fact that at Stockton parish church a ring of ten bells is in progress, which would be the first ring of ten bells in the county of Durham. The report remarked that it was to the interest of the Association that new rings of bells should be opened in a becoming manner, and that members of the Association should not lend themselves to informal openings. The report further stated that the number of peals was smaller than usual, and it urged that while practising the higher methods they should not despise those of a more simple character. The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £2 17s. 9d., which was about £5 less than that of last year.

The President, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the members on the result of their work, and was pleased to hear of what had been done since the report was compiled.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Story was re-elected President, and Mr. Blakiston and Mr. Routledge Vice-Presidents; Mr. Hudson, Hon. Secretary (and highly complimented on his past services); and Mr. William Holmes a representative on the Central Council.

It was decided to promote a memorial to the late Mr. Lees in St. John's, Newcastle; and expression was given to the hope that a liberal response would be made to the forthcoming appeal for the new ring of ten at Stockton.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean for his address, and to the Cathedral authorities and the vicars of St. Nicholas and St. Oswald's for the use of the belfries of their churches during the day, the President taking occasion to congratulate all these on the present condition of their bells and belfries. During the day parties of ringers rang touches on the bells referred to.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, November 2nd, at the residence of Mr. Kerry, 5, Barnet View, Tong Road, on handbells, the following touches were rung: 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 144 Kent, and 96 Woodbine. Joseph Thackray, 1-2; John Thackray, 3-4; B. Cowling, 5-6. Rung on the new handbells presented to Mr. Kerry for having sent in the most coupons from "THE BELL NEWS." The bells are a nice peal of twelve in E flat, by Messrs. Shaw and Sons.

## THE LATE SIR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, BART.

[From *The Guardian*.]

The Church has lost a devoted and munificent son in SIR THOMAS PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, whose death we have already recorded. He was born in 1823, and married, in 1846, Margaret, daughter of Mr. Thomas Heywood, of Hope End, Herefordshire. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and was formerly Captain in the Staffordshire Yeomanry. He succeeded his father, Sir Benjamin Heywood, in 1865, as second baronet. Sir Thomas served the office of High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1852. He is succeeded in the title and estates by his son, Arthur Percival, who was born in 1849, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and married, in 1872, Margaret Effie, daughter of the Bishop of Guildford.

Sir Percival's loss will be felt in many ways. He was a loyal Churchman, and his gifts and benefactions were of a kingly sort. He built the beautiful church at Denstone, designed by Street, and those who know it will endorse the opinion that it is one of the most exquisite parish churches in the kingdom—a very casket of gems in marbles, and brasswork, and window-glass. Sir Percival built also a vicarage, curateage, and village hall at Denstone. But he is, perhaps, better known as the founder of Denstone College—one of the Woodard schools for the sound teaching of the Christian faith to the sons of Churchmen. Others may describe the great pile of buildings, crowned with a stately chapel, which owes its existence in part to his munificence. An admirable likeness of Sir Percival, by Herkomer, was presented to the college by the Provost, Fellows and subscribers a few years ago, and it hangs in the place of honour in the Great Hall, as a memorial to future generations of the generous founder. Of the inner life of Sir Percival Heywood it behoves us to say but little. He hated notoriety, and lived a simple, unworldly life of duty and service. Those who knew him intimately will not forget the beauty of his home life—the gentle kindness and courtesy of his manner to all sorts and conditions of men—and his extreme hospitality. Of late years Sir Percival had lived a good deal at his other home—Claremont, near Manchester—and one of his latest interests was the formation of a pleasure-ground for the people of Irlam-o'-Heights and the building of a hall for their use, and there may be friends who will doubtless enumerate the many other good works accomplished by Sir Percival—his care of the Miles Platting church and people, and constant help in all the parish organisations (the living being in his gift), his efforts to get free and open churches—but no words could ever express the widespread good he was able to effect in the matter of definite religious education. It was a subject on which he felt deeply, and to which he gave his life. He was laid to rest in the lovely churchyard at Denstone, by the side of the beloved companion of his happier days. "And his works do follow him."

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—DEDICATIONS OF BELLS.

GAMLINGAY (Cambridgeshire).—The Dedication Service in connection with the reopening of the bells of this parish church, took place on Wednesday, November 3rd. The above association received through the hon. sec., the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, of Ridgmount, an invitation to the opening. The service commenced at 3.30 p.m. which I am very pleased to say the ringers attended. After the sermon a procession was formed with the choir and clergy. During this the ringers raised the bells in peal. S. Constant, 1; C. Chasty, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6. The Rev. W. Crouch then ascended into the belfry and intoned the Dedication prayers. After the Service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung, the mem-

bers standing as above, conducted by S. Constant. Mr. Day the bell hanger congratulated ringers upon their good striking. After this a 360 of Treble Bob Minor, in which Mr. Day rang the 2nd. A tea was held in the parish room to which the ringers were invited. After tea a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. I. Hills, 1; H. Tysoe, 2; C. Chasty, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; S. Constant, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. The local ringers expressed a wish to hear a 120 or two, and asked us to fall the bells in peal, which was done in excellent style.

COPLE (Bedfordshire).—On Saturday, November 6th, I. Hills, C. W. Clarke and F. Hull, with some of the young members of St. Paul's company, visited the above place. The five bells there have been rehung with all new fittings, and the old frame strengthened with corner brackets, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and they have made a good job of them. Some good 120s were rung in several methods and also some handbell ringing.

I. HILLS, *Hon. Sec.*

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Bradfield Deanery branch of this Guild took place at Burghfield on Saturday, October 30th, in lovely weather. The following towers were represented: Bradfield, Beenham, Englefield, Aldermaston, Pangbourne, Theale, and Padworth, together with the local ringers. Mr. J. Bower and two friends cycled over from Goring, and Messrs. C. Giles, H. Tucker, Alfred E. Reeves, and A. W. Higgs also attended from Reading. Divine Service was held in the parish church at 3 p.m., previous to which an 18-score of Bob Minor was conducted by J. Bower. An excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson from Psalm cl. 5: "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise Him upon the loud cymbals." A capital meat tea was partaken of in the schoolroom at 4.30., to which nearly 100 sat down. The business of the branch was afterwards transacted, the accounts showing it to be in a very flourishing condition. The Rev. A. Standidge was appointed Secretary in place of the Rev. A. L. C. Heigham. The Master of the Guild having to leave to catch a train took his departure after a few encouraging words to those assembled. An adjournment to the tower was the next order, where 700s of Oxford Bob and Woodbine, and touches in other methods were rung by mixed companies. When the hour of departure arrived a unanimous opinion was expressed that the meeting had been a most enjoyable one.

W. H.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MARKET RASEN BRANCH.—The members of this branch of the above Association visited Horncastle on Saturday afternoon, October 23rd. Proceeding to the tower the bells were raised, but owing to the heavy go of them only one 720 was brought round, being one of Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt. The visitors were accompanied by Messrs. Hackney, Greenwood and Cocking, ringers of Market Rasen. Later, the visiting ringers, joined by three or four members of the Horncastle Guild, partook of an excellent tea in the commercial room at The Bull hotel. After the meal the ringers again repaired to the tower of the parish church, where there was further ringing, taken part in by Messrs. G. M. Morton and W. Taylor, of Horncastle, and Messrs. Hackney, Greenwood, and Cocking, of Market Rasen. The visitors covered the journey between here and Market Rasen by road in two conveyances. They commenced the return journey at eight o'clock.

## PROPOSED RINGERS' GUILD FOR TRURO.

At the recent Truro conference Archdeacon Cornish moved: "That it is advisable, in the interests of bell-ringers and ringing, that an association of bell-ringers should be formed in the diocese."

The Rev. Maitland Kelly seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Archdeacon Cornish moved that, with the object of carrying the resolution into effect, those who were elected at the meeting in Truro should form the association of the diocese. This was agreed to, and a number of names were added.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31st, a Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Nuneaton. As this town is situated quite on the outskirts of the Association's district, it is obvious that meetings cannot be held there very often. Absence (some six years) however, it is said, makes the heart grow fonder. Anyhow visitors received a most cordial reception from the local members.

Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, London Surprise, etc., occupied the afternoon. At 4.45 members assembled to the number of forty-six at The Gate hotel, and did full justice to an ample repast which had been there provided. History says that one member not only polished off the plate of meat provided for himself, but also the rations provided for two or three others who failed to put in an appearance. It is to be hoped he slept well.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. G. Deed, D.D.), the Rev. R. W. Finch (curate), and Mr. Swinnerton (churchwarden) honored the Association by their presence at the tea and meeting.

In the absence of the President the Vicar was voted to the chair, on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun.

The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were signed. The names of two new honorary members, viz.: Rev. Dr. Deed and Mr. Swinnerton, also of eight ringing members were submitted to the meeting, and all were unanimously elected.

Mr. J. W. Taylor then proposed the following vote of condolence: "This meeting of the Midland Counties Association of Change-Ringers desires to tender to their President their sincere sympathy in the heavy loss he has recently sustained by the death of his father, the late Sir Thomas Percival Heywood." Mr. W. Wakley seconded, and the motion was carried in silence.

The Chairman then read the following list of peals rung during the past quarter, viz.: Loughborough Society 8, Stanford 3, Birmingham Friendly 2, Derby 2, Sheepshed 2, Birmingham Amalgamated 1, Beeston 1, Leicester 1, Ashby 1, mixed band 1, 22 peals in all. He (the Chairman) sincerely sympathised with the President in his recent loss, and greatly regretted his enforced absence, as he was looking forward to the pleasure of seeing him. About change-ringing he knew nothing whatever, and did not wish to do as some people did, talk about what they knew nothing of, and as a result putting wrong terms in wrong places. As an outsider he was afraid that bellringing might become infested with the present day fever of breaking the record. He certainly liked to hear the notes of the bells clear and distinct, although he expected that there was a certain pace at which a peal would go better than any other. Just the same as if he was delivering a sermon: in a schoolroom he might read that discourse in ten minutes, while in a church it might take twenty, or in a cathedral more still. He certainly thought that a peal should be a musical performance, and not the bells racing after one another as fast as possible.

Loughborough was carried as the rendezvous for the next quarterly meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Needham, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mr. A. Wakley proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the clergy and churchwardens for their presence there that day. Mr. George seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

Mr. Swinnerton responded.

The Rev. E. E. Chataway, Vicar of Peckleton, proposed a vote of thanks to the local secretary and company for their admirable arrangements, which had made the meeting such a success. Mr. J. W. Taylor seconded.

Mr. W. Willson proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding. The meeting then terminated; and members then adjourned to finish up the evening with touches on tower and handbells.

## CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS.

Sunday, October 24th, was a memorable day in the annals of the above church, the occasion being the dedication, in the evening, by the Lord Bishop of Chichester, of the two Diamond Jubilee bells, which now complete the octave, the money for which has been raised through the exertions of Mr. Sydney Saker (Hon. Sec. of the Sussex County Association and of the

Blacklands Guild), and who takes great pains with this department of Church work; and also of the new Diamond Jubilee window, which is the munificent gift of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lodge, who are well-known members of the congregation, and residents in the parish, and have given much practical support in matters connected with the church.

The service, being also the continuation of the Harvest Festival, the hymn, "Come, ye thankful people, come," was sung as a processional. The choir marched up the aisle, preceded by the Churchwardens bearing their staves of office. The congregation was a most representative one, and included the Mayor and Mayoress, who reside in the parish. The church was filled to its utmost. The Bishop preached from the text 1 Cor. iv. 9: "For we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men."

The dedication commenced after the sermon with the singing of the appropriate hymn, "Hark, on high the joyful music." The Bishop, from the Sacrament, then recited the dedicatory prayers, concluding with the Jubilee Thanksgiving prayer, and the Benediction. The Jubilee hymn, "O, King of Kings," was sung, after which came the recessional, "Now thank we all our God." The deputy-organist (Mr. W. A. Baker), who efficiently presided in the absence, through illness, of the regular organist, played the "Hallelujah Chorus" as the concluding voluntary. The only cloud to the general brightness of the day was the long and regrettable illness of the esteemed wife of the vicar, rendering it impossible for her to take a part.

The offertory during the day was apportioned to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, and the Queen Victoria Clergy Sustentation Fund.

The ring of six bells was hung upon the completion of the erection of the church tower in 1890, by Messrs. Taylor. They were rather a heavy ring of six, the tenor weighing about 21 cwt., but this weight was selected with the view of the octave being completed at a subsequent date. This has now been accomplished by the addition of two trebles, each bell bearing the following inscription:—"Queen Victoria Jubilee Bell, June 20th, 1897." The completion of the work has cost the sum of £112, which has been subscribed by several members of the congregation, Mr. H. Lodge making up the balance required, by a generous gift of £27. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor in a most excellent manner, the bells being perfectly in tune with the others, without being touched since they left the foundry. The "go" of them is all that can be desired from a ringer's point of view, and they now form one of the best rings of eight in the county.

A short service was held in the belfry by the vicar, in order that the bells might be rung for the evening service, after which the bells were formerly opened by the members of the Blacklands Ringers' Guild with a plain course of Grandsire Triples. A. L. Stone, 1; E. T. Smith, 2; A. E. Quaife, 3; F. Piper, 4; F. Lock, 5; J. Livermore, 6; S. Saker, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were also rung for afternoon and evening service.

The members of the Blacklands Guild are indebted to Mr. Hunnisett for their first lessons in the Art of change-ringing; and to Messrs. Franks and Mathis for further instruction and assistance, which they always so readily give.

## MIDDLESTOWN, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 6th, a public tea was provided in the schoolroom, and about 150 people sat down. After tea a capital entertainment was given by the Horbury Prize Handbell Ringers, and was much appreciated. Mr. J. A. Jarvis rendered several comic songs in his customary taking style, and was vociferously encored, especially for "The Militia Man." An address was given by the vicar, the Rev. G. C. Hamilton, who occupied the chair, and the Rev. J. Proctor, vicar of Flockton, and Mr. Hy. Walker, of Middlestown, also spoke. The sale of work realised £6 10s., and £2 2s. had been realised previously. There was a large attendance at the entertainment. On Sunday morning and evening the services were moderately well attended, the vicar preaching; and in the afternoon an organ recital was given by Mr. J. T. Taylor, of Ossett, a silver collection amounting to £2 13s. Altogether the tea, sale of work, and services realised close upon £20.

## LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

On Tuesday, October 19th, a very pleasing ceremony was enacted at the church of All Saints in this village, being the unveiling of a tablet recording a peal of Minor rung in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The Rector (Rev. R. D. Monro) Miss Monro, Mr. G. Saunders (churchwarden), Mr. W. Elliott (sidesman), with the ringers and several other parishioners, were present. The Rector, after opening the proceedings with prayer, and asking God's blessing on the ringers, spoke of the object of the meeting that evening, viz.: the unveiling of the tablet recording the peal rung on Jubilee morning. Taking as a thought the words from Zech. xiv. 20: "Upon the bells of the horses there shall be holiness unto the Lord," he said that the tower bells had, as it were, the same upon them, for they were holy unto the Lord. The work of the ringers was a real work for God just as much as the choir, and that as they rung the bells Sunday by Sunday and week by week, they could do it to God's glory. They looked on the voice of the bells as the voice of the parish: in them they could hear the sorrow of bereaved ones, in mournful cadence for solemn periods, and at other times they spoke out joyously, as on the day of Jubilee. The bells were the voice of the parish at all times, whether in joy or sorrow. The rev. gentleman then uncovered the tablet, which had been hidden by a Union Jack, and read the inscription as follows:—

"THE HERTS. ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS. — LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.—On Tuesday, June 22nd, in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, a peal of Minor, 5040 changes, was rung in this tower, being three 720s of Bob Minor, and two each of Oxford and Grandsire by the following: H. Carter, *Treble*; A. Lawrence (aged 13), 2; J. Heady, 3; D. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence, *Tenor*. Conducted by W. H. Lawrence. Rev. R. D. Monro, *Rector*; M. C. Lock and G. Saunders, *Churchwardens*."

Mr. W. Lawrence (of the local company) thanked the Rector for honoring them with his presence that evening to perform the ceremony of unveiling the tablet. He thought it a great honour to have that record, as the peal was not only a Jubilee peal, but the first on the bells. They had worked hard to attain to what they had, it being only thirteen months since they rung their first 720. He hoped it would not be the last tablet in the tower, but that plenty more would in the not very distant future adorn its walls. A touch of Grandsire Minor closed the proceedings.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday afternoon, October 30th, a quarterly meeting of the above society was held at Leigh-on-Mendip, at the invitation of the vicar, the Rev. John E. W. Honnywill. The principal street was gaily adorned with bunting and flags, etc., in honour of the occasion, and merry peals of bells greeted the arrival of the visitors, who were accorded a most hearty welcome by the villagers generally. The representative ringers present were from St. Michael's church, Nunhead; Bath Abbey, St. Saviour's, Bath; St. John's, Frome; St. Mary's, Buckland Dinham; St. Peter's, Nunney; West Cranmore church, and St. Giles', Leigh-on-Mendip. There were also present the Master of the Association, the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Minehead), the ex-Master, Mr. Boutflower (Bristol), the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. W. Tomkins (Old Cleeve), the vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip, the Rev. John Honnywill, the Rev. W. Thompson, rector of Nunney, and the Rev. H. J. Jordan, vicar of Chantry. Divine Service, which was well attended, was held in the parish church. The service, which was choral, was intoned by the vicar, the lesson being read by the Rev. H. W. Jordan. An interesting address was given by the vicar on "The History of Church Bells." A business meeting, at which the Master presided, followed, when about fifty persons were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, several new members were elected, and the next meeting was fixed to take place at Chard. At the invitation of the vicar, seventy-three persons subsequently sat down to a substantial tea, which together with the breaks, was kindly provided by the vicar, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Change-ringing at intervals during the afternoon and evening was indulged in by the visitors.

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## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.—The quarterly meeting of this division was held on Saturday, October 30th, at Chailey, a six-bell tower, with the tenor about 8 cwt. in A. The four back bells were cast in 1737, the treble in 1810, and the second in 1882. It was a noteworthy fact that, although the meeting was held with a view to encourage six-bell ringers, two or three of the local band were the only six-bell tower representatives present, notwithstanding the recent complaints which have appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" in reference thereto from this county. The first item on the programme was a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles in which an old man named John Reynolds, over seventy years of age, who is an inmate of the Chailey workhouse, and who is allowed by the Master to go out to ring for service and practice, took part. A note from the rector then caused ringing to be stopped for a time, until it was ascertained that the ringing did not disturb a gentleman who was lying ill in the neighbourhood. Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles then occupied the time until 5.30, when the party, numbering fifteen, adjourned to the rectory (an old-fashioned place, surrounded by a moat), for tea. An excellent repast was placed on the table, and the hospitality of the rector was much enjoyed. The business was only of a routine character, the Rev. T. H. L. Jellicoe being in the chair, and at its conclusion Mr. K. Hart proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given the rector for his kindness in providing the tea, and for the use of the bells. The Rev. T. H. L. Jellicoe, in responding to the vote, said it was a great pleasure to him, not only to preside at the meeting, but to give them a tea. He was very pleased to be of service to them, and he was most happy to welcome them. He took a personal interest in ringing, but was not yet an efficient ringer, although he could raise a bell with safety. He hoped by the next time the association visited Chailey, he would be able to assist them in the tower. The belfry was then re-visited, and touches of Bob Minor, Double Court, and Double Oxford were rung, and a 720 Kent Treble was brought round. R. J. Dawe, 1; W. Pelling, 2; W. Palmer, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. S. Goldsmith, 5; G. Williams, 6.

## THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

Several members having expressed a wish to pay a visit to Wraxall, and try for a peal of Stedman Triples, a band was made up on Saturday, November 23rd, for that purpose. Journeying to Bourton by train, and walking from Bourton to Wraxall, getting one of the local men in place of one of ours who was unable to come, we made our way up the winding steps to the belfry, and pulled the bells up. Starting for the peal, all went well for about half-an-hour, when a trip occurred, and "stand" was called, after ringing thirteen courses in 32½ mins. Time not allowing for a second start, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 42 mins., being the first on the bells in that method. Lowering the bells we adjourned to The Battle Axe for tea, which was done justice to. Our walk back to Bourton was enlivened by songs from several of the party. Although unsuccessful with our peal, we thoroughly enjoyed our visit: and wish to tender our thanks for the use of the bells to the Rev. H. Vaughan, to Messrs. Harvey and Winsor for getting everything in readiness, and to H. Chard for obliging us at such short a notice. The band was: C. H. Horton, C. H. Gordon, W. Knight, F. Elles, C. H. Tomkins, F. Price, W. A. Cave (c). G.

## YATTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 6th, eight members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association paid a visit to the parish church to attempt Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to the late arrival of one of the band, it could not be rung, so a quarter-peal was rung instead. F. Winsor, 1; A. Waters, 2; J. Youd, 3; J. Harvey, 4; H. Chard, 5; J. Winsor, 6; J. Bishop (conductor), 7; C. Winstone, 8. The bells have been rehung by Mallaby and Sons, Masham, Yorks, and are now in excellent ringing order.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

That tour in Cornwall was, as John Carter would say, a clinking turn-out. It sounded more like the proceedings of a Naturalists' Field Club, or something of that sort. The hospitality shown to the party was not the least of it. The account read well. It made your hair bristle up, as one may say; it warmed you as you read line after line till the excitement created was anything but a joke. For anybody to have assailed, or spoken to me lightly of ringing just then would have led to tragic results. The recollection of it almost makes one hot and thirsty.

What do you think of this paragraph, taken from the *Sussex Express*?

"Burwash.—Campanology.—The Burwash church bell-ringers met on Friday evening last to practice a muffled peal which has not been done in Burwash for perhaps thirty years, which was very much enjoyed by many of the parishioners. They intend giving one more muffled peal next week. In addition to the above they also went through the grandsire tripples and Stedman's principals. Conductor J. Harmer, o, Sweetman, 2nd, E. Pack, 3rd, W. Sweetman, 4th, G. Eastwood, 5th, H. Eastwood, tenor."

They have six bells only at Burwash, mind you. What the duck's-egg means after the first man's name I cannot tell. May be some of you know. There is one consolation in this, and that is the enjoyment of the parishioners. Law! We hope they will enjoy the next muffled peal. Burwash would be a good field for a buskin job with marrowbones and cleavers.

There is a better story than this though. And a fact too. Some years ago a venturesome wight, not over-blessed with modesty, sent to *Church Bells* an account of a peal of Grandsire Triples having been rung at a certain church. Names were given, time, and everything, which appeared all correct. The following week however, the vicar wrote to the above-named paper to say nothing of the sort happened. The rev. gentleman was a half-pull ringer himself, you see. And one reason for doubting the whole affair was that the tower had only six bells! The place was Uxbridge, where I believe they have only six still.

You will admit the following to be a capital barney:—

"In a small town in the west of England, a short time ago, there was a football match going on at the same time a round of bell-ringers from a neighbouring town paid a visit to the same place to try their hand on the Church bells. The good vicar of the place went to an hotel and ordered refreshments for the ringers. Just before the time specified for the rope-pullers to arrive, the visiting leather-kickers walked into the same hotel for refreshments. The landlady seeing them enter, naturally thought them to be the ringers, and said: "This way, please; it's all ready for you." They were taken to a room laid out in fine style. Having satisfied their appetites they asked for the bill, and were politely told that the vicar had ordered and paid for all. They were a little surprised, and thanked the vicar in their hearts and took their departure. Shortly after, up came the hungry rope-pullers for their refreshments. You can imagine the consternation of the landlady when she found she had to supply a double lunch for the pay of one."

This was rather good. But these leather-kicking people must have some assurance about them, really. But what a dear old Vicar. Ah! We have, I am happy to say, got

more than one of the sort. Won't he laugh when he reads this.

It is very pleasing to read week by week of new bells being put in and existing ones being made more of. Not a number of this paper appears without some account of the sort. No wonder bellfounders and bellhangers make immense fortunes. That is their concern, not mine. But it is satisfactory always to hear they are fully employed. But there is one thing I should like to say to them. When their work is done at a Church tower, and the "bells are left ready for the ringers," as the contracts used to run, would they kindly enquire if any ringers are in existence there, and if not, make some attempt to work up a company. If they always took care to have an "opening" ceremony, it would be helping this on.

This issue of our paper will be an enlarged one, viz.: four pages extra. We were all told this last week; and the foreman printer told me then that the touches were "aggregating." He had not got quite enough of them yet to cover Hyde Park, but they were getting on. Don't think I want to curb your ambition if I suggest to you the keeping back for a little while of 6-scores of Doubles, 300s of Triples, or even *problematic* quarter-peals. Of course the italicised word alludes to the composer.

It is a very good thing that such an able man as Mr. Gabriel Lindoff is gone to St. Patrick's, Dublin. There is more in this observation than at first seems. Of course, primarily, a ringer was required who knew how to teach. Mr. Lindoff is not one of those "ornamental" instructors whose names are seen in Association reports; he is a practical teacher. But that is not all. A really new community of ringers was brought into existence, and it therefore became of the utmost importance that this new body should be associated with a preceptor who would guide them carefully into ringing etiquette, if I may so call it. There are many well-known usages and forms which ought to be part of a young ringer's education. Our friend GAY knows this.

Did I read somewhere that the Oxford Guild are about attempting 40,000 of Treble Bob Major? If so there is some mistake, because you know the method won't run the extent. I am sure I read of something very extraordinary which these people were going to do. Was it a 17,000 of Surprise? It would surprise no one to read of it from such a quarter.

My old friend Sam. Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, writes to say in reply to my suggestions a short time ago, that he has on hand biographical sketches of our ringing worthies of Norfolk. But a word in your ear, old friend. You won't be angry. See if you can collect any intelligence of the private life of these men—I don't mean scandal, of course, but something of their inner life apart from ringing. We should like to know, we itch, in fact, for gossip of this sort.

We are to have, I hear, a Ringers' Association formed for the diocese of Cornwall. It is said that "by Tre, Pol, and Pen, we know the Cornish men." Let me beg of these gentlemen to throw their whole strength into the movement.

PLAIN SPEAKER.



## ST. MARY'S COMPANY, PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

Thursday, October 28th, saw ten of us, men and boys, looming through the fog, doing our best to make the L. T. & S. railway station, in time to catch the 6.30 train to Tilbury. Somebody suggested we looked like a coroner's jury, we looked so merry, but that's a mere detail.

All aboard: right away to Tilbury, where we found the fog too thick to allow the steamboat to cross to Gravesend. Not to be done (so early in the day), we found a longshoreman who rowed us over, steering the boat by a compass, which latter so frightened one of our band (who mistook it for a clock) that he paid twice (another detail). On to Sittingbourne (via Strood and Chatham) where we found two good men and true of the local company—G. J. Elliott and Sam Snelling, ready to welcome us with the information that we may ring all day at St. Michael's if we liked. Away we went at once and got to work. What a ring they were, and how they did go! hung to perfection in a splendid oak frame, an excellent octave in perfect tune (that's for you, Mears and Stainbank). A 447 and a 336 of Grandsire, and a course of Kent Treble Bob, with some of the local men; then off to Rodmersham, a light six, where the local band ring all the methods known, and a few others. Here a 700 of Kent was spoilt through one of the band trying to count the peal-boards. Then two courses with the local men, and a few rounds with the boys; then back to dinner, served in first-class style at The Fountain. "How we gathered at the Fountain" (yet another detail).

After grace we found Mr. Elliott had chartered a drag and pair to take us to Borden, where, after inspecting The Maypole-on-the-Green (that sounds pastoral, but it's a pub. really) and a few kindly words of welcome from the Vicar, we repaired to the tower. Here again a very musical ring of eight, and a ringing-chamber which is a pattern of cleanliness and taste (they do look after their bells in this part of Kent). After a preliminary canter, a serious attempt for a long touch of Kent, which would have come out better if the Oxford sun hadn't got into the tenor-man's eye. Then an excellent 500, and back to Sittingbourne, when we said "good bye" to our friends at the station, and one and all declared they had never spent a more enjoyable day. Arriving home at 11 p.m., thoroughly tired and satisfied, only to meet next evening to propose and carry a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of Sittingbourne, Rodmersham, and Borden for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Elliott and Snelling and the other kind friends who had made the excursion such a complete and thorough success.

W. H. J.

## SEDBERGH, YORKS.

Until recently St. Andrew's church, Sedburgh, possessed three old bells, one of which was badly cracked. Through the generosity of Mrs. Quick, in memory of her late husband (a former Vicar of the parish) a ring of eight has been put in by Taylors, the metal of the old bells being utilised. On Monday, November 1st, the bells were rung for the first time. Unfortunately, owing to a misunderstanding, only seven capable ringers assembled. However, proceedings began with the back six being raised in peal. Six courses of Grandsire Minor were then rung by W. A. Tyler (conductor), W. Tyson, W. Atkinson, B. Walker, J. Braithwaite, G. F. Woodhouse. Then followed a 720 of Bob Minor with the tenor covering, by F. S. J. Pile (Sedburgh), W. A. Tyler (Loughborough), W. Tyson (Kendal), W. Atkinson (Kendal), B. Walker (Kendal), G. F. Woodhouse (Sedburgh; conductor), J. Braithwaite (Kendal). The bells were then lowered in peal, and the eight chimed round. The proceedings were listened to and watched with great interest by the townspeople. The bells are a very good toned peal in F. tenor 15 cwt. They are hung in iron H frames, and the go is all that can be desired. The dedication service will probably take place on St. Andrew's day. A company of ringers has been formed, who will be instructed in the Art by Messrs. Pile and Woodhouse.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Monday, October 25th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Bailey (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Heath, 2; W. Hall (conductor), 3; W. Lowe (first 720 in the method), 4; L. Chapman (first 720 in the method), 5; H. Clayton, 6.

## WINTER.

"DULL November brings the blast" we used to sing in the days of childhood. True it is that the present month does not belie the assertion. November is the harbinger of Winter: the forerunner of that season when we have enough, and to spare, of cold, sleet, fog, frost, snow, hail, and biting, searching, winds; in short, the time of year when pulmonary and other complaints are rife; when pneumonia has its victims in plenty; and the seeds of many other diseases are sown through the non-exercise of preventive and protective measures. It is a well-known fact—a fact which has often been forcibly pointed out by leading members of the faculty—that many of the diseases and illnesses which with Winter are *pari passu* are preventible by ordinary means. The severe climatic attributes of our winter months necessitate the most thoughtful and especial attention to wearing apparel of all kinds, for carelessness and imprudence in this respect are the precursors of terrible evils. Some of us are careful enough to throw off our greatcoats or wraps upon the first warm and genial (apparently) day in Spring, but how glaringly remiss are we when the rigours of a hard winter are known to be approaching. What incongruity is this. The most dangerous season of the year for the human frame should be anticipated; suitable apparel, and other provision to defy the powers of Jack Frost and his myrmidons, should be made in time, beforehand. If such a plan was universally adopted, much pain and misery would be prevented; doctors' bills would be vastly reduced; and the health of the whole community less liable to attack from those diseases and complaints which are peculiar to the winter season.

These remarks are suggested by the fact that we were present last week at an inspection of a large stock of excellent goods manufactured by a highly-respectable Leeds firm—Messrs. LUTAS LEATHLEY & Co.—the name is somewhat out of the common, and will therefore be remembered, probably. Their manufactory is of vast dimensions, their line of warehouses always hold a colossal stock, and they employ, indirectly, thousands of workpeople. Some would perhaps define Messrs. LUTAS LEATHLEY & Co. as "Mercers in a very large way of business;" whereas they are, in point of fact, wholesale cloth and clothing manufacturers, cloth for every conceivable purpose—black and colored. In like magnitude they are Hosiers and Mercers also. To mention each item of their manufactures would far exceed the limits of this notice. The selection of their goods which we viewed the other day comprised blankets, sheets, ladies' dress materials, men's vests and shirtings, flannels, towellings, quilts, rugs, mats, carpets, curtains, furs, jackets, and many other articles beyond our ken. We emphatically advise our numerous readers (of either sex) to send at once for a catalogue and patterns of goods manufactured by Messrs. LUTAS LEATHLEY & Co. of Armley, Leeds. Their business announcement will be found on another page.

We know, and are supposed to know, something about church bells and their surroundings, but a technical knowledge of textile manufactures we certainly have not. To our ideas the articles above alluded to were of extraordinary quality and cheapness; quality of which we never yet saw the like; while their price was a source of amazement to all. We had during the inspection the assistance of a lady who as head of a large establishment is *au fait* in such matters, and her infallible judgment more than coincided with our own humble opinion. Heads of families should send without delay to LUTAS LEATHLEY & Co., and at a very moderate cost indeed obtain comfortable, warm, and durable under and over garments for themselves, and those whom they are anxious to shield against the inclemence of an approaching winter which is calculated to be of that description known as "hard."

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1897.

THOSE who have in their remembrance the many complaints concerning the bells of Durham Cathedral, which used so frequently to appear in these columns, will rejoice in the knowledge that all is now changed for the better. A perusal of the report of the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Association, to be found elsewhere, will afford the same gratification to many of our readers as it has to ourselves, with regard to the reformation in the great and noble Cathedral. If our strictures upon the former condition of these bells, combined with the several appeals to the authorities, have assisted in any way to bring about the improvement, we shall be doubly gratified. The grand change is the result, in a great measure, of the working of that process known as "pegging away," which was joined in by every one in the Diocese interested in belfry reform, especially directed to the Cathedral.

The Durham and Newcastle Association, and especially the executive of that body, must be highly congratulated. They have been more than successful. If a suggestion had been made years ago to have an annual meeting in

Durham, with a service in the Cathedral, it would have been thought—well, heroic. The saying "time changes all" has never had a better exemplification than in the great change we are alluding to.

The present Dean of Durham is a divine of liberal and progressive sympathies, and we think it will be found that his attitude has been a most important factor in the welcome restoration of Durham Cathedral bells. He may reason some day that such a very important fabric as the great Cathedral of which he is Dean, should have one of the best rings of bells in the country, twelve at least, of a respectable weight of metal. We hope he may. And when he enters upon such a chain of thought, we should think such a consummation not far off.

We have given the Dean's address in the Cathedral, and his speech at the dinner, in full, confident that such will be most interesting to our readers.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, November 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK BUCK .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 5.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. .. 2.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS .. .. 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

### The Provinces.

#### EALING, MIDDLESEX.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 11) Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM FOSTER .. .. Treble.	JOHN BASDEN .. .. 5.
EVERED J. WALSON .. .. 2.	†HENRY BROWNING .. .. 6.
CHARLES EDWARDS .. .. 3.	EDWARD HARRIS .. .. 7.
CHARLES HINDS* .. .. 4.	†JOSEPH E. SYKES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal away from the tenor. †First peal. C. Edwards hails from Heston; Hinds from Chelsea; the rest belong to the local company. The report of this peal has been delayed through being lost in the post.

#### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 3, 1897, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

FRED. E. TYLER* .. .. Treble.	JOHN GRUNDY .. .. 6.
JOHN SMITH .. .. 2.	JAMES HUTCHBY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	CHARLES HARRIMAN .. .. 8.
HARRY WHITTLE* .. .. 4.	RICHARD LANE .. .. 9.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 5.	*GEORGE DOUGHTY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by R. LANE.

\*First peal of Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled in commemoration of the death of the Duchess of Teck. Doughty and Whittles hail from Stanford; the rest belong to Loughborough.

#### SPELDHURST, KENT.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, October 20, 1897, in Three Hours,

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 H. STONESTREET .. 5.
JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM STEED .. .. 3.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 7.
RICHARD PELLING .. .. 4.	GEORGE TURLEY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE TURLEY.

#### EDENBRIDGE.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 28, 1897, in Three Hours and One and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES HEASMAN .. .. Treble.	JAMES WALLIS .. .. 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 2.	THOMAS WALLIS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH EDWARDS .. .. 3.	JACK PRESTON .. .. 7.
JOHN STEDDY .. .. 4.	RICHARD JENNER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JACK PRESTON.

J. S. Goldsmith, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Lewes, and was elected a member of the above Association before starting.

#### TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DOBLE .. .. Treble.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. 5.
WALTER GILLARD* .. .. 2.	†WILLIAM THORN .. .. 6.
THOMAS DOBLE .. .. 3.	HENRY J. POOLE .. .. 7.
EDGAR E. BURGESS† .. 4.	EDMUND HARRIS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. POOLE.

\*First peal of Triples. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

#### HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

#### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 5, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. Treble.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 6.
JAMES HOUGHTON .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHAR .. 4.	GEORGE BROWN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

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

On Saturday, November 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs.

ROBERT GEORGE* .. .. Treble.	*ERNEST HOLLOWAY .. .. 4.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 2.	FRED. RICHARDSON .. .. 5.
WILLIAM LUCAS .. .. 3.	WILLIAM HORNE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

\*First peal; also first in seven methods by all the band. A. E. Reeves hails from Reading; E. Holloway from Bradfield, the rest belong to the local band.

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## BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

G. THORNTON .. .. .Treble.	W. STAINTHORPE .. .. .5.
S. GOODALL .. .. .2.	J. CLAYTON .. .. .6.
J. W. LANG .. .. .3.	L. ILLINGWORTH .. .. .7.
W. RHODES .. .. .4.	R. BINNS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by W. GOODALL, of Liversedge, and  
Conducted by L. ILLINGWORTH.

Thornton, Rhodes, Stainthorpe and Clayton belong to Birstall; Goodall, Lang and Illingworth to Liversedge; Binns to Leeds.

## WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM HALLSWORTH* ..Treble.	*JOHN C. ADAMS .. .. .6.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN .. .. .2.	EPHRAIM LIGHTWOOD .. .. .7.
SAMUEL ATKINS .. .. .3.	JOHN A. BROWN .. .. .8.
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. .4.	JOHN ASTBURY .. .. .9.
FRANK EDWARDS* .. .. .5.	CHARLES ASTINS .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN ASTBURY.

\*First peal of Caters. C. Astins was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. Edwards and Adams hail from Bloxwich; S. Atkins from Willenhall; Smith from Darlaston; Brown from Bilston.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

RICHARD POTTER .. ..Treble.	JOHN SADLER .. .. .5.
CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. .2.	EDWARD LADHAMS .. .. .6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. .3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. .. .7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. .4.	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal by Edward Ladhams, for whom it was arranged, and who hails from Great Tey.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY WHITE .. ..Treble.	CHARLES GILES .. .. .5.
W. H. FUSSELL .. .. .2.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. .6.
FREDERICK G. WILSON .. .. .3.	*WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. .7.
HENRY TUCKER .. .. .4.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

\*First peal of Treble Bob Major. This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD STREDWICK* ..Treble.	†THOMAS PRICE .. .. .6.
JOHN FOX† .. .. .2.	FREDERICK M. BACON .. .. .7.
EDWIN RANDALL .. .. .3.	JOHN JAY. JUN. .. .. .8.
HERBERT RANN .. .. .4.	WILLIAM PALMER .. .. .9.
RICHARD HOATHER .. .. .5.	*RICHARD FENTIMAN .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and  
Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

\*First peal. †First peal on ten bells. This is the first peal on ten bells by the St. Nicholas' Society without assistance. Mr. Price is late of Boyne Hill. Will the gentleman who signs himself as "Non-pealer" kindly note this peal?

## LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt 3 qrs. in E flat.

FRANK BENNETT .. ..Treble.	GEORGE PAICE .. .. .5.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. .2.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. .. .6.
JOHN RICE .. .. .3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. .7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. .4.	KEITH HART .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY and Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is a one-part composition with the 5th and 6th their extent each way in consecutive courses. Rice (2) and Paice hail from Crawley; the rest from Brighton.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.—HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ..Treble.	WALTER BATTLE .. .. .5.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. .. .2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. .6.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. .3.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. .. .7.
FRANK A. SMITH .. .. .4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM and  
Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 6ths place, and the 2nd never in 5ths at a course-end. Battle hails from St. Albans; Lilley from Bedford; the rest from Bushey.

## ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;**  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK CLAYTON ..Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. .6.
ALFRED T. HYLAND .. .. .2.	†THOMAS WAKEMAN .. .. .7.
HENRY BASTABLE .. .. .3.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. .. .8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. .4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .9.
THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. .5.	WILLIAM KENT .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

†First peal in the method. Rung on the conductor's twenty-first birthday, also the birthdays of Mr. John Day, the respected President of the above Guild, and Mr. John Buffery, a member of the same. This peal is now rung for the first time, and contains the 6th the extent wrong, the first six courses being in the titlums.

## OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 7, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

ARTHUR LANCE .. ..Treble.	†CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. .5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. .2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. .6.
HERBERT MARTIN .. .. .3.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. .7.
WALTER NORRIS .. .. .4.	*JOHN VERNON .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

\*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## BELGRAVE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 8, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

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.

GEOFFREY POLE .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM T. MILLER .. .. .5.
ARTHUR J. BALLARD .. .. .2.	JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. .. .6.
HENRY CLAYTON* .. .. .3.	JAMES POLE .. .. .7.
FRED COOKE .. .. .4.	WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN O. LANCASHIRE.

\*First peal.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tuesday, November 9, 1897, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Treble.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 6.
HENRY WHITE .. .. 2.	JAMES POTTER .. .. 7.
HARRY TUCKER .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 8.
FRANK TUBB .. .. 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 9.
JOHN TUCKER .. .. 5.	REUBEN SAWYER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Newell.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Braintree, Bocking, London, College Exercise, City Delight, Woodbine and New London Pleasure.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

ALBERT OXLEY .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL .. .. 4.
HARRY T. MOSTON .. .. 2.	ROBERT GEORGE LEWIS .. .. 5.
CHARLES REG. GREENALL 3.	FREDK. THOMAS SPENCE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK THOMAS SPENCE.

Rung as a farewell peal to C. R. Greenall, who sails for South Africa on November 12th. Oxley hails from Warrington, and it is his first peal.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 10, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MAURICE STEER .. .. Treble.	JOHN E. BALLARD .. .. 5.
ERNEST J. HEATHORN .. .. 2.	HENRY WHITE .. .. 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. .. 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

This is the conductor's 150th peal.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 10, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JAMES HUNT .. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM J. THYNG .. .. 5.
GEORGE M. FARR* .. .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. 6.
GEORGE TOPLIS* .. .. 3.	*GEORGE DAVIES .. .. 7.
SAMUEL PRICE* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal in the method. This peal is taken from a 5248 in two parts containing the 4th and 6th twenty-two times in 6th place, and is now rung for the first time.

**Date Touches.**

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAWSWORTH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, October 23rd, a date touch of 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins., arranged as follows: 217 Plain Bob Minor, 240 Grandsire Minor, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Massey, 1; A. B. Lomas, jun., 2; J. Hammond, 3; W. Henshall, 4; C. Postles, 5; E. Johnson, 6. Arranged and conducted by W. Henshall. Longest touch on the bells. On Sunday, October 24th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), conducted by W. Henshall, the ringers as before. For afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by C. Postles.

MILDENHALL (Suffolk).—On Monday, October 18th, for practice, a date touch of Bob Minor with 6-8 behind, in 1 hr. 9 mins. H. Turner, 1; T. Soames, 2; Henry Turner (conductor), 3; A. Turner, 4; G. Turner, 5; F. Barton, 6; C. Carpenter, 7; C. Munson, 8. Conducted by Henry Turner. First touch by T. Soames.

PUDSEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening October 25th, for evening service, a date touch of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 11 mins. R. Farrer, 1; W. Bateman, 2; H. Oddy, 3; W. Child, 4; F. Hargreaves, 5; F. Birks, 6; J. Smith, 7; S. Stott, 8. Conducted by F. Birks. Messrs. Oddy and Hargreaves hail from Tong; the remainder belong to the local company.

**Miscellaneous.**

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Friday, October 1st, at the residence of A. Symonds, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Symonds, 1-2; J. Moore, 3; J. Fayers (first 720), 4; T. King, 5; F. Symonds, 6. On Friday, October 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1-2; T. King, 3-4; F. Symonds, 5-6. Both conducted by A. Symonds. J. Fayers hails from Preston, Suffolk.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 17th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a 464 of Bob Major was rung for Divine Service in the evening at All Saints church. H. T. Richold (Melford), 1; F. Symonds (Lavenham), 2; W. Howell (Sudbury), 3; W. Griggs (Sudbury), 4; H. Griggs (Sudbury), 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; S. Slater (Glensford), 7; O. Garwood (Glensford), 8. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples. O. Garwood, 1; F. Symonds, 2; W. B. Ransom, Esq., 3; W. Griggs, 4; W. Howell, 5; S. Slater, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. T. Richold, 8. After service a touch of Bob Major. F. Symonds, 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; W. Bacon, 3; W. Griggs, 4; H. Brackett, 5; S. Slater, 6; W. Howell, 7; O. Garwood, 8.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, October 24th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 27 mins. R. Credland, 1; Rev. C. E. Bulwer, 2; A. Wheeler, 3; J. Tinker, 4; J. Ladd, 5; F. Butler, 6; W. Tinker (conductor), 7; R. Lakin, 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for Mr. Bulwer, who is here on a visit before going abroad as a missionary, and was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

TIMBERLAND (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, October 8th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Elkington, 1; H. King, 2; F. Cobb, 3; F. Curtis, 4; C. West (conductor), 5; G. Elkington, 6. On Sunday, October 9th, for evening service a 720 of Bob Minor. F. Curtis, 1; H. King, 2; F. Cobb, 3; A. West, 4; W. Elkington, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 17th, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor. A. Sharp, 1; H. King, 2; F. Cobb, 3; F. Curtis, 4; W. Elkington, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 18th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles) in 30 minutes. A. Sharpe, 1; H. King, 2; F. Cobb, 3; F. C. F. West, 4; W. Elkington, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6. This being A. Sharp's first two 720s of Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On October 23rd an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. On Sunday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins. E. Carter, 1; H. Day, 2; G. Bloomfield, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; L. G. Read, 5; G. Basden, 6; G. Allder, 7; R. Lane, 8. First in the method by all except J. Basden.

KIDLINGTON.—On Sunday, October 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the first two parts of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Tolley, 1; H. G. Judge, 2; F. Webb, 3; W. Thorpe, 4; J. Mathews, 5; J. Franklin, 6; W. Bennett (conductor), 7; T. Hill, 8. The above are all local men.

ENGLEFIELD (Berks).—On Wednesday, October 20th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. H. Abery, 1; J. Abery, 2; A. Lampard, 3; G. Abery, 4; E. Holloway (conductor), 5; W. Horne, 6. On Sunday evening, October 24th, for Divine Service, 240 Plain Bob. E. Cottrell, 1; J. Abery, 2; W. Horne, 3; A. Lamperd, 4; J. Abery, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. Holloway hails from Bradfield; Horne and Richardson from Beenham.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Monday, October 25th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-



peal of Grandsire Triples, being part of Biddlestone's twelve-part peal. W. Lloyd, 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; J. Aldridge, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8.

BRIDGEND (South Wales).—On 'Sunday, October 10th, at St. Illtyd's church, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Hummel (first 720), 1; J. South, 2; J. Evans (first as conductor), 3; R. Bunstone, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; R. Evans, 6. And 720 in the same method. R. Evans (conductor), 5; D. J. Hurford, 6; the rest as before. On Monday, October 11th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). E. Fowler, 1; J. South, 2; J. Evans, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 17th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans (conductor), 2; R. Evans, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; J. South, 5; D. J. Hurford, 6. And 720 in the same method. D. J. Hurford, 1; W. Poston, 2; J. Evans, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; J. South, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6; E. Fowler hails from Coity; W. Poston from Gloucester.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, October 16th, at the church of St. Marie of Charity, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 17 mins. H. Wallis, 1; G. H. Foster, 2; A. Biggs, 3; H. Foster, 4; T. Biggs, 5; F. Hunt, 6; E. E. Foreman, 7; G. Wood, 8. Composed by W. Dickinson, of Heckington, and conducted by E. E. Foreman. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late William Wood, captain of the Faversham company for over thirty years.

CHARING (Kent).—On October 13th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; W. Spice (first as conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 17th, for Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hadlow, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; W. Hills, 3; W. Spice, 4; T. Tabret (conductor), 5; W. Hobbs, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hills, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; W. Hobbs (conductor), 3; W. Spice, 4; G. Sharp, 5; T. Tabret, 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. And 360 Grandsire Doubles. J. Willis, 1; W. Good, 2; W. Spice (conductor), 3; E. Archer, 4; H. Ward, 5; J. Clifford, 6. On October 18th, 360 in the same method. W. Edmed, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Good, 3; E. Archer, 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 17th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Alphege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins. H. Hoskins, 1; J. Lamb, 2; H. Flanders, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; W. Berry, 6; F. W. Thornton (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor), 7; D. Walton-Evans, 8.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 17th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Aldridge, 1; J. Bevan, 2; H. Hill, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; R. G. Carter, 5; A. Phillips, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; R. Sandiford, 8. And two courses in the same method conducted by H. Harvey.

DEAL (Kent).—On Wednesday, October 13th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. E. Newman, 1; H. Denne, 2; A. Denne (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Sone, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. Rung on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins. T. Groombridge, 1; J. Heasman, 2; R. Jenner, 3; J. Steddy, 4; J. Wallis, 5; J. Preston, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Malyan, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, September 26th, for Harvest Festival at St. Stephen's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the tenor covering. J. York, 1; C. Millard, 3; W. Knight, 4; C. Horton, 5; H. Pring, 6; W. Cave (conductor), 7; W. Colston, 8. On Monday, September 27th, for practice at St. Mary Redcliffe, 615 Stedman Caters. C. H. Gordon, 1; F. Perrin, 2; C. Horton, 3; W. Knight, 4; F. Ellis, 5; H. Pring, 6; W. Cave, 7; C. Tomkins, 8; H. Porch (conductor), 9; P. Came, 10. And a course of Stedman Cinques. C. H. Gordon, 1; W. Cave, 2; C. Horton, 3; W. Knight, 4; F. Elles, 5; F. Perrin, 6; H. Pring, 7; G. Pearce, 8; C. Tomkins, 9; W. J. Hinton, 10; H. Porch, 11; P. Came, 12. First course of Stedman Cinques on the bells by a local band. Tenor 50 cwt. On Wednesday, October 13th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 38 mins. C. Horton, 1; W. Knight, 2; C. Tomkins, 3; F. Perrin, 4; H. Pring, 5; P. Elles, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Cave (conductor), 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Price, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. And 324 Grandsire

Caters. W. J. Hinton, 1; W. Cave, 2; A. Hadley, 3; C. Horton, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; F. Perrin, 6; H. Pring, 7; F. Elles, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Knight, 10. On Sunday evening, October 17th, after Divine Service, 540 Plain Bob Royal. G. Stadon, 1; C. Millard, 2; C. Horton, 3; W. Cave, 4; H. Pring, 5; F. Perrin, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; F. Elles, 8; F. Price, 9; W. J. Hinton, 10. On Tuesday, October 19th, at St. John-on-the-Walls, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Pearce, 1; H. Porch, 2; C. Horton, 3; C. E. Boutflower, 4; Rev. H. A. Cockey (Oldland, near Bristol), 5; P. Came, 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. F. Budgett on the occasion of his wedding. Conducted by H. Porch. On Wednesday, October 27th, at St. Stephen's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich which came to grief just over half-way. C. Horton, 1; W. Knight, 2; H. Pring, 3; F. Perrin, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; F. Elles, 6; W. Cave, 7; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Her late Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck. On Sunday, October 31st, touches of Stedman Caters and Triples, Double Norwich and Treble Bob; the Rev. H. C. Courtney, from Minehead, being in Bristol. At the church of St. John-on-the-Walls after morning service, a course of Superlative Surprise Minor. W. J. Hinton, W. Pickard, C. Horton, W. Knight, F. Elles, and C. E. Boutflower. Rung with the bells muffled owing to the death of H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck.

PAISWICK.—On Tuesday, October 12th, the local band rung a 840 of Grandsire Triples. G. Browning, 1; Dr. Walker, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Hale, 4; S. Baker, 5; H. Scrivens, 6; W. Bateman, 7; A. Hanks, 8. And a touch of 1120 in the same method, in 40 mins. On Sunday, October 17th, and on Thursday evening, a touch of 1358 in the same method, in 55 mins. by the same band with C. Hall at the tenor. The above touches are the longest by the above band and were conducted by William Hale.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, August 10th, for practice at the parish church, by the locals and a few friends, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26 mins. J. Gillett (first 720 in the method), 1; W. T. Pegler (conductor), 2; A. A. Waite, 3; J. Austin, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. E. Pegler, 6. On Wednesday, September 15th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. G. Miles, 1; J. Gillett, 2; G. Smith, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; C. Browett, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. This was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the sexton's wife, who was interred that day. The whole pull and stand was rung 60 times, the age of deceased. This 720 denotes as many months as she had lived, and as many leads as she was years old. On Sunday morning, October 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. A. A. Waite (conductor), 1; G. Miles, 2; G. Smith, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; C. Browett, 5; R. A. Barrett, 6. There will be no more practice at this tower till further notice on account of the 5th bell breaking down during practice on Tuesday evening, October 3rd.

SANDHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, October 10, Messrs. Mitchell, Waite, Smith and Doughty from Barnwood visited this place to have a friendly pull with the locals. After partaking of refreshments a few courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples was rung on the handbells. A move was then made to the tower, and 720 Grandsire Minor was rung (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. G. Smith, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; A. Holford, 4; F. Daniels, 5; W. Pugh (conductor), 6. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, H. Doughty ringing the tenor.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Thursday, October 7th, at the parish church for the Harvest Festival, a 336 Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; A. J. Pate, 2; C. George, 3; H. Martin, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; G. N. Price, 7; F. Edwards (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 10th, for evening service, a 490 Canterbury Pleasure Major. F. Smith, 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; F. Edwards, 3; W. E. Oakley, 4; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; W. H. Buckingham, 8. And after service a 576 Grandsire Triples. E. E. Huntley (conductor), 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; W. E. Oakley, 3; F. Smith, 4; F. Edwards, 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; W. I. Oakley, 8. On Thursday, October 14th, a 96 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; C. George, 2; F. Edwards, 3; G. N. Price, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; E. E. Huntley, 8. On Saturday, October 16th, two 120s Stedman Doubles. E. E. Huntley (conductor), 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; W. I. Oakley, 3; T. N. Price, 4; F. Edwards, 5; F. Smith, 6. And a course of Stedman Triples. F. Edwards, 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. E. Oakley, 4; G. N. Price, 5; W. I. Oakley, 6; E. E. Huntley, 7; J. Alexander, 8. On Sunday, October 17th, for morning service, a 420 of Stedman Triples. G. W. Cartmel (St. Albans), 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; W. E. Oakley, 3; F. Edwards, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 7; J. J. Allen, 8. And a 464 Bob Major. W. H. L. Buckingham, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; F. Edwards, 5; W. E. Oakley, 6;

W. I. Oakley, 7; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 8. And for evening service, a 504 Stedman Triples. G. W. Cartmell, 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; W. E. Oakley, 3; F. Smith, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 7; J. J. Allen, 8. On Sunday, October 24th, for evening service, 336 Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; W. E. Oakley, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. E. Oakley, 6; E. E. Huntley, 7; F. Edwards (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, October 26th, a 504 of Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; E. E. Huntley, 2; H. Martin, 3; F. Edwards, 4; G. N. Price, 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 7; W. I. Oakley, 8.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, October 2nd, at the monthly meeting of the Association, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Miller (Wolstanton), 1; J. Wheeldon (Bucknall), 2; G. Woods (Longton), 3; W. Harratt (Tunstall), 4; W. Baddeley (late of Norton), 5; W. Twigg (Bucknall, conductor), 6.

#### THE EASTERN COUNTIES GUILD.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's church on Saturday, October 16th, for practice, four 120s of Plain Bob, and five 120s of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. R. Rowell, 1; G. Baker, 2; E. E. Baker, 3; J. Tirrell, 4; W. T. Johnson (conductor), 5; H. Coles, 6. Tenor 8½ cwt. On Thursday, October 28th, for practice at St. John's church, 910 Grandsire Triples in 37 mins. G. Baker, 1; E. Read, 2; E. Baker, 3; R. Squires, 4; A. Johnson, 5; T. Measures, 6; W. Johnson (conductor), 7; R. Powell, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, October 12th, for practice, 576 Kent Treble Bob. R. Botting, 1; W. Street, 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Thompson, 4; I. Ansell, 5; W. Burkin, 6; R. Arnold, 7; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. G. Thompson, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Linter, 3; J. Ansell, 4; G. Huggett, 5; W. Burkin, 6; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 7; R. Botting, 8.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BURTON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, October 16th, some members of this branch paid a visit to this place, and rang at the parish church 720 each of Plain Bob, Canterbury, and Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Woods, I. Shone, J. Parr, W. Smith, J. Hughes, J. Rowlands, and J. Dillon.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Thursday, October 21st, in the evening for practice at St. Saviour's church, a 672 of Grandsire Triples. E. Holdey, 1; C. W. Bell (conductor), 2; C. Goodenough, 3; S. Rawlings, 4; H. E. Mills, 5; J. Fussell, 6; J. Taylor (longest length), 7; J. Sage, 8.

BATHWICK (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, October 23rd, in the evening, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. W. Simmonds, 1; G. Temple, 2; J. Whale, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; J. Fussell, 5; J. Cox, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; J. Taylor, 8. The above is the first quarter-peal by J. Taylor and the first rung on the bells.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 17th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. V. W. West, 1; H. Langdon, sen., 2; G. E. Symonds, 3; \*W. H. Webber, 4; †H. R. Passmore, 5; T. Langdon (conductor), 6; W. H. Passmore, 7; W. Langdon, 8. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell. †First quarter-peal. On Sunday morning, October 31st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 41 mins. W. S. Langdon, 1; W. H. Webber, 2; G. E. Symonds, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; H. R. Passmore, 5; W. H. Passmore, 6; T. Langdon (conductor), 7; J. W. Golding, 8.

BERMONDSEY (Surrey).—On Thursday, October 14th, for practice at St. James's church, 700 changes from Holt's Original, in 28 mins. C. Withecomb, 1; W. H. Webber, 2; W. H. Passmore, 3; T. Langdon (conductor), 4; W. Langdon, 5; W. Truss, 6; W. Berry, 7; —, 8.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, October 6th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Fowler, 1; W. Cooper, 2; \*F. Cooke, 3; \*J. Morris, 4; J. Buttery, 5; W. Willson (conductor), 6. \*First 720 in the method. On Saturday, October 16th, at St. Saviour's church, 576 Bob Major. J. Wilson, 1; W. Willson, 2; R. Christian, 3; J. O. Lancashire, 4; W. Inglesant, 5; J. Needham, 6; G. Cleal, 7; C.

Fowler (first in the method as conductor), 8. Tenor 27 cwt. On Wednesday, October 20th, at St. Mark's church, 1056 Bob Major. J. Wilson, 1; A. Ballard, 2; W. Willson, 3; F. Cooke, 4; J. O. Lancashire, 5; J. Morris, 6; W. Miller, 7; C. Fowler (conductor), 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

#### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 10th, at the parish church, the bells were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Craven who was schoolmaster, organist, and choirmaster for thirty-seven years. On Tuesday, October 12th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major with the bells half-muffled. S. Palmer, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Worthington, 3; H. Daffin, 4; S. Smedley, 5; S. Robinson, 6; W. Worthington (conductor), 7; J. Harris, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. Messrs. Price and Robinson belong to Eckington; the rest to the local company.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 17th, for Divine Service, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Emsen, 3; T. Bettison, 4; H. Turton, 5; S. Robinson, 6; G. Marsden, 7; C. Severn, 8. Tenor 17 cwt. Messrs. Emsen, Bettison, Turton, and Severn hail from Killamarsh; the rest belong to the local company.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARTFORD (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, October 13th, at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; S. Johnson, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6. Longest length on the bells.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DEANE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 17th, at the parish church, 688 Bob Major. J. Halliwell, 1; R. Duckworth, 2; T. Peers, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. Moscrop, 5; W. Duckworth, 6; R. Heald, 7; T. Barlow (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, October 19th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Duckworth, 1; H. Moss (conductor), 2; J. Moscrop, 3; W. Duckworth, 4; T. Peers, 5; T. Barlow, 6. First 720 in the method by all except H. Moss.

#### THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Wednesday, October 20th, 1897, at St. Chad's (R.C.) cathedral, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1260 changes, in 44 mins. W. Sanigar, 1; T. Porter, 2; W. Brook, 3; W. A. Hancox (conductor), 4; R. Hackley, 5; T. Wakeman, 6; A. Hackley, 7; T. Miller, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Sanigar on his 75th birthday.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, October 20th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Major. D. Mays, 1; T. Davy, 2; F. Potter, 3; F. Cullum, 4; G. Kemp, 5; G. Cattermole, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Mays, 1; T. Davy, 2; F. Potter, 3; F. Cullum, 4; G. Kemp, 5; G. Cattermole, 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Mays, 1; T. Davy, 2; F. Cullum, 3; J. Rose, 4; F. Potter, 5; G. Cattermole, 6. All conducted by G. Cattermole. First 720 of Kent by Messrs. Potter and Cullum.

DISS (Norfolk).—On Monday, October 25th, for practice, 1008 Double Norwich. W. Ireland (conductor), 1; W. Wiskins, 2; F. Watling (Saxmundham), 3; W. Salter, 4; W. Chenery, 5; E. Hayward, 6; J. Smith, 7; J. Smith, 8. Also 720 in the same method, conducted by J. Souter.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 23rd, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 560 Bob Major. A. Lincoln, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson (conductor), 3; C. Bailey, 4; E. Bailey, 5; T. Bell, 6; C. Samson, 7; J. Button, 8. Also 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. T. Shearing, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. Button, 3; A. Lincoln, 4; E. Bailey, 5; T. Ball, 6; J. Button, 7; G. Wilson (conductor), 8. And 336 Double Norwich. J. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; C. Samson, 5; T. Bell, 6; T. Shearing, 7; A. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. All are members of the St. Margaret's society.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, October 20th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. \*F. Smith, 1; \*J. W. Elkins, 2; W. Lebbon, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Harris, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. H. Loveland, 8. \*First quarter-peal. Tenor 32 cwt.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, October 17th, for morning service at St. Mary's church, a 504 of Stedman. J. Harper, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. Reynolds, 6;

E. Newman (1st 560 as conductor), 7; H. Ingram, 8. On Sunday, October 24th, for morning service, a 504 Stedman. J. Harper, 1; W. Pye, 2; R. Pye (conductor), 3; J. Harris, 4; A. Pye, 5; E. Newman, 6; E. Pye, 7; H. Ingram, 8. And for evening service 360 Grandsire. F. Hannan, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Symons (conductor), 5; E. Reynolds, 6; E. Newman, 7; H. Ingram, 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, October 17th, before Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. H. Searle, 1; F. Luxford, 2; J. Beams (composer and conductor), 3; J. Netley, 4; G. Balchin, 5; J. Blake, 6; C. Blackman, 7; W. Spurlock, 8.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, October 17th, for Divine Service at St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 47 mins. E. Strudwick, 1; R. Cherriman, 2; E. Randall, 3; H. Rann (conductor), 4; J. Fox, 5; F. Bacon, 6; E. Merritt, 7; J. Jay, 8; W. Palmer, 9; R. Fentiman, 10. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CANNINGS (Wilts).—On Saturday, October 9th, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Hollier, 1; C. D. Heginbotham, 2; T. Raddon, 3; C. H. Hampton, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. Also another 336 in the same method. W. Hollier, 2; C. D. Heginbotham, 2; C. R. Hampton, 3; C. H. Hampton, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, October 16th, 630 Grandsire Triples. F. McCaffrey, 1; C. D. Heginbotham, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; W. Hollier, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier, 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; W. McCaffrey, 8.

DEVIZES.—On Sunday, October 17th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. C. R. Hampton, 1; C. D. Heckingbottom, 2; C. H. Hampton, 3; S. Hillier, 4; A. Draper (conductor), 5; R. Phillips, 6.

MELKSHAM.—On Saturday, October 23rd, the following touches were rung: 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Hillier (conductor), 1; W. McCaffrey, 2; W. Hollier, 3; C. R. Hampton, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; J. E. Willshire, 6; C. H. Hampton, 7; A. Draper, 8. Two 168s of Grandsire Triples. A. Brown (longest touch), 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; J. E. Willshire, 3; W. Hollier, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; C. D. Heginbotham, 6; A. Draper (conductor), 7; C. H. Hampton, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Draper, 1; W. McCaffrey, 2; W. Hollier, 3; C. D. Heginbotham, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; J. E. Willshire, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; R. Phillips, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Brown, 1; C. H. Hampton, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; C. D. Heginbotham, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; W. Hollier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 47 mins. G. Roughton, 1; W. Pye, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; G. H. Burch, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; E. Pye, 6; W. Watson, 7; J. Dale, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. Roughton and Burch, the latter of whom hails from Colchester.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Thursday, October 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Runter, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; E. Wright, 6.

BOREHAM (Essex).—On Saturday, October 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Runter, 1; J. Young, 2; M. Rolfe, 3; A. Bradley, 4; H. Argent (conductor), 5; H. Sharpington, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Young, 1; A. Bradley, 2; E. Runter, 3; E. Wright, 4; H. Argent (conductor), 5; H. Sharpington, 6. Messrs. Bradley, Runter, and Wright hail from Broomfield; Rolfe and Sharpington from Springfield.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, September 26th, for Divine Service, 377 Grandsire Triples. F. Bramley, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; F. Abbott, 3; R. Miles, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; G. Winter, 7; G. Clayton, 8. On Sunday, October 3rd, being the Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. F. Bramley, 1; G. Metcalfe, 2; F. Abbott, 3; R. Miles, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; G. Winter, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; T. Spurr, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. Bramley, Abbott, and Miles, to whom much credit is due. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. F.

Abbott, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; G. Metcalfe, 3; H. Haigh (conductor), 4; T. Spurr, 5; H. Warburton, 6; G. Winter, 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. Also a 279 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Haigh and composed by J. George, of Rugby, standing as above. On Thursday, October 28th, for practice, 223 Grandsire Triples. T. Barlow, 1; T. H. Denman, 2; F. Bramley, 3; R. Miles, 4; T. Spurr (conductor), 5; G. Clayton, 6; H. Haigh, 7; G. Winter, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, October 24th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. \*W. Langdon, 1; E. Horrex, 2; \*W. Moss, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. R. Farndon, 5; T. H. Taffender, 6; T. Langdon, 7; W. J. Barber, 8; T. E. Barber, 9; G. Chesterman, 10. Composed by J. P. Bradley and conducted by T. H. Taffender. \*First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

ALDENHAM (Herts).—On Friday, October 29th, for practice at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Brown, 1; A. Sumner, 2; C. Brown, 3; T. F. Childs, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; F. Smith, 6; W. Hewitt (conductor), 7; J. Scott, 8. And the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Scott, 1; E. E. Huntley, 2; W. A. Jay, 3; T. F. Childs, 4; G. Layzell, 5; F. Smith, 6; W. Hewitt (conductor), 7; J. Scott, 8. First 500 as conductor. E. E. Huntley and F. Smith hail from Bushey; the rest are local men.

EALING (Middlesex).—On September 21st, for practice at Christ Church, 518 Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins. H. T. G. Luck, 1; F. Goddard, 2; W. Nickless, 3; L. Copsey, 4; T. Waterman, 5; H. Browning, 6; G. Ransome (conductor), 7; G. H. Mitchell, 8. And 256 Oxford Bob Triples. L. Copsey, 1; F. Goddard, 2; G. Ransome (conductor), 3; J. Aldridge, 4; W. Meaton, 5; H. Browning, 6; W. Foster, 7; H. Mitchell, 8. Also three courses of Grandsire Triples. W. Nickless, 1; F. Goddard, 2; G. Ransome, 3; J. Aldridge, 4; T. Waterman, 5; H. Browning, 6; W. Meaton, 7; J. E. Sykes, 8. On September 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. H. T. G. Luck, 1; L. Copsey, 2; \*W. Nickless, 3; F. Goddard, 4; F. Waterman, 5; H. Browning, 6; G. Ransome, 7; G. H. Mitchell, 8. \*First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

EDMONTON.—On Saturday, October 30th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. E. Peace, 1; W. A. Alps (conductor), 2; P. S. Darlington, 3; A. Darlington, 4; H. Barnett, 5; F. Carter, 6; C. Button, 7; G. W. Darlington, 8.

GREAT TEY (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, October 12th, for practice at St. Barnabas church, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major. O. Dyer, 1; D. Elliott (conductor), 2; W. Dyer, 3; G. Galley, 4; E. Beckwith, 5; J. Sadler, 6; W. Ladham, 7; E. Ladham, 8.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Wednesday, October 27th, for combined practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Boyles, 1; C. Smart, 2; A. Cousins, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; M. Steer, 5; B. Hawkins, 6. Also 112 Grandsire Triples. W. Boyles, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; C. Pearce, 3; C. Smart, 4; A. Cousins, 5; M. Steer, 6; B. Hawkins, 7; F. Murrow, 8. And several courses in the same method. F. Murrow, 1; S. Davis, 6; the rest as before.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Monday, October 25th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Smith, 1; W. Ellis, 2; T. Verry, 3; F. Flowers, 4; R. Faux, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; W. Verry, 7; R. Speakman, 8. Composed by G. W. Baldwin.

HUNSDON (Herts).—On Sunday, October 24th, for afternoon service at the parish church, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. J. Sewell, 1; A. Pearman, 2; J. Littlechild (conductor), 3; J. Crabb, 4; W. Littlechild, 5; C. Radley, 6. And after service, two six-scores in the same method. J. Sewell (conductor), 1; A. Pearman, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; J. Crabb, 4; W. Littlechild, 5; C. Radley, 6. And two more six-scores in the same method. J. Sewell, 1; A. Pearman, 2; J. Littlechild (conductor), 3; J. Crabb, 4; W. Littlechild, 5; C. Radley, 6.

KENNINGTON (Kent).—On Saturday, October 16th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. E. J. Dixon, 1; F. Philpott, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; W. Spice, 4; G. Sharp, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. This is E. J. Dixon's first 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Dixon and Hobbs hail from Willesborough; Goodwin and Spice from Charing; Tabrett and Sharp from Ashford; Philpott belongs to the local company.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On October 17th, 720 Kent Treble

Bob Minor, 240 of Oxford Treble Bob, and a course each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire Minor, on handbells. W. Stone, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Monday, October 4th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Bailey, 1; J. Baker, 2; G. Heath, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. Hall (conductor), 5; L. Chapman, 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late churchwarden, Mr. R. O. Butcher.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 5th, at the parish church, for morning service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Bristow, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; E. Rapley, 3; H. Green, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; A. Gatland, 7; E. Turrell, 8. And for afternoon service, a 504 in the same method. E. Bristow, 1; W. Woolgar (conductor), 2; H. Green, 3; A. Gatland, 4; G. Smart (composer), 5; E. Rapley, 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. And for evening service, a 676 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Smart (conductor), 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Smart, 5; A. Gatland, 6; G. Smart, 7; G. Gatland, 8. On Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, a 308 Grandsire Triples. \*C. B. Cole (West Hoathley), 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; G. Gatland, 3; G. Smart, 4; E. Rapley, 5; A. Gatland, 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. \*First attempt on eight bells. On Saturday, September 19th, for the Harvest Festival, for morning service, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Matthews, 1; A. Gatland, 2; G. Smart, 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; G. Gatland, 7; C. Smart (conductor), 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Bristow, 1; J. Smart, 2; H. Green, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; J. Matthews, 5; E. Rapley, 6; A. Gatland, 7; G. Lloyd, 8. And for afternoon service, a 504 Steadman Triples. G. Gatland, 1; G. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Smart, 4; A. Gatland, 5; C. Smart, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; E. Turrell, 8. And for evening service a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Searle (Upper Beeding), 1; J. Matthews, 2; A. Gatland, 3; H. Green, 4; G. Gatland, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. And after evening service, a 280 in the same method. G. Searle (Upper Beeding), 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Matthews, 3; H. Green, 4; A. Gatland, 5; T. Searle, 6; J. Searle, 7; G. Brown (Upper Beeding), 8. On Sunday, September 26th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Bristow, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; E. Rapley, 3; H. Green, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; A. Gatland, 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. And 504 of Court Bob Triples. H. Green, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Smart, 7; A. Gatland, 8. On Sunday, October 17th, a 504 of Court Bob Triples. H. Green, 1; G. Gatland, 2; E. Rapley, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; J. Smart, 5; A. Gatland, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; G. Lloyd, 8. On Sunday, October 24th, a 392 of Grandsire Triples. E. Bristow, 1; J. Smart, 2; H. Green, 3; G. Gatland, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; A. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. And a 504 of Court Bob Triples. H. Green, 1; A. Gatland, 2; J. Matthews, 3; W. Woolgar (first in the method as conductor), 4; C. Smart (composer), 5; J. Smart, 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Turrell, 8. And for evening service a 604 of Grandsire Triples. E. Bristow, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; H. Green, 3; A. Gatland, 4; J. Smart, 5; J. Matthews, 6; W. Woolgar, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, October 31st, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Duchess of Teck, a 504 of Court Bob Triples. H. Green, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Rapley, 4; A. Gatland, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Lloyd, 8.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 3rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, at the parish church, for morning service, a 360 of Bob Minor. F. Leeds, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; W. Hills, 3; W. Clapson, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Leeds, 1; W. Hobbs (conductor), 2; W. Hills, 3; E. J. Dixon, 4; T. Tabrett, 5; J. Roberts, 6. And for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and two bobs) in 23 mins. F. Leeds, 1; E. J. Dixon, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; W. Clapson, 4; W. Spice, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. And a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and fourteen bobs) in 22½ mins. R. Cook, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Spice, 3; J. Swinerd, 4; E. J. Cox (conductor), 5; T. Tabrett, 6. On Monday, October 11th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. W. Hobbs (conductor), 1; H. Godwin, 2; G. Pain, 3; W. Spice, 4; W. Hyder, 5; T. Tabrett, 6. This is H. Goodwin's first 720 of Kent Treble Bob, also the first 720 of Kent on the bells. Tabrett hails from Ashford; Cook from Smeth; Spice and Goodwin from Charing; Hyder from Aldington; Pain from Mersham and the rest belong to the local band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A RECORD of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 1s. 2d.; cloth do., 1s. 8d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Berks.

## 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 OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL AT ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

SIR,—With reference to the above so-called peal, I with many others was a listener for nearly two hours, and must ask the ringing Exercise generally and the Kent County Association in particular, if they are going to accept a performance of this kind as a peal? I will endeavour to impartially state what that performance was by merely giving some of the remarks of those who were listening. "Disgraceful; they surely will not publish this; listen: firing; Oh! it's all over now; well, they ought to be ashamed of themselves; no, they are going to keep on," etc." During the time I was a listener, the bells were firing on three different occasions, there were no leads kept, and at times you could not distinguish if 6, 8 or 10 bells were going. Without a doubt such a performance should never have been published. I exceedingly regret the disappointment it must have caused the band, especially Mr. J. George, of Rugby, who I am informed came on purpose to ring in the attempt. I can sympathize with him, as I rang over three hours with the same conductor a fortnight previously, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, with a very unsatisfactory result. I have waited to see if any other letter would appear, as I did not wish to be accused of rushing into print. But this will, I hope, elicit more opinions from others who heard what there was to hear. EDWARD P. O'MEARA.

79, Olney Street, S.E.

### PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, WALTHAMSTOW.

SIR,—I was surprised to see on reading last week's "BELL NEWS" a note from F. Rumens asking you to correct a mistake he supposed was made in stating F. G. Newman was a member of the St. Mary's Society. I should like to know why he did not couple my name with F. G. Newman's, as I am not a member and have never been asked to become one. If Mr. Rumens had exerted himself to read the rules in the ringing-chamber at St. Mary's he would have seen who were the members. Having looked through my Essex Association Reports since 1887, I find F. G. Newman's name has been coupled with the St. Mary's Society down to 1895, when through a misunderstanding with the Association all our names were struck off, but were entered again in 1896, F. G. Newman's being one of the number. If a correction was necessary, I certainly think it ought to have been done by Mr. T. Maynard or the secretary, Mr. John Wilkins. F. A. NUNN.

Shernhall Street, Walthamstow.

### ANNIVERSARY.

SIR,—Tuesday next, the 16th inst., is the anniversary of the death of the late Jasper Snowdon, and I beg all ringers throughout the kingdom to make an effort to ring muffled peals or touches that evening, thus showing their respect for him and their appreciation of his labours to promote the art of change-ringing. By establishing this as an annual custom his memory would be perpetuated, and the public would be led to enquire who Jasper W. Snowdon was, and thus in time learning that in change-ringing there is something more than mere bell-pulling. I conclude with my usual *nom de plume*, X.Y.Z.

### REPLY TO ENQUIRER.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent "Enquirer" who asks for information regarding Wellingborough bells, I may say that full particulars respecting them have appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" more than once. However, if he will send me his name and address (or publish it in next week's issue), I shall be only too pleased to forward him all and every information concerning the bells of the parish church of Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES.

Sidesman of the Parish Church of Wellingborough.

### CORRECTION.

SIR,—In the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rang at St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, it should read "G. Willshire (conductor), 7;" not "G. Wilson," as stated in your report. GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

LETTERS RECEIVED.—Mr. I. Hills and E. Brant, next week. "J. N." has not sent his name and address.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The 260th anniversary dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate street, E.C., to-day, Saturday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Burkin, W.H.L. Buckingham, Butler, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, T. Mash, McLaughlin, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Springall, Weatherstone, Winney, or The society's meeting room at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, will be open from 5 to 6 o'clock, when the peal-books and other property can be seen.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.  
37, Tradescant road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open in the afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. Members are requested to attend the meeting at head-quarters for the election of officers on Tuesday, November 16th, after the ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral.

**Society for Archdeaconry of Salop.**—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Shifnal, to-day, Saturday, November 13. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business Meeting at 5 p.m. Those wishing to avail themselves of cheap railway tickets from Shrewsbury, must communicate with the Hon. Sec. J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec. Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**The Birmingham Amalgamated Society.**—There will be no practice at St. Philip's church, Birmingham, on Monday nights until further notice. JOHN CARTER.

**The Waterloo Society, London.**—The meetings at St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton, are altered from Tuesdays to alternate Thursdays, commencing November 4th, 1897. VICTOR W. WEST, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mary's church, Deane, near Bolton, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Unveiling of peal-tablet by Mr. W. Boardman, of London, formerly of Deane, at 5.30. Tea in schoolroom at 6. Meeting after tea in schoolroom. Mr. Boardman is providing tea for all members sending in their names to Mr. J. Moscrop, 313, Church View, Deane, near Bolton, not later than Wednesday, November 17th. The above notice to be strictly adhered to. Hy. Moss, Branch Sec.

149, Clarence Street, Bolton.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The third annual dinner will be held at The Swan hotel (close to Railway station), Bacup, on November 27th. Dinner at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present must send their names to the branch secretary not later than November 20th. The charge, as usual, is 2s. 6d. J. H. BANKS. Helmsford.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

**THE PEAL AT HIGHAM FERRERS.**—This is the first peal in the method on the bells, by all except the conductor, and the first by the association; it was rung in honour of Mr. Owen Parker, the mayor-elect of this ancient borough, who is a most earnest and affectionate

churchwarden. After the peal the rev. gentleman congratulated the band on the striking, and said they would never ring a better peal. The same band, with J. Garratt in T. A. Hensher's place, started a peal at Finedon, on Tuesday, November 5, but owing to one of the bells going heavy, the slow work got broke up a few changes, so we could not record it as a full peal.

COPIES OF "THE BELL NEWS" WANTED.—If any bell-ringing friend has "THE BELL NEWS" for November 23rd, 1895, and December 7th, for the same year, and will send them on to me, I will pay all cost and feel greatly obliged for such kindness.—HENRY DAINS, 147, Barnsbury Road, N.

## Compositions.

### TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By F. BENNETT, Brighton.

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The last seven courses five times repeated, adding a bob at home in first course of the remaining parts.

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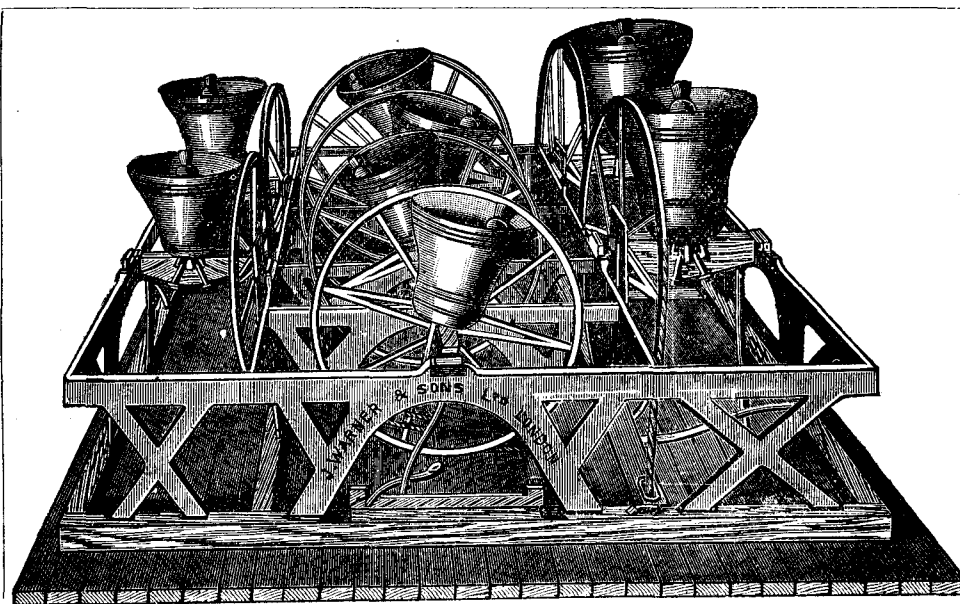
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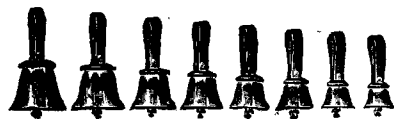
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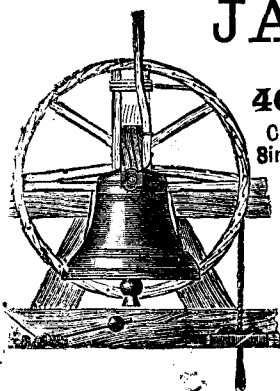
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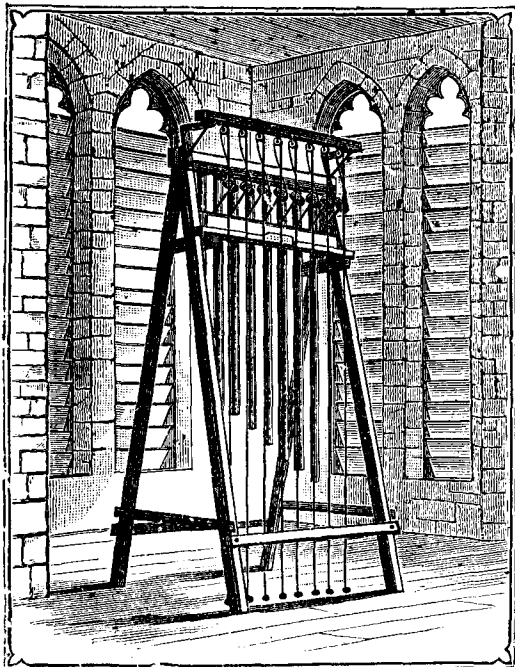
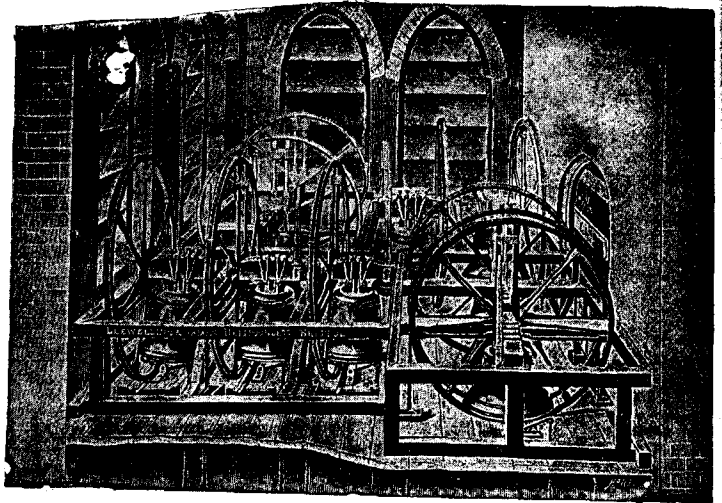
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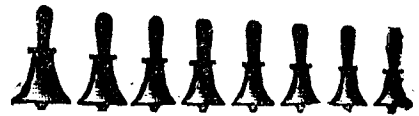
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## MR. JOHN C. MITCHELL.

[Vide Portrait.]

The subject of portraiture in this number formed one of a party of four gentlemen who some years ago created some sensation by their handbell performances. Of their skill in this department of ringing no less a judge than the late Mr. HALEY—who was not one to scatter compliments broadcast—spoke very highly to the writer of these lines. Each of these gentlemen belonged to a class of society which during the past twenty years has been connected with the Exercise more than at any former period.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER MITCHELL was born at Aston, Birmingham, on the 10th of April, 1867, and is consequently approaching the completion of his thirty-first year. His father was Christopher, the youngest son of John Mitchell, the well-known inventor of the steel pen, his mother being a daughter of the late John Mousley, of Hockley, Birmingham. He was educated at the Grammar School at St. Albans, which is the oldest foundation of its kind in the country, having been founded by Ulsinus, the sixth Abbot of St. Albans, in the tenth century. Here he was fairly successful in his studies, receiving prizes for proficiency in Classics and Mathematics. He married in September 1893, the eldest daughter of Mr. H. F. Lindley, Manager of the London and County Bank at St. Albans, and has one son. Early in the year 1885 he was introduced to the St. Albans Cathedral Society, and was elected a member of the Society in June of that year. He was indebted for his early training in the Exercise to Mr. N. N. Hills, the founder and first conductor of the Society, receiving also considerable assistance from Messrs. Buckingham and Cartmel.

His first peal was one of Grandsire Triples at St. Alban's Cathedral, on the 21st of September, 1886, which was followed in two months time by one of Grandsire Caters in London, at St. Clement Danes, and on the 5th of February in the following year he scored his first peal as conductor, calling Holt's Original from the second at Christ Church, Southgate. Ten days previous to this, however, he had rung 1-2 in a peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, under the conductorship of Mr. C. F. Winney, after which practice was at once commenced for a non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples, which was attained on the 11th of March, the composition being again Holt's Original. Of this performance Mr. MITCHELL is justly proud. Writing in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 26th March, Mr. Rowbotham, one of the referees, described the peal as "one of the finest ever recorded, the ringing being simply faultless." This was followed on April 20th by Holt's ten-part peal, also non-conducted, and later in the year the same band scored a peal of Stedman Triples, which was conducted by Mr. C. F. Winney.

Another good performance was a 5000 in seven different methods on six bells retained in hand. This was accom-

plished on June 3rd, 1891, by Mr. MITCHELL and his two brothers. It is unfortunate, however, that Yorkshire Court was among the methods rung. He has conducted Holt's Original on handbells from each of the four pairs of bells. His peal list, a summary of which we give below, is not however a very long one, the exigencies of business and his numerous parochial engagements preventing his accepting many invitations for peal-ringing.

He is a member of several of the leading societies, among others, the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the St. Martin's Guild, and he had the distinction of being the first honorary member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Our portrait, which is an excellent likeness, is from a photograph by Mr. Douglas Pym, of Streatham Hill, S.W.

### SUMMARY OF PEALS.

	In the tower.		On handbells.	
	Rung.	Conducted.	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples	11	2	12	6*
Grandsire Caters	7		3	1
Bob Triples	2			
Bob Major			1	
Bob Royal			1	
Stedman Triples	7	2	1	
Stedman Caters	3	1		
Oxf. Tble. Bob Major	1			
Kent " " "	2			
" " " Royal	1	1		
Union Triples	1	1		
In 7 methods on 6 bells			1	1
	35	7	19	8

\*Including two silent peals. Total number of peals: In the tower—35; on handbells—19; total—54.

MR. MITCHELL is a strong and ardent Churchman in every sense of the word. One very competent authority says the following of him: "I have the highest opinion of him in every way. He is a sound Churchman, most energetic worker (possessed also of that very necessary qualification—tact), and is a man in whom one can put the most absolute confidence. Whatever he undertakes he carries out. His chief work in connection St. John's, Balham, has been the creation and editorship of the Parish Record, which is distributed free of charge at every house in the district. By his energy, chiefly in the way of keeping up the advertisements and providing matter of such interest, that many people subscribe of their own free will, he has made the Record a decided financial success. He is a very busy man, and has many irons in the fire; but I think I may say that his heart is most of all centred in any work he undertakes for God and His Church." More splendid testimony to the private worth of a man could hardly be given.

MR. MITCHELL is a member of the Streatham Ruridecanal Conference, and a Vice-President of the Surrey District of the English Church Union.





MR. JOHN C. MITCHELL.  
(Of Balham, Surrey.)

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual gathering of the Chipping Norton Deanery branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, took place on Saturday afternoon, November 6th, there being present the Revs. H. Barter (President of the branch), F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), J. E. Phillips, A. W. B. Marshall, and W. C. Carter, Mr. T. H. Burbidge (hon. auditor), Mr. J. F. Barlow (hon. sec.), Mr. Yates (Great Marlow), and Mr. E. W. Arkell (Blockley). The following towers were also represented: Chipping Norton, 10; Shipton, 3; Hook Norton, 2; Enstone, 6. During the afternoon and evening Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples were rung, amongst them being a touch of 406 changes.

In the afternoon, at 4.30, divine service was held in the parish church. The Rev. H. Barter and Rev. W. C. Carter read the prayers, the Rev. A. W. B. Marshall and Rev. F. E. Robinson reading the lessons. A very appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. J. E. Phillips, from Romans x. 18: "Their sound went forth into all the earth."

A meat tea was provided in the schoolroom, to which thirty sat down. The Rev. H. Barter presided at the general business meeting which followed, and in opening the proceedings, said he was very glad to be able to meet the members of the Guild there again that day, though in such small numbers. He had several letters of apology to read, from the Rev. A. W. Russell, Hook Norton; Rev. G. A. Crawshaw, Chipping Norton; Rev. T. N. Lee; Mr. Bradford, Bloxham; and Mr. Widdows, Charlbury. Before proceeding to the general business, he would suggest that the meeting pass a vote of condolence to Mrs. West, widow of the late Rev. C. F. C. West, vicar of Charlbury, as the deceased gentleman had taken such a great interest in the meetings of the Guild.

Mr. Barlow presented the report and balance sheet. The first duty, he said, was to report the loss the branch had sustained in the death of the Rev. C. F. C. West, vicar of Charlbury, an honorary member, and a genuine supporter of the Guild. The branch continued to maintain its position as far as towers in union were concerned, and they had exactly the same number of members as last year, viz., 86; 20 honorary, 46 qualified, and 20 probationary, although they had lost Great Tew, whose members had joined the Deddington branch, which was a loss of fifteen members. The annual meeting was held at Charlbury, and the late respected vicar gave them a very hearty welcome. The spring meeting was held at Churchill, where they met with a very kind welcome from the Rural Dean and the Rev. Warren Hastings, who helped very much towards the success of that meeting. The quality of the ringing did not improve as it should do. The receipts for the year, including the balance in hand from 1896, were £12 14s. 8d.; the payments being £7 2s. 1d., leaving a balance of £5 12s. 7d. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Rev. A. W. B. Marshall, the report and balance-sheet were accepted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Rev. H. Barter, president; Mr. J. F. Barlow, as secretary and treasurer, and Mr. T. H. Burbidge, as auditor. The following new members were also elected:—Rev. A. G. Grisewood, Rev. G. A. Crawshaw, and Mr. C. E. Baring-Young, honorary members; Messrs. F. G. Canday and T. Coombes, probationary members; and Messrs. E. W. Arkell and A. A. Savage, life-subscribing members. On the motion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. E. Phillips for his kindness in preaching. The thanks of the meeting were also heartily accorded to the Master for attending.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in replying, thanked the members very much for the kind way in which they had mentioned his name. It was always a great pleasure to him to come there. He thought the Guild would be well officered for the coming year. He referred to the report of the secretary, as to there not making progress, and said it showed a hopeful time. They must be dissatisfied with the present, to make progress in the future. The primary object of the Guild was to put the whole of their matters on a proper basis. He also recommended the members to thoroughly practice change-ringing, advising them to follow it earnestly through difficulties, and they would eventually succeed. If they did that, when he came the next time, he hoped he should be able to congratulate them on what they had actually done.

On the motion of the Chairman, the thanks of the members

were heartily accorded to the vicar, for allowing them to hold their meeting there; to Mr. Chaundy, for officiating at the organ; and to the choir boys, for their help. It was decided, on the invitation of the Hook Norton ringers, to hold the Spring meeting at that village.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this district was held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, November 6th, and was the largest gathering of its kind the district has yet had. Besides the towers in union being well represented, visiting members of the Association from Tunbridge Wells, Rochester, Gillingham, Northfleet, Milton, and Swanscombe were there and heartily welcomed. The bells were set going shortly after 3 p.m., and some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were brought round.

At 6 p.m. tea was provided in the adjoining Church Room, fully seventy sitting down and thoroughly enjoying the good fare provided. The General Meeting followed, the Rev. R. W. Atkinson, vicar of St. John's, presiding, supported by Miss C. Airey, of Greenwich. In opening the meeting, the chairman welcomed the ringers to St. John's. The Secretary's report being read and passed, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Mr. H. Hoskins, of St. Alphege, Greenwich, and Mr. J. Jeffries, of St. John's, Deptford, were nominated for the post of Secretary, and the latter was elected by a large majority. Mr. George Conyard, of St. Paulinus, Crayford, was again unanimously elected representative on the Central Council. The new Secretary thanked the meeting for the honour conferred on him, and spoke to the effect that he hoped his position would be acknowledged and not slighted, as had been the case with the late secretary, on matters conducive to the general welfare of the District and Association. It was decided the next quarterly meeting should be held at Bromley on Saturday, January 15th. After confirming the election of new members, the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Rev. R. W. Atkinson for the use of the bells, etc., and to Miss C. Airey. A short service and excellent address was then given in the church by the vicar, and was well attended by the ringers, followed by a few more touches on the bells until 9 p.m., when a very pleasant and successful evening was brought to a close.

All communications and business in connection with the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association should in the future be addressed to Mr. W. J. Jeffries, 87, Albyn Road, St. John's, Deptford.

## RODMERSHAM, KENT.

On Friday, November 12th, the choir and ringers were invited by the vicar, the Rev. T. C. Boughton-Leigh, to dinner. The vicar was in the chair, and Mr. Churchwarden Dixon in the vice-chair. The table as usual groaned under the good things, consisting of fish, joints, game, sweets, savouries, and dessert, with all kinds of wine to wash them down. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, Mr. Dixon proposed in eloquent terms the health of "The Vicar," which was received with the utmost enthusiasm. The Vicar having responded, proposed the health of Mr. Churchwarden Dixon in most flattering terms, referring to the good work done by him in the church, as churchwarden, as a member of the choir, and as the leader of the ringers, as well as in the parish. An adjournment was then made to the drawing-room, where the company were received by Mrs. Boughton-Leigh, and an hour was spent in pleasant harmony, after which they returned to the dining-room to the enjoyment of the fragrant weed "of a most excellent brand," and further liquid refreshment in the shape of whiskies and soda, etc. After having sung "God save the Queen" the company broke up at a late hour, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On the following evening the ringers and several ladies and gentlemen of the parish assembled in the tower, when the vicar, having referred in appropriate terms to the work done by the society, proceeded to unveil a handsome peal-board, presented by the ladies of the parish, recording a peal of 5040 changes in seven Minor methods, rung by the society on March 12th last,

and which duly appeared in "THE BELL NEWS." After the ceremony the vicar presented the prizes offered by Mr. Dixon and himself, for the most regular attendance at the Sunday morning ringing during the year, the recipients being Mr. J. G. Grensted with fifty-two attendances, and Mr. E. Sedg with forty-six.

The ringers then proceeded to the vestry for the annual business meeting, Mr. Churchwarden Dixou, the Honorary Secretary, being in the chair. The chairman stated that the society was in a most flourishing condition, and that the members had enjoyed two outings during the year. The society consisted of nine honorary, ten ringing, and two honorary ringing members, and had rung during the year ending November 1st, one peal of 5040 in seven methods, and sixty-three peals of Minor in nine methods, viz., eight of Superlative Surprise, eight of Oxford Treble Bob, seven of Canterbury Pleasure, twelve of Kent Treble Bob, eight of Oxford Bob, twelve of Plain Bob, five of Cambridge Surprise, two of Double Oxford, and one of College Single, of which J. Grensted rang 62; J. Dixon, 60; S. Beach, 49; G. Coast, 45; C. Millway, 43; E. Day, 41; H. Wood, 26; E. Sedg, 14; E. Allen, 11; H. Coast, 10; W. Hollands, 7; C. Sellen, 2. Mr. Dixon conducted 30; H. Wood, 22 and a peal of 5040; and C. Millway, 11. Mr. Dixon was re-elected Hon. Secretary; and Mr. J. G. Grensted, Treasurer.

After the meeting the company was invited to supper with Mr. Dixon, when courses were changed rather frequently, and a jovial evening was spent, as is always the case when the ringers meet at the hospitable board of their esteemed head. Before breaking up, Mr. Wood proposed the health of the host, making special reference to the manner in which he had kept them together, and to the great interest he had ever taken in the society, not only in the tower (in which he had done yeoman service), but also in the many pleasant evenings he had provided for them at his house.

In his reply, Mr. Dixon told them how great was the pleasure it always afforded him to have them around him enjoying themselves, and that if they would only support him in the future as they had done in the past, he would do all in his power to keep the society in the flourishing condition it had hitherto maintained.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—At a monthly meeting of the above held at Pendleton on Saturday, November 6th, a most interesting ceremony took place, being the occasion of unveiling two new peal tablets, the same recording each a peal of Superlative Surprise Major. About fifty members were present, representing Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Deane, Eccles, Manchester, Pendlebury, Swinton, Stockport, Worsley, and Walkden, beside the local band. The bells were set going at 3.30 p.m., and kept going in various methods by mixed bands until 5.30 p.m., when the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., President of the Association, came into the tower, followed shortly after by the Rev. W. G. Edwards Rees, M.A., vicar of Pendleton. The worthy vicar having been introduced to the President by Mr. John Smith, the steeplekeeper, he (the vicar) commenced proceedings by giving the ringers a hearty welcome to the tower, and in a brief address spoke of the significance of church bells, but was sorry to say he could not ring one, but was pleased on that occasion that the ringers had assembled there in such large numbers to celebrate the unveiling of the two new peal tablets recently hung in that tower, and especially one of them containing a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, rung to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee year of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. He (the vicar) had much pleasure in calling upon the Rev. H. J. Elsee to unveil the tablets, which was done in a very graceful manner, at the same time congratulating the Pendleton ringers on having rung two peals in such an intricate method. He (the President) also learned that the same band had scored a third peal in the method, pointing over to the opposite wall to another tablet recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on June 23rd, 1896, with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Thomas Smith, one of the band up to the end of his career. He referred in very feeling terms to their late member and brother. Pointing again to yet another tablet containing the record of Holt's ten-

part peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on February 3rd, 1893, being the first peal rang by the Pendleton company; speaking of the progress they had made in so short a time, he must congratulate the company on having such an energetic conductor as Mr. H. Chapman. The ceremony over, the ringers adjourned to the schoolroom, where tea had been gratuitously provided by the local ringers and their friends for all the visitors. Tea and other edibles having been done ample justice to all round, the vicar in the meantime apologising for having to leave early owing to other engagements, the President called upon the local secretary for the transaction of business, the first being to fix a place and date for the next monthly meeting, when it was decided upon Eccles for December 4th. Secondly—election of new members, when one honorary member and four performing members were duly elected. Votes of thanks were accorded unanimously to all those concerned in having made this interesting meeting so very successful. W. B.

#### UNVEILING OF A NEW PEAL-BOARD.

On Tuesday evening, November 9th, at St. Mary's church, Woolwich, an interesting event took place in the ringing-chamber, when a new peal-board, the gift of Mr. Hack, of Hayes Common, a member of the Kent County Association, was unveiled, and now occupies a position among the numerous peal-boards which adorn the walls. In the absence of the rector, the Rev. A. Eglington met the ringers, and asked Mr. Hack to remove the covering, and in a few well-chosen remarks referred to the object which had brought them together, concluding by formally dedicating the new peal-board to the church with suitable prayers for such an occasion. The ringers then rang several touches on the bells in commemoration of the event. The method by which this peal was rung has been unsuccessfully attempted on several occasions, but the previous time it was accomplished at St. Mary's, Woolwich, was by seven members of the Banister family, and the late Henry Bright, so long ago as February 1st, 1860. However it was repeated recently, as can be read by the gold lettering on the new board, which runs as follows:

"THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Thursday, 29th April, 1897, eight members of the above Association, rang in this tower, a true and complete Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 49 minutes (Brook's Variation). Arthur J. Neale, Treble; Wm. Weatherstone, 2; Ernest H. Nixon, 3; Henry G. Hill, 4; John Hack, 5; Wm. G. Grove, 6; Wm. Bedwell, 7; Wm. J. Jefferies, Tenor Conducted by Wm. Bedwell.—Rev. C. E. Escreet, M.A., Rector; C. Bigg, W. Woodford, Churchwardens."

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At the meeting held at the Society's headquarters on Tuesday, November 16th, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year: Master—Mr. Walter Prime; Treasurer—Mr. James Pettit; Senior Steward—Mr. Thomas Mash; Junior Steward—Mr. Albert Coles; Trustees—Messrs. C. F. Winney and Henry R. Newton; Secretary—William T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescent Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LINCOLNSHIRE possesses the oldest bellringer in England. At Tetney lives Mathew Laking, who was born in 1801, and is, therefore, ninety-six years old. He started bellringing when fifteen years of age, and has, therefore, an unbroken service of eighty-one years in the parish belfry. It means that Mathew Laking rung a muffled peal for the death of George III. in 1820, and celebrated the accession of George IV., in the same year, officiated at the Monarch's death in 1830, and again took part in the accession of William IV., and his death in 1837. Beginning with the accession of Queen Victoria, he has been connected with every subsequent important epoch in her life, and on the Jubilee day formed one of three in ringing a peal of thanksgiving. Although born just outside Tetney, he has practically lived in the village all his life. A world of local reminiscence in himself, he has had to retire from his ordinary avocation as a labourer through advancing years.—*Tit-Bits*.

For the best Material for WINTER CLOTHING.  
LUTAS LEATHLEY, ARMLEY, LEEDS.

## SPREYTON. DEVON.—A JUBILEE MEMORIAL.

Twelve months ago it was ascertained that the bells of Spreyton parish church were in a very unsafe condition, and that it would be absolutely dangerous to continue to ring them. The work necessary involved a rather heavy expenditure, but the Queen's Diamond Jubilee happily came to be regarded as an event which the people of the parish, as well as other folks all over the country, should specially recognise, and it was decided that the rehangings of the bells should be undertaken as a suitable memorial. The bells number five, their dates and founders being as follows: treble, 1884, Mears; 2nd, 1678, Pennington; 3rd, 1837, Mears; 4th, 1650, Pennington; tenor, 14 cwt., 1726, Pennington. They have been provided with a new oak frame, with a vacant "pit" for another treble bell, which will, it is hoped, be one day added to the present five, so as to make a peal of six bells. The cost of such a bell would be about £36. Besides their frame, the bells have been supplied with new stocks, wheels, bearings, etc., throughout. New beams and flooring have also been placed under the cage, the timber having been kindly given by Mr. W. J. Battishill. The entire work of rehangings and refitting has been carried out in a thoroughly substantial manner and in accordance with the most approved principles by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, at a cost of something like £90, which has been fully met by the generosity of parishioners and friends.

The dedication of the new frame, etc., and the rededication of the bells took place on Friday week, a special service for the purpose being held at 4 o'clock. There was, despite boisterous weather, a good congregation. The Bishop of Crediton was present, and the other surpliced clergy were the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Clarke (Southtawton), and the Rev. Dr. Simons (Bow), the Rev. J. Cann (Dunkerton) also attended, but was not surpliced. Prior to the dedication the service was conducted by the Vicar. Subsequently the Vicar and Bishop proceeded to the tower, where the Bishop dedicated the frame and rededicated the bells to the service of the church and glory of God, and offered appropriate prayers. On the Bishop and Vicar returning to the chancel the special hymn, "Lift them gently to the tower," was sung. At its close the Bishop of Crediton gave an address, basing his remarks upon the 5th verse of the 150th Psalm, "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals."

After the act of dedication the bells were raised, rung for several minutes, and then lowered by the Spreyton band. During the afternoon and evening the bells were rung by ringers from Colebroke, Southtawton, Northtawton, South Zeal, Bow, Cheriton Bishop, and Exeter, all of whom expressed themselves highly pleased with the way in which they went, and congratulated Mr. Stokes, who was present, on his work.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

By kind consent of the Rector, the Rev. C. T. Davis, who was unfortunately not able to be present, but wrote wishing the Association every success, a quarterly meeting of the members of this Society took place at Ecton, on Saturday, October 30th. Contingents of ringers from Northampton, Ecton, Mears Ashby, Wellingborough, Rushden, Earls Barton, and Wollaston took the opportunity to visit this interesting old belfry with its bells, clock and chimes, all in the old style. Mr. Bayes, the senior member of the Ecton company, was very good in pointing out points of interest connected with them. At the tea in the schoolroom at five o'clock the company included the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, Wilbye; the Rev. H. Towas, Ecton; the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, Earls Barton; the Rev. J. B. Fausett, Mears Ashby; Mr. J. Hawkes and Mr. F. Callis, churchwardens of Ecton; and Mr. J. Abbott, churchwarden of Earls Barton. The tea was provided by Mr. Blason. Over forty sat down at the prettily laid tables, at which Mrs. Blason and Mrs. S. Hope presided. At the close the Rector and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells. Mr. Hawkes and Mr. Callis responded, the latter remarking that a portion of their Jubilee fund was to be spent on the repair of the chimes. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Finedon, on Saturday, February 19th, 1898, if convenient.

The Secretary, Mr. Dennes, referred to the recent death of the Rev. R. S. Baker, of Hargrave, who was one of their first hono-

rary members and supporters. He also spoke of the death of those three well-known old church officials, Messrs. Parker, Austin and Gostick, the parish clerks of Higham Ferrers, Earls Barton and Raunds. Mr. Bayes, sen., of Ecton, and Mr. Ashby, of St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, were elected ringing members.

There were only five bells at Ecton previous to 1749, in which year the present treble was given by George Freeman, Esq. The chimes date from 1690. On the wall of the ringing room are two inscriptions. The first gives the names of the five ringers in 1721; under which are the lines: "All you that come into this place Thare names may read and not disface." The second inscription is: "April 21st, 1756. We the under written ring the First Six Bell peal 720 upon six bells of this parish; 1st Thomas Cox, 5ft 6in.; 2nd, Thomas Collins, 5ft. 6½in.; 3rd, John Childes, 5ft. 9½in.; 4th, John Langly, 5ft. 6in.; 5th, Willm Smith, 5ft. 7½in.; 6th, John Jelley, 5ft. 8in." Under this is a picture painted in colours on the plaster representing these six ringers all in a row, and each with his bell raised. They are attired in knee-breeches, stockings, and buckled shoes, with the shirts well opened at the neck. The central figure, said to be John Childes, is distinguished by a frilled shirt, white stockings, and a bunch of keys hanging from his fob. There was a bell foundry at Ecton in the latter part of the 17th century. It was carried on by one of the Bagley family.

The meeting at Ecton was deemed by all present a most successful gathering, the utmost good feeling prevailing throughout. After the conclusion of ringing at the church a thoroughly enjoyable "social hour" was spent in the clubroom of that well-known wayside inn, The World's End, where some good old English songs and handbell music amused the members and gratified and interested Mr. Churchwarden Hawkes, Mr. Parrott, and other visitors and friends. It is worthy of note that Mr. John Hawkes was churchwarden of Finedon when the present fine tenor bell there was cast in the year 1875, and his name is on the bell: May he retain that honourable office at Ecton long enough to see the bells there thoroughly renovated and re-hung. They are a good peal, but want quarter-turning badly.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13th, six members of this Association from Penarth and Cardiff paid a visit to the village of Bonvilston, having obtained permission for an afternoon's ringing there. After training to Peterstone, a walk of two-and-a-half miles brought us to our destination, the distance having been made light of by the visions of numerous 720s in various methods about to be accomplished.

A start was made at once, but before the bells could be got up, all the aforesaid visions had vanished like smoke. It was only with the greatest difficulty that the bells were coaxed up at all, and half-an-hour was spent in oiling and trying to improve matters somewhat, but thought want of proper tools little could be done. It was found the 2nd, 3rd, and tenor had become very loose, and all seemed to have been sadly neglected since being rehung about three years ago.

Attempts were made at Minor, but this idea had to be given up as hopeless, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was got through in some fashion by dint of more hard work than should be necessary for several 5000s. Through sheer exhaustion and fear of having the bells through the ceiling, they were then lowered, and a most welcome reviver obtained at The Red Cow inn.

The return was then made to Peterstone, where a set-off to the previous disappointment was hoped for, and this was not denied, as their beautiful bells were soon going to Kent Treble Bob Minor, the 720 being brought round. The go of these bells is perfect, and all were sorry that time did not admit of anything further being done, the last train home being quickly caught.

The band were: Messrs. D. Thomas, R. C. Balcombe, W. B. Biss, J. Vinnicombe, T. Northey, J. Clatterbnck.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, November 7th, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Edwards (first touch of Major), 1; E. Dunk, 2; J. Heasman, 3; J. Steddy, 4; J. Wallis, 5; T. Walters, 6; R. Jenner (first touch of Bob Major with a bob bell), 7; J. Preston (conductor), 8

## CURRENT TOPICS.

Yes! you will all say, a very good number last week. My sentiments exactly. Before I go farther I must thank the several gentlemen who wrote to me this week in congratulatory (I am afraid that's a very long word) language. One of these, who wrote "special" on one particular subject, may satisfy himself that as a colleague of mine in the compilation of this page, he will receive a cordial welcome. "THE BELL NEWS" staff will "ring him in," and I will ask the chief to call his first peal.

We read of members of the Durham and Newcastle Association going to a place called "Robin Hood's Bay." Such a title to an arm (or leg) of the sea seems to me somewhat far-fetched. Robin Hood is as hyperbolical as William Tell, a fact which I suppose is known to every one. We know that freebooters and caterans existed in galore, but a halo has been spread about Robin Hood, as also ROB ROY—two gentlemen who knew not what *meum* and *tuum* signified. The "wizard of the north," as he has been appropriately called—WALTER SCOTT, helped this materially. Some of you must have heard the refrain of an old song:—

A famous man was Robin Hood  
The English ballad-singers' joy;  
But Scotland has a man as good,  
She has, she has, a bold Rob Roy.

But I am getting out of my depth. I was only considering what Robin Hood had to do with a bay, unless it was a bay horse. More likely a bay-tree. Do you want something to read which is very interesting? Read *Ivanhoe*, by SIR WALTER SCOTT. Read it again and again till you understand it, and then you will agree with me that WALTER SCOTT was the greatest novelist that ever existed. *Ivanhoe* treats of Robin Hood, but not of the bay.

In my school-days we were all taught to know the staple trades of the principal towns in Britain. Thus: Ormskirk was famous for gingerbread; Redditch for its needles; Yarmouth for its bloaters; and so forth. Durham, we learnt, was famous for its mustard. We enjoyed "a bit" of Durham mustard last week. The Durham ringers went to the Cathedral. Well, why not? The ringers of old London used to march to Bow Church, with their beadle at the head of the procession. Why don't they do so now? Is there any exaggeration in the statement that the London Societies are the only ringing bodies who do not have a yearly Church service?

Yet perhaps, if we made such things too common it might lead to irreverence. I have very little sympathy with the processions of what are called "friendly societies' church parades," and such like. They are very often the reverse of edifying.

Here is another extract from a "local" print:—

"CAMPANOLGY.—A grand treat is in store for the inhabitants of Fylingdales, on Saturday and Sunday next. A band of ringers from the Durham Change Ringers' Association will ascend St. Stephen's tower at 6 p.m. on Saturday, and ring 5050 Norwich Doubles, which will occupy about 3½ hours. On Sunday morning, at 9.30 a.m., they will ring an ordinary Sunday peal, when the bells will be raised in peal and settled in peal, chiming Long

Ten. The same will also be performed at 5.30 p.m. The band will be captained by Mr. J. H. Blakiston, assisted by Mr. T. Clarke, late captain of the Ripon Cathedral Bellringers."

We shall have to offer a prize to editors of "local" papers for paragraphs of this kind. It may be that some wag is playing a continuous hoax upon these gentlemen. Not the first time, by any means. Oh no.

Most ringers—young and old—know that before the advent of our respected contemporary, the only vehicle for the publication of performances was a "sporting" paper now defunct. There used to be some very stupid hoaxes in that newspaper. I think one appeared something like this: "Tom—, of—, will, on the 25th of March, ring Harry—, of—, for his shirt." How would such things look now? They might certainly create laughter with some.

My old friend JUDD of Southend has been on the rampage again. The members of his company have been having a fine old "beano." Fog, whether of Kent or Essex, had no terrors for W.H.J. and his party; neither were they afraid of any other climatic vagaries. Would it not be well if Associations were to appoint qualified persons to act as comptrollers of these festivities? Perhaps the C.C. may think it wise to elect some one to officiate generally. W.H.J. is the very man. This last suggestion is however, a mere de-tail.

What nonsense in such a proposal, some may say. Perhaps they are right. There are more nonsensical things about. What price the honorary instructors whose names are in annual reports, and who cannot "instruct" at all? Of course these gentlemen don't get any pay; then what is the use of them? Some of them have begged a friend to propose them, to flatter their wretched vanity and conceit. I hope to find that one particular Guild will revise their list, and in future print no one's name who is supposed to hold the office of instructor unless the position is *bona fide*, and residence is within the area covered by the Guild.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last a most successful meeting of ringers took place at Stoke Poges, Bucks, twenty-two being present, hailing from Beaconsfield, Burnham, Farnham Royal, Fulkner, Slough, the local ringers being in full force. Ringing commenced soon after four o'clock, and was kept up until nine. In the course of the afternoon and evening eight different methods were practised, a variety of procedure much enjoyed by the whole of the company, as the bells were found to go well. At six o'clock the ringers were invited to tea at the Manor House, Stoke Park, at which the Rev. Vernon Blake presided. After tea, Mr. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, proposed a vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman for the kind way in which he had received them. In replying, Mr. Blake said that it gave him great pleasure to meet so many ringers who belonged to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and he hoped that the evening would pass off as pleasantly as it had begun. With regard to the tea, his curate, the Rev. U. J. Easson, had greatly assisted him in that matter; and thanks were also due to Mr. Bryant for so kindly granting them the use of the Manor House for the occasion. It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Beaconsfield.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1897.

THERE has lately been, in a certain part of the county of Kent which it is not necessary to name, some very unpleasant relations between the Vicar and the ringers. We are not in a position to say with anything like accuracy who is blameable in the matter; there may be error among all concerned, as is generally the case under such unfortunate circumstances. For reasons to which we need not particularly refer, the Vicar thought proper to relieve the ringers from their usual attendance in the belfry; to be plain, he discharged them from their office as ringers; an act which beyond all doubt belonged to his prerogative. We are not going to enquire whether he was right or wrong in doing so.

Peremptorily closing a tower containing a ring of eight bells against the parish ringers, is generally accompanied by inconvenience, and if our estimate of the affair be correct, it so followed in this case. A period soon arrived when it was absolutely necessary that the bells should be rung. The difficulty was got over by inviting a neighbouring band to perform the work. As may naturally be expected, this has created much ill-blood between the two companies, which it is to be feared will take some time to allay.

We have stated only the bare facts; the parties

concerned would have had us defend their action, but we declined. The point arises whether in such instances as this ringers should hesitate, or otherwise, to officiate. We think—quite outside the merits of this particular case—that great care should be exercised and sufficient inquiry made into the circumstances under which a band of ringers had been sent adrift. Ringing annals furnish, unfortunately, cases of tyranny; and therefore we should be very careful not to give encouragement to any high-handed proceeding.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Thursday, November 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, LEE,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES: IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. .. Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS .. .. 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB .. .. 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 6.
WILLIAM BERRY .. .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, of Mottram, and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

### The Provinces.

#### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

SEDLEY COLLINS .. .. Treble.	J. G. RUMSEY .. .. 5.
A. W. GRIMES .. .. 2.	WILLIAM RUMSEY .. .. 6.
WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. 3.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW .. .. 4.	HENRY W. BALDRY .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN. Thurlow hails from Framsdon; Wightman and Baldry from Brandeston; the rest belong to Debenham.

#### MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Tuesday, November 9, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT Treble.	RICHARD FENWICK .. .. 5.
WILLIAM RUDD .. .. 2.	THOMAS METCALFE .. .. 6.
JAMES CARTER* .. .. 3.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 7.
JOHN H. JONES .. .. 4.	JOHN W. PASSMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. WILDE and Conducted by J. W. PASSMAN.

\*First peal in the method. The above peal was rung in honour of the election of Councillor Thomas Carter as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year.

#### TONBRIDGE, KENT.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1897, 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.

JOHN CHIVERS .. .. Treble.	THOMAS CARD .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM STEED .. .. 6.
JOSEPH SMITH* .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. 7.
ALFRED LAURENCE .. .. 4.	GEORGE RABBIT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

\*First peal of Grandsire away from tenor. Rang in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

#### PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, November 9, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET .. .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .. 6.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 7.
FRED. G. MAY .. .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The above peal was started for at St. Michael's, Gloucester, in honour of the election of Mr. A. Estcourt, son of the late William Estcourt, of Painswick, to the office of Mayor of Gloucester for the second time, and was lost after ringing two and a half hours. The band then journeyed over to Prestbury, and with the assistance of the Rev. E. B. James and F. E. Ward, were successful.

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

On Tuesday, November 9, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK JAKEMAN .. Treble.	JOHN CRABTREE .. .. 5.
C. BROADBENT .. .. 2.	B. THORP .. .. 6.
T. JAKEMAN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. 7.
WALTER JAKEMAN .. .. 4.	J. LEIGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN THORP and Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

This is a two part peal with the 4th and 6th before the tenor throughout, and was rung for the first time as a farewell peal to F. Jakeman on his leaving Ashton for South Wales.

#### HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL KERRISON .. Treble.	EDWARD EASTER .. .. 5.
ALBERT LEE .. .. 2.	JAMES HOWARD .. .. 6.
FREDERICK LAMBERT .. 3.	CHARLES KERRISON .. .. 7.
ARTHUR TOOK .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PEIRCE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by F. LAMBERT.

This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local company.

#### CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES: THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JAMES PETTIT .. .. Treble.	ALBERT COLES .. .. 5.
FREDERICK RUMENS .. .. 2.	GEORGE J. SMITH .. .. 6.
WILLIAM D. SMITH .. .. 3.	WALTER PRIME .. .. 7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and it was rung at the first attempt. It is also the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by the Association, which was established on Whit-Monday, 1897.

#### CHIPPING.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1897, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. TIMBRELL,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES: Being seven 720s each called differently.

F. TIMBRELL .. .. 1-2.	E. TIMBRELL .. .. 3-4.
W. T. H. TIMBRELL .. .. 5-6.	

Composed by J. J. PARKER, of Farnham Royal, Bucks, and

Conducted by W. T. H. TIMBRELL.

Referee—J. Seed. First peal on handbells by all, and first by the Preston branch.

## STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.  
(LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Friday, November 12, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK SHERWOOD .. .. Treble.	HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 5.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS† .. 2.	FREDERICK BARRETT .. 6.
EDWARD READER .. .. 3.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PERRIN .. .. 4.	*SAMUEL NEEDHAM .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

\*First peal. †Fiftieth peal.

## REIGATE, SURREY.

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

On Saturday, November 13, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE W. MULLEY .. Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 5.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 2.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS .. 6.
FRANK BUCK .. .. 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND  
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 13, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

THOMAS NICKOLS .. .. Treble.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. .. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. 6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3.	STEPHEN STACEY .. .. 7.
GEORGE W. STEEL .. .. 4.	JOHN M. CHADWICK .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

The above was rung on the fiftieth birthday of Mr. William Abbishaw, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right.

## SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 6.
GEORGE BAKER .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID HEYS .. .. Treble.	NOAH TOWNEND .. .. 5.
FREDERICK TOWNS .. .. 2.	JOHN ROWE WERRING .. 6.
RICHARD ASHWORTH .. 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY .. 7.
JAS. BROGDEN TAYLOR .. 4.	TOM REDMAN .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. J. B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot; the rest from Holy Trinity, Burnley.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

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

On Saturday, November 13, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN JAMES LAMB .. Treble.	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 5.
HARRY FLANDERS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. 6.
WALTER INGHAM .. .. 3.	GEORGE DURLING .. .. 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, of Mottram, and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 13, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT .. .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 6.
NOAH DAVIS .. .. 3.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 7.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This is the first peal in the method by Messrs. Pritchett and Clayton, and the first peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt; also the first peal of Cambridge rang under the new title as given by the Central Council; also the first peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Monday, November 15, 1897, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 20 lbs.

G. E. BLAY .. .. Treble.	T. SHORT .. .. 5.
R. WHITE .. .. 2.	F. WHITE .. .. 6.
E. ALDWORTH .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 4.	H. HYDE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung to celebrate the reopening of transept, lately restored.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, November 15, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	*GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
FRANK A. SMITH* .. .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. 6.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY* .. 3.	*WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. 7.
FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM and Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. \*First peal in the method. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ernest Huntley.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURGATE (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 30th, a 720 in six different methods: 120 Bob Doubles, 120 Dream, 120 April Day, 120 Morning Star, 120 Grandsire Doubles, and 120 London Doubles. J. Buckingham, 1; E. Buckingham, 2; G. Moss, 3; E. Youngs, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5.

GISLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, October 31st, for Divine Service, on occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 360 Grand-

sire Doubles. E. Buckingham, 1; G. Moss, 2; H. E. Symonds, 3; E. Youngs, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5. Tenor 18 cwt. After service the Wickham company rang 360 Bob Minor. F. Cullum, 1; J. Rose, 2; C. Nunn, 3; F. Potter, 4; G. Cattermole (conductor), 5; W. Rumsey (Debenham), 6.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, November 6th, for practice at St Margaret's church, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson, 3; H. J. Button, 4; C. Samson, 5; T. D. Ball, 6; T. E. Shearing, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, November 9th, on the occasion of the appointment of Richard Irwin, Esq., to the mayoralty of Tynemouth, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Hunt, 1; J. Browell, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; W. Reed (conductor), 4; A. Tully, 5; R. Morrison, 6; C. Waugh, 7; A. Dowell, 8. Also 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Hunt, 1; W. Reed (conductor), 2; J. Rossiter, 3; C. Waugh, 4; J. Browell, 5; R. Morrison, 6; A. Tully, 7; A. Dowell, 8.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 17th, at St. Mary Matfelon, White-chapel, 1260 Stedman Triples in 44 mins. W. Truss, 1; W. S. Wise (conductor), 2; J. Scholes, 3; S. Joyce, 4; E. Wallage, 5; E. Hall, 6; A. W. Barkus, 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. On Sunday morning, October 31st, for Divine Service at the church of St. George-in-the-East, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.; composed by the Editor. A. W. Barkus (conductor), 1; J. Scholes, 2; E. Wallage, 3; W. Truss, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; S. Joyce, 6; E. Hall, 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor 31 cwt. in D flat.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

AYLESTONE (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, November 6th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Bray, 1; J. O. Lancashire (conductor), 2; J. Wilson, 3; H. Towers, 4; A. Towers, 5; J. Marlow, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, taken from Holt's Original, in 47 mins. D. Wright (conductor), 1; F. Whibley, 2; R. Stone, 3; E. Bridger, 4; G. Edwards, 5; G. Steer, 6; H. Selby, 7; J. Heath, 8. On Sunday morning, September 26th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; A. Selby, 3; G. Selby, 4; M. Whatley, 5; J. Heath, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; G. Selby, 3; M. Whatley, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. For evening service 672 Stedman Triples. H. Selby, 1; G. Selby, 2; R. Stone, 3; M. Whatley, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; G. Steer, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Thursday, October 7th, 168 Stedman Triples. H. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; G. Selby, 3; G. Steer, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright, 6; G. Edwards (first touch and first attempt at Stedman), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday, October 10th, for Harvest Thanksgiving Services, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; G. Selby, 3; D. Wright (conductor), 4; M. Whatley, 5; G. Steer, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. After service 504 Stedman Triples. T. Groombridge (conductor), 1; G. Selby, 2; G. Steer, 3; M. Whatley, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright, 6; R. Stone, 7; D. Ashdown, 8. On Sunday, October 24th, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Selby (conductor), 1; G. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; M. Whatley, 4; J. Heath, 5; G. Edwards, 6; G. Steer (composer), 7; R. Stone, 8. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. H. Selby, 1; G. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; M. Whatley, 4; J. Heath, 5; F. Bailey (Lewisham, conductor), 6; G. Stone, 7; R. Stone, 8. On Wednesday, November 3rd, on the occasion of the marriage of E. P. A. Hankey, Esq., of Hinxton Hall, Chesterford, to Miss Mildred Earle Johnston, fourth daughter of F. J. Johnston, Esq., Dunsdale, Westerham, 756 Grandsire Triples. H. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; G. Edwards, 3; M. Whatley, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; G. Steer, 7; D. Ashdown, 8.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Wednesday, November 3rd, at the church of St. Alfege, with the bells half-muffled in memory of H. R. H. the late Duchess of Teck, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. G. Davis, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade (conductor), 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; H. Hoskins, 7; F. W. Thornton, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. J. J. Lamb, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; H. Flanders, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; T. Taylor, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; W. Berry, 8. Also 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Berry, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 4; T. Taylor, 5; H. Hoskins, 6; H. Flanders, 7; F. W. Thornton, 8. On Sunday morning, November 7th, for Divine Service, 756 Kent Treble Bob Major. I. G. Shade (conductor)

1; J. J. Lamb, 2; A. Osborne, 3; W. Foreman, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; W. Berry, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; H. Thornton, 8. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. H. Flanders, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; F. W. Thornton, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; W. Berry, 6; H. Hoskins (conductor), 7; C. Langdon, 8. A. Osborne hails from Rochester; C. Langdon from Gillingham.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 3rd, 720 Violet. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 8. And 720 Kent. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Kenyon, 2; F. Timbrell, 3; T. Seed, 4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5; E. Timbrell, 6. On Wednesday, October 13th, 720 College Pleasure. On Saturday, October 16th, 720 each of College Pleasure, Violet, and New London Pleasure. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On Monday, October 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; T. Redman, 4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5; E. Timbrell, 6. On Tuesday, October 19th, 720 each of Duke of York and Woodbine. On Wednesday, October 27th, 720 Grandsire (thirty-six bobs and twelve singles). Composed by W. Walmsley, of Cheshire. And 720 Oxford Single (twenty bobs and two singles). Composed by J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 2; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On Sunday, November 7th, 720 College Single. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; T. Seed, 4; F. Timbrell, 5; W. Timbrell (conductor), 6. T. Redman hails from Burnley. On Monday, October 25th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. F. Timbrell, 1-2; E. Timbrell, 3-4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5-6; J. Seed, 7-8. First quarter-peal by all the band. On Thursday, October 28th, a quarter-peal in the same method in 38 mins., standing as before. Composed by the late H. Hubbard. On Thursday, November 4th, two 720s of Bob Minor. F. Timbrell, 1-2; E. Timbrell, 3-4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5-6.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, October 17th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). H. Little, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 20th, for practice, 720 Lincoln Surprise. 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. J. Luckey (conductor), 1; H. Little (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; G. Jordan, 6. On Thursday, October 21st, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. William Watts, the conductor of the Stansted company, to Miss Ellen Dodson, of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Little, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Jordan, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 24th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Little, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts (conductor), 5; G. Jordan, 6. On Wednesday, October 27th, for practice, 720 London Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. I. Cavill hails from Roydon; T. Jordan from Chingford.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, October 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Large, 1; H. Bond, 2; C. Packer, 3; J. Collet, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; T. Bond, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; E. T. Druce, 8. This is Collet and Druce's first quarter-peal. On Wednesday, November 3rd a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. J. Collet, 1; H. Bond, 2; F. E. Ward, Esq., 3; D. Frances, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Launchbury, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; J. Faulkner, 8.

#### EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALFRETON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, October 8th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 30 mins. W. Burnham, 1; B. Fletcher, 2; J. Brookes, 3; F. Kay, 4; H. George (conductor), 5; G. Pipes, 6. Tenor 17 cwt. This is the first 720 on the bells since adding the new Diamond Jubilee bell, which was dedicated on July 25th by the Rev. W. E. Bradstock, vicar of Ripley. On Saturday, October 30th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Pipes, 1; B. Fletcher, 2; J. Brookes, 3; F. Kay, 4; — Hutchinson, 5; H. George (conductor), 6. Messrs. George, Fletcher and Kay hail from Ripley; the rest are local men, to whom great credit is due for the manner in which they rang.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Tuesday, November 9th, eight members of the above attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), but owing to the indisposition of the conductor it had to be brought home half-way, in 1 hr. 25 mins. A. Clewes, 1; S. Churton (conductor), 2; A. Brindley, 3; T. Austin, 4; T. Mountford, 5; T. Miller (Wolstanton), 6; H. Page, 7; E. Davis, 8. An attempt was also made for Thurstans' 20-part peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing six parts it came to grief. A. Brindley, 1; T. Allen, 2; T. Austin, 3; A. Clewes, 4; T. Mountford, 5; H. Page (conductor), 6; E. Davis, 7; T. Rose, 8.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BLOXWICH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, November 7th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. A. Painter, 1; W. Barton, 2; J. C. Adams, 3; J. Birch, 4; J. Barton (conductor), 5; F. Edwards, 6; J. Elton, 7; R. W. Frost, 8. Composed by William Ware, of Old Windsor.

ALTON (Hants).—On Sunday, October 24th, at St. Lawrence's church, 546 Grandsire Triples. A. Burgess, 1; F. Healey, 2; Miss W. Whyley, 3; A. W. Evans (conductor), 4; R. Applegath, 5; T. A. Chalcraft, 6; G. Gasson, 7; T. Noakes, 8.

BROLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, November 6th, 1897, by kind permission of the Vicar 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung at the parish church, in 28 mins. G. Ward, 1; A. Jackson, 2; J. Mason, 3; O. James, 4; G. Hayward (conductor), 5; G. Bourne, 6. The Vicar then invited the ringers to tea at the vicarage. After returning thanks to the Vicar for his kindness the ringers visited the tower again and rang 360 Grandsire Minor, conducted by J. Mason. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, F. Alcock ringing the treble. F. Alcock is a native of Beoley. Hayward, Bourn, James and Ward hail from Bromsgrove; Mason from Stoke Prior; Jackson from Chaddesley.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Tuesday, November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. Whitehead, 1; H. Raistrick, 2; T. Kendall, 3; J. Hardcastle, 4; J. Mawson, 5; J. Cundall, 6; J. Wotton (conductor), 7; W. Bolton, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Whitehead and Bolton.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, October 30th, for practice, 503 Grandsire Caters. R. Burrell, 1; W. Rowland, jun., 2; W. Rowland, sen., 3; C. Waskett, 4; A. Edwards (conductor), 5; W. Hawkes, 6; A. Richell, 7; H. Harper, 8; A. Whight, 9; A. Tarbun, 10.

CHILDSWYCKHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, November 6th, at the parish church, a peal of Minor was attempted, but after ringing a 720 of Oxford, two 720s of Canterbury, two 720s of Plain Bob, and in the last part of a 720 of Grandsire, in 2 hrs. and 5 mins., the 3rd rope broke at the wheel. G. Williams, 1; F. Johnson, 2; H. Salisbury, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; G. Checketts, 5; F. Cook, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 30th, on the occasion of the Lord Mayor's visit for the oyster feast, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Harvey, 1; W. Howell, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Ladhams, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; E. Beckwith, 6; W. Burch, 7; W. Schofield, 8. And 576 in the same method, A. Fenner ringing the 4th. Also 800 Bob Major, W. Schofield, 7; W. Burch, 8; the rest as before. And 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Burch, 7; W. Schofield, 8; the rest as before. Conducted by D. Elliott.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Peter's church, Bengeworth, four 720s of Minor, one of Oxford, two of Canterbury Pleasure, one of Plain Bob, in hr. 34 mins., being an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. G. Williams, 1; A. H. Sharp, 2; G. Checketts, 3; H. Salisbury, 4; F. Johnson, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 9th, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Ellis, 1; A. Redwood, 2; T. Aldis, 3; G. Knock, 4; J. Brewster, 5; C. Ramplin (conductor), 6; A. Morris, 7; W. Green, 8. And 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Aldis, 1; C. Ellis, 2; A. Redwood, 3; J. Brewster, 4; G. Knock, 5; C. Ramplin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. C. Ellis, 1; A. Redwood, 2; T. Aldis, 3; G. Knock, 4; C. Ramplin (conductor), 5; A. Morris, 6; W. Green, 8.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Saturday, November 6th, for combined practice, 630, 504 and 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Boyles, 1; G. Hawkins, 2; C. Peirce, 3; C. Smart, 4; A. Cousins, 5; M. Steer, 6; B. Hawkins (conductor), 7; F. Murtow, 8. This is the longest touch in the method by Peirce, Smart, Cousins and Murtow.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Wednesday, November 3rd,

after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major which was lost after ringing 1 hr., a course of London Surprise Major was rung, which is the first course in the method ever rung on tower bells in Northamptonshire. W. Perkins, 1; W. Newman, 2; J. Garratt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; J. Martin, 8. Touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were also rung.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Wednesday, November 3rd, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. J. Strutt, 1; J. Wright, 2; E. Stacey, 3; W. Tiller, 4; G. Naish, 5; G. Strutt, 6; J. Howes (conductor), 7; J. Chandler, 8. Tenor 33 cwt. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect of respect to the late Duchess of Teck.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 24th, at St. Margaret's Westminster, for evening service, 1149 Stedman Caters. H. Barton (conductor), 1; H. N. Davis, 2; V. W. West, 3; G. Mulley, 4; G. Symonds, 5; F. G. Perrin, 6; A. K. Davis, 7; J. Nichols, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; J. Golding, 10.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Tuesday, September 28th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. On Tuesday, October 5th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, two 720s in the same method. On Sunday morning, October 31st, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor. For evening service a 720 (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). On Sunday morning, November 7th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Bob. For evening service 720 Oxford Bob (twenty-six singles). J. Wetton, 1; R. Leonard, 2; W. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; C. Walker, 6. These are the first 720s by J. Wetton.

STOKE DOYLE (Northants).—On Sunday afternoon, at the parish church, three 120s of Grandsire Doubles. R. Rowell, 1; C. Hawkins, 2; J. Moyser (conductor), 3; E. G. Baker, 4; G. Hankins, 6. Also several touches, the local ringers taking part. Baker and Rowell, who hail from Peterborough, wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their kind assistance.

SUDBOROUGH (Northants).—On Saturday evening, November 6th, at the parish church, four 120s of Grandsire Doubles, and four 120s of Bob Doubles. R. Rowell, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; F. Jakes, 3; C. Swan (conductor), 4; J. Guest, 8.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Gough, 1; W. Wilson, 2; W. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; A. Oxley (conductor), 5; F. W. Stout, 6. On October 11th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. T. Morris, a former official at St. Paul's church. First 720 in the method by J. Wilson and W. Oxley. On October 17th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-bobs and two singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer (conductor), 5; F. W. Stout, 6. On October 24th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson (conductor), 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. On October 25th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout (conductor), 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Sunday, November 7th, at the Abbey church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. T. Freeman, 1; W. A. Alps, 2; E. A. Bacon (conductor), F. Carter, 4; J. Rann, 5; L. G. Carter, 6; E. Wightman, 7; G. Clark, 8. Messrs. Freeman, Bacon, L. G. Carter, Rann and Clark hail from Loughton, Essex, and E. Wightman from Woodford.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, October 29th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). E. Runter, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; A. Tarbun, 3; E. Wright, 4; A. Bradley, 5; W. J. Piper, 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Runter, Wright, and Bradley, who hail from Broomfield. Also 504 Stedman Triples. And on Friday, November 5th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. W. Rowland, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; J. Tarbun, 3; C. Waskett, 4; H. Harper, 3; W. J. Piper, 6; A. Whight, 7; C. Porter, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Tarbun, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; W. Rowland, 3; C. Waskett, 4; W. J. Piper, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; A. Whight, 7; H. Harper, 8. First touch in the method by J. Tarbun.

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## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—SUDBURY BRANCH.

A district meeting of this branch of the above association was held on Monday, November 1st, at All Saints, Sudbury. The meeting was a very successful one, members putting in an appearance from Sudbury (All Saints), Glemsford, Cavendish, Melford, Lavenham, Monk's Eleigh, Preston and Great Bentley. The bells of all the churches were kindly placed at the disposal of the members for the day. Ringing commenced about twelve o'clock at All Saints, where a touch of Bob Major was rung. Touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were also rung at St. Gregory's and St. Peter's during the afternoon. At 4 p.m. the members sat down to an excellent meat tea at The Bull hotel, under the presidency of the Vicar of All Saints, Rev. C. J. Stower (hon. member), Alderman C. E. Mauldon (vicar's warden), occupied the vice-chair; Mr. N. Aprile (parish warden) being also present. Before proceeding to the business meeting, after tea, the chairman gave the toast of "The Queen," which was drunk with enthusiasm, a verse of the National Anthem being sung by the whole company, Mr. C. Siltoe accompanying on the piano. The Dis. Sec. then read the minutes of the last meeting, which was passed and signed by the chairman. The following new members were elected: Revs. B. P. Oakes (Hawkedon, Suffolk), and W. C. Humbley (Great Ashfield, Suffolk), hon. members.; W. Griggs and H. Brackett (All Saints, Sudbury), A. Taylor, W. Clark, A. Crick, G. Middleditch, W. Taylor and H. Garwood, of Hawkedon; A. D. Scase, S. A. Moule and W. Bridges, of Great Ashfield; W. Fayers (Preston). It was proposed by Mr. W. Green (Monks Eleigh) and seconded by Mr. S. Slater, and carried, that the next meeting be held at Monk's Eleigh, as soon as the bells are ready for ringing. The Chairman in response to the toast of is health, said, he hoped the Association would pay a visit at some future date, he was glad to welcome them there that day. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman for presiding, also to the rector of St. Peter's for kindly granting the use of the bells of that church, and St. Gregory's. Handbell ringing was afterwards indulged in, and songs were given by Messrs. Bixby, Cadge, Green and Keeble, and a very pleasant evening was spent. If any member of this branch has not received a copy of the Annual Report for 1897, will they kindly communicate with the Dis. Sec.

## Correspondence.

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

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

## MR. HILLS' REPLY TO MR. HERBERT.

SIR,—Sheath your sword, old friend, I will not fight with you, I have spent too many happy hours in your company, and have too much respect for you to quarrel with you. My object and mission in life is to make peace, and not break it, and besides, one of our golden rules is to try and create a higher moral tone amongst ringers. I am truly sorry for the inaccurate statement I made in the distance from Woburn to Dunstable, but that, in my mind, is not sufficient excuse; the roads were good and the weather fine, bicycles and traps could have been brought into use. The apathy I mentioned is not apparent, but I am sorry to say it is real, the cause I know not. The good work you inaugurated at Woburn in the year 1865 you are to be highly commended for. My humble advice is to go on with it. Coming to the re-dedication of St. Paul's bells, could I have had my way on such an auspicious occasion I would have invited every member of the Association, but my feeble voice only counted one. I did the best I could, and you know, my friend, I sent you a written invitation, and I also gave you a verbal one in the belfry to the tea. What more could I do? I was one who did a great deal towards founding the Association in the year 1882. I pledged myself in your presence above once I would stick to it; and so I will, even if it dwindles down to your humble servant. With your permission, Mr. Editor, I should like to review our work in Bedford; it might be interesting reading to other bands. I have been a ringer at St. Paul's between thirty and forty years. I won't go back so far as that, though I belonged to a young band of round ringers before the old tower was taken down. After the new tower and spire were built and the old eight bells rehung in a new frame and all new fittings by Mears and Stainbank, I cannot fix the date, but I should think about thirty-two years ago, several young bands were formed, but nothing done in the way of change-ringing. There was not enough interest in round-ringing and call-changes to

keep a band together. About twenty-five years ago our late beloved and much lamented treasurer, T. G. E. Elger, Esq., was the means of getting a band of change-ringers from Oxford to attempt a peal. It was on an Easter Monday, and Stedman was the method. I often wonder if any of the men are now living, I should like to know. But there is no doubt in my mind that that was when the seeds of change-ringing was first sown. They done some good ringing, but failed in the attempt on account of the bad going of the 6th, 7th and 8th. The Oxford men gave us young ones some good advice, and we pulled ourselves together, but made no real progress for a few years after, until a copy of "Troyte" came into my hands, and by reading that the writer advocated learning upon handbells. Myself and another friend—Mr. F. Chasty—went round the parish getting up subscriptions to purchase the handbells. We met with great success, and five or six of us met in the tower night after night, and week after week, until we mastered a plain course of Doubles. Then we got to the first bob, and I shall never forget calling it; but however, we stuck to it and mastered 120 of Grandsire. The tower bells had been silent through Lent, but on an Easter morn we made up our minds to attempt the greater task early. I shall never forget the row we made; we tried it on the back six; I was ringing the 7th; down she would not go to lead, and the treble seemed just as bad, she would not come up behind, it was all hopeless confusion. To use a slang term we "chucked" it for a time and went home. But we went on with our practice till we mastered the 120 well on the tower bells. Then we used to go round the villages and try it upon other bells, Elstow for instance, where we gained two good recruits, my old friend W. Hall, who is still with us, and J. Adkin; my old friend Frossell came to Bedford, and then we got on better. They soon picked it up; they had the happy knack of ringing their bells and correcting mistakes. We then went from Doubles to Triples, but found it a big step. We had to turn back to Minor; I learnt the calling of a 720 of Grandsire from "Troyte." I shall never forget what a task that was. I sometimes used to call the tenor in and out at 1, sometimes in and out at 3. This was upon handbells. Then I used to forget how many parts were rung until I got into the knack of putting one hand behind me and counting my fingers till at last we done it. My friend Hall proved to be the best conductor, so I turned the job up to him. We kept struggling on, never getting tired; kept gaining recruits, until my esteemed friend Mr. C. W. Clarke came among us, and I cannot speak in terms too highly of him. He is a born ringer; it seems a natural gift with him. We owe all our success in peal-ringing to him. I do not think he has lost one peal through his own fault. This brings us down to the present time. So you see, Mr. Editor, twenty years ago there was not one change-ringer in Bedford, now at the present time we have a grand peal of ten at St. Paul's second to none I know of their weight. I shall never be tired of sounding their praise. The St. Paul's band at the present time consists of about twenty members, men and lads; they can all pull a bell, and sometimes they are all there, and most of them take a copy of "THE BELL NEWS," and we can ring from Bob Single to London Surprise. I think that is something to be proud of, and all this has been done without costing one penny for an instructor. What do we owe our success to but perseverance and forbearance? The Association was established in the year 1882, and I have attended every meeting, both annual and quarterly, and every re-dedication and restoration that has been held in our county and some out of it.

I. HILLS.

## A CORRECTION.

SIR.—I wish to correct the statement that appeared in last week's "BELL NEWS," that the 720 of Kent Treble Bob rang at Willesborough, on October 11th, was the first on the bells; I find that the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by the Aldington ringers in 1886.

E. J. DIXON.

LOWICK (Northants).—On Saturday, November 6th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Rowell, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; F. Jakes, 3; J. Betts, 4; C. Swan, 5; J. Guest (conductor), 6.

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**The Birmingham Amalgamated Society.**—There will be no practice at St. Philip's church, Birmingham, on Monday nights until further notice.  
JOHN CARTER.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mary's church, Deane, near Bolton, to-day, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Unveiling of peal-tablet by Mr. W. Boardman, of London, formerly of Deane, at 5.30. Tea in schoolroom at 6. Meeting after tea in schoolroom.  
Hy. Moss, Branch Sec.

149, Clarence Street, Bolton.

**St. Peter's Society, Walworth.**—All members are requested to attend the business meeting at St. Peter's church after ringing on Friday, November 26th.

VICTOR W. WEST, Hon. Sec.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—The third annual dinner will be held at The Swan hotel (close to Railway station), Bacup, on November 27th. Dinner at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present must send their names to the branch secretary not later than November 20th. The charge, as usual, is 2s. 6d.  
J. H. BANKS, Helmshore.

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held in the schoolroom, Weston, on Saturday, November 27th, at 6 p.m. Leaders will kindly inform the Hon. Sec. how many members propose to attend.

HENRY WOOLCOTT, Hon. Sec.

Grange Mount, West Kirby.

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Christ Church, Armley (six bells), on Saturday, November 27th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Meeting-house—The White Horse inn, Town Street. A new peal of handbells, kindly lent by Mr. Kerry, winner of "THE BELL NEWS" coupon competition, will be at the disposal of the members.  
R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Seaford on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (8) available 4 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30. It will greatly assist the work of the Hon. Sec. if those members who have not yet paid their subscription for 1896 and 1897 will kindly do so at once.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.

101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting in Mission Room adjoining churchyard at 7.0 p.m.  
WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, December 11th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringing to stop at 7 p.m.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT BROMLEY, KENT.**—This was F. W. Thornton's first peal of Treble Bob as conductor and first attempt, and was rung as a birthday compliment to him upon the completion of his 35th year, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. W. Ingham hails from Chislehurst; G. Durling from Bromley; the remainder from St. Alfege Church, Greenwich. The band desire through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar, Rev. A. G. Hellicar, for so kindly granting them permission at short notice, and Messrs. Durling and Dunn for their excellent arrangements for the visitors' comfort.

**THE PEAL AT LEE.**—First peal of Treble Bob on the bells and rang at first attempt. Rang as a birthday compliment to W. Berry, his colleagues according him the usual good wishes. T. Taylor (late a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths) was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths prior to starting for the peal. The ringers desire through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rev. Frederick H. Law, rector, for his kind permission to use the bells, and Mr. John Crowder, towerkeeper, for his courtesy and attention. T. Taylor hails from St. Mary's church, Lewisham; the remainder from St. Alfege church, Greenwich.

**THE PEAL AT REIGATE, SURREY.**—This peal is the first in the method on the bells and was rang at the first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also the local ringers for having everything in readiness for them. It is 46 years since a College Youths band rang a peal on these bells.

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**CORRECTIONS.**—Mr. I. Hills is not the Hon. Sec. of the Bedfordshire Association as reported in our last issue, but the Assistant Hon. Sec.—The 720 of Oxford Treble Bob rang at Gawsorth, Cheshire, on Sunday, October the 24th, contained fourteen bobs, not fifteen, as published.

**WANTED** a set of eight or ten handbells. Address stating price and size to George Chester, 142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

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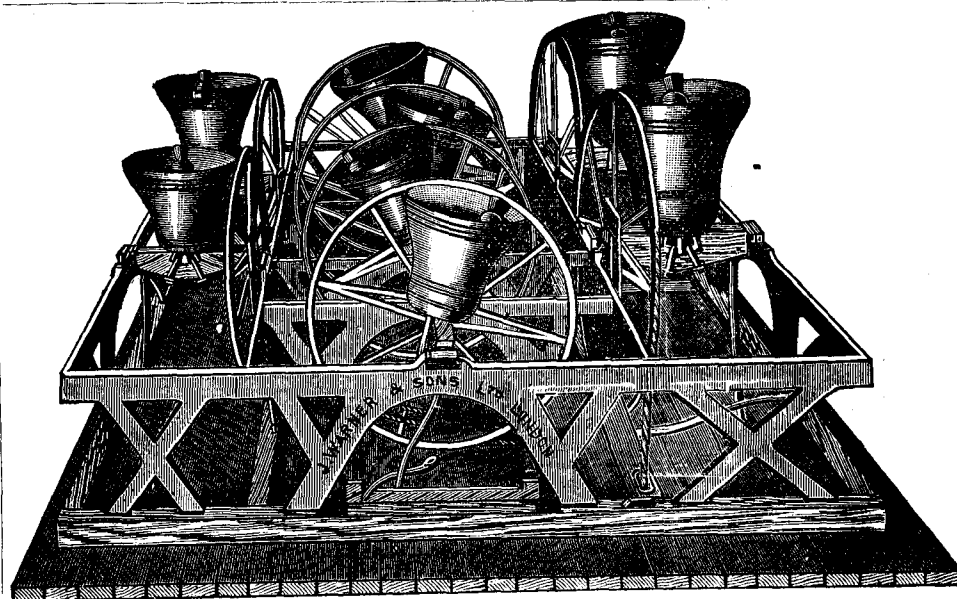
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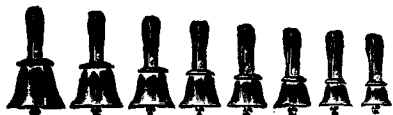
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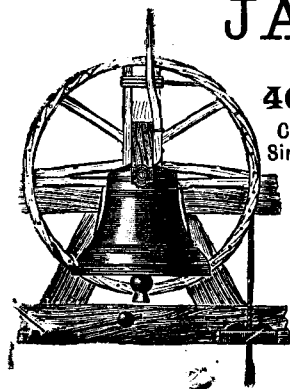
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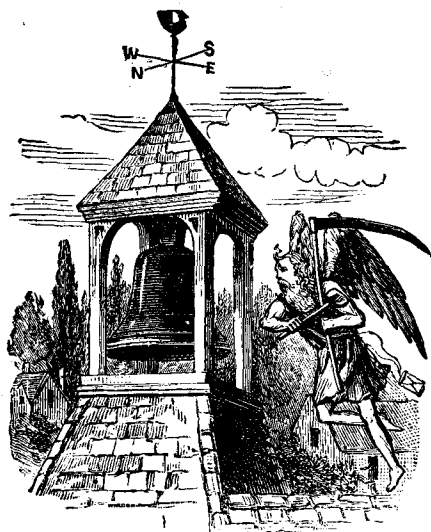
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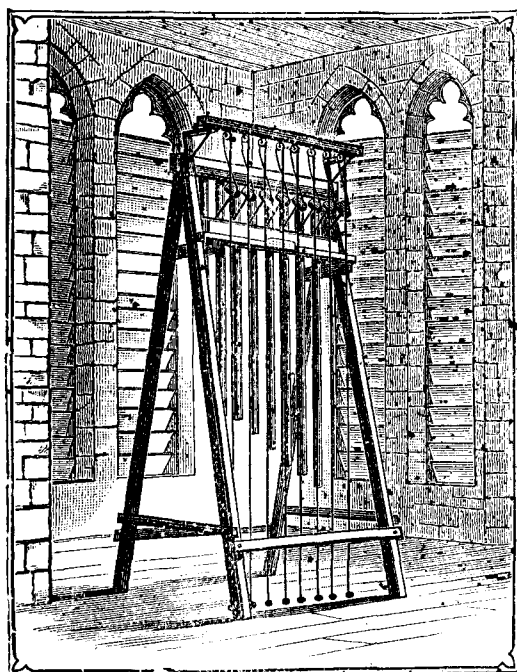
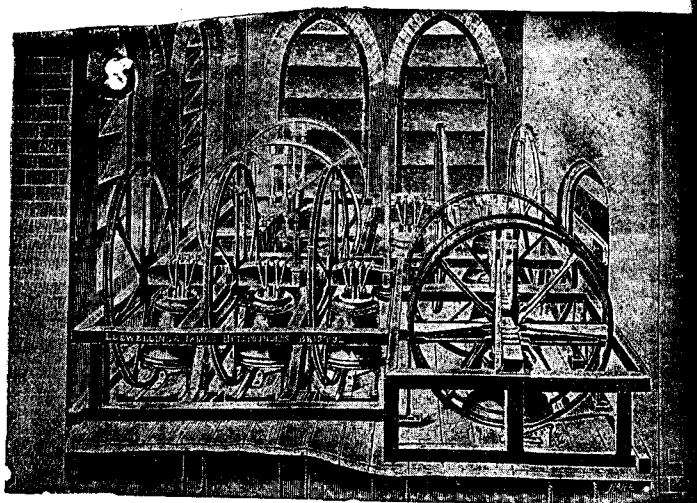
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## DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT ASKRIGG, WENSLEYDALE, YORKS.

Thursday week was a red-letter day in the history of the ancient church of St. Oswald at Askrigg, the greater part of which was built in the late Early English and Perpendicular styles of architecture about the year 1466, although there was an earlier church. Thursday witnessed the dedication of the new peal of six bells in place of the three that had done duty and announced weal and woe, wedding and burial, since 1657, at the close of Cromwell's reign. In the year 1831 a proposal was made to increase the number of bells to six by means of a church rate, which, after being carried at a vestry meeting, was defeated on a poll by 125 votes to 124. It is stated that one man, who had come a considerable distance to record his vote in favour of the proposal, arrived just after the poll was closed, otherwise the number would have been exactly equal. The project of acquiring a new peal of six bells was started in June last, when the Rev. C. Whaley, vicar, called a public meeting to consider the question as a form of permanently commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was decided at that meeting that an effort should be made to obtain the new peal, and a representative committee of forty-seven was appointed for the parish of Askrigg, which includes Low Abbotside, Bainbridge, and Worton. The Rev. C. Whaley was appointed chairman; Mr. C. Chapman, hon. treasurer; and Mr. A. T. Storey, hon. sec. The appeal for subscriptions was met with a remarkable ready response, and within ten days of the issue of a circular asking for subscriptions, the sum required was guaranteed. The cost of the whole peal of bells, together with the necessary new wood work in the tower, will be about £400. The three old bells it was decided to recast, and with some additional metal make a new peal of six. Several committees were appointed to canvass the district; two each for the districts of Askrigg, Low Abbotside, Worton, and Bainbridge. This appeal also met with a kind response from the Nonconformists, and some of the ladies who took trays at the tea belonged to the dissenting bodies.

Besides providing the bells, Messrs. Mallaby have placed the necessary wood-work for a new floor in the tower, and the rehanging of the bells. The bells are made of the best gun metal, in cast metal bushes, hanging on an oak frame. The clappers are of the latest improved description, reversible, and by the removal of knots at the top can be easily taken off and replaced. At the same time a new lead roof has been placed on the top of the tower. The ringers were entertained at The King's Arms hotel, where a splendid dinner was provided by the genial host, Mr. Robinson. At this, the health of Mr. Mallaby, who has carefully superintended the work, which has given great satisfaction, was honoured. The bells were recast by Messrs. Warner and Son, of London, and the ringers were unanimous in recommending their sweetness of tone, that would improve by use. Shortly after one o'clock ringers from Masham opened the bells with touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Ringers from East Witton joined and rang touches of Oxford,

Duke of York, and Kent. Mr. Clarke, of Masham, and Mr. C. Denton Smith, of York, also assisted. Afterwards for the service a mixed band rang the bells, which were kept going the whole of the afternoon. The Masham ringers also rang touches upon handbells in the village. The dedication service commenced at 3 p.m., when the church was filled by a congregation that had flocked in from all parts of the valley from an early hour. The clergy present were the Revs. F. W. Stowe, rector of Aysgarth; E. Orde-Powlett, rector of Wensley; E. Kerr-Smith, rector of Middleham; D. Walker, vicar of Grinton; R. Pinck, vicar of Hardrow; W. P. Irving, curate of Hawes; H. M. Sharples, rector of Finghall, and C. Whaley, vicar of Askrigg. The Rev. C. Whaley read the first part, and the Rev. F. W. Stowe read the lesson. Special hymns were sung. After the hymn, "Lift them gently to the steeple," the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ripon entered the pulpit and preached a sermon from Psalm xc. verses xvi. and xvii.: "Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children; and let the glory and majesty of the Lord be on us, and prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handiwork." He said that they were there to dedicate the bells in commemoration of one of the greatest periods of our national history. The best characteristics in their national life were found, whether in social, religious, or political, in reference for the past and faith in the future. If they looked at the great historical psalms which told them the whole history of the people of God, they saw how all of them praised their great heroes of the past and their achievements, and these all pointed to one lesson, that there was a God above all, strong and faithful, joyous and merciful, patient, because He was eternal, working out His great purposes slowly but surely for Israel and mankind. There was a true reverence and a false. There was the true reverence which was not based on the pride of national glory, but rather in the trust that God was building up the national life, and moulding the national character. A false reverence was that which regarded the deeds of our fathers, and appealed to names that were unworthy, without a thought of the overruling Providence, and this was what caused only shame. The Jews had come to this. They could only in our Lord's time, keep looking back on their forefathers, saying they were the people of God; while they showed in their lives that they were not the people of God, and they dishonoured the name they bore. In true reverence they would recognise a great trust and responsibility in their high position, the same as in the case of the talent given. The talent was not to be wrapped up in a napkin, but was to fructify and to be turned to good account; and the age should seek to introduce a new era of progress and enlightenment, new hope and enthusiasm, and fresh generations of saints and heroes, truth and justice, religion and piety. These were the things that true reverence for the past should bring. Their history should stimulate their faith in the future, and rouse a true spirit of patriotism. They could see God's hand in it, and they should pray and strive that these

children should also see God's glory in greater developments. There had been a steady progress in England, built up by the great names of the past, by sovereigns, statesmen, poets, soldiers, and sailors, men of science and philosophy. They might well be proud of this, their country, but let it be the right kind of pride, that regarded with reverence the past. Over all their progress and extension there was written one word—"responsibility." All the extension of their country and triumph of greatness depended upon their recognition of their answerableness to God. He then referred to their responsibilities with regard to the colonies, to India, Africa, etc. He pointed out their duties were to show a public spirit, a love of their country, for its greatness and nobility, and respect for the law. All hope of a Greater England that shall be was in their recognising their responsibility. A nation that did not recognise its answerableness to God would perish. This saying he illustrated by the examples of Rome and Spain in the past. Let them always pray that "the great majesty of the Lord our God prosper the work of our hands." The bells they were dedicating should stimulate them in their recognition of their responsibilities, and the message that they ring out to each should be "Glory to God, and duty to God." They would ring their visitation to them Sunday after Sunday, reminding them that God is here, and He is to be worshipped. They would ring out times of joy and of sorrow, but through all they should hear the undertone, "Glory to God and duty to God." He should like to say one word about the ringers. He hoped that these would from the very first realise that they had as much to do with the service of God as the choir. They will look upon it as a religious duty, and the best work they can do for the glory of God. It was not easy for each one to feel that he has something to do for God, but they should all try to do something, and however small it may be, let them take care that it was done for the Lord. Therefore every church-singer should be a man of character, should know that he has a character to keep up. He advised the bellringers to make a careful little set of rules, which they should all promise to keep. There had been in old times past when the belfry had been desecrated, things done there that should never have been allowed.

After the sermon a splendid solo, "But who may abide," was rendered by Mr. Thos. Johnson, of Middlesbrough. A hymn was then sung, in which occurred the words, "To Thee, our God, we dedicate our bells." The Bishop, proceeding under the belfry, with the clergy, in prayer said: "Bless, sanctify and hallow these bells with Thy heavenly benediction, etc." Immediately at the close of the prayer there was a silence, and the bells rang a short peal. The hymn "When over hills and dells peal forth the sweet church bells" was sung, and then the tenor bell was sounded. The hymn "When the bell with lenten tone" followed, and at its close there was a full peal while the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel. A final hymn, in which occur the words "The music of the changing bells shall lift our thoughts to Thee," was then rendered, and the benediction closed the beautiful service. Miss Sanderson, of York, presided at the organ.

A public tea was held immediately afterwards in the wool-room, which was crowded to excess, about 500 sitting down. In the evening a concert was given in the schoolroom.

Two Splendid Photographs with our next number. See page 375.

#### SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE,

On a recent Monday afternoon, the Dewsbury parish church ringers left Dewsbury station at 2.13 p.m. en route for Sherburn-in-Elmet, to which place they had been invited by the Vicar and ringers to open an augmented ring of eight at the church of All Saints. The ringers arrived at Sherburn station at 3.50 p.m. after a very pleasant journey. On their arrival they found three conveyances, which had been kindly sent to meet them, and in which they were soon on their way to the vicarage, having a splendid view of the church all the way. The church stands on the highest ground in Sherburn, consequently it can be seen for miles around. On a clear day York Minster can be seen from the churchyard, twelve or thirteen miles distant. On arrival the visitors found that a luncheon had been provided for them, to which ample justice was done. Being informed by one of the local company that the bells were in readiness, the two new ones having been dedicated by the Bishop of Beverley, the band at once raised the bells in peal, and were agreeably surprised at their beautiful tone. A short touch was then rung with the local company; then a walk into the village previous to attempting a date touch, which latter was commenced at 7.0 p.m., and brought round in 1 hr. 10 mins. in very good style. The go of the bells is very good, and leaves nothing to be desired. They have been rehung by Messrs. Warner, who have also cast the two new ones. On leaving the tower the visitors again wended their way to the vicarage, where supper was partaken of in company with the local ringers. After ringing a course of Grandsire Royal on the handbells for the Vicar, the proceedings were concluded by singing the National Anthem. Then the visitors were driven to the station, arriving home just before 11.0 p.m. They tender their best thanks to the Vicar and ringers for the hearty manner in which they entertained them. The Dewsbury company were Messrs. W. Idle, J. Garforth, W. Ainley, C. Senior, I. Idle, G. H. Hardy (conductor), G. Taylor, J. Ruddlesden.

#### BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

On Thursday, November 18th, the members of the choir and bell-ringers of the parish church were invited to supper at The Wheatsheaf inn. The vicar (Rev. J. W. Kenworthy), presided, supported by the curate (Rev. H. P. Parmenter), and Messrs. H. W. Pryke and W. F. Pilcher (churchwardens). After justice had been done to the good things provided, the evening was spent in toasts, songs, tunes, and change-ringing on the handbells. In proposing "The Health of the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers," the vicar complimented the ringers on the cleanliness and bright appearance of the belfry, which has recently been thoroughly renovated and decorated entirely through the exertions of the ringers themselves, by giving a concert in the spring of the year, and appropriating the profit to the belfry fund, which has been formed for the purpose of keeping the bells and ringing-chamber in order, and at some future date if funds permit, increasing the bells to eight. Braintree church now contains a ringing-chamber a credit to any church or band of ringers, and for appearance and cleanliness second to none in the county.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 31st, for evening service, 1472 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 55 mins. G. Roughton, 1; E. Pye, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; E. Wightman, 4; H. J. Dale, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; W. Watson, 7; W. Pye, 8. After evening service 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. J. Perkins, 2; E. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 6; E. Wightman (conductor), 8; the rest as before. Recently, at the house of Mr. B. Keeble, on handbells, 336 Grandsire Triples. B. Keeble (conductor), 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6; L. W. Copsey, 7-8. And three courses of Grandsire Caters. L. W. Copsey, 1-2; W. Nash, 3-4; B. Keeble, 5-6; A. J. Perkins, 7-8; J. Watson, 9-10. Also three leads of Treble Bob Major. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; J. Watson, 5; L. Copsey, 6; W. Nash, 7-8.

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## Notices.

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The Birmingham Amalgamated Society.  
—There will be no practice at St. Philip's church, Birmingham, on Monday nights until further notice.  
JOHN CARTER.

The Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—The third annual dinner will be held at The Swan hotel (close to Railway station), Bacup to-day, November 27th. Dinner at 5.30 p.m.  
J. H. BANKS.  
Helmshore.

The Chester Diocesan Guild. — Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held in the schoolroom, Weston, to-day, Saturday, November 27th, at 6 p.m.  
HENRY WOOLCOTT, Hon. Sec.  
Grange Mount, West Kirby.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.  
The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Christ Church, Armley (six bells), to-day Saturday, November 27th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Meeting-house—The White Horse inn, Town Street. A new peal of handbells, kindly lent by Mr. Kerry, winner of "THE BELL NEWS" coupon competition, will be at the disposal of the members.  
R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.  
18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

Sussex County Association. — Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Seaford to-day, Saturday, November 27. Bells (8) available 4 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30. It will greatly assist the work of the Hon. Sec. if those members who have not yet paid their subscription for 1896 and 1897 will kindly do so at once.  
S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.  
101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting in Mission Room adjoining churchyard at 7.0 p.m.  
WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—[The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, December 4th. Business meeting in the Church Room at 4.30 p.m. Members intending to be present are requested to inform Mr. H. Page, 103, West Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than December 1st.  
REV. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.  
W. TWIGG, }

East Derbyshire Association. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11th, at Ripley. Meeting in the schoolroom at 6 p.m.  
T. ALLIBONE, Hon. Sec.  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Kent County Association. — Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, December 11th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringing to stop at 7 p.m.  
A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be Colne parish church on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.  
T. REDMAN, Branch Sec.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.  
The practice nights are now altered from Monday nights to Thursday nights fortnightly. Next practice night, Thursday, December 8th, and each alternate Thursday night after. Meeting time 8 p.m. A. HARDY, Hon. Sec.  
43, Kay Road, Stockwell.

## NOTE TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT KIDDERMINSTER.—This is the conductor's twenty-fifth peal, made up as follows: Stedman Triples, 5; Grandsire Triples, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Grandsire Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Plain Bob Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 4; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 1; on handbells—Grandsire Triples, 1; Bob Major, 1; total—25 peals.

WANTED to complete for binding the following numbers of "THE BELL NEWS," stamps returned: No. 597, date September 15th, 1893; No. 621, date March 3rd, 1894; No. 698, date August 24th, 1895; No. 682, date May 4th, 1895. I have a lot of odd numbers by me if any ringer requires any to complete, which I shall be pleased to forward.—W. NEWELL, 247, Oxford Road, Reading.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. E. P. O'Meara has removed to 28, Percy Road, Shepherd's Bush.

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## Compositions.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

5152.									
2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H	
2	4	5	3	6	1	-	2	2	
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6	3	4	2	5	2	-	2	2	
2	6	3	5	4	2	-	2	2	
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## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, Dublin.

5184.									
2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H	
5	2	3	6	4	2	-	2	2	
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Contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths at 4, 5, and 6 course-ends respectively, the 3rd being only one course-end in that position, and the 2nd never there.

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By EDGAR WIGHTMAN, Woodford.

5040.									
2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H		
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	-		
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## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS ANNIVERSARY.

This society celebrated their 260th anniversary on Saturday evening, the 13th instant, at The Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street. In the absence through illness of the Master (Mr. W. Burkin), the gathering was presided over by Mr. F. E. Dawe, and the chair was occupied by Mr. E. A. Davies, of Barking. There was a large company present, among whom were Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny, the Archdeacon of London, Mr. C. Warner (of the Cripplegate foundry), Messrs. J. Carter, T. Russam, W. H. Godden, of Birmingham; Mr. C. H. Phillott, Mr. Pates, Cheltenham; Mr. W. L. Catchpole, Mr. Gillingham, Ipswich; Mr. W. A. Alps, Waltham Abbey; Mr. Borrett, Norwich; Mr. Hickman, Nottingham, and many others. There were also many old familiar faces to be seen: Mr. J. R. Haworth, Mr. M. A. Wood, Mr. J. Pettit, Mr. J. M. Hayes, etc. The company numbered 140.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Church, Queen, and Royal Family," said the Church of England had stood for many centuries, and he saw no reason why it should not only continue, but that it should prosper. Having visited the whole of the beautiful Cathedrals of the country he was surprised that some people wanted to turn such buildings into hay and straw lofts. He trusted that he should not see the day when such a use was made of these edifices, which were the glory of the land. This was a period of record-breaking, and during the year the Queen had broken the record by the longest reign. The *Times*, in publishing the account of the Jubilee festivities, said the air rang with the sound of the bells. No doubt it was the first occasion some of the Royal family had heard the bells of St. Paul's, but it was most gratifying to know that the royal family were delighted with the way the bells were rung, for words to that effect had come from royal lips. He had to couple with the toast the name of the Ven. Archdeacon of London. They as ringers appreciated the many acts of kindness that the Archdeacon had done for them.

The Archdeacon said that it gave him great pleasure to be once more among the members of so ancient a craft or guild. Last year he expressed a hope that their old friend Mr. James Robert Haworth, who rang for Her Majesty's Accession, and who he believed had rung continuously each year upon the anniversary, would be spared to ring for the Diamond Jubilee, and he was glad Mr. Haworth was able to do so. He had the pleasure of bringing the fact under the notice of the Queen, and a gracious acknowledgment was sent Mr. Haworth, congratulating him.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Ancient Society of College Youths," said he regretted the illness of the Master of the Society, who was now away in the country, and whose place he occupied that evening. He was glad to see so many present, among them being so many provincial friends. The latter were not only well versed in ringing, but so enthusiastic in it that they had come to join in this anniversary. Many years ago the College Youths had their head quarters in the west of London, then they were removed to St. Saviour's, Southwark, and now they were in Warwick Lane, close to St. Paul's. It was most gratifying to see so many new faces, but at the same those who had been the backbone of the society must not be forgotten, among whom he might mention the names of Cooter, Dorrington, Hayes, Horrex, Pettit, Wood, and many others. Some of those also who had joined the majority—Snowdon, Johnson, Haley, Cox, and others, were men who had left their mark behind them and example, which it was hoped some of the younger ones would follow. The silver bell which stood before him was, 150 years ago, carried every Sunday to church, in the days when the College Youths walked in procession there. It reminded them of the past. It linked the past with the present, and would link the present with the future. Change-ringing was one of the greatest sciences of the day, but the least appreciated. People paid a shilling to go into a field to see others kick a ball about, but did not appreciate change-ringing. They little thought of the time it took to make a good change-ringer; and to ring bells as the peal at St. Paul's was rung. So far as the society's prosperity was concerned, he might state that there had been eighty-nine new members elected during the year, which made the total number 4020, and he hoped that before long it would run to a 5040. This was a year when records were being broken in the ringing world, and that night they

had broken the record by having 140 guests present. There had been sixty-eight peals during the year, among which might be mentioned two of Double Norwich Maximus at Ipswich; Superlative and Cambridge Surprise by the St. Stephen's company of Westminster, which were very creditable to them. This company were not content with ringing at home, it had visited Hackney and Croydon, and with success. The bands at Caversham, Kensington, and Prittlewell had joined them during the year. The great event of the last twelve months was, however, the peal of Treble Bob Maximus at St. Paul's, accomplished by twelve men only. This performance reflected the highest credit upon all who took part therein. Their esteemed friend Cockerill had in ringing the tenor through this peal established his wonderful skill and ability as a heavy bell ringer. He should like to see a little more of the art practised both in Scotland and Wales, and trusted that the day was not far distant when they might hear of peals being rung in both these countries. They had not only to thank Miss Leny for her presence that evening, but also what she had done for them on other occasions. Last July a band went to Speldhurst, and had a most enjoyable day through the kindness of Miss Leny, her sister, and the Rector. They were as proud to have her among that evening as he knew she was to be present. He had that evening received a telegram from the Rector of Speldhurst, wishing the Ancient Society of College Youths every success.

A course of Grandsire Cinques was then rung to perfection by J. Carter, 1-2; T. Russam, 3-4; W. Kent, 5-6; C. F. Winny, 7-8; M. A. Wood, 9-10; A. W. Barkus, 11-12.

The Vice-Chairman, whose name was coupled with the toast, in replying on behalf of the society, said it was an honour at such a gathering to occupy the vice-chair, and a still further honour for him to have to respond to the toast. He was but one of the rank and file of the society, and there were those present who could have done it greater justice. It should be remembered that the society existed because of the Church, for if there had not been a Church there would not have been any College Youths. Ringers should remember that they were churchmen first and ringers afterwards. He believed he was correct in saying that most of the 4000 members of the society had great love for the grand old Church of England. In the past, of all churchworkers the ringer had been the most neglected. Not only was this the case in London, but very many places in the country. Neither bells or towers had been in the condition in which they should be. Complaints had sometimes been made that the ringers did not attend the services of the Church. He hoped at some future day that ringers would have a Jubilee day in London, which might be attended by ringers from all parts of the country. He had thought of this idea for years, and saw no reason why it should not be carried out. A special service at St. Paul's Cathedral or some other place of worship should be one of the features of the gathering, and afterwards the towers in London should be open for ringing for the rest of the day. He felt sure that if something of the sort was done it would wake up the Church authorities in many places to put their towers and bells into a fit and proper condition for ringing. From his experience of the College Youths he could say that they had done good wherever they had gone. In his own town they had had their assistance at various times, which was very valuable, and for which he desired to thank them. What had happened there had he was sure happened in other towns. The chairman had referred to ringers who had passed away, men who had left their mark behind them, and left examples for the ringing world, and whose names would last for all time. They had among them still men who had made their mark, these he would hold up to the younger members as examples for them to follow in the future. He trusted that there were still young men among them who in the course of time would justly be honored in the same way as those who had been mentioned that evening.

Mr. J. C. Mitchell proposed "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies." He said that Mr. Attree's list had been published rather late, but it was a work of great value, for it showed the position of the various societies. The College Youths were fifth on the list, with the Oxford Guild and others above them. It appeared to him that it was time they pulled themselves together, and placed the society at the top of the list. Some might say that it was such men as the Rev. F. E.



Robinson, Washbrook, Williams, and the men who comprised the Ipswich band, that did it. His opinion was that it was organisation. No doubt it must be a better organisation on the parochial system than such an unwieldy affair as their society had now become. He thought it would be well if the officials considered if it could not be reformed and placed more on the footing of some of the small country societies.

Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. G. H. Phillott replied.

Other toasts—"The Visitors," "The Press," and "The Officers," were given and responded to, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony. Mr. E. E. Vinen, F.R.C.O., a change-ringing member of the society, was accompanist.

#### DEDICATION OF BELLS AT CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

Clifford is a scattered village on the borders of Herefordshire and Breconshire, two-and-a-half miles from both Whitney and Hay stations on the Midland Railway from Hereford to Brecon. The parish church stands on a prominence, the view from which is almost unequalled, having the black mountains on one hand, with the beautiful river Wye on the other, while in the distance can be seen the famous Breconshire Beacon. The completion of the bells has been looked forward to for some time, but owing to pressure of work at the bellfoundry the bells were not cast as early as wished. However, Tuesday, October 12th, was the day fixed for the dedication and harvest festival. The ringers for the occasion were selected by Mr. G. H. Phillott, of Cheltenham. Arriving at Clifford about 11 o'clock, and after light refreshments at the vicarage a start was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which was unfortunately lost after ringing nearly to the end. Rev. H. A. Cockey, 1; J. E. Groves, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; F. G. May, 4; F. E. Ward, 5; W. T. Pates (conductor), 6; G. H. Phillott, 7; H. King, 8. The service commenced at 3 o'clock, when the bells were dedicated by the Rev. Sir George H. Cornewall, Bart., who also preached an excellent sermon. After service 503 Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by J. E. Groves. The ringers were kindly entertained by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. W. Trumper.

The bells originally were a ring of five by Evans, of Chepstow, cast in the year 1738, tenor about 9 cwt. The new bells from the Whitechapel Foundry are a treble, second and tenor. The old third has been re-cast half a note flatter, and now forms a sweet ring of eight, tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp. The hanging of the bells has been successfully carried out by Mr. Greenleaf, of Hereford, the "go" being all that can be desired.

#### HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

In the usual place will be found the record of a peal rung at the fine old ancient church of Halesowen. Periodically, since 1886, the tenor-man has remarked how he would like to "have a parcel" at the tenor in a peal of Major, which ambition was eagerly shared by his friend Short. "Not much weight to tackle." Quite right; eh! but don't they go "dicky?"

Permission being obtained from the Rector (Rev. J. C. Hill), who kindly put the usual service from 6 o'clock till 4, the bells went into Double Norwich about 5.25.

It was soon obvious that Jack Barber had "got a handful," and his characteristic skill and pluck in manipulating a badly-going bell were tested to a maximum degree. At 8.44 came up rounds, and the finish of a fairly good peal.

Great interest was manifested by the local men, several of whom emphatically predicted failure, but subsequently expressed themselves as agreeably surprised.

No record can be traced of a peal of Major on these bells since 1788, a period of 109 years. The following record is taken from the peal-book of the Chapel Youths, Stourbridge:—

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#### THE RODMERSHAM SOCIETY, KENT.

After considerable discussion as to where our annual outing should be spent, we, the above-named society at last decided to visit the Victorian Era Exhibition at Earls Court, as being the most appropriate for the Jubilee Year. Availing ourselves of the cheap excursion running from Sittingbourne on October 4th, we arrived in London at 11.40. In the absence of our captain, J. Dixon, Esq., who was unable to join us through ill-health, which we greatly regretted, we found a capital pilot in Mr. J. Grensted. After paying a short visit to Westminster Abbey, we next went over the bridge, where we sat down to an excellent dinner, which was very welcome to all. We next proceeded to Earls Court, arriving there at 1.45, where we passed several hours in looking over the Exhibition, which proved to be enlightening as well as interesting, the small peal of eight bells being of special interest. Intending to make the most of the day, we left the Exhibition late in the afternoon, and by means of the underground railway reached Charing Cross, by which time, we, like true Englishmen, began again to think of something to eat and drink. After a leisurely walk down the Strand, we sat down to a splendid tea, to which we all did ample justice. Our next move was in the direction of Drury Lane Theatre, where we had decided to spend the evening in witnessing the play entitled "The White Heather," which we all enjoyed immensely. The time being now 11.30, we thought we had better wend our way to Victoria, as the train started at 12.10 for our homeward journey. We all arrived safely in Sittingbourne at 1.45, after spending a most enjoyable day, marred only by the fact that a few of our members were unavoidably absent.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Frindsbury branch of the above Association paid a visit to Higham parish church on a recent Saturday, where they were met by the local band, to spend an evening with them. A visit was paid to the belfry, and the bells, a pretty little ring of five, were soon set going, several 6-scores in various methods being rung. The bells were then lowered in peal, and an adjournment made to the Sir John Falstaff inn, where a good spread was in readiness, to which ample justice was done. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony and ringing on the handbells. The time came all too soon to start for home, which was reached about 11 p.m., everyone declaring they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

#### THE SEXTON.

The sexton rang the old church bells,  
They sounded one, two, three;  
And many a man that heard them said,  
Those bells are calling me.  
He rang them when the bridegroom's heart  
Beat happy with his bride;  
He pulled the rope when every man,  
Or child or woman died.  
He rang them through the winter's cold,  
And through the summer's heat;  
He rang them till his aged heart  
At last refused to beat.  
And now he sleeps where their deep sound  
Can reach his ears no more;  
We trust he hears a merrier peal,  
On heaven's far-distant shore.

E. J. MINTER.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1897.

At the College Youths' Anniversary Dinner on the 13th instant, Mr. E. A. DAVIES, who occupied the vice-chair at that festivity, made a suggestion which we hear was received by the assembled company with acclamation. Mr. DAVIES would like to hear of a Ringers' Jubilee, to be held in London, at which every ringer should be present. A special service at the Metropolitan Cathedral should be a prominent feature of the gathering, and afterwards the towers in London should be open for ringing for the remainder of the day. No one can take the least exception to such a proposal; no ringer at least. Still we are bound to say that many difficulties would present themselves in an attempt to carry through the proposal in its entirety. It is possible that a fair quantity of ringers would assemble, the majority of whom would attend Divine Service in the Cathedral perhaps, though just now we must not flatter ourselves upon this point. Then again, the "opening of the towers for ringing" for the rest of the day is easier

said than done. An admission to some of the belfries could be managed without trouble, and the principal ones, those from various reasons being the most in favour might be secured. Perhaps this is what was actually meant—a general day's ringing at the principal churches of London as far as permission can be obtained.

The idea has found favour, so much so that we have been asked to make some comment upon it, and also to add a suggestion that the Central Council may well take the matter up. While entirely at one with Mr. DAVIES'S proposal, though not unaware of its difficulties, it appears at present in too crude a condition to press it upon the Central Council. The question wants consideration, discussion and interchange of opinion, before it will arrive practically within the realm of probability. This is what we counsel—that it should be thought out completely by the parties concerned. In the meantime the London Societies would do well to make it a subject for discussion at their meetings, and by such means gather opinions from those who are competent to form them. In course of time, perhaps, the Council may incline to the view that the matter is worthy of its consideration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.**—Next week we shall publish two splendid photographs, executed specially for this paper. One is a photograph of the church of Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, and environs, taken on the spot by Messrs. Gordon, photographers, of Stockport; the other is the tomb of WILLIAM HARRISON, the once celebrated composer, in Mottram churchyard. Of the latter the photograph has two views, so that the inscription may be legible, also the carvings of bells which form such a striking object upon the monument. Some expense has been incurred in the production of these photographs; and they are worthy the attention of every ringer. The price of publication will be twopence.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Brighton Parish Church Branch propose attempting to ring six peals during the week commencing this evening, Saturday, November 27th. The methods will be London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Surprise, Gloucester Surprise, New Cumberland Surprise, and Superlative Surprise; and the towers will probably comprise Bolney, Lewes, and Heene, with the three at Brighton—St. Nicholas, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's.

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

#### MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

The fine peal of six at this church has just been rehung as a Jubilee memorial. The bells have been silent for many years, but were set in motion on the 18th instant, the ringers for the occasion being drafted from Lugwardine, Withington, and Hereford, together with the Guild Instructor, Mr. James E. Groves. The ringing commenced at 4.30, when some excellently-struck 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung until 5.30, at which hour the ringers adjourned to the rectory, where an excellent spread was awaiting them.

Divine Service was held at 7.0 p.m., previous to which a 720 of Grandsire Minor by H. King, W. Greenleaf, G. Brace, C. Clifford, J. E. Groves, A. Bowers. Several 6-scores were rung after the service.

The work of rehanging was entrusted to Mr. W. Greenleaf of Hereford, who, as usual, left nothing to be desired in the go

of the bells, which, like the church itself, would be difficult to surpass. Tenor 17 cwt.

A very sad incident occurred previous to leaving Hereford by brake for Madley: the ringers, eight in number, met by appointment near St. Peter's church, Hereford, and while waiting for the brake to come up, one of the number, John Jones, of Lugwardine, suddenly fell forward. The poor fellow was placed in a cab and carried to the hospital, but on arrival the doctor pronounced him dead. The sermon at the opening service was preached by the Rev. A. C. Lee, of Lugwardine, when some very touching remarks were made on the sad affair. Deceased was 29 years of age, and leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss. He was buried at Lugwardine, on Monday, November 22nd, when a large number of ringers and friends attended.

#### The Metropolis.

##### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW, E.

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CHARLES DEMPSEY* .. .. .	Treble.	ALBERT HARDY .. .. .	5.
YORK GREEN .. .. .	2.	*EBENEZER ANDREWS .. .. .	6.
CALEB FENN* .. .. .	3.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. .	7.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. .	4.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

\*First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 111th peal.

#### The Provinces.

##### EAST CROMPTON, SHAW, LANCASHIRE.

##### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

Being 720 in each of the following methods:

Oxford, Kent, Violet, New London, Duke of York, Woodbine, and Merchants' Return. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY BARLOW .. .. .	Treble.	JAMES BARLOW .. .. .	4.
JOHN W. TRAVIS .. .. .	2.	JAMES WM COCKCROFT .. .. .	5.
THOMAS H. LUCAS .. .. .	3.	GEORGE WILD .. .. .	Tenor.

The conducting of the peal was divided; Nos. 2, 4 and 6 calling one 720 each; and Nos. 3 and 5 two 720s each. All are local men and all have rung together for more than twenty years.

##### CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, November 3, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

REV. E. B. JAMES .. .. .	Treble.	THOMAS R. HOOPER .. .. .	6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. .. .	2.	FREDERICK MUSTY .. .. .	7.
FREDERICK WHITE .. .. .	3.	WILLIAM DYER .. .. .	8.
RICHARD WHITE .. .. .	4.	HENRY ROBERTS .. .. .	9.
WILLIAM T. PATES .. .. .	5.	ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS .. .. .	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM T. PATES.

Rung with the bells muffled in commemoration of the death of the Duchess of Teck. F. and R. White hail from Appleton, Berks.

## KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 17, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR LAWRENCE* .. Treble.	EDWIN P. DEBENHAM .. 5.
JAMES MORLEY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 6.
BERTHAM BIDNELL† .. 3.	GEORGE SPICER .. .. 7.
JOHN GRAY† .. .. 4.	JAMES HEADY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN P. DEBENHAM.

\*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal. Messrs. Morley, Spicer, and Bidnell hail from Baldock; Debenham from St. Albans; Gray from Graveley; the rest from Little Munden. The ringers wish to thank the rector for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Dennis and Butterfield for having everything in readiness.

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

On Wednesday, November 17, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. ALDWORTH .. .. Treble.	A. THOMAS .. .. 5.
F. WHITE .. .. 2.	G. HOLIFIELD .. .. 6.
H. HOLIFIELD .. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 4.	F. S. WHITE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, November 17, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

NOAH DAVIS .. .. Treble.	ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. 5.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER .. .. 3.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 4.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

First peal as conductor, also his twenty-fifth peal. Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

## COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

WALTER S. EVANS .. Treble.	FREDERICK SMITH .. 5.
HENRY W. ALLEN .. .. 2.	ANDREW LAYTON .. .. 6.
CHARLES WATKINS .. .. 3.	CHARLES THOMAS .. .. 7.
JAMES THOMAS .. .. 4.	CHARLES LAYTON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells, first by all the band, first in the method by the Guild, and believed to be the first peal of Major rung in Herefordshire. It was rung at the third attempt.

## LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. 1-2.	THOMAS HAMMOND .. 5-6.
RICHARD S. MANN* .. 3-4.	WILLIAM JAMES .. .. 7-8.
JAMES MARTIN .. .. 9-10.	

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS and Conducted by WM. JAMES.

This is believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells ever rung in Liverpool. Referee—James Dillon, who ticked off every call and course-end as they were rung. \*First peal on handbells.

## BACUP, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 18, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED HOWORTH .. Treble.	J. SHEPHERD .. .. 5.
J. A. BROWN .. .. 2.	W. ASHWORTH .. .. 6.
A. W. WHITWORTH .. 3.	*J. JACKSON .. .. 7.
J. T. STRANDRING .. 4.	W. LAW .. .. Tenor.

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

\*First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Edward Hoyle, J.P., who was a donor of one of the bells when they were put in at this church to commemorate the Queen's jubilee.

## LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 18, 1897, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY S. RICHOLD* .. Treble.	FREDERICK CONNELL .. 5.
HENRY DUCE .. .. 2.	ERNEST AMBROSE .. .. 6.
THOMAS CADGE* .. .. 3.	CHAS. G. BIXBY .. .. 7.
AMOR AMBROSE .. .. 4.	SAMUEL FORD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. HOLT and Conducted by C. G. BIXBY.

\*First peal in the method.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 18, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by W. ESTCOURT, of Painswick, and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1897, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE B. RAYBOULD* .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 6.
HARRY MASON .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 4.	JOHN BARBER .. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

\*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Barber. Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

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

On Saturday, November 20, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE .. Treble.	JAMES WALLIS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH EDWARDS .. 2.	THOMAS WALLIS .. .. 6.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
WILLIAM LATTER .. 4.	*ROBERT STONE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

\*First peal.

## BRAMLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.

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

On Saturday, November 20, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being a 720 in each of the following methods:

College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED. BLACKETH .. .. Treble.	J. W. CHADWICK .. .. 4.
J. W. T. HOLGATE .. .. 2.	JOHN BROWN .. .. 5.
HARRY GAYTHORPE .. .. 3.	EDWARD REDSHAW .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY GAYTHORPE.

\*First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the fiftieth birthday of John Brown, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. They also took the opportunity of presenting him with an enlarged photograph, framed in oak, of himself, as a mark of their esteem, and as a slight recognition of his services as instructor for a number of years.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

JAMES MATTHEWS* .. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 5.
JOHN SMART .. .. 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 6.
CHARLES SMART .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method. This composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each twelve courses in 6ths place, without the 2nd or singles.

## BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

W. G. HALL .. .. Treble.	A. GRIFFITHS .. .. 5.
J. JAGGAR .. .. 2.	R. PICKERING .. .. 6.
B. DALTON .. .. 3.	H. KNIGHT .. .. 7.
H. DAWKES .. .. 4.	J. PURSER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

## DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.—CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## SEVEN 720s OF MINOR:

Being four 720s of Plain Bob and three 720s of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ALBERT BOOTH .. .. Treble.	THOMAS WILKINSON .. .. 4.
THOMAS BUSH .. .. 2.	HUGH W. YARWOOD .. .. 5.
FREDK. THOMAS SPENCE .. .. 3.	JOSEPH ASHMOLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. ASHMOLE.

This is the first peal of Minor by all except F. T. Spence, who hails from Grapenhall. First peal as conductor; also first peal rung with members of the Northwich Branch. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's diamond jubilee year and record reign. The peal being attempted several times previously for the event.

## SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 21, 1897, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. NEAL* .. .. Treble.	S. DOUGHTY .. .. 5.
J. BOOTHMAN .. .. 2.	H. HORNER .. .. 6.
E. B. METCALFE .. .. 3.	W. BILLOWS .. .. 7.
F. METCALFE .. .. 4.	W. D. HILLARY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

\*First peal. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 4th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.

## SANDY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise. Violet, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent. Tenor 16 cwt in F.

EDGAR TINGEY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. BARKER .. .. 3.	FRANK HULL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells, also the first peal of Treble Bob Minor with a bob bell by C. R. Lilley.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, November 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

T. JAKEMAN .. .. Treble.	JOHN CRABTREE .. .. 5.
B. THORPE .. .. 2.	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT .. .. 6.
J. H. BRIERLEY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. 7.
WALTER JAKEMAN .. .. 4.	JOHN LEIGH .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, of Mottram, and

Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 6th. Brierley hails from Hyde, Cheshire; the rest are local men. The above peal was rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. B. Broadbent. Mr. Broadbent was one of the band who took part in the long peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 16,608 changes, which was rung at Mottram in the year 1883.

## DEANE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S THREE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON† .. Treble.	JOHN MOSCROP .. .. 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH† .. 2.	WILLIAM DUCKWORTH .. .. 6.
THOMAS PEERS .. .. 3.	†JOHN MAKIN .. .. 7.
TITUS BARLOW .. .. 4.	HENRY MOSS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOSS.

†First peal in the method. \*First peal as conductor in the method.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL .. .. Treble.	ALBERT CALVER .. .. 5.
GEORGE WELLING .. .. 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 6.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM GRAY .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung in honour of Mr. Robert Sewell's 73rd birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## RINGMER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. in F.

ARTHUR ROOKE* .. .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 5.
FREDERICK BANKS .. .. 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 6.
HENRY JONES .. .. 3.	CHARLES PAINTER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 4.	THOMAS MILLER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

\*First peal. W. Pelling belongs to the Warnham branch; Turner and Goldsmith to Southover, Lewes; the rest are local men.



**BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, November 23, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

C. CARTER .. .. . Treble.	C. HYLAND .. .. . 5.
W. FRANKS .. .. . 2.	S. SAKER .. .. . 6.
J. MATHIS .. .. . 3.	W. THOMAS .. .. . 7.
F. A. KENNETT.. .. . 4.	W. H. ELDRIDGE .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by W. FRANKS.

This is F. A. Kennett's first peal, and great credit is due to him for the very steady manner in which he rang his bell throughout the peal. He is a member of the Christ Church St. Leonard's Guild; S. Saker hails from Christ Church Blacklands, and both are honorary members of the Battle Society.

**PEAL CORRECTIONS.**—The weight of Drayton tenor is 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs., not 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs., as given in "THE BELL NEWS" for November 20th. The peal of Stedman rung at Drayton on November 15th, was rung in 2 hours and 42 minutes, not 3 hours and 42 minutes, as given in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 20th.

### Miscellaneous.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**MIDHURST (Sussex).**—On Thursday, November 4th, 720 Kent. G. Boswell, 1; C. Best (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; F. Trussler, 5; J. Lee, 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**READING (Berks).**—On Sunday, October 24th, for Divine Service at St. Lawrence's church, 723 Stedman Caters in 33 mins. F. Hopgood (conductor), 1; G. Foxell, 2; J. Hern, 3; F. Tubbs, 4; C. Giles, 5; A. Watmore, 6; W. P. Routh, Esq., 7; A. Osborne, 8; W. Newell, 9; J. Tucker, 10. On Wednesday, October 27th, for practice, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. A. Culham, 1; A. E. Reeves, jun., 2; H. Tucker, 3; F. Tubbs, 4; C. Giles, 5; J. Hern, 6; W. P. Routh, Esq., 7; A. Osborne, 8; W. Newell, 9; F. Hopgood (conductor), 10. Also 507 Stedman Caters. F. Hopgood (conductor), 1; A. E. Reeves, jun., 2; A. Culham, 3; F. Tubbs, 4; C. Giles, 5; J. Hern, 6; A. Watmore, 7; W. Newell, 8; A. Osborne, 9; J. Tucker, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

**MAIDENHEAD (Berks).**—On Wednesday, November 3rd, the following members of the above Guild rang 720 of Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 behind: H. Gilding, 1; G. Martin, 2; F. Bissley, 3; W. Brown, 4; J. Eldridge, 5; H. Neighbour, 6; H. Jones, 7; A. Harding, 8. Conducted by G. Martin. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duchess of Teck. On Thursday, November 4th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Edwards and Miss Leaver, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Gilding, 1; W. Walker, 2; F. Dentry, 3; W. Brown, 4; F. Bissley, 5; J. Eldridge, 6; G. Martin, 7; A. Harding, 8. Also several short touches, including 252 Stedman Triples. G. Martin, 1; W. Walker, 2; F. Bissley, 3; W. Brown, 4; J. Eldridge, 5; H. Neighbour, 6; F. Dentry, 7; A. Harding, 8.

**YORK TOWN (Surrey).**—On Wednesday, November 3rd, at St. Michael's church, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 3 mins., owing to the tenor rope breaking in the last course. The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to the Duchess of Teck. A. E. Headey, 1; A. E. Reeves, jun., 2; J. E. Hern, 3; F. Tubbs, 4; A. Osborne, 5; J. Tucker, 6; W. Newell, 7; F. Hopgood (conductor), 8. A. E. Headey was elected a member previous to starting. All the ringers hail from Reading.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

**LYTHAM (Lancashire).**—On May, 23rd, at St. Peter's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Maries, 1; J. Pendlebury, 2; E. Forshaw, 3; W. Gillett, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. First 720 in the method by all. On May 30th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-four singles), standing as above. On June 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). C. Pendlebury, 3; E. Forshaw, 4; the rest as before. First in the method by C. Pendlebury. On August 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Forshaw, 3; W. Gillett, 4; the rest as above. And 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and six

bobs), standing as above. On September 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty bobs and eight singles), composed by Mr. J. J. Parker. G. Maries, 1; E. Forshaw, 2; C. Pendlebury, 3; W. Gillett, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. On September 12th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and twenty-two singles). Composed by N. Spindlow, standing as above. On September 26th, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich. G. Maries, 1; J. Pendlebury, 2; E. Forshaw, 3; W. Gillett, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. And 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles), standing as above. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Duffield. On Thursday, October 7th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), standing as above. On Sunday, October 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). W. Tomlinson (first as conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 17th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and six bobs). J. Fell, 5; the rest as above. On Sunday, October 31st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty-four bobs and ten singles). J. Moore, 5; the rest as above. Composed by J. Burrows, of Dalton-in-Furness. On Friday, November 5th, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). E. Forshaw, 2; C. Pendlebury, 3; the rest as above. And 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Forshaw, 2; C. Pendlebury, 3; the rest as before. First in the method by C. Pendlebury. All the above except where mentioned were conducted by G. Maries.

#### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).**—On Sunday morning, October 17th, for Divine Service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Wright, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 4; A. Phillips, 5; G. Phillips, 6. Also 108 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 College Single. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; H. Warner, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. H. Warner hails from Bennington, Herts. On Tuesday, October 19th, 108 Grandsire Minor. A. Wright (first of Minor), 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; J. Heady (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. And on handbells a course of Grandsire Triples. A. Phillips, 1-2; W. H. Lawrence, 3-4; A. Lawrence, 5; G. Carter, 6; J. Heady, 7-8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 5; A. Wright, 6. On Thursday, October 28th, two courses of Double Stedman Minor. G. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence, 6. First in the method by all. On Tuesday, November 2nd, 360 Grandsire Minor, and 360 Bob Minor. A. Wright, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Also 110 Stedman Doubles. A. Phillips, 1; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 2; A. Wright, 6; the rest as before.

#### THE LLANDAUF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**COITY.**—On Saturday, November 6th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. E. Fowler, 1; J. Evans, 2; J. South, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; R. Evans, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. And a 720. R. Evans, 3; J. South, 4; R. Bunstone, 5; the rest as before. These bells have been rehung and quarter-turned in a thorough workmanlike manner by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. This is the first 720 on the bells since rehanging.

**BRIDGEND.**—On Sunday morning, November 7th, for Divine Service at St. Iltyd's church, 720 Plain Bob. R. Bunstone, 1; J. Evans, 2; J. Cox, 3; W. Hardwick, 4; D. Hurford, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. For evening service another 720. E. Fowler, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. Evans, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; J. Cox (conductor), 5; D. Hurford, 6. J. Cox hails from Newport.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WELSHPOOL (Montgomeryshire).**—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service at the parish church, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, 4 6 8 covering. A. Grice, 1; W. Maddox, 2; T. Barnes, 3; W. Jones, 5; T. J. Bratton, 7. And 168 of Grandsire Triples. J. B. Bratton, 1; W. Maddox, 2; T. Barnes, 3; A. Grice, 4; W. Jones, 5; A. Little, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; J. Roberts, 8. These are first touches rung since the band broke up in April last. First touch by J. B. Bratton, and first with a bob bell by A. Grice.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).**—On Saturday, November 6th, at St. Saviour's church, for the opening service of the Mission by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. O. D. Abrahams, 1; H. E. Street, 2; E. D. Lillywhite, 3; F. W. T. Butler, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; R. Elliott, 6; F. A. Nunn, 7; W. H. Joyce, 8.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 539 Grandsire Caters. J. Wignell, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; C. Bance, 3; A. Trappitt, 4; F. Holder, 5; A. Clayton, 6; A. Plowman, 7; J. Fayers, 8; C. Gordon, 9; A. Boxall, 10. For evening service 600 Stedman Caters (a special touch, it being the eve of Balaclava Day). E. Bennett, 1; A. Clayton, 2; A. Trappitt, 3; W. Bulpitt, 4; H. Brooker, 5; A. Plowman, 6; C. Bance, 7; F. Holder, 8; C. Gordon, 9; A. Boxall, 10.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FROME (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, October 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Gaisford, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; W. Prescott, 5; H. Nutley, 6; F. Rebbeck (conductor), 7; J. Rebbeck, 8.

MELLS (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, October 30th, 140, 168, and 112 Grandsire Triples. F. Prescott (Buckland, first touch), 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; W. Prescott, 5; E. Fricker, 6; J. Rebbeck, 7; J. Offers, 8. And two 6-scores of Doubles. J. Offers, 1; J. Fricker, 2.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, November 8th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. S. Best, 1; E. Hinton, 2; E. Waters, 3; G. Plummer, 4; C. Goodenough, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Bagshot, 8. This is the first 504 of Stedman by all.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, October 27th, for practice at the Cathedral, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Lebbon, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. J. Choquet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Harris, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. J. Sevier, 8. Also 305 Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; C. J. Choquet, 5; W. Lebbon, 6; R. Hasted, 7; J. Harris, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; F. Smith, 10. And 270 in the same method, with J. W. Elkins, treble; the rest as before. On Saturday, October 30th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman, a quarter-peal was rung in 48 mins. W. Lebbon, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. J. Choquet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Harris, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. H. Loveland, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman ever rung by the Cathedral band, and the first by all except Messrs. Lebbon and George.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BERMONDSEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, was rung on the back eight, in 46 mins. C. Withecomb, 1; W. H. Webber, 2; T. H. Taffender, 3; G. R. Farden, 4; W. S. Langdon, 5; W. Truss, 6; T. Langdon (conductor), 7; H. Spinks, 8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On October 6th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Rutter (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; J. Bailey (Stockport), 4; S. Fernley, 5; A. Fernley, 6. On October 6th, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; J. Bailey, 4; S. Rutter, 5; A. Fernley, 6. On October 10th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; A. Fernley, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter (conductor), 4; S. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. First 720 as conductor by S. Rutter. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On October 17th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley (conductor), 4; S. Rutter, 5; A. Fernley, 6. Also a 6-score of Bob Doubles, with J. Kellett at the tenor. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On October 24th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Rutter, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley (conductor), 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross (first 720 as conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; G. D. Warburton, 2; S. Rutter, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On October 30th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; W. Wilde (Hyde), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins. J. Fernley, 1; A. Fernley, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley (conductor), 4; S. Rutter, 5; W. Wilde, 6. On October 31st, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. A. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; S. Fernley, 3; J. Shallcross, 4; G.

D. Warburton, 5; S. Rutter (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob, in 24 mins. A. Fernley, 1; S. Rutter, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; J. Dean, 4; J. Shallcross, 5; S. Fernley (conductor), 6.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, October 23rd, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, after meeting short for a peal, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung on the back six. A. Hardy, 1; T. Titchener, 2; S. Wade (first 720 of Oxford), 3; A. Pittam, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. And 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Jacob (conductor), 1; A. Hardy, 3; A. Pittam, 4; W. Ward, 5; S. Wade, 6; T. Titchener, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. On Sunday evening, October 24th, for Divine Service at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the tenor covering. W. Pickworth (first 720 of Kent), 1; H. Stubbs, 3; I. J. Attwater (first 720 of Kent), 4; S. Wade, 5; H. W. Newby, 6; A. Jacob (conductor), 7; H. Childs, 8. On Wednesday, October 27th, 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Wade, 1; I. J. Attwater, 3; G. Burrows, 4; F. C. Newman, 5; J. Sharman, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; A. Jacob (conductor), 8. And 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major. A. Jacob (conductor), 1; S. Wade, 2; G. Burrows, 3; F. C. Newman, 4; I. J. Attwater, 5; W. Ward, 6; J. Sharman, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. Also 336 Double Norwich. G. Burrows, 1; I. J. Attwater, 2; S. Wade, 3; G. Smith, 4; J. Sharman, 5; W. Ward, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; A. Jacob (conductor), 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Smith (conductor), 1; I. J. Attwater, 2; G. Burrows, 3; C. Daniels, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Wade, 6; H. Alford, 7; J. Sharman, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, November 4th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Head, 1; G. Smithers, 2; F. J. Harrington, 3; E. Mankelaw, 4; H. Card, 5; G. Welsh, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; W. Latter, 8. Harrington hails from Hever, and it is his first touch of Stedman Triples. And 360 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Mugridge, 1; A. Welsh, 3; G. Smithers, 3; W. Pollard, 4; E. Mankelaw, 5; H. Card, 6; A. Head, 7; S. Perkins (conductor), 8. And 126 Grandsire Caters on handbells. G. Head, 1-2; S. Perkins, 3-4; G. Smithers, 5; W. Pollard, 6; E. Mankelaw, 7; W. Latter, 8-9; B. Page, 10.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, October 10th, 720 Bob Minor was rung for morning service. G. Simpson, 1; J. Town, 2; E. Dunn, 4; R. Humphrey, 5; F. Sanders, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, October 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; F. Sanders, 2; T. Harford (conductor), 3; R. Humphrey, 4; E. Dunn, 5; G. Simpson, 6; G. Durling, 7; W. James, 8. On Wednesday, October 20th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss A. Baker and Mr. W. Clicher, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; F. Sanders, 2; T. Harford, 3; E. Dunn, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Simpson, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 31st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. Wallis, 1; R. Staines, 2; G. Kite, 3; A. Biggs, 4; C. Millway (conductor), 5; W. Wilkins, 6; E. E. Foreman, 7; G. Wood, 8. Messrs. Staines, Kite, Millway, and Wilkins hail from Borden; Foreman from Hern hill; the rest belong to the local band.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, November 1st, for practice at the parish church, Clifton, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Gist, 1; F. Millard, 2; R. Clark, 3; R. J. Wilkins (conductor), 4; A. Harvey, 5; J. Jones, 6; C. Thomas, 7; J. Luke, 8. F. Millard hails from Taunton. First touch with a bob bell by Messrs. Clark and Harvey. First touch by Messrs. Gist and Luke.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, November 4th, at the church of St. Lawrence, 447 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; E. Unitt, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; J. Foster, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. Brown (conductor), 7; T. Lowe, 8. And 209 Grandsire Triples. T. Lowe, 3; E. Unitt, 4; J. Pardoe, 8; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, November 7th, 293 Grandsire Triples. J. Pardoe, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; W. Smith, 4; J. Foster, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. J. Brown belongs to Bilston; the rest to Darlston.

CHALFONT ST. PETER (Bucks).—On Saturday, October 30th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Clark, 1; T. Toombs, 2; J. Bateman, 3; E. Harding, 4; G. H. Gutteridge, 5; W. Bateman, 6.

FROME (Somersetshire).—On Tuesday, November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Scammell, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; W. Prescott, 5; E. Fricker, 6; J. Rebbeck (conductor), 7; A. Langford, 8. W. H. Fussell hails from Slough, and is the youngest son of the late J. R. Fussell, of Shepton Mallet,

and this is his first touch in the county. First touch with a bob bell by W. Prescott, and the longest length the tenor has been rang single-handed.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Monday, November 8th, 335 Grandsire Triples. W. Dempster, 1; J. Key, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; A. Bowler, 4; H. Meacham, 5; C. Barrett, 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; A. C. Millington, 8. Also 504 in the same method. F. Cope, jun., 1; J. Key, 2; A. Bowler, 3; W. Dempster, 4; H. Meacham, 5; C. Barrett, 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. Longest touch by F. Cope, jun.

NEWTON LONGVILLE (Bucks).—On Sunday, October 24th, being Feast Sunday, the Bletchley ringers paid a visit to this place, and rang for children's service 480 Grandsire Doubles. V. Sear (conductor), 1; A. G. Crane, 2; A. N. Atkins, 3; E. Marks, 4; R. Sear, 5; F. James, 6. Owing to some of the men having to get back to Bletchley for their own service, they were all unable to stop to ring at night, which they would have liked to have done, as they are such a good ring of bells; but it is hoped that the time is not far off when the same band of men may meet together and pay another visit to the tower at some other future time.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On Monday, November 8th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. G. C. Bettesworth, 1; Rev. C. Edwards, 2; J. Arthurs, 3; T. Cole, 4; W. Cole, 4; W. Butler, 5; G. Barnes, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; W. Downs, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples by the same band.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, November 7th, for Divine Service at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Harrison, 1; O. Dixon, 2; C. H. Lake, 3; J. Evison, 4; H. Ward, 5; J. Dixon, 6; R. Harrison (conductor), 7; M. Chown, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Composed by E. Cook, of Cardiff.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, October 21st, for practice at Christ Church, 546 Grandsire Triples. S. Ansell, 1; H. W. Newby, 2; J. Miller, 3; S. Wade, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; I. J. Attwater (conductor), 6; A. Miller, 7; C. Bale, 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Pickworth, 1; I. J. Attwater, 2; S. Wade, 3; J. Miller, 4; A. Miller, 5; H. W. Newby, 6. And 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Ansell, 1; A. Miller (conductor), 2; S. Wade, 3; I. J. Attwater, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. W. Newby, 6; J. Miller, 7; C. Bale, 8. On Sunday, October 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Pickworth, 1; S. Wade, 2; J. Miller, 3; W. Ward, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. And 240 Stedman Doubles. A. Jacob (conductor), 1; W. Pickworth, 2; S. Wade, 3; W. Ward, 4; J. Miller, 5; H. Childs, 6.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, November 2nd, at the church of St. Giles, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Pitt, 2; W. Smith, 3; S. Atkins, 4; N. Kibble, 5; J. Adams, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; W. Eyre, 8. Messrs. Brown and Eyre belong to Bilston; Smith to Darlaston.

### 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 BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Replying to a letter in "THE BELL NEWS" of October 30th, I wish to state that no tidings have arrived from the Bedfordshire Association. Still deaf to the call, we must remain in ignorance. I beg to thank my interested friend for his sympathy. In another letter I read that persons possessing any grit can learn themselves. Granted? but how much easier is the task when a willing heart and helping hand comes forward, and with a few instructions makes the difficult lesson easy. With regard to the Associations, I have no wish to condemn them. My complaint is this: a promise made should be fulfilled, or reasons explained. Towards the close of last year four Association members visited our belfry, and promised to take turns in giving us instruction. Two offered to do it gratis, and two we were going to pay expenses. But we have neither heard of or seen them up to the present. Is that Association rules? We will persevere among ourselves to do what we can, hoping ere long some generous member will come and shake a little grit into we poor stoney ringers.

J. N.

SIR,—As foreman of a band of ringers in Sussex, I feel that I cannot let the remarks of Messrs. Williams and Saker (gentlemen whom I have the greatest respect for) pass unanswered. I think anyone reading Mr. Williams' letter will see that there is a need of encourage-

ment for six-bell ringers, or why was he afraid that they would not be at the meeting at Chailey. Then he believes in ringers helping themselves. Allow me to give you an account of ourselves at Pevensy, and the encouragement we have received from the Sussex County Association. Four years ago our ring of six bells was placed in the tower; I was elected foreman, being the only one who could ring. I was determined to go in for change-ringing, having learnt Grandsire Doubles sometime before in Berkshire. I got a young band together and taught them to handle a bell, then started change-ringing, first Grandsire Doubles, then Minor, Bob Doubles and Minor, Stedman Doubles, and now have taken College Single in hand, without any help from the Association. Four of the band have rung touches and quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples. We always ring for Sunday service, and stay to the service ourselves. What is the encouragement we have received from the Association? One invitation to take part in a peal, which I consider is the ambition of all change-ringers. Perhaps the Association cannot arrange for peals for its members, but when they are rung in the neighbourhood I think they might ask members who reside near by to take part. Mr. Saker says that two only of the eight bell towers mentioned by "Non-pealer" are affiliated with the Association. Why are not the other four? I see by this year's report that there are 112 peals of 10, 8, 6 and 5 in the county. Of that number only forty-six are affiliated with the Association. Surely this speaks of itself that more encouragement is wanted.

EDWARD BRANT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION *versus* THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SIR,—On reading your records of peals in last week's "BELL NEWS" one cannot fail to notice a peal rung at one of the largest towns in the district, and part of the county of Kent, under the title of the Royal Cumberland Youths. Upon looking at the names of the band you find that no less than six are members of the Kent County Association, and the remaining two were at one time members of the same, but for reasons best, and only known to themselves, thought fit to retire from the county. But one cannot understand why those men who composed the band as "men of Kent" should not give the county the honour of the peal, but preferred to persuade a member of the band, who was until then a member of a very ancient society, to withdraw from the one and join the other. One would also like to know (with all due respect to the "Royal" Society) why these gentlemen should be so ingenious and energetic in influencing others to withdraw from ringing peals to the credit of their county. When we find that two or three control three bands of ringers we ask the members to beware not to lose your independence. I think our sister county Sussex sets an example in ringing peals for their Association. Peals of the above description are far too frequent in Kent, and it is not to be surprised at when at the end of the year we do not find ourselves at the top of the tree.

A KENTISH MAN.

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SIR,—I am glad to say I have been supplied with the copies of "THE BELL NEWS" as advertised. Indeed I am supplied three times over, and if those friends who did not send me name and address will now do so I will return the papers with thanks.

H. DAINS.

147, Barnsbury Road, N.

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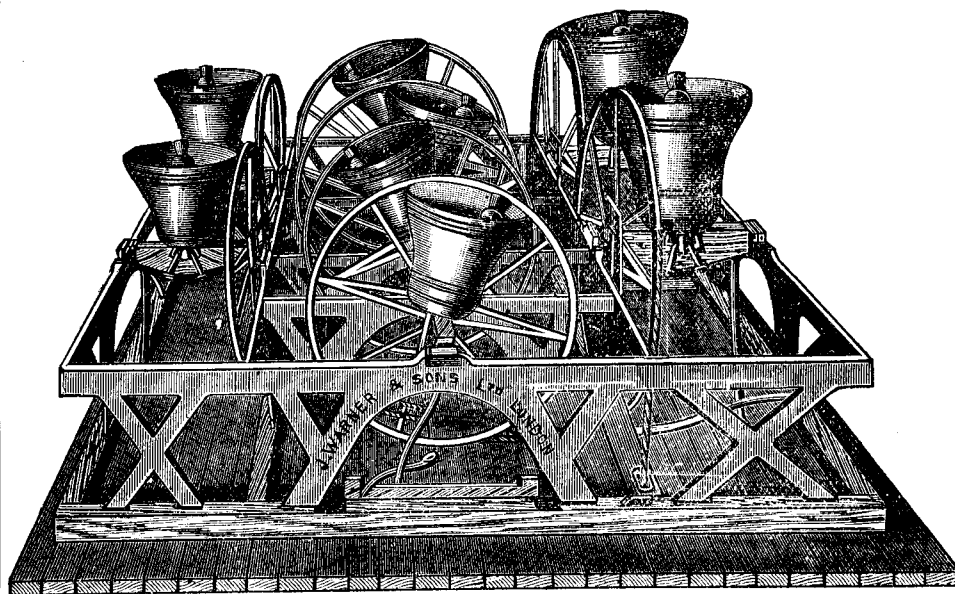
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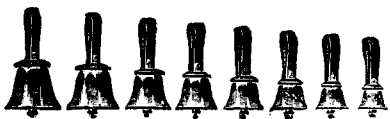
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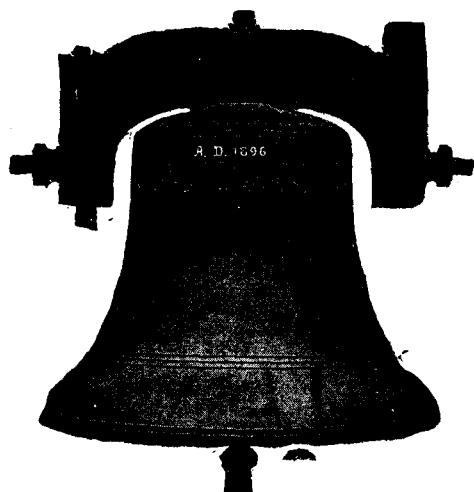
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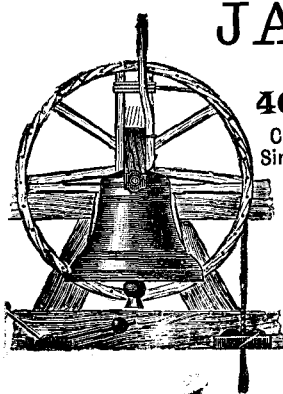
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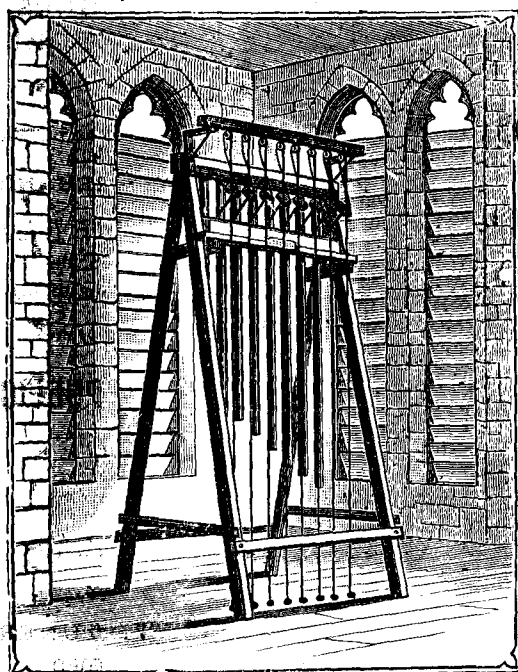
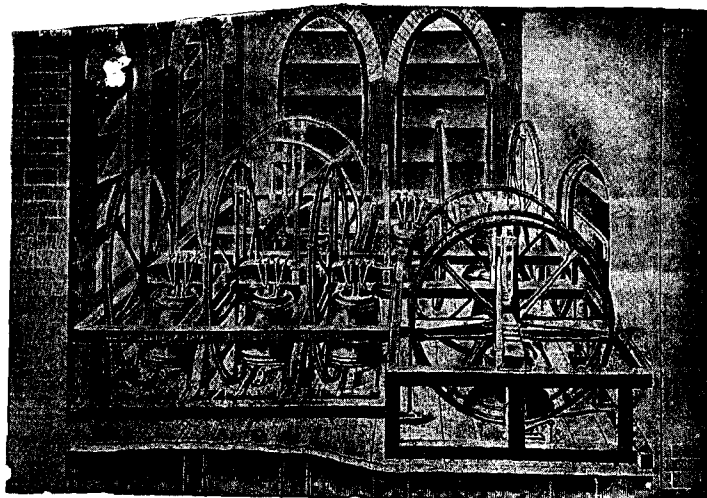
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## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

The parish church of Mottram is an edifice worthy of notice by our readers. Many good performances have been done on the bells, notably the 16,000 of Treble Bob, which however, was found to possess a flaw. The churchyard is famous as being one of the coldest and bleakest spots in England, at all seasons. A kind of tornado, or blizzard, seems to be a chronic feature of the place. Our friend Mr. WILLIAM GORDON, of Stockport, who took the photographs which accompany this number, says of it: "You can scarcely find the churchyard ever so calm as to be able to keep your hat on without holding it. It took two men to hold the camera steady while the photographs were taken." The late JOHN THORP once described it as a place where—

There's nine months' winter,  
An' three months' cowl weather,  
The yer round.

Here is interred one of the most eminent among composers—the late WILLIAM HARRISON. The memorial, two views of we give, speaks for itself. The exertions of the late JASPER SNOWDON led to its erection.

Not much is known of HARRISON from a biographical point of view. He was born at Mottram, and lived with his parents at The White Hart inn there. By trade he was a shoemaker. Several of his best years were, however, spent at Saddleworth, in Yorkshire, or rather it might be said that during these years he on every Monday morning walked from Mottram to Saddleworth, returning to Mottram each Saturday evening, a distance of about five or six miles.

As is well known, the church has a ring of eight bells. With the exception of the curious early font, and a fragment of apparently fourteenth century work at the junction of the north aisle and tower, this fine church has at present no features of earlier date than the fifteenth century. The rebuilding of the nave arcades and clerestories in 1853, when the old masonry was replaced by new of rather poor character, obliterated some interesting pages in the history of the building; and judging from the condition of the remaining work the destruction of the old pillars, etc., would seem to have been quite unnecessary.

The church, like many others dedicated to the Archangel MICHAEL, occupies a commanding site on the summit of a hill, and the bold and massive character of its architecture is well suited to its position.

During the last two years extensive restoration has taken place: on the outside the old hearse-house, which

contained a two-wheel parish hearse, has been pulled down and rebuilt; it now contains a parochial room and a room for biers, etc.

The tower and porch have been restored; the louvres in the bell-chamber windows have been backed by sash-boards extending two-thirds of the way up the windows, thus protecting the bells from the weather. The west gallery, which contained the organ, has been rebuilt, and the organ itself has received a third manual (placed in the Hollingworth chapel in the N.E. corner of the church), and enlarged throughout; it now contains thirty-nine stops; this improvement cost £650.

The removal of the organ disclosed the old west arch, which was bricked up. The west wall has been unpicked, and the brickwork removed, now disclosing the west arch, and the west window through the ringing-chamber. The ringers are now visible to the congregation, only being partly hid from view by a very handsome oak screen rising from the floor of the church, enclosing the choir vestry. During the progress of this work, an old doorway was discovered leading to the belfry, this was made up 100 years ago, and the new exit formed into the churchyard; this old doorway has been restored.

Mottram church still possesses old high-backed square pews, an eye-sore to spectators, and an hindrance to would-be worshippers. There is a splendid pulpit, in the Decorated Perpendicular style, formed of the finest alabaster. It has six beautifully-traceried panels, containing carvings, in bold relief, of subjects connected with preaching taken from Holy Scripture. At the angles of the pulpit are six niches, groined and canopied, with crocketed spires; the niches contain six full length figures of the most noted preachers mentioned in the Scriptures, among whom are Noah, Moses, Elijah, St. John the Baptist, and St. Paul.

The white-looking building to the left of the picture is a beerhouse! that in the centre is a sundial of very ancient date; and the building on the right is the old school.

## STANTON FITZWARREN, BUCKS.

The bells of this church have been rehung, and the tenor has been recast as a Jubilee memorial. The belfry has been put in order, the old timber being unsafe. The tenor is a bell of very fine tone and workmanship, weighing 8 cwt. The old inscription is reproduced: "Henri Knight made this bell: ano 1613." Beneath this: "H. Bond and Sons, Founders. Burford. Oxon, 1897." On the south side below in Old English characters: "Jubilare Deo" (Be joyful in the Lord); and on the north side: "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord have mercy upon us); thus speaking of the twofold use of the bell—for joy and sorrow.

On the evening of November 11th, at the opening service, the sermon was preached by the Rev. Prebendary Pitt, Rector of Lyddington.



THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

[*Supplement to "THE BELL NEWS."*]



THE TOMB OF WILLIAM HARRISON,  
IN THE CHURCHYARD OF MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.



## AN AUSTRALIAN LETTER.

Knowing that the columns of your valued journal are open for the reception of items regarding the Art of change-ringing, may I venture to encroach on your space and tell of the doings of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, society of ringers. Though separated by a wide expanse of water from your land, our city has been favoured from time to time with English ringers who have kept alive in them a love of the great science and Art of change-ringing; and several of them have contributed in no small way to infuse the English spirit in Australian ringers. And one of the foremost in this connection in our city is Mr. Chas. W. Porter, a former member of the College Youths in your land. Mr. Porter has been most zealous in his efforts to bring to perfection the ringers of Sydney, and it is owing to his incessant labours in that direction that our society has attained its present state of proficiency. This gentleman came amongst us some three years ago from the neighbouring colony of Queensland, where he sojourned for some years after leaving London. He has composed two peals in this colony; the Darling Point Minor and Yarranabby. Now, with your permission, I will quote a few of the many comparatively speaking small performances of our society under Mr. Porter's tuition. On May 21st, 1895, a touch (216), the first of importance, was rang by J. Gallagher, H. Davis, G. Masters, T. J. Corbett, H. Lawn, C. W. Porter (conductor). On May 28th, a three-part peal was rung by the same band. On July 9th, touches of 216 and 180; August 6th, 180; August 20th, 216; September 3rd, 216; October 1st, as far as 600 changes were rung, but a breakdown occurred; October 17th, 240 and three half-peals. On January 21st, 1896, the first peal was rung in 34 mins. by E. C. Albert, J. Gallagher, W. Warne, T. J. Corbett, H. Lawn, C. W. Porter (conductor), H. Chown (covering). On the same evening a half-peal was rung. On February 4th, the second peal was rung by J. Gallagher, H. Davis, W. Warne, T. J. Corbett, H. Lawn, C. W. Porter (conductor), A. L. Bennett, tenor. On February 16th, a half-peal. April 7th, the third peal by E. C. Albert, A. H. Pope, W. Warne, T. J. Corbett, H. Davis, C. W. Porter (conductor), H. Chown, tenor. The same evening some plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung. On May 12th the first Ringers' Association peal was rung by three ringers from St. Mary's, and three from St. Mark's, Darling Point. On July 14th, 360 and 240 Grandsire Doubles.

Unfortunately about this time St. Mary's society disbanded. After a lapse of about twelve months they got together again with renewed vigour, and the best performances have yet to be told. On July 5th, 1897, a band was organised to visit Randwick tower, where there is a peal of eight steel bells, but which work very badly. After several attempts, and notwithstanding the long rest from ringing, a touch of 240 was rung by E. C. Albert, Warne, Davis, Porter, Corbett, and Blakeley (late of Victoria), and A. Bennett. The following evening at St. Mary's tower, a peal was rang by Messrs. Corbett, Pope, Davis, Blakeley, Lawn, Porter, and Bennett. On July 13th, a muffled peal was rung in 26 mins. On July 17th, about a dozen of St. Mary's ringers journeyed a distance of some fourteen miles by rail to Parramatta, where there is a nice peal of six, tenor 10 cwt. The bells were in good going order, and two 720s were rung in 46 mins., also three plain courses of Darling Point Minor, and three courses of Grandsire Doubles. The striking would have done credit to any band. On July 7th, at St. Mary's, some Grandsire Triples, three plain courses, and three touches of three bobs each were rung. On August 14th another visit was paid to Randwick tower, and this time a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung, being the first 720 rung on the bells, notwithstanding that many attempts have been made by several other bands from other societies as well as our own. On August 16th, we visited Christ Church in this city, and tried a new peal. The third part-end turned up all right, but later on a couple of bells changed course, and thus marred success. There are six bells in this tower.

T. J. CORBETT, *Hon. Sec. St. Mary's Society, N.S.W.*

THE GREAT FIRE IN THE CITY.—Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Crescent Bell Foundry, Cripplegate, ask us to say that the recent great city fire will in no way affect their stock or business orders.

## A RECORD OF CHANGE-RINGERS.

Being a native of the little village of Friezeand, Greenfield, Yorkshire, it may be interesting to the readers of your valuable paper if I give an account of the performances of the company of change-ringers of the tower of Christ Church, Friezeand. In Jubilee year, 1887, the United Counties Association offered for competition two silver cups—one for six bells and the other for eight bells, the cups to be won three times by the same company before becoming their absolute property. This was the commencement of contesting by the Friezeand ringers. On Saturday, July 9th, 1887, the first contest took place on six bells at Chapel-en-le-Frith, with the following result: Saddleworth, first prize and cup; Friezeand, 2nd prize. Six sets competed. On Saturday, September 22nd, 1888, the next contest took place at Hayfield, the result being Friezeand, first prize and cup. Five sets competed. The next contest was at Burbage, Buxton, on September 21st, 1889. Three weeks previous to this contest their 3rd ringer met with an accident and broke his arm. Still, with the assistance of an old and esteemed ringer, they took part, but were unsuccessful. The next contest, September 13th, 1890, was at their own tower, so they were not allowed to compete. On May 9th, 1891, at Mossley, they rang for the first time in the eight-bell contest, and were awarded 2nd prize. On October 24th, 1891, the next six-bell contest took place at Dinting, and the result was Friezeand, first prize and cup. The next contest, September 17th, 1892, was again at Chapel-en-le-Frith, the result being Friezeand, first prize and cup. The cup then became their absolute property. This handsome trophy was presented by the winners to the Friezeand Christ Church, with the stipulation that it should remain in the hands of the parishioners' warden for the time being. On May 23rd, 1893, they took part in a prize-ringing contest at Kirkheaton, Yorkshire, with the following result: Friezeand, first prize. Nine sets competed. Their next attempt was at a prize contest at Hayfield, on April 28th, 1894, when they were again awarded first prize. At New Mill, Yorks., September, 1896, they were awarded second prize. The last contest in which they took part was the Diamond Jubilee contest at Shelley, Yorks., on September 28th, 1897, with the result that Friezeand took the first prize. Ten sets competed. Thus since Jubilee 1887, and Jubilee 1897, they have attended ten contests, and their record stands as follows: six first prizes, three seconds and once unsuccessful. They are the owners of the United Counties Association silver cup. This we Friezeand people think is a splendid record. I am glad to say this body of ringers are always willing to ring and assist others when required.

A LOVER OF CHANGE-RINGING.

## A CORRECTION.

In our issue of the 13th ult. appeared a report of a visit of eight members of the Bath and Wells Association to Yatton, in Somerset. The bells have recently been rehung, and the report stated that the work had been done by Messrs. Mallaby, of Masham, whereas it was executed by the Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham. This is another instance of the careless manner in which some of our correspondents forward their reports. This one read thus: "The bells have been rehung by Messrs. Mallaby, of Birmingham." We did the only reasonable thing in such case, *i.e.* correct the apparently-wrong address. We greatly regret the error, though under the circumstances we ought not to be held responsible.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHWICH BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Great Budworth, on Saturday, the 20th ult. There was a poor attendance, the only towers represented being Witton and Great Budworth. The following rang a 720 and 360 of Plain Bob Minor with 7 8 behind: W. Forster, S. Johnson, G. Johnson, S. Forster, R. Chantler, A. Johnson, J. Bell, J. Holden.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Northwich.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

A very good photograph indeed of Mr. Mitchell, of a different size to what we have been used to, which seems to be an improvement, though they have always been very good indeed. Like the back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS," which cannot now be had for love nor money, these pictures will be worth their weight in gold some day.

The Chipping Norton branch of the Oxford Guild is a lively body somewhat. I believe I am right in saying that the branch is a young one. It shows great energy, and the report of its operations which was read by the secretary, though not up to his expectations, shows great hopes. This was the opinion of the Master, and he ought to know. A word to the members of this branch. Bear in mind the closing words of the Master, so that on the next occasion he may find cause for congratulation.

Jubilee memorials have not ceased. We are constantly seeing accounts of new bells being placed in towers for this object. Well, we have nothing to say against such a proceeding. The more the merrier, certainly. What has become of the scheme for a ring of twelve bells at Waltham Abbey? A great flourish of trumpets about this. Is there anything in the way of this movement?

Somewhere in South Wales, not a hundred miles from Llandaff, there is a village called "Bonvilston." The other day, a party from Penarth and Cardiff paid a visit there. On the way they were all full of it. The 700s of Six-In they were going to ring on Bonvilston bells was something extraordinary; and considering they had only been rehung (save the mark) about three years ago, why there was some reason for the belief.

He that expects nothing is generally not disappointed. The report tells us that all these visions vanished like smoke. They could not raise the bells, they had to "coax" them up, and that with difficulty. I should like to know of this process. Fancy "coaxing" a bell up.

Then after the bells had been coaxed up, the company were almost afraid to ring them, from the fear that they (the bells, would come through the ceiling upon them. A 6-score of Doubles caused sheer exhaustion; and leaving, I suppose, the bells to lower themselves, the visitors sought consolation at The Red Cow.

This report does not inform us who rehung these bells "about three years ago." Was it the local blacksmith, or the parish undertaker, or the itinerant rag-and-bone merchant? If neither of these who was the artiste? And what did it cost? I must not say too much, because the authorities may induce the hanger to put them into proper condition, free of cost.

I see things are coming on down Herefordshire way. This was once called a "benighted county" with regard to ringing matters. They are looking up now. Mr.

Greenleaf, of Hereford city, appears to be constantly employed at one place or other in the county, rehanging bells. There is plenty of scope for the bellhanger not only in Herefordshire, but in every county in England. Mind, I said "bellhanger," not local farrier.

The peal of Double Norwich rang at the town of Halesowen was a plucky and courageous affair, if the reference to the peal "in another place" is any criterion. A 19½ cwt. tenor, when the brasses are worn away, and the gudgeons are working in some foreign substance; when the frame makes the circuit of the belfry; and the bells run out of their truck occasionally; must be allowed to be in a piscatorial or otherwise "dicky" condition. We are to understand, I suppose, that these bells have not been rehung within the last three years, about. It is to be hoped that this performance will be the means of inducing the Church authorities to have them rehung. Such a grand old fabric as the parish church of Halesowen should have its proper complement of bells, in a proper condition of repair.

So we are to have a Ringers' Jubilee, are we? Very well. A very good idea too. This will fetch some of the ringers from foreign parts, perhaps. If it is to come off, every effort should be made towards success. But I hardly think one day would be of much use. And how can ringers afford to lose more than one day? How indeed. Some of them don't mind, I expect, losing time for a cricket match, or a football exhibition, or a horse-race, perhaps. Consistency, is it not?

Most of my readers will be proud to possess a photograph of the memorial-stone of such a past master in the Art as was the late William Harrison. Such souvenirs as these we ought to be glad to obtain. We have not too many of those illustrious men whose names are familiar to us. What would we give to possess such a memorial of Holt, or Annable, for instance. I know their works are a sufficient monument, and all that. But what would we give if the "B.N." could publish a portrait of Holt? Then cherish these photographs, hand them down as heir-looms. They will have their value by-and-by.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## HORBURY, NEAR WAKEFIELD.

It is said that a considerable portion—if not the whole—of the tower of the parish church of Horbury will shortly have to be taken down. The structure has for years been known to be not overstrong, but a recent examination by Mr. Fowler, a well-known ecclesiastical architect, shows that its stability has become so impaired that decisive measures are necessary. The church was built in the year 1794 by Mr. John Carr, architect, an alderman of the city of York, and a native of Horbury, who defrayed the entire cost and also established an endowment for an organist's salary. The repair of the church is one of the duties imposed upon the Horbury Common Lands Trustees. It is likely that the taking down and rebuilding of the tower may cost a couple of thousand pounds or more.

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## Compositions.

BRIGHTON TREBLE BOB.  
A NEW METHOD.By FREDERICK DENCH, *College Youths.*

It is usual in presenting a new method to the Exercise to review the qualities it contains. In so doing brevity will form the essence of the contract. The method under notice is upon the Treble Bob plan, and from a musical point of view it is a decided improvement upon the Kent and Oxford variations, the bells coming together behind in coursing order as in Kent, and we have the advantage of Treble Bob lead-ends, also lengthening leads, and better still a clear proof scale.

Here, then, is an opportunity for new compositions, and in such form as have not been previously presented. Of course all Treble Bob compositions (with tenors together) will run true to Brighton Treble Bob, and all such peals as those where false course-ends stand in the way of accomplishment in Kent and Oxford, may be obtained in this. I have long sought for a method of this kind, and I think it is the first Treble Bob method with lengthening leads and a clear proof scale yet published. In conclusion I give a lead of the plain course, also the method of making the bob, and trust the method may find favour in the hands of my brother-strings in the Science.

## A LEAD.

12345678

21435687

12346578

21436587

24163857

42613875

24168357

42618375

24681735

26487153

62841735

26847153

28674513

82765431

82674513

28765431

27856341

72583614

72583614

27583614

25738164

52731846

25378164

23571846

32517486

## Continued—

23157468

32514786

23154768

21345678

12435687

21346578

12436587

14263857

## A BOB.

21346578

12436587

14235678

41325687

THREE PEALS OF BRIGHTON  
TREBLE BOB.

By FREDERICK DENCH.

## 5056.

23456 M B W H

24536 I - 2 2

42635 2 - 2 2

46325 I - 2 2

23564 2 - 2 2

24365 2 - I 2

23645 I - 2 2

32546 2 - 2 2

## Repeated.

Has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent, without 2nd and 3rd.

## 5184.

23456 M B W H

26354 - I I I

36524 I - I I

25634 I - 2 2

53624 I - 2 2

32546 - 2 2

23645 2 - 2 2

## Twice repeated.

Has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths without 2nd or 3rd.

## 5056.

23456 M B H

35426 I -

52436 I -

35264 - 2

25634 I - I

53246 I - I

34256 I - I

45236 I -

53462 -

53624 - I

32546 - I

## Repeated.

Has the 6th the extent at home at twelve separate course-ends.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB  
MAJOR.By YORK GREEN, *London.*

## 5056.

23454 M B W H

52364 2 - 2 2

34625 2 - 2 2

64235 I - I I

62345 I - 2 2

25346 2 - I 2

62453 2 - I 2

26354 - I 2

36524 - 2 I

54263 2 - 2 2

43265 2 - I 2

25634 - I 2

52436 - I 2

54326 - I 2

23456 2 2 2

First rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Margaret's, Barking, April 18th, 1896, conducted by its composer.

## 5120.

23456 M B W H

43526 I - I I

43265 - I I

35264 2 - I 2

32654 I - 2 2

32546 - I I

24365 2 - 2 2

42563 2 - 2 2

53624 2 - 2 2

56234 - I 2

34625 2 - 2 2

34256 - I I

45236 I -

53246 I -

64235 2 - 2 I

52436 2 - I I

23456 I -

A  $\frac{1}{4}$  PEAL OF GRANDSIRE  
TRIPLES.By H. W. WILDE, *Belgrave, Cheshire.*

## 1260.

234567

342567 4

S 573642 I

425367 2

674532 2

256374 1

Eight times repeated, with single instead of bob last call of the third, sixth, and ninth parts. This quarter-peal contains twelve 6-7s, twelve 7-4s, and twelve 4-6s all the right way, and is believed to be the first published in nine equal parts.

## PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Sheffield.*

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
24536	I	-	2	2
43526	I	-		
24365		-		2
34625			2	I
35426	2			I
53624	2			2
56234			I	2
63425	2	-		
26354		-		2
23564			I	2
34562	2	-	I	2
42563	I			2
64235		-		2
62345			I	2
25346	I			2
23456			I	2

Contains the 6th the extent wrong, and the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 6ths place, 5th and 6th at five course-ends in the minimum number of course-ends.

5184.

23456	M	B	W	H
43526			2	I
32654	2	-		
25634	I	-		
36524	I	-		2
52364	I	-	2	I
54263	2			I
46532		-		
24365		-	2	2
45362	I			2
25463		-	I	
35264		-	I	
35642				I
54326		-		
42356	I	-		
53246	I	-		2
52436			I	2
23645	2	-		
23456		-		I

Contains the 6th the extent each way at six course-ends.

5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
62534	2		I	2
65324			I	2
54326	I			2
53246			I	2
36245	I			2
32465			I	2
25463	I			2
52364	2			2
32654		2		I
34256	2			I

Continued—

	M	B	W	H
24536			2	I
26435	2			I
46325			2	I
45623	2			I
52436		-		
23456	I	-		

Contains the 6th the extent home at six course-ends, and the 2nd never in that position. First rung at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, September 16th, 1896, conducted by its author.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5408.

23456	I	4	5	6
34256				-
52436	-			-
25634		-		-
56234			-	-
32654	-		-	-
26354			-	-
63254			-	-
52364	-		-	-
23564			-	-
35264			-	-
64253	S	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-
52346	-		-	-
23546			-	-
35246			-	-
42536	-		-	-
25436			-	-
54236			-	-
32456	-		-	-
24356			-	-
32645		-		-
26345			-	-
63245			-	-
42365	-		-	-
23465			-	-

Repeated. Contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6, the 2nd never being in that position. If three bobs braced are omitted in one part, the peal is reduced to 5184. First rung as 5184 at Irthlingborough on October 2nd, 1897, conducted by J. Houghton, jun.

## PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, *Dublin.*

5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
52364			2	
63254		2	2	
62534		I	2	
65324	I	-	2	2

Continued—

	M	B	W	H
54326	I			2
25463		-		2
53462	2	-	I	2
36245	2	-		
42635	I	-		2
24536		-	I	2
32465		-		2
34625	I	-	2	2
62345	I	-	2	I
25346	2	-	I	2
23456	I	-	2	2

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths, and the 6th its extent in 5ths.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE HAWKINS, *Hawley, Hants.*

5088.

23456	W	B	M	H
64235	-		-	-
26354		I	-	-
26435		2	-	-
43265	-		-	-
52364			-	-
35264			-	-
23645		I	-	-

Five times repeated; single for bob half-way and end.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By F. HOPGOOD, *Reading.*

5056.

23456	W	B	M	H
64235	-		-	-
36245	-			3
43265	-			3
63254	-	-	-	3
53246	-	-	-	3
56234	-		-	2
35264	-			3
35426	-	2		-
32456	-			3s

Repeated.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 6ths place, and the full combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6.

## A TOUCH OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By ERNEST AMBROSE, *Long Melford.*

1472.

23456	M	B	W	H
23564			X	
45362				-
63254				-
63542			X	
25346				-
34256				-
23456				-

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1897.

WE think that the most careless observer of our recent peal records has noticed the late infrequency of peals rung by the London Cumberland Society. One or two, now and then, perhaps, have been seen, but nothing striking among the higher number of bells. The members of this distinguished society will pardon our comments upon such a subject, and take what we say in a spirit of goodwill. The Cumberlands have a splendid record. Among their tomes are to be found such names as GROSS, SHIPWAY, GRANT, and many others of fame. Is it too much to say that the present members of this Society do not appear to be keeping headway with their once proud position? Peal-ringing is not the principal feature of a Society's operations, we know, but it is a great feature, nevertheless. We should like with all deference and respect to impress upon the younger members that it is their duty to keep up the prestige of the Society, both as regards peal-ringing, and the general conduct of business. We hope these remarks will be taken in a fraternal spirit, as we believe they will be.



**The Metropolis.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, November 26, 1897, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN MILLER* .. .. Treble.	*ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
HARRY HOSKINS* .. .. 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 6.
SIDNEY WADE* .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. 4.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN... Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

\*First peal in the method; also first peal in the method by the Association. The ringers wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells on this and many previous occasions.

**The Provinces.****RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

*On Wednesday, November 24, 1897, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;***Being 720 each of the following;*

Stedman, Canterbury, Morning Star, April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Old Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

T. LINTON WILSON .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL BIRD .. .. 3.
FREDERICK LAMBERT .. .. 2.	ARTHUR FOOK .. .. 4.
CHARLES KERRISON .. .. Tenor.	

Conducted by F. LAMBERT.

Rung on the occasion of the re-opening of the church by the Lord Bishop of Norwich. The Rev. T. Linton Wilson, vicar, kindly provided a supper for the ringers at the conclusion of the peal.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Friday, November 26, 1897, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

FARRINGTON JONES .. .. Treble.	HENRY DAWKES .. .. 6.
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 7.
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HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 5.	ISAAC PURSER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

**STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 27, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

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IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

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GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 2.	*ANDREW SIDEBOTHAM .. 7.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3.	WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. 8.
HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 9.
FRED DERBYSHIRE .. .. 5.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. Tenor.

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**WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 27, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13 cwt.

CYRIL HERBERT .. .. Treble.	*SIDNEY AVIS .. .. 5.
CHARLES HERBERT .. .. 2.	*DOUGLAS HARRIS .. .. 6.
MORTIMER MATTHEWS* .. 3.	ERNEST HERBERT .. .. 7.
MARK LANE .. .. 4.	STANFORD WOLFE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BARKER and Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

\*First peal. S. Wolfe hails from Wolverton; M. Lane from Aspley Guise; the rest belong to Woburn. Mr. Wolfe was elected a member in the tower.

**PULHAM, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 27, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
HERBERT MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	CHARLES BAKER .. .. 6.
JAMES BOUGHTON .. .. 3.	CHARLES TANN .. .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

This peal contains the 6th the extent in all positions at ten course-ends.

**STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.****THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, November 27, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PERVIN .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. 5.
HARRY WHITTLE .. .. 2.	REUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	GEORGE OLDHAM .. .. 7.
FREDERICK PRICE .. .. 4.	JAMES HUTCHBY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE and Conducted by J. HUTCHBY.

Messrs. Price, Clifford (2), and Oldham hail from Beeston; Inglesant and Hutchby from Loughborough; Pervin and Whittle belong to Stanford.

**IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Saturday, November 27, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes*

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.**

Tenor 32 cwt.

STEPHEN COOK* .. .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 2.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. 7.
ROBERT HAWES .. .. 3.	*WILLIAM PYE .. .. 8.
CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM* 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 9.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5.	*WILLIAM WOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. MOORE, of Rotherham, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\*First peal of Stedman Caters. W. Pye hails from Chadwell Heath, Essex.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.****THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, November 27, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

BERNARD WITCHELL .. Treble.	GEORGE ROBERTS .. .. 5.
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM ALLSOPP .. .. 6.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. 7.
THOMAS WAKEMAN* .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This is the rooth peal rung by the above Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. George, who at the completion of the peal entertained the ringers to refreshments, all wishing him many happy returns. \*First peal of Stedman Triples.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. Treble	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. .. 5.
JOHN BENSTEAD .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 6.
CHARLES FOWLER .. .. 3.	HARRY WAKLEY .. .. 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 4.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WAKLEY.

\*First peal.

LOW MOOR, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIE BAILEY* .. Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 5.
THOMAS SIMPSON .. .. 2.	HERBERT KERSHAW .. .. 6.
ABSALOM WILKINSON .. 3.	JAMES W. EMMETT .. .. 7.
EDWIN WHEATER .. .. 4.	CHARLES DRACUP .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BARKER, of Liversedge, and  
Conducted by CHARLES DRACUP.

\*First peal. Messrs. Wheeler and Broadley hail from Bradford; the rest belong to the local company.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, November 27, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. Treble	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 6.
ROBERT HUNT .. .. 3.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 7.
WILLIAM HANCOX .. .. 4.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have been augmented to eight as a jubilee commemoration by a new treble and second from the foundry of Messrs. J. Barwell and Co., and is also the 100th peal rung by the above Guild.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of the following:

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

HARRY T. MOSTON .. Treble	SAMUEL HORSFALL .. .. 4.
THOMAS BURROWS .. .. 2.	ROBT. GEO. LEWIS .. .. 5.
FREDK. THOS. SPENCE .. 3.	JNO. W. BOOTH .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. THOS. SPENCE.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Jno. Booth, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 29, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

ABRAHAM WINTERTON* .. Treble	JAMES WIGNELL .. .. 5.
FRANK HOLDER .. .. 2.	ALFRED TRAPPIST .. .. 6.
ALFRED BOXALL .. .. 3.	CHARLES BANCE .. .. 7.
ERNEST WALKER .. .. 4.	ALFRED CLAYTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

\*First peal.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Sunday, November 28, 1897, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

GEORGE BRUSH .. .. Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD .. .. 5.
FREDERICK GODDARD .. 2.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. 6.
EBENEZER G. BOWTELL* .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
ARTHUR E. BRADLEY* .. 4.	THOMAS BEADLE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

Messrs. Ransom, Goddard and Beadle hail from Isleworth; the rest from Kensington. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 29, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED P. HOWCROFT .. Treble	JOHN H. JONES .. .. 5.
RICHARD FENWICK .. .. 2.	THOMAS METCALFE .. 6.
JOHN W. PASSMAN .. .. 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
CHARLES HALL .. .. 4.	*WILLIAM NEWTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

\*First peal in the method.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LAYZELL .. Treble	GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 3.	WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. 7.
FRANK A. SMITH .. .. 4.	HARRY MANSFIELD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

Messrs. Buckingham, Thorn, Smith, and Huntley hail from Bushey; Price from Oxhey; the rest belong to the local band.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. II. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST CARTER† .. Treble	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. .. 5.
ALFRED DAY* .. .. 2.	aGEORGE BASDEN .. .. 6.
GEORGE BLOOMFIELD† .. 3.	GEORGE ALLDER .. .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. 4.	*FREDERICK CARTER .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH J. PARKER.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first in the method by all except Flaxman and Parker. \*First peal. †First with the treble. ‡First with a bob bell. aFirst of Triples. Rung in honour of Mr. Alder's 40th birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

No date mentioned, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
VICARS'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY .. Treble	JOHN MAKINSON .. .. 5.
HIRAM SIDNEY .. .. 2.	HENRY MOSS .. .. 6.
ROBERT SEDDON .. .. 3.	JAMES SEDDON .. .. 7.
JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. 4.	*JOHN PARTINGTON .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

\*First peal. Thornley, Sidney, R. Seddon, Makinson, J. Seddon and Partington belong to St. Peter's, Halliwell; Moss and Pennington to St. George's, Bolton.

## CHESTERTON, CAMBS.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

In the following methods:

Stedman, Grandsire, New Doubles, Old Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Oxford, April Day, Plain Bob, and Stedman's Slow Course. Tenor 20 cwt.

H. MANSFIELD .. .. .	Treble.	R. RAYNER .. .. .	3.
F. BROWN .. .. .	2.	W. MANSFIELD .. .. .	4.
W. EUSDEN .. .. .	Tenor.		

Conducted by W. EUSDEN.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 20th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. G. E. Symonds, 1; H. Langdon, sen., 2; W. H. Passmore, 3; \*W. S. Langdon, 4; \*W. H. Webber, 5; G. Farden, 6; F. Perrin (conductor), 7; T. Langdon, 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method. Rung on the twenty-third birthday of T. Langdon.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday evening, August 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; H. Reader (conductor), 3; J. Town, 4; A. Killick, 5; G. Harwood, 6. On September 5th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack (composer and conductor), 5; H. Reader, 6. On September 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). Composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton-on-the-Hill. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack (conductor), 5; H. Reader, 6. On Monday, September 27th, for practice, 360 Kent Treble Bob. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Town, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the treble and tenor ringers. On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Town, 5; H. Reader (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 4th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; T. P. Richards, Esq., 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Town, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th ringers. On October 17th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (thirty singles and three bobs). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Reader, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Brown, 5; J. Hack (composer and conductor), 6. On Saturday, October 23rd, to welcome home the Rev. G. F. Matthews and his bride on their return from their honeymoon, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). Composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton-on-the-Hill. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; G. Harwood, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; J. Hack, 4; G. Harwood, 5; H. Reader (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, October 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader (conductor), 4; G. Harwood, 5; J. Hack, 6.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, October 23rd, for morning service, 1120 London Surprise Major. T. J. Salter (conductor), 1; N. Davis, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; W. Page (longest touch in the method), 6; J. O. Bennett, 7; J. Pagett, 8. W. Page hails from Worcester.

OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Roberts, H. Skelding, W. Newman, A. Skelding, W. Whitehouse, J. Orford. On Wednesday, October 13th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Whitehouse, F. Brace, W. Newman, A. Skelding, J. Pearsall, A. Roberts. On Sunday, October 17th, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Skelding, F. Brace, T. Heathcock, W. Whitehouse, A. Roberts, J. Orford. On Wednesday, October 27th, 720 Grandsire. A. Parsons, G. Parish, H. Mason, A. Roberts, F. Brace, G. Pagett. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Mason, W. Newman, T. Heathcock, W. Whitehouse, F. Brace, A. Parsons, Parish and Mason hail from Old Hill. Conducted by A. Parsons and A. Roberts.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

KINGSWOOD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, October 13th, at St. Andrew's church, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Thompson, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; J. Willshire, 3; G. Hoad, 4; W. Argent, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6. And 240 Bob Minor. G. Thompson, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Hoad, 3; W. Argent, 4; J. Willshire, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6. The ringers of the above touches are all members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. J. Willshire hails from London; the rest from Reigate.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Thursday, October 14th, at St. Mary's church, 120 Bob Minor. R. Thorpe, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Hoad, 3; F. Sanders, 4; J. Willshire, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. G. Hoad, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; J. Willshire, 3; F. Sanders, 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5; J. Palmer, 6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Humphrey, 1; G. Hoad (conductor), 2; J. Willshire, 3; F. Hoad, jun., 4; F. Sanders, 5; A. Holman, 6. And another 6-score, J. Wallis ringing the treble. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. R. Thorp, 1; G. Hoad, 2; J. Robinson, 3; F. Hoad, jun., 4; F. Sanders (conductor), 5; J. Palmer, 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN.—On Sunday, October 17th, at the parish church, 378 Grandsire Caters. J. Brown, 1; I. Whalley, 2; J. Smith, jun., 3; G. Goodwin, 4; H. Hayes, 5; C. Sharples, 6; W. Slater, 7; J. Scholey, 8; J. Walker, 9; M. Adams, 10. Whalley and Sharples hail from Oswaldtwistle, and this is their first attempt at Caters.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday, October 21st, for the funeral of the Rev. Bowlby Haslewood, for forty years vicar of this parish, 720 Plain Bob with the bells muffled. W. Britcliffe, 1; I. Whalley, 2; J. Bentley, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 24th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Britcliffe, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; J. Bentley, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Bentley, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; I. Whalley, 3; C. Sharples, 4; T. Burslem, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 26th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Britcliffe, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; J. Bentley, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 31st, 720 Kent. W. Britcliffe, 1; T. Holden, 2; J. Bentley, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6.

ACCINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. I. Whalley, 1; R. Scholes, 2; J. Bentley, 3; A. Scholes, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 5th, 720 Violet. A. Scholes (conductor), 1; R. Scholes, 2; J. Hindle, 3; C. Sharples, 4; I. Whalley, 5; R. Parkinson, 6. First in the method on tower bells by Messrs. Whalley and Parkinson. On Sunday, October 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Scholes (conductor), 1; J. Bentley, 2; C. Rogers, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; W. Ashworth, 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by Messrs. Rogers and Ashworth. On Tuesday, October 19th, 720 College Exercise. A. Scholes (conductor), 1; R. Scholes, 2; J. Hindle, 3; I. Whalley, 4; R. Parkinson, 5; C. Sharples, 6. First in the method by Messrs. Whalley, Parkinson and Sharples. Bentley, Whalley, Parkinson and Sharples hail from Oswaldtwistle.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME (Lancashire).—On Sunday, November 14th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. \*J. Idle, 1; \*A. Honeybill, 2; W. E. Ryder, 3; †E. Burroughs, 4; W. H. Idle, 5; \*R. Davies (conductor), 6. \*First 720 and first attempt. †First 720 away from the treble.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THURLEIGH (Beds).—On Saturday, October 23rd, 720 Woodbine. W. Gazeley, 1; E. Tingey (first 720 in the method), 2; W. J. Barker, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; F. Hull (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob. W. Gazeley, 1; E. Tingey, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. J. Barker, 4; F. Hull, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single. W. Gazeley, 1; E. Tingey, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; W. J. Barker, 4; F. Hull, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles, several of the local band taking part.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON FITZWARRREN (Somersetshire).—On Wednesday, October 20th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob in 27 mins. F. Bellamy, 1; F. Saunders, 2; I. Creed (conductor), 3; H. J. Creed, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. First in the method by all and first on the bells.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON (Berks).—On Tuesday, October 12th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. G. Nash, 1; A. Frankum, 2; R. Frankum, 3; W. Nash, 4; W. Buckland, 5; A. Frankum (conductor), 6.

ductor), 6. On Thursday, October 28th, 720 College Single in 25 mins. W. Frankum, 1; A. Frankum, 2; R. Frankum, 3; W. Buckland, 4; W. Nash, 5; A. Frankum (conductor), 6. First in the method by all the band, and first 720 by G. Nash.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPSEL (Surrey).—On Monday evening, November 8th, for practice, 720 College Pleasure. T. Ansell, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Holloway, 1; T. Ansell (first 720 in any method with a bob bell), 2; J. Akehurst, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

NEWDIGATE (Surrey).—On Saturday evening, November 13th, the Capel Society were invited by one of the churchwardens of Newdigate parish church to have an evening's ringing on their bells, and the following was the result: 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins. T. Ansell, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 720 College Pleasure. T. Ansell, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; T. Fairs, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt. These bells have lately been rehung with new gudgeons and bearings and all new wheels, and the "go" of them is all that can be desired.

#### THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, October 31st, for evening service at St. Alkmund's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; T. Burd, 3; F. Taylor, 4; G. Taylor, 5; G. Burrows, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Lewis, 8. On Monday, November 1st, at St. Chad's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. G. Scarratt, 1; T. Burd, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; W. Espley, 4; G. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Burrows (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Rung on the back eight with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Duchess of Teck. On Wednesday, November 3rd, at St. Alkmund's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. Espley, 1; W. Owen, 2; T. Burd, 3; G. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; G. Burrows, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. On Friday, November 12th, for practice, 337 Grandsire Triples. T. Burd, 1; W. Espley, 2; F. Taylor, 3; H. Jones, 4; G. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; G. Scarratt, 8. On Sunday, November 14th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; W. Espley, 2; G. Taylor, 3; T. Burd, 4; F. Taylor, 5; H. Jones, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Lewis, 8.

BICTON (Salop).—On Sunday, November 7th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 22 mins. G. Scarratt, 1; G. Taylor, 2; H. Jones, 3; A. Fullick, 4; F. Taylor, 5; G. Burrows (first as conductor), 6.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Monday, November 8th, for practice, 1064 Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; E. Poppy, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; J. Betts, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; F. Baker, 8.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday morning, October 31st, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Cook, 1; W. Combes, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Biss, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; J. Thomas, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Composed by W. Combes, Cardiff. For practice on Monday, November 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; O. Layng, 4; R. Balcombe, 5; J. Aldridge, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Composed by J. Howes. O. Layng hails from Swindon.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Friday evening, October 1st, for practice, 720 London Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Violet. J. H. Smith, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. Brierley, 6. In the afternoon, for service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. Brierley, 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 5; J. Brierley, 6. On Monday, October 4th, for practice, 720 of Imperial. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes

(conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Killamarsh. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, October 15th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; G. Shottin, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 17th, 720 Arnold's Victory. J. H. Smith, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Z. Lord, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Brierley, 6. On Sunday, October 31st, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Smith, 1; Z. Lord, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith (conductor), 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Brierley, 6.

BIRCHINGTON (Kent).—On Friday, November 12th, for practice at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, two 168s and 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Stevens (longest length), 1; H. Sayer (first with a bob bell), 2; T. Wilson (first as conductor), 3; T. Reed, sen., 4; P. Reed, 5; G. Willshire, 6; A. Sayer, 7; E. Golder, 8.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, October 36th, at All Saints' church, 672 Stedman Triples. G. Pearce, C. H. Horton, H. Pring, H. Porch, F. Gooding, G. Colston, G. Daltry, G. Stallard. On Sunday, October 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Knight, 1; A. Pearce, 2; H. Porch, 3; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 4; C. E. Boutflower, 5; W. A. Cave, 6; G. Daltry, 7; F. Gooding, 8. On Thursday, October 28th, at St. Mary Redcliffe, 576 Grandsire Cinques. Rung on the occasion of the enthronement of the Bishop of Bristol.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 3rd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. \*J. E. Sykes, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 2; E. J. Walsom, 3; E. Harris, 4; C. Hinds, 5; H. Browning, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; A. Fryer, 8. \*First touch away from the tenor. †First in the method with a bob bell. On Sunday morning, October 17th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. —, 1; E. Harris, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; E. J. Walsom, 4; J. Basden (conductor), 5; H. Browning, 6; A. Fryer, 7; J. E. Sykes, 8. For evening service 1260 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Naylor, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 2; C. Hinds, 3; E. Harris, 4; —, Reeves, 5; H. Browning, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; J. E. Sykes, 8. After service 534 Grandsire Triples. W. Naylor, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; —, Reeves, 3; E. Harris, 4; C. Hinds, 5; H. Browning, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; J. Basden, 8.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, November 7th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. S. Sharp, 1; W. Freeman (conductor), 2; W. Mynard, 3; H. Lett, 4; J. Lovell, 5. In the evening three 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles. S. Sharp, 1; J. Lovell (conductor), 2; W. Mynard, 3; H. Lett, 4; W. Freeman, 5. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Booth, 1; S. Sharp, 3; the rest as before.

FROCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, October 30th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Dean, 1; C. East, 2; T. Savage, 3; H. W. Fussell (conductor), 4; E. Whittard, 5; G. Condict, 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire, S. Smith ringing the tenor.

NORTH NIBLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, October 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Robbins, 1; C. East, 2; H. W. Fussell, 3; C. Watkins, 4; E. Whittard, 5; F. Condict (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Watkins, 1; W. Hale, 2; G. Condict, 3; A. Morgan, 4; C. East (conductor), 5; E. Whittard, 6.

ROYDON (Essex).—On October 22nd, for practice, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Sewell, 1; I. Cavill (conductor), 2; J. Littlechild, 3; W. Marrable, 4; A. Pearman, 5; W. Littlechild, 6. Also a 6-score in the same method. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; T. King, 4; A. King, 5; A. Pearman, 6. Also a 6-score of St. Dunstan's Doubles. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; I. Cavill (conductor), 4; J. Crabb, 5; W. Littlechild, 6. Four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. I. Cavill (conductor), 1; A. Pearman, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; J. Crabb, 4; C. Radley, 5; C. Reddington, 6. And two more 6-scores. C. Radley, 1; J. Crabb, 2; J. Littlechild, 3; S. King, 4; A. Pearman, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Old Doubles. W. Marrable, 1; I. Cavill (conductor), 2; J. Littlechild, 3; J. Crabb, 4; A. Pearman, 5; C. Radley, 6.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Tuesday, November 9th, at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the election of Councillor Thomas Oakley as Mayor of the city for the ensuing year, a quarter-peal and a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. L. Waddington, 1; E. Whish, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; R. Weatherley, 4; R. E. Hammond, 5; A. Hallett, 6; W. Battle (conductor), 7; H. J. Samuel, 8.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Chaplin, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; W. Moore, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; S. Hayes, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6.

Hayes hails from Barking; Moore from Bocking; Grimwade from Braintree; the rest belong to the local company. On Sunday, October 10th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Radley, 1; H. Collins (first 720), 2; H. Pilcher (first 720), 3; E. Chaplin, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. And 360 Canterbury Pleasure, standing as before. On Tuesday, October 12th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 31st, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; E. Radley, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 24th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 360 and 120 Kent Treble Bob. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; E. Radley, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 26th, for practice, 720 Double Court. A. Chaplin, 1; A. Saunders, 2; G. Arnold, 3; E. Chaplin (first 720 in the method and first attempt), 4; W. Burst, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; G. Arnold, 3; A. Saunders, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. Messrs. Burst, Arnold and Saunders hail from Greensted Green; the rest belong to the local band.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Thursday, November 4th, at St. Mary's church for practice, 120 Bob Doubles, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 120 London Doubles, 120 April Day, 120 The Dream, and 120 Morning Star. J. Buckingham, 1; E. Buckingham, 2; G. Moss, 3; E. Youngs, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5.

YAXLEY (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, November 14th, after the morning service, 360 Bob Minor. J. Buckingham, 1; G. Moss, 2; H. E. Symonds, 3; E. Youngs, 4; C. Nunn, 5; A. W. Symonds (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar of the parish, who died at Yateley on November 14th.

### 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 BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION v. LEIGHTON BUZZARD RINGERS.

SIR,—I have been surprised the Hon. Sec. of the Bedfordshire Association has not answered our anxious friend's request about arranging for someone to instruct the Leighton men. I perhaps can give our friend a little information. Well, it was left for the Hon. Sec. and the Vicar to make arrangements and fix a date. I. Hills, J. George and H. Sharp promised to go. I was asked myself, but the day I could go was an unsuitable one for the Leighton men. But that's no reason why others should not go as promised to. Now I want to know why this neglect, when men are willing to go, and are waiting to receive instruction from those with whom it was left to make arrangements. If these gentlemen don't want the trouble, above everything let them speak up and say so; then perhaps others will be forthcoming who would gladly do something for them.

C. W. CLARKE.

11, St. Leonard Street, Bedford.

ANSWER TO A KENTISH MAN.

SIR,—In answer to "A Kentish Man" (who is not man enough to sign his name), if he cares to write to either of the undersigned he can have all the information he requires.

G. AND T. CARD.

Southboro.

THE BELLS OF DUBLIN.

SIR,—Seeing a report in your issue of September 4th of the visit of the Midland Counties' Association to Dublin, we, as a company were very glad to hear that they enjoyed themselves so much in the Irish capital. As your correspondent remarks, their opening and ringing of St. Patrick's new peal of bells was very good, and much admired by the Dublin public. He goes on to say that on the Sunday morning after the touch on St. Patrick's, they visited St. Thomas' Catholic church, and rung a touch of Stedman Triples. Now we as bell-ringers, and born in the city, do not know of a church of that name having a peal of bells in our city. We, the members of the undermentioned company had the pleasure of inviting some of the members of the Association to our tower (SS. Augustine and John), on Sunday morning, August 22nd, and they rung a touch of Stedman Triples, which they themselves acknowledged was not up to their standard. He also says our bells possess clapper *ad lib*, and might make a fair peal if they could be induced into the melting pot. Now Mr. Editor, we think this an unwonted insult on our bells by your correspondent, who, although probably a ringer, would require some technical knowledge in regard to the note and tone of bells before he writes about what he

seemingly knows nothing of. I would advise him in the future to look before he leaps, as our bells cast by one Murphy, of Dublin, are second to none in Ireland at the present time as to their notes and tone. I must admit that their hangings require an overhauling, but we, the SS. Augustine and John's company, can ring them without any trouble, and have done so for the last twenty years, as our bells were passed by the late Sir Robert Stewart, one of Ireland's greatest musicians, Professor of Music in Trinity College, Dublin, and organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and we should think when we hold a certificate from such eminent authority, that our bells are not so much fit for the melting pot, as your correspondent led you to believe they are. I may also say that we have had many English change-ringers in our tower, and had the pleasure of ringing with them, and for the past six weeks had a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths ringing with us, but your correspondent is the first ringer to throw an insult on our bells. Hoping the next time he visits Ireland that he will know something more about bells than he did on his last visit, and hoping you will be able to find space in your valuable paper to give honour where honour is due, as we are only too pleased on any occasion to invite any band of English ringers to our tower, and give them an opportunity of ringing and testing our peal, and wish them a *cead mille a failthe*.

Dublin.

JOSEPH PEARSON.

### Obituary.

BENJAMIN BROADBENT.

It is with regret that we have to inform the Exercise of the death of the above-named ringer, a worthy and respected member of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, which sad event took place on Monday, November 15th, after only a few days' illness, at the age of fifty years. The deceased commenced to learn change-ringing in 1866 (but had previously been one of the now defunct handbell tune ringers), and rung his first peal, one of Grandsire Triples, at the parish church, Ashton, on September 29th, 1867, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Thorp. About this time ringing was in very low water, and it was not till the new peal of eight bells were hung in St. Peter's church that it began to revive; consequently we find he only rang three more peals before ringing in the first peal on these bells, one of Bob Major, on January 27th, 1872. He then went on very well, ringing his first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5408 changes) the same year, being the first two parts of the 8544, at that time the longest length with the tenors together, composed by Mr. J. Thorp, and which had to be brought round owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers. The following peals in which he took part in are worthy of notice: Mr. Thorp's 8864 at that time the record with the tenors together; one 10,000, and the ever memorable record peal, 16,608 at Mottram on May 18th, 1883. The following are the number of peals he has rung and methods: Grandsire Triples, 10; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 13; Grandsire Royal, 8; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Bob Major, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 53; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 9; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 3; Stedman Triples, 5; Stedman Caters, 1; total—106. Your readers will see that one has passed away who will be hard to replace in the ringing-world of Ashton and neighbourhood; a good ringer and correct striker both in the tower and on handbells; a man to be depended upon in anything he took in hand, and one who was held in great esteem by ringers in Lancashire and the surrounding counties. About fifty ringers from different towns attended to pay their last respects at his interment on November 20th; six of his brother-ringers carried him to his last resting-place, where a course of Grandsire Caters was rung round the grave by J. Mellor, 1-2; J. Adams, 3-4; S. Wood, 5-6; W. Jakeman, 7-8; J. Leigh, 9-10. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn the loss of a faithful and affectionate husband and father, who will be greatly missed.

S. W.

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## Notices.

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**Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles to-day, Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting in Mission Room adjoining churchyard at 7.0 p.m. **WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.**  
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke to-day, Saturday, December 4th. Business meeting in the Church Room at 4.30 p.m.  
**REV. J. W. ALSTON, Hon. Secs.**  
**W. TWIGG,**

**The Surrey Association.**—The tower of St. Mary Magdalene, Reigate, will be open from 7.30 p.m. this (Saturday) evening, specially for the practice of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Mr. W. Burkin (Nutfield) will take charge, and all ringers of the method or desirous of learning it, are cordially invited to attend. **CHAS. DEAN, JUN., Hon. Sec.**  
Royston, Sutton.

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11th, at Ripley. Meeting in the schoolroom at 6 p.m.  
**T. ALLIBONE, Hon. Sec.**  
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**Kent County Association. — Rochester District.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, December 11th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringing to stop at 7 p.m.  
**A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.**  
65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.**—The next branch meeting will be Colne parish church on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.  
**T. REDMAN, Branch Sec.**

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.** The practice nights are now altered from Monday nights to Thursday nights fortnightly. Next practice night, Thursday, December 8th, and each alternate Thursday night after. Meeting time 8 p.m. **A. HARDY, Hon. Sec.**  
43, Kay Road, Stockwell.

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle (6 Bells), on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. **HENRY COLEY, Branch Sec.**  
3, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

**The Sussex County Association.—West-ern Division.**—The next meeting will be held at Chichester, on Saturday, December 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4, Tea (chairman the Ven. Archdeacon Mount) at 5. It is particularly desired that members should attend this meeting in the cathedral city. Hon. Secs. are requested to send numbers on or before December 8th.

**J. W. E. LODER COTTER, Hon. Sec.**  
Yapton Vicarage.

**The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.**—A meeting of this branch will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. **J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec.**  
Helmshore.

**Middlesex County Association.—South and West Districts.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 11th. Ringing to commence at 5 sharp. Tea at 6, provided by the Rev. H. G. Bird. **C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.**  
4, The Parade, Lampton, near Hounslow.

**The St. James's Society.**—In consequence of the repairs now in progress at St. Clement Danes, the meetings at that steeple are suspended for the present. Notice will be given of their resumption. **R. A. DANIELL, Hon. Sec.**  
20, Bucklersbury, E.C.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON.**—This peal was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Henry A. Hall, who died November 20th, and was buried on November 26th. Previous to meeting with his death the deceased went to St. Luke's, Blakenhall, where he "stood in" for a course of Grandsire Major, and when that was accomplished, he remarked:—"Let's have a touch of Bob Major before you start (for the peal) and I shan't trouble to come up here any more!" His wish was granted, and the ringers stood as follows:—H. Dawkes, 1; B. Dalton, 2; H. A. Hall, 3; W. G. Hall, 4; H. Knight, 5; J. Jagger (conductor), 6; A. Griffiths, 7; R. Pickering, 8. On the completion of the peal the deceased entered the belfry and congratulated the band upon their success. And on the the deceased's return to town he was taken ill and died in a few minutes. Six of St. Peter's ringers bore him to the grave, where a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by:—H. Knight, 1-2; J. Jagger, 3-4; G. Burrows, 5-6; A. Griffiths, 7-8. He (the deceased) was formerly a member of St. Peter's band, with several of whom he had rung about thirty peals in all, Grandsire Triples, Major, Caters, and Cinques; Darlaston and Oxford Bob Triples; and Bob Major.

**THE PEAL AT RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.**—This peal was attempted on November 14th, but came to grief after two hours' ringing, through a rope breaking. Mr. R. A. Daniell and W. Fox taking part. The Vicar and Churchwardens having expressed their regret at the termination, it was decided that another attempt should be made on the above date, when the peal was successfully rung, at the conclusion of which the ringers were heartily congratulated by the Vicar and Churchwardens, to whom the band wish to tender their best thanks.

## THE YATES DISTRESS FUND.

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SIR,—I beg to announce this fund is now closed, thanking one and all of our subscribers who, by their generosity, have aided Brother Yates through his greatest difficulty up to the present. I may here state that Yates is still in the flesh, sometimes better and at others worse. He bears his affliction with much fortitude, although his condition is a hopeless one. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your great forbearance with us in this case.—I am, yours faithfully, W. BROWN, hon. sec.

Signed on behalf of Brother Yates and the committee.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**WINCHESTER.**—On Saturday, November 6th, at the cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples, with 6, 8, 10 covering, to welcome the arrival of the Archbishop of Canterbury. G. W. Elkins, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. Andrews, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. Harris, 7; E. G. Lampard, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. And on Sunday, the 7th, for morning service, 305 Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; A. E. Tomlins, 5; W. E. Lebbon, 6; J. Harris, 7; R. Hasted, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; W. H. Loveland, 10. A. E. Tomlins hails from Gosport. On Wednesday, the 17th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. J. Sevier, 1; W. Lebbon, 2; W. C. Lampard, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; R. Hasted, 5; J. Harris, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. H. Loveland, 8. And on Thursday, the 18th, for the arrival of the Judge, 503 Grandsire Caters. J. W. Elkins, 1; G. Smith, 2; R. Hasted, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; W. Andrews, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; J. Harris, 7; W. Lebbon, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. Also 504 Grandsire Triples with 6, 8, 10 covering, standing as before, except F. Smith ringing the 8th.

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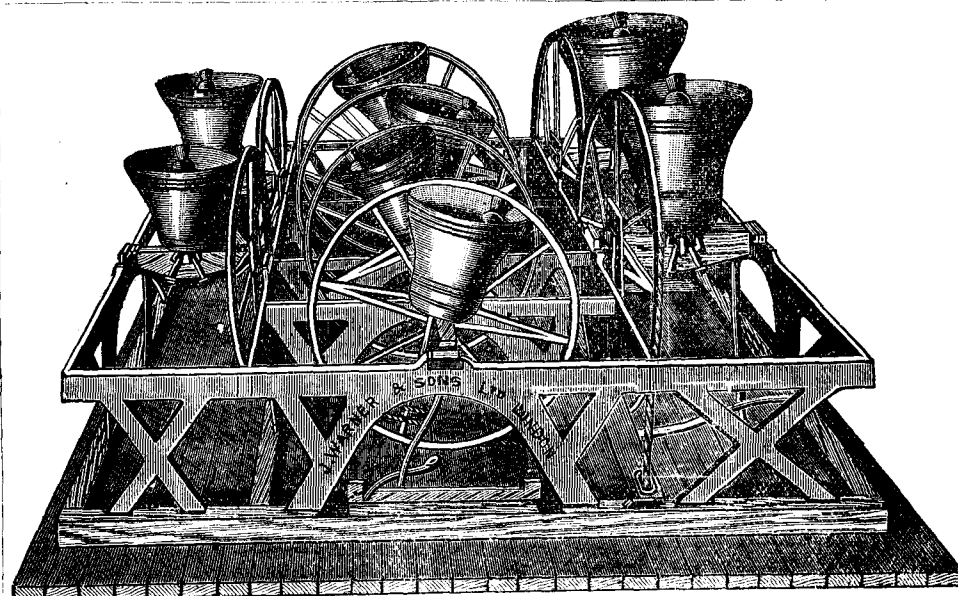
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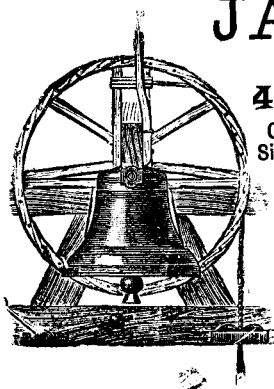
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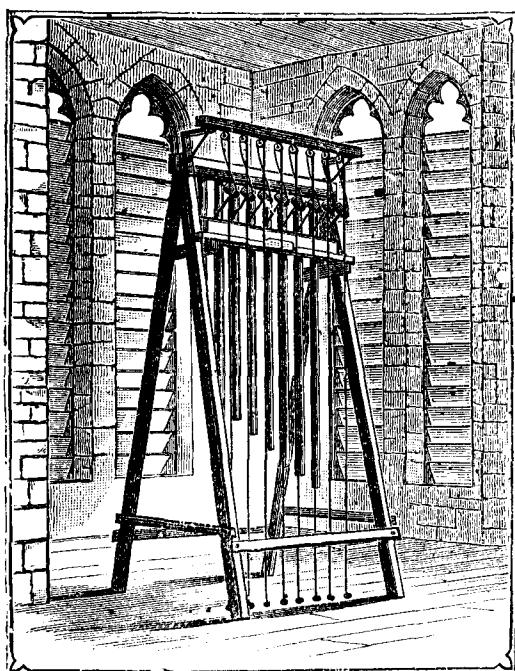
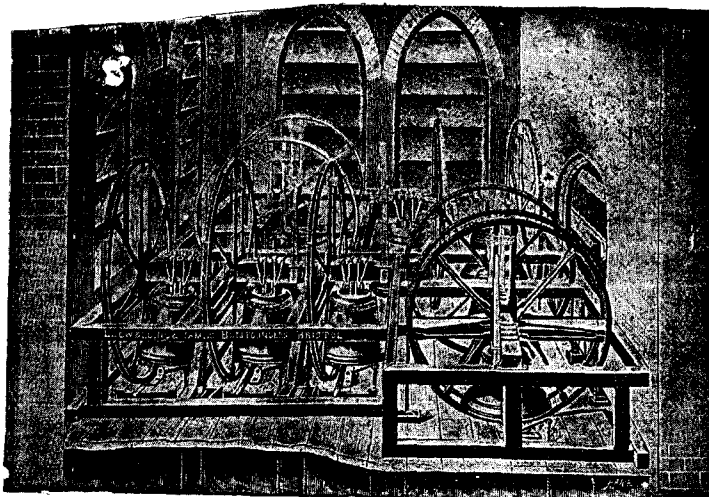
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### WELSHPOOL AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

The half-yearly meeting of the above was held at Montgomery on Saturday afternoon last. A large party of ringers left Welshpool in two conveyances about 2.15 p.m. reaching Montgomery at 3.30, where they were met by a strong muster of the Montgomery band. The whole party then proceeded to the tower of the parish church, which has a ring of six, recently rehung by W. Greenleal, and which are now in capital working order. Various short touches were rung, including Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Minor, and Stedman Doubles, after which the party adjourned to the parish room, where the Rector of Montgomery (Rev. E. W. Brown) had provided a capital knife and fork tea, over which the rev. gentleman kindly presided. Tea over, and the tables cleared, the business proceedings began.

The Hon. Secretary of the branch (Rev. T. Hughes), in submitting the accounts, was glad to say that as far as the branch was concerned financially they were in a good position. They started the year 1896 with a sum of £2 17s. 8d. in hand, since which they had received for subscriptions from Montgomery 10s., and from Welshpool 15s., making a total of £4 2s. 8d. Their expenditure was: half subscriptions to the Guild, 12s. 6d.; postage and stationery, 4s. 9d.; leaving a balance of £3 5s. 5d.

The Rev. E. W. Brown, in proposing that the accounts be passed, congratulated them on the satisfactory condition of their branch. He thought their thanks were due to their able Hon. Secretary for the great trouble he took in its management.

Mr. T. J. Bratton seconded the proposition, which was carried.

The fixing of the date and place of the next meeting was then discussed, and eventually it was decided, on the motion of Mr. T. J. Bratton, that it be held at Welshpool on the first Saturday in May.

The Rev. T. Hughes proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Montgomery for receiving them so well that day, and for placing the bells at their disposal. He was glad to see such a good attendance of both old and young ringers, and while he was so pleased to see so many of the young members present, he might say, as a young ringer himself, that they were glad to welcome the old ringers. He hoped that all ringers would always try not only to pull their bells well but also pull together well.

Mr. Bratton seconded. He was pleased to see so many of the Montgomery ringers present. He trusted the next time they should see more of them. He thought what they had seen done that day ought to make them take greater interest in their ringing.

This was all the business, and after a little more ringing the Welshpool party commenced their homeward journey, arriving at Welshpool about 9.30, tired, but well pleased with their day's outing.

## NORTH'S ENGLISH BELLS AND BELL LORE.

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## THE BELLS OF BENHILTON PARISH CHURCH, SURREY.

In the year 1866 the late Thomas Alcock, Esq., M.P. (the founder of Benhilton church) presented to the church the tenor-bell of the ring of eight that now hang in the tower. This bell (in the key of E) was cast by Messrs. Warner, and was hung in the month of March, and rung for the first time on the evening of the consecration of the church, the 3rd of that month, its weight being 19 c. 3 qr. For a period of eleven years no addition was made towards completing the peal, but in July, 1877, the framework for the whole ring of eight was fixed in the steeple, and in November of the same year Messrs. Warner hung the 7th, the weight of which is 16 c.; Messrs. T. C. Crump and W. Kerswill being churchwardens at the time.

In 1878 the Vicar (the late Rev. John Booker) and churchwardens (Messrs. P. Scott and T. C. Crump) made an appeal to the parishioners and others for subscriptions towards completing the peal, and their efforts were partially successful, for in December of that year the 6th bell of the peal, the weight of which is 12 cwt., was hung by Warner and Sons.

In 1879, chiefly through the efforts of the churchwardens at that time (Messrs. P. Scott and A. R. Jackson) the 5th bell of the peal was hung by Messrs. Gillett and Bland of Croydon, in October, its weight being 10 cwt. 1 qr., and it was rung for the first time on the evening of the Harvest Festival.

In October of the following year (1880) the 4th bell of the peal was hung in the tower by Messrs. Gillett and Bland, its weight being 8 cwt. 1 qr., and it was rung for the first time on All Saints' day (the dedication festival) of that year.

It was not until 1882 that the 3rd bell of the peal was procured, Messrs. T. C. Crump and W. S. Flack being churchwardens at the time. The bell, which weighs 7 cwt. 2 qrs., was hung by Messrs. Gillett and Bland in October, and was rung for the first time on the 5th of that month, the Harvest Festival.

From this time till the beginning of the year 1893, a period of eleven years, nothing further was done towards completing the peal. Then, the ringers of that period, who undertook to raise enough for one bell, together with the Vicar (the late Rev. John Booker) and churchwardens (Messrs. Godfrey Jackson and T. C. Crump) made strenuous efforts to complete the peal. So well did they succeed, that by the end of October of the same year, the two bells needed to complete the peal, weighing respectively 7 cwt. and 6 cwt. 1 qr., were hung in the tower by Messrs. Warner and Co., and the complete peal was rung for the first time on the day of the Dedication Festival of that year.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A Committee meeting of the above was held at The Wakefield Arms, Dewsbury, to discuss and revise the rules of the society, which are to be submitted to the yearly meeting, to be held on the second Saturday in January. Eleven new members were made, and other business being done the meeting closed.

## BRIGHTON TREBLE BOB.

By the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

I hope Mr. Dench will forgive my pointing out that his method does not possess the qualities that he claims for it, as I find that there are two false course-ends, viz.: 3 2 5 4 6 and 4 6 2 5 3. The false changes occur when the treble is in 6th's place, the second lead of the plain course repeating in the sixth of 32546, and the last lead of the plain course with the third, of 46253. And since the false rows occur in the m and w leads, peals of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob will not run true for Brighton. I believe that Mr. Dench is correct in stating that no method on this plan has yet been published in which the lengthening lead and a clear proof-scale are combined, but many such are to be had. I came across a whole group of them while seeking for Gloucester Surprise, all bearing such a strong family likeness that it was difficult, offhand, to distinguish one from another. I give a specimen, as it may be interesting.

The title that Mr. Dench gives to his method raises another important question. The titles under which our methods are classed—we have Surprise methods, Delights, Exercises, Pleasures, Court methods, Bob methods, and a host beside. When a new method is produced who shall tell us to which of these many classes it belongs? Many of them seem to me to be but trivial titles that might well be abolished; but Surprise methods, Treble Bob methods, Court and Bob methods, are four important classes, in which all even bell methods ought to be grouped. I would distinguish Treble Bobs from Surprise methods by a rigid adherence to the bell in the Slow (as in Oxford and Kent) in the former. And again, no method should be classed under the title of Court Bob in which consecutive places are made. This of course is only my personal opinion, but I think that it is a matter that might well be taken up by the Central Council, that we might have the advantage of knowing the general character of a method at once, by the mere mention of its name.

## DEWSBURY HANDBELL RINGERS.

On Wednesday evening, December 1st, the members of this society, their wives, and a few friends, were entertained to a splendid knife-and-fork tea by their secretary, Mr. Walter Idle, provided by Mrs. Senior, of The Wakefield Arms. After tea, Mr. Idle presided over the social proceedings, and presented Mr. Arthur Fearnside, the conductor of the society, with a handsome gold medal which the Dewsbury ringers won at the annual contest, which is held at the Zoological Gardens, Belle Vue, Manchester. The Dewsbury ringers won the first prize, which consisted of £20 and the medal here alluded to. The value of the gift had been considerably enhanced by the fact that the members of the society had had a diamond placed in the centre of the medal in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, and as a personal mark of appreciation of the services which Mr. Fearnside had rendered to them.

Mr. Fearnside gratefully acknowledged the present in suitable terms. At no less than ten contests he has conducted the Dewsbury ringers, and they have succeeded in winning four 1st, one 2nd, and two fourth prizes, which is a very good record.

The musical part of the evening was contributed to by Mr. Hardy's quartette party, while songs were rendered by Messrs. Clegg, Hardy, and Fearnside, and courses of Grandsire Major were rung by members of the society. After a vote of thanks had been given to Mr. Idle, and replied to by him, the proceedings closed, and all wended their way home highly satisfied with their evening's entertainment.

## "CHURCH BELLS."

A correspondent of *The Times* recently sent the following to that paper:—

"The last forty years have witnessed the rise of an antiquarian hobby which concerns itself with church bells, and more especially the few medieval bells which still hang in church towers, or lie cracked on belfry floors. The ancient founders cast very fine-toned bells, and adorned them with elaborately moulded inscriptions and devices. But, though our churches have been noted and described in numberless publications, the bells till quite lately received little notice, and were too often neglected in every sense of the word. The compiler of one of the latest accounts of the church bells of a county records that belfry keys were constantly handed to him with the friendly caution, 'I'm afraid you will find a great mess up there, but, to tell you the truth, I have never been up myself.'"

"The medieval bells usually bear inscriptions, very commonly in rhyming leonine hexameters, pious invocations, or staves in honour of their supposed beneficent powers. The oldest founders rarely put on the bells their own names or the dates: but most of them have been identified by the foundry stamps and other devices with which they ornamented their works. Large bells were introduced in England about the sixth century, the earliest founders being monastic. Dunstan concerned himself with bell founding. The Croyland Abbey ring, cast by monkish experts, perished by fire in 1037. A manuscript in the library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, contains directions for bell founding, by a monk of Evesham in the time of Henry III. The modern art of 'change-ringing,' which took its rise in the seventeenth century, led to rings of eight and even twelve bells being hung in some towers; but in very early times cathedral and abbey churches often had rings of heavy bells, and some of the oldest surviving parish churches, such as Brigstock and Brixworth in Northamptonshire, and Bene't church in Cambridge, were evidently designed to hold several bells. Change-ringing somewhat tended to rescue the bells from the neglect and disesteem into which they had fallen after the Reformation, but it also led to the disappearance of many medieval bells, as ancient heavy bells were recast into smaller ones of larger number. Moreover, the oldest bells, being 'long waisted' in shape, were for that reason frequently made to give place to shorter ones, which the ringers deemed easier to raise.

"The medieval bells now surviving are comparatively few in number. In Surrey, out of 1,030 bells, only a trifle over 2 per cent. were found to date before the year 1600. In Lincolnshire the proportion was 17.5 per cent. In Norfolk about one bell in six dates before the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The monastery bells seemed to have vanished when the monasteries were suppressed. Some disappeared in private hands; others were sold by the Crown. The Augmentation Rolls show that in Henry VIII's reign one lot of 100,000 lb. of bells and bell-metal were sold for £900, with licence to 'convey, utter, and sell' the same beyond sea. A very few monastery bells still hang *in situ*. Forde Abbey, in Dorset, still possesses one of the bells cast by the Brasyers, who had a foundry at Norwich about the fifteenth century, bearing their foundry stamp and a handsomely moulded invocation of St. Margaret.

"The parish church bells were inventoried and valued under commissions about Edward VI.'s time, and some may have disappeared by private dishonesty, but such instances were probably few. Between that time and this the greater part of the old bells have disappeared from various causes. Many were sold from time to time, as money was needed for repairs, or even desired for secular purposes. At Norwich, in Queen Elizabeth's time, the Dean and Chapter were selling bell-metal wholesale. The corporation were also selling parish church bells. Three Devonshire parishes gave away bells in aid of making a harbour, and the parishioners of a Lincolnshire village sold two bells and spent part of the money in scouring out their haven. Very many bells disappeared in the neglectful times of the eighteenth century. Five bells were sold from Salisbury Cathedral in 1777. King's College, Cambridge, sold several large bells in 1753. When such corporations made merchandise of their bells parishes were hardly likely to be more scrupulous. Bells were sold by incumbents, churchwar-

dens and parishioners, sometimes with faculties, sometimes without, sometimes to save the making of rates for church repairs, sometimes for purely secular purposes. Strange and almost incredible things took place. Stories and traditions linger of bells stolen from churches. The people of a Hertfordshire parish are recorded as divided in their minds whether their ancestors sold a missing bell to a certain other parish, or whether the people of a third parish stole it. So little respect was paid to the bells that in a parish on the south coast smuggled goods were regularly hidden inside them, lashed fast to the clappers.

"Many bells, old and new, have been, and still are, wrecked by careless and unskilful ringing, and, notably, by the slovenly habit of 'clocking,' i.e., tying a cord to the clapper and jerking it against the bell in a manner which checks the vibration. Two medieval bells still lie cracked on the floor of a west country belfry, broken by lads who got into the belfry and hammered on the bells with heavy blows; nor is this a unique instance of such vandalism. And in our own day many noble old bells as well as many beautiful old churches have perished unnecessarily in over drastic and destructive restoration.

"Although the oldest English founders very rarely dated their bells, a few instances exist to the contrary. Lancashire possesses a dated thirteenth century bell, and Lincolnshire one dated 1323. A Sussex church has or had a bell by a Low Country founder, dated 1369. The mediæval English founders turned out such fine bells that there was small temptation to employ foreigners. In Scotland foreign work is less uncommon. A few bells of a Mechlin founder have been found in England, and one of these, hung in a bell-cot on the roof of a tiny seaside church in Gower, misled a popular author into supposing that a foreign foundry had existed in that secluded corner of Glamorganshire.

"Norwich, Salisbury, Reading (and Wokingham hard by), Gloucester, and other English places had bell foundries in the middle ages. London from early times was the home of a long series of founders, belyetters, and potters, as the bellmakers were variously styled. Billiter Street in the City owes its name to them. Nearly all the London bells perished in the great fire of 1666, but the fine church of St. Bartholomew, Smithfield, still possesses a ring of five, adorned with saintly invocations and the device of Thomas Bullisdon, who was casting bells in London about the year 1500. Some of these old craftsmen cast cannon as well as bells, in sign whereof a founder at Bury St. Edmunds used a foundry stamp bearing both a bell and a cannon with a ball issuing from its mouth. The Brasyers of Norwich stamped their bells with a shield charged with three bells. William flounder, a London founder, whose patronymic was Dawe, used a chevron between three ewers or lave-pots, as well as a bird device which may have been meant for a jackdaw. He cast guns for Dover Castle in 1385, and his bells reached Dartmoor and Cornwall. The Whitechapel Foundry, now carried on under the style of Mears and Stainbank, has been worked uninterruptedly for over three centuries under a succession of founders, beginning with R. Mot in 1570.

"Bells cast after the Reformation no longer bore inscriptions invoking saints, or claiming supernatural powers. The handsome and elaborate Lombardic capital letters were discontinued, and the black letter soon followed. Since then inscriptions have mostly been in plain Roman capitals, with founder's name and date, to which came to be added the names of churchwardens or parson. In the seventeenth century the inscriptions often degenerated into poor and irreverent doggerel, such, for instance, as that on the tenor of Bene't Church, Cambridge:—

This bell was broake and cast againe as plainly doth appeare  
John Draper made me in 1618 which tyme chvrchwardens were  
Edward Dixson for the one whoe stode close to his tacklin  
And he that was his partner there was Alexander Jacklyn.

"Twenty counties, nineteen English and one Scotch, now possess printed accounts of their bells, and the founders, with illustrations, from rubbings and "squeezes" of the surviving mediæval inscriptions and devices.

"A recent revival of the Art of scientific ringing, coupled with this antiquarian cult of ancient bells, may warrant the hope that the bells will now be more skilfully handled and better cared for—that parish idlers will no longer be allowed to crack them with random jangling, much less batter them to pieces. It may

be hoped also that fine old mediæval bells will no longer be ruthlessly and needlessly recast. Sales of the bells, such as those which took place in the eighteenth century should be no longer possible. Yet not many months ago a mediæval bell belonging to a small country parish was discovered in a neighbouring railway goods shed, presumably on its way to be sold, to find money for some church repair. Happily the bell was intercepted and returned to its parish. There is ever some evil out of good, and good out of evil. Of late years jubilees and other joyful commemorations have been responsible for the needless recasting of many fine mediæval bells. If, as we now so often hear, funds for necessary church repairs are hard to come by, there may be the less temptation to spend money in unnecessarily exchanging old bells for new ones. Lastly, whenever an old bell has received injury which renders recasting absolutely necessary, it is possible to preserve the inscription and foundry marks in the form of a circular ring cut from the bell. In this manner some very fine inscriptions have been preserved, and whenever a mediæval bell must be recast, there is no reason why the inscription should not be thus saved and hung, as a candelabrum or otherwise, in the church itself."

#### DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.

A muffled 720 was rung at Armitage Bridge Church, near Huddersfield, on Sunday morning, November 21st, in memory of Benjamin Woodhead, one of the late ringers at Armitage Bridge, and also one of the oldest surviving ringers of Meltham. The men were placed as follows: Edward Dawson (Meltham), 1; Thomas Stead (Huddersfield), 2; George Armitage (Meltham), 3; Silas Shaw (Armitage Bridge), 4; James Littlewood (Armitage Bridge), 5; John Cuttall (Holmfirth), 6. The deceased ringer commenced to learn the art in 1853 in company with his father Abraham Woodhead, his two uncles, Nathan and John Woodhead, and two cousins, Richard Mellor and Edward Dawson. On the 12th of October in the same year this family of noted ringers formed one of the bands to open the bells at Armitage Bridge on the above date in company with bands from Almondbury and Holmfirth. Edward Dawson, of Meltham, who rang as above, is the only survivor of the three companies who had the honour of opening the Armitage Bridge bells in 1853. Woodhead had been engaged at Armitage Bridge for some years, and was always on duty on Sunday mornings as long as health permitted him to walk from Meltham.

#### STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

The *Northern Star* says that the ringers of the parish church of Middlesbrough have sent Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton-on-Tees, a sum of twenty-two shillings towards his fund for the provision of four extra bells—as a Diamond Jubilee memorial—for the Stockton parish church. The best relations have always existed between the Stockton and Middlesbrough ringers, and indeed Stockton has for years been in close touch with other ringers in north country parishes.

NEWDIGATE (Surrey).—On Sunday afternoon, November 14th, the Charlwood band visited this church, and by the kind permission of the vicar, the Rev. L. S. Kennedy, rang three 720s of Treble Bob Minor, and 720 College Pleasure. S. Ellis, 1; E. Wickens, 2; A. Ellis, 3; F. Tullett, 4; B. King, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine. G. Attwater, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; S. Ellis, 3; C. Taylor, 4; F. Tullett, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. G. Wickens, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; F. Tullett, 3; F. Wickens, 4; B. King, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. Messrs. Akehurst and Taylor hail from Capel, Surrey. These bells have just been rehung by Messrs. Warner, and great credit is due to the firm, as the "go" of them is all that can be desired.

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46823751

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46827135

64281753

46287135

64821753

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46817235

64182753

61487235

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61482735

16847253

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**BOB (ON THE FIRST LEAD-END.)**

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18672435

The above method was composed on November 30th, 1897. I had intended calling it Brighton Surprise Major, in honour of the town where I first learned to ring Surprise methods; but Mr. Dench's new method, Brighton Treble Bob, has forestalled this, and I now give it the name of Arundel Surprise, the name of the town where I was born, and first learnt to handle a bell.

The method is a double Treble Bob method, and while the tenors are not

parted has an absolutely clean proof-scale.

The in and out of course changes and the plain and bob leads being precisely the same as Double Norwich Court Bob Major, any peal in that method (without singles) would run true in this and of double the length.

For this reason it seems useless to attempt fresh compositions in the above method, as doubtless they would be claimed as some previous composition in Double Norwich.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.**By H. WILDE, *Belgrave, Cheshire.*

5008.

23456 W B M H

52364 - - -

36524 - - -

36245 - - -

24365 - - -

32465 - - -

42365 - - -

64235 - - -

23645 - - -

42356 - - -

35264 - - -

26354 - - -

32654 - - -

63254 - - -

56234 - - -

23564 - - -

The last seven courses to be four times repeated with a single at H in the last course of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal contains all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6 in the least possible number of changes, the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place at the course-ends.

**PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.**By GABRIEL LINDOFF, *Dublin.*

20,000.

23456 M W H

24536 I 2

56342 I I 2

52643 2 I

- 45623 I

53624 I 2

26354 2 2

23564 I 2

Twice repeated, omitting bob on 890 produces—

23456

24536 I 2

56342 I I 2

- 45623 2 2 2

- 53624 I 2

Continued—

M W H

26354 2 2

23564 I 2

The first part twice repeated, omitting bob on 890. Contains the extent of 4th, 5th, and 6th in the tittums, and also in the ordinary position.

**THREE PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.**By G. HAWKINS, *Hawley, Hants.*

5184.

23456 W B M H

52364 - I -

63254 3 -

42635 4 -

63425 - - -

56234 4 -

23564 - - -

5088.

23456 W B M H

52364 - I -

24365 - 3 -

53246 - - -

53624 - 2 -

45236 4 -

23564 - I -

5088.

23456 W B M H

64235 - - -

26354 I - -

32546 I - -

43265 - I -

52364 - - -

35264 - - -

23645 I - -

Five times repeated, with single for bob half-way and end.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.**By WILLIAM FLORY, *Framlingham.*

5088.

23456 W B M H

42635 - -

34625 - -

26345 - S

32564 - -

63524 - -

52634 - -

35624 - -

23654 - -

64235 - - S

24536 - -

32546 - -

54326 - -

25346 - -

34256 - -

23564 - - -

Twice repeated.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The editorial of last week was polite and not too forcible. I think that those concerned ought to be pleased, if not very thankful, for such an elegant wake-up. The intelligent members, and those who are behind the scenes say that it is just what was wanted. As was truly said, peal-ringing is not the all-in-all of a society. But it is a vast ingredient of its operations, nevertheless, and without it, stagnation would soon set in, which would in time develop exasperation, mortification, and a lot of other 'ations, all deplorable. It appears to me that London ringers, generally speaking, do not set sufficient value upon unity. Many of them have axes of their own to grind, as the saying is, and everybody else's iron may remain blunt for all they care. Such as these have had a defective education, and very little training, but they are generally able to make a terrible noise. We find members of societies, in consequence, divided into cliques. Those who ought in themselves to fully illustrate the famous bundle of sticks, are scattered abroad, and the body corporate gets into an unwholesome state of demoralisation.

In large bodies, ringers or otherwise, it is necessary to success that every one should be willing to yield a point when peace and harmony are in danger. We cannot always have our own way; we must be content to compromise matters, and while having what we can, rest and be thankful. I could allude to many matters which have a great bearing upon the subject in question, and would do so only I am afraid that offence would be given to those sort of people who are troubled with what is known as a "thin skin." May be there has been enough said upon this topic.

Below is a paragraph copied from the *Hampshire Chronicle* :—

"WINCHESTER.—Campanology.—A band of ringers connected with the Cathedral society last Saturday afternoon succeeded in accomplishing a campanological feat of which they are justly proud. It was nothing less than a peal of Steadman trebles, comprising 1260 changes, which were completed in 48 minutes. This, it may not be out of place to remark, is the most intricate, but at the same time the most musical of all methods, the inventor, Fabian Steadman, a professor of mathematics at Cambridge, having first introduced it about the year 1650.

"The ringers at the Cathedral on Saturday were: W. Lebbon, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Harris, 6; W. H. George, 7; W. H. Lampard, 8. "Mr. W. H. George, of Eastleigh, conducted the peal."

The late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe used to say that "campanologia," with all its variations, was a hateful word. We have lately had a little chaff about round ringers and the like sending bombast to the press. But here are practical ringers doing the same thing! There is no doubt in my mind that one of the band wrote or dictated this unctuous paragraph, and I think I could touch the spot. It may be a matter of opinion whether "Stedman trebles" is "the most intricate and the most musical of all methods." I doubt it, very much indeed.

The churchyard at Mottram appears to be a nice cool place, according to the description given. It is a miracle that we were enabled to have such splendid photographs,

I am sure. But you see Mr. Gordon of Stockport, and his sons, are brother-strings, and they evidently tried their best for their brethren who read our paper. The names of the two gentlemen in the picture of the church have been told to me. The one with the "gamp" is Mr. Gordon himself; the other gentleman is a sidesman of the parish church of Stockport. If this picture is looked at carefully, it will be noticed that the proverbial Mottram breeze is playing with both these gentlemen.

The peal-records last Saturday embraced two peals by the St. Martin's Guild, and according to the foot-notes each was the hundredth peal rung by that Guild. They were both rung on the same day. Now, what are we to understand about this business. Did the peals both start and finish at the same minute, or what, or how? If they did, the Siamese-twin monstrosity is knocked into a cocked hat.

Still they come. Another new method: "Brighton Treble Bob." I expect this exhibits some skill, coming from such a composer as Mr. Dench, but really, I don't see the want of it. New methods are in that state known as "glut." No one wants them, and very few things of the sort have thoroughly "caught on." We can have too much of a good thing, as has been remarked before, "don't you know." Not angry, I hope, Mr. Dench.

What do you think a ringer wrote when he read that a photograph of the Harrison memorial was to be published? "We don't want any pictures of gravestones, we have plenty of them in our churchyard to look at." But our friend was only having a joke. He is a right down good fellow, but exceedingly jocular at times.

The following, on a post-card, has been handed to me:—"After the peal, and after refreshment, Podgers rushed to the railway station; and seeing a train by the platform, said to no one in particular, 'Is this my train?' 'No,' said a bystander; 'this train belongs to the railway company; have you lost one?' Podgers gave him a look of scorn and contempt, and said 'No, but I shall lose this if I don't look out.'"

I should like to inform the gentleman who sends this, and who writes under the name of "Spangle," that this page is intended only for matter of serious import.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

EARLS COLNE (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 9th, at St Andrew's church, 720 Woodbine. S. Burst, 1; W. Rogers (conductor), 2; J. Fleuty, 3; D. Clayton, 4; W. Scillitoe, 5; E. Ridge well, 6.

GUISBOROUGH (Yorks).—On Thursday, November 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Knaggs, 1; J. Cottrell, 2; J. Thompson, 3; J. Metcalfe, 4; R. Haswell (conductor), 5; W. G. Haswell, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells by a local band.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Thursday, November 11th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Allwood, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 14th, for evening service, 960 in the following methods: 240 each of College Treble, London Scholars, City Delight, and 120 each of Killamarsh Treble Bob and Duke of York. T. Whitworth, 1; W. Allwood, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; J. H. Brothwell, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6.



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HENRY S. ELLIS .. 4.	FRANK BUCK .. 9.
SAMUEL ANDREWS .. 5.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. Tenor.

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

## The Provinces.

TREETON, YORKS.

OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS  
On Thursday, November 25, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of the following:

College New Treble, College Treble, London Scholars, Killammarsh, City Delight, Duke of York and Oxford.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS WHITWORTH .. Treble.	THOMAS SADLER .. 4.
WALTER ALLWOOD .. 2.	W. J. NICHOLSON .. 5.
SAM WALKER .. 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.

## DRIGHLINGTON.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 28, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JEREMY THORNTON .. .. Treble.	LEWIS SNOWDEN .. .. 5.
THOMAS E. HEPWORTH .. 2.	ARTHUR MUFFITT .. .. 6.
HARRY CLAPHAM .. .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. .. 7.
DICK NEWTON .. .. 4.	RUFUS THORNTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by RUFUS THORNTON.

Rung on the occasion of the sixty-third birthday of Jeremy Thornton. The calling will be found under No. 829 of the Association's performances.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 1, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN* .. Treble.	*DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY .. .. 2.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 6.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 3.	*HENRY W. BALDRY .. 7.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal in the method. This composition contains all the 4-5s, 5-4s, 4-6s, 6-4s, 6-5s and 5-6s and the 6th sixteen times wrong and twenty times right, and is now rung for the first time.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Treble.	ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. 5.
JAMES BETTS .. .. 2.	*JOSEPH BOTRIGHT .. .. 6.
ROBERT WHITING .. .. 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. .. 7.
JAMES TANN .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\*First peal. This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th place with the exception of one lead, 2nd and 3rd never there, and is now rung for the first time.

## LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTS. COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 3, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, Two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY CARTER .. .. Treble.	ALBERT PHILLIPS .. .. 4.
ALBERT LAWRENCE .. .. 2.	ALBERT SMITH .. .. 5.
JAMES HEADY .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This is the first peal on four methods by all; also first on four methods on the bells.

## WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WOBURN COMPANY.)

On Friday, December 3, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CHAS. HERBERT, 20, BEDFORD STREET,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

CHARLES HERBERT .. 1-2.	CYRIL HERBERT .. .. 5-6.
ERNEST HERBERT .. 3-4.	*DOUGLAS HARRIS .. .. 7-8.

Composed by JOHN BARKER and Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

\*First peal on handbells. Witnesses—S. A. Avis and M. J. Matthews, who marked off the bobs as called.

## MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, December 4, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH MADDOCK .. .. Treble.	ISHMAEL RICHARDS .. .. 5.
ARCHIBALD ANDREWS .. 2.	GEORGE YENDALL .. .. 6.
ROBERT SCOTT .. .. 3.	JAMES GRABHAM .. .. 7.
REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 4.	*CHARLES PULSFORD .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES GRABHAM.

\*First peal.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
BROOK'S VARIATION.

ADAM H. HILL .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON .. .. 3.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. .. 7.
THOMAS COLLINSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM JAMES .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. Treble.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
HENRY TUCKER .. .. 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 7.
JOHN TUCKER .. .. 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar for granting them permission to ring; also for kindly providing tea.

## HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.)

On Saturday, December 4, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT E. PARSONS .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 2.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 6.
NOAH DAVIS .. .. 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. 7.
ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. 4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON and

Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

## KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM DREW .. .. Treble.	GEORGE NOY .. .. 5.
ROBERT WELLS .. .. 2.	FENTON THOMPSON .. .. 6.
JOHN LARTER .. .. 3.	GEORGE HARDY .. .. 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6th place at the course-ends, the 6th being the extent, and also eleven of the twelve 8-4s, 8-5s and 8-6s, and is now rung for the first time. W. Pye, for whom this and the previous peals were kindly arranged, hails from Chadwell Heath, Essex.

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

On Wednesday, December 1, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE SALTER .. .. Treble.	ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. 5.
NOAH DAVIS .. .. 2.	JAMES PAGETT .. .. 6.
JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 6, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Merchant's Return, Kent, Oxford, College Single, Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS HOLDEN .. .. Treble.	CHARLES SHARPLES .. .. 4.
ISAAC WHALLEY .. .. 2.	ROBERT PARKINSON .. .. 5.
JOHN BENTLEY .. .. 3.	WALTER BRITCLIFFE .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PARKINSON.

First in seven methods on tower bells by all the band; also first in seven methods by the Blackburn Branch.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE,  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Thursday, December 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt

WILLIAM ROUGHTON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
ERNEST UNDERWOOD .. 2.	CLIFTON NEWMAN .. 6.
ARTHUR ROBINSON† .. 3.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 7.
HERBERT J. JULIAN .. 4.	GEORGE TOSELAND .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

\*First peal and first attempt. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the quickest peal on the bells, being two minutes quicker than the peal rung in 1731 (Snowdon's *Grandsire*). Great credit is due to William Roughton for the manner he rang the treble, he only started ringing in March. This peal was rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the town.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM,  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, December 6, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JOHN RENNIE, STRETTON ROAD, ASTON,  
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 1-2.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. 5-6.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 3-4.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 7-8.
THOMAS WAKEMAN .. 9-10.	

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

This peal contains eighty-five courses with 333 bobs and two singles, and is the first of its kind ever rang upon handbells. Referee—Albert Walker, who had a copy of the peal, and ticked off every call and course-end as they were rung.

STEYNING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

EDWIN BRISTOW .. .. Treble.	JOHN SMART .. .. 5.
JAMES MATTHEWS .. .. 2.	CHARLES SMART .. .. 6.
CHARLES TYLER .. .. 3.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 7.
HORACE GREEN .. .. 4.	ARTHUR GATLAND .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SMART.

C. Tyler belongs to the Henfield Branch, the rest are local men.

The following five peals are the result of eight evenings' ringing by ten members of the Brighton Parish Church (St. Peter's) Society:—

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

KEITH HART .. .. Treble.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 6.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2.	GEORGE SMART .. .. 6.
KEITH HART .. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 2, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 5.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. 6.
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 3.	KEITH HART .. .. 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 3, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL .. Treble.	*KEITH HART .. .. 5.
GEORGE BAKER* .. .. 2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\*First peal in the method.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

GEORGE A. KING .. .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. .. 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 7.
GEORGE SMART .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES and  
Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is the first peal in the method in the county of Sussex, by the Sussex County Association, or by any member of the band.

The peal of Oxford Surprise Major was attempted, but lost after ringing two hours and twenty minutes.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, December 4, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

J. SMITH, JUN. .. .. Treble.	† J. MATHER .. .. . 5.
J. WHALLEY* .. .. . 2.	J. BROWN .. .. . 6.
G. GOODWIN .. .. . 3.	T. STRICKLAND .. .. . 7.
J. SMITH, SEN. .. .. . 4.	M. ADAMS .. .. . Tenor.

Conducted by J. BROWN.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Strickland and Mather hail from Preston; Whalley from Oswaldtwistle, the rest belong to the local band.

## Date Touches.

EARLS COLNE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 14th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch, 1897 changes, being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Double Court, 240 Woodbine, and 217 Oxford. J. Fleuty, 1; D. Claydon, 2; W. Burst, 3; W. Rogers, 4; W. Scillitoe, 5; E. Ridgwell (conductor), 6.

BEXHILL (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 30th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 2 mins. B. Eastwood, 1; \*N. Cruttenden, 2; H. Hobbs, 3; G. Marchant, 4; \*T. J. Ades (conductor), 5; T. Hunnisett, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; \*W. J. Sharpe, 8. \*Longest length. B. Hobbs hails from All Saints, Eastbourne; the rest are local men.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On October 3rd, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Butler, 1; L. Silver, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; J. Avis, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. On October 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Butler, 1; G. Hayes, 2; G. Morrad, 3; B. Spinner, 4; R. Munn, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On October 19th 720 Plain Bob. J. Avis, 1; G. Butler, 2; F. Hayes, 3; G. Morrad, 4; R. Munn, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On November 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. G. Morrad, 1; H. Lingham, 2; R. Smith, 3; B. Spinner, 4; J. Purl, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On November 9th 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Butler, 1; H. Lingham, 2; R. Munn, 3; R. Smith, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On November 16th 720 Kent. G. Butler, 1; G. Morrad, 2; —, 3; B. Spinner, 4; R. Bennett, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On November 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Avis, 1; G. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; L. Silver, 4; C. Waterman, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. This is the first of Cambridge on the bells for 25 years. Also 720 Oxford. W. Lane, 1; R. Munn, 2; F. Hayes, 3; B. Spinner, 4; C. Waterman, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. A 720 Kent. J. Avis, 1; C. Waterman, 2; G. Hayes, 3; B. Spinner, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver, 6. On November 30th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Butler, 1; C. Waterman, 2; R. Munn, 3; R. Bennett, 4; J. Purl, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Butler, 1; C. Waterman, 2; F. Hayes, 3; L. Silver, 4; J. Purl, 5; R. Munn (conductor), 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Thursday, November 11th, 336 Stedman Triples. W. Latter, 1; J. Maynard, 2; F. J. Harrington, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; G. Head, 5; G. Smithers, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. Also 288 Treble Bob Major. G. Head, 1; J. Maynard, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; A. Welsh, 4; S. Perkins, 5; H. Porter, 6; G. Paine, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 14th, for evening service, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; A. Welsh, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Pollard, 4; H. Card, 5; H. Ford, 6; G. Head, 7; S. Perkins (conductor), 8. Harrington hails from Hever; Maynard from Speldhurst; Paine from Mersham.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CHILDSWYCKHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, November 6th, at the parish church, a peal of Minor was attempted, but after ringing 4248 changes in 2 hrs. and 22 mins. the third rope broke. It is hoped to attempt it again ere the close of the year. G. Williams, 1; F. Johnson, 2; H. Salisbury, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; G. Checketts, 5; F. Cook, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 14th, at Holy Trinity church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Illingworth, 1; W. Morton, 2; G. Hunt, 3; G. Crawshaw (conductor), 4; F. Schofield, 5; R. Thickett, 6; G. F. Pickles, 7; D. Stephenson, 8. Tenor 26½ cwt.

RAWMARSH (Yorks).—On Saturday, November 13th, for practice, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Hawkins, 1; W. Allwood, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Wilde, 4; J. Ensor, 5; W. Lambert, 6; T. Whitworth (conductor), 7; J. Schofield, 8. And two courses of Bob Major. J. Hawkins, 1; W. Allwood, 2; T. Sadler, 3; S. Walker, 4; J. Ensor, 5; W. Lambert, 6; T. Wilde, 7; T. Whitworth (conductor), 8. Allwood, Sadler, Walker, Whitworth and Lambert hail from Treeton; the rest belong to the local company. The above touches are the first in the method by Allwood and Lambert.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, November 13th, at St. Giles's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing 2500 changes in 1 hr. 40 mins. the tenor-man gave up, and the conductor called stand. H. Key, 1; A. Moore, 2; A. Arnold, 3; S. Hall, 4; J. Mackay, 5; W. Fairey, 6; E. Haxley, 7; W. Roberts, 8; A. Stewart (conductor), 9; J. Freeman, 10. This was rung on the conductor's 27th birthday, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. Longest length on ten bells by all the band.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH)

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, November 3rd, at the parish church, on the back eight, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect for the late Duchess of Teck, two 293s of Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. Bradbury and F. Stonely, respectively. And two 168s, conducted by W. Gayes and W. McKinnell. Also 308 conducted by W. Matthews. In the afternoon with the bells half-muffled, 392 and 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. W. Steel. And 504 conducted by J. Norbury. Also 742 of the same, 336 Bob Triples, and 768 Canterbury Pleasure Triples. The last three touches were conducted by W. Walmsley. J. Hankinson and A. Mottershead also took part in some of the above, and W. Walmsley rang each of the eight bells in a touch. Our correspondent adds: We are prevented from muffling all the ten, as we have to keep two bells open in case of a fire occurring in the town, when two bells rung is the alarm. Also on Sunday afternoon, November 14th, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. J. Hankinson, 1; A. Mottershead, 2; W. Walmsley (conductor), 3; F. Stoneley, 4; W. McKinnell, 5; W. W. Steel, 6; J. Bradbury, 7; W. Gayes, 8; J. Norbury, 9; F. C. Goodchild, 10. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 10th, for evening service, 720 Primrose. J. H. Brothwell, 1; W. Allwood (first in the method), 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 17th, 240 each of College New Treble and College Treble. A. Woofenden, 1; W. Allwood, 2; T. Whitworth, 3; T. Sadler, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. And 240 Duke of York. W. Lambert (conductor), 1; W. J. Nicholson, 6; the rest as above. For evening service 720 College New Treble. A. A. Woofenden, 1; W. Allwood (first 720 in the method), 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 31st, for evening service, 720 College Pleasure. A. Woofenden, 1; W. Allwood, 2; W. Lambert, 3; T. Sadler, 4; S. Walker, 5; T. Whitworth (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 2nd, for practice, 240 each of College New Treble, College Treble, Arnold's Victory and London Scholars. A. Woofenden, 1; W. Allwood, 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. And 240 each of College Exercise and Violet. W. J. Nicholson, 5; the rest as before.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TIMBERLAND.—On Sunday evening, November 7th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 30 mins. A. Sharpe, 1; H. King, 2; F. Cobb, 3; A. West, 4; W. Elkiington, 5; G. Elkiington (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 10th, for practice, a 1440, being two 720s each called differently, standing as above, conducted by G. Elkiington. Longest length by all.

HALE MAGNA (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, November 11th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, on the occasion of the anniversary of the restoration of the church, by the kind invitation of the vicar, the Heckington ringers rang for evening service 720 Bob Minor. S.

C. Skinner, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. H. Clark, 4; E. Houlden, 5; W. Dickinson (conductor), 6. After service another 720. N. E. Snow, 1; E. Houlden, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. H. Clark, 4; J. T. Holmes, 5; W. Dickinson (conductor), 6. N. E. Snow hails from Sleaford. The bells were rung in the morning for early celebration at 8 o'clock by the local band, and at intervals throughout the day, and during the morning several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung by T. B. Woods, jun., T. Taylor, R. Masters, and J. Green, assisted by H. Nash and J. H. Holmes, from Heckington. Great credit is due to the four local ringers for the way in which they are progressing in the Art.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BOLSTERSTONE (Yorks).**—Recently at the parish church 720 Bob Minor. J. Aspinall, 1; L. Jackson, 2; J. Hattersley, 3; D. Brearley (conductor), 4; R. Dyson, 5; G. Jackson, 6. First 720 by L. Jackson who has only been learning a short time. On September 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Dyson, 1; R. Dyson, 2; J. Aspinall, 3; J. Hattersley, 4; G. Jackson, 5; D. Brearley (conductor), 6.

**BRADFELD (Yorks).**—On Monday, October 4th, on the occasion of the Jubilee celebration of the opening of the bells, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, after which the ringers were kindly entertained to a good spread by the vicar of Bradfield, the Rev. A. B. Browne. On Wednesday, October 20th, for practice, 688 Bob Major. J. Dyson, 1; L. Jackson, 2; J. Aspinall, 3; R. Dyson, 4; D. Brearley (conductor), 5; J. Hattersley, 6; H. Sampson, 7; G. Jackson, 8. Longest touch by L. Jackson. On Wednesday, October 27th, three courses of Bob Minor. R. Dyson, 1; L. Jackson, 2; D. Brearley, 3; Rev. T. W. Adams, 4; H. Sampson, 5; G. Jackson, 6. Also three courses of Bob Triples. D. Brearley, 1; L. Jackson, 2; J. Aspinall, 3; R. Dyson, 4; J. Hattersley, 5; H. Sampson, 6; G. Jackson, 7; Rev. T. W. Adams, 8. On Sunday, November 14th, 464 Bob Major. J. Dyson, 1; L. Jackson, 2; J. Aspinall, 3; R. Dyson, 4; D. Brearley (conductor), 5; J. Hattersley, 6; H. Sampson, 7; G. Jackson, 8.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

**SLINFOLD (Sussex).**—On Saturday, November 13th, six of the Horsham members rang 720 Oxford Single Bob (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). E. Waller, 1; R. Dale, 2; J. Browne, 3; J. Pullen, 4; W. Short, 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Short, 1; R. Dale, 2; H. Burstow, 3; J. Browne, 4; J. Rice (conductor), 5; E. Waller, 6. And 720 Oxford Single Bob (thirty singles). J. Rice, 1; R. Dale, 2; H. Burstow, 3; J. Brown, 4; J. Pullen, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.**—On Sunday evening, November 16th, before Divine Service at St. Mary's church, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Hedges, 1; J. Peirce, 2; J. Longshaw, 3; A. Turner, 4; W. Longshaw, 5; H. Harris, 6; G. Bartlett (conductor), 7; J. Longshaw, 8. Composed by J. Howes, of Kingston-on-Thames.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

**PORTSEA (Hants).**—Recently for combined practice at St. Mary's church, by representatives from Gosport, Fareham, and St. Mary's, 640 Treble Bob Major. J. Harris, 1; H. Westbrook, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. Symons, 4; A. Pye, 5; E. Newman, 6; G. Grafham, 7; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 8. And 420 Stedman. J. Harper, 1; G. Grafham, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Harris, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; E. Newman, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. T. Matthews, 8.

#### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

**EAST RETFORD (Notts).**—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Royal, in 30 mins. T. B. Barlow, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; G. Clayton, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; F. W. Abbott, 5; R. Miles, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Warburton, 8; G. R. Winter, 9; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 10. On Thursday, November 4th, 360 Bob Royal, with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duchess of Teck. T. B. Barlow, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; T. H. Denman, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; F. W. Abbott, 5; R. Miles, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Warburton, 8; G. R. Winter, 9; J. B. Joynes, 10. On November 1st, being municipal election day, an attempt was made to ring Mr. Arthur Knights' five-part peal of Bob Major, 5200 changes, but after ringing upwards of 4500 changes in 2 hrs. 50 mins., the 2nd and 5th changed course. F. W. Abbott, 1; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; T. R. Miles, 4; T. Spurr, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; H. Haigh, 7; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 8. Great credit is due to Messrs. Abbott and Miles (especially the latter) for the manner in which they rang their bells, this being Miles's first attempt for a peal. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins., containing the twelve

6-7s and 7-4s. J. B. Joynes, 1; T. Spurr, 2; F. W. Abbott, 3; R. Miles, 4; H. Haigh, 5; H. Warburton (conductor), 6; G. R. Winter, 7; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 8. On Sunday, November 7th, 500 Bob Royal. F. Bramley, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; G. Clayton, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; F. W. Abbott, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Warburton, 8; G. R. Winter, 9; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 10. On Tuesday, November 9th, being Mayor's Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. F. Bramley, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; G. Clayton, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; F. W. Abbott, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Warburton, 8; G. R. Winter, 9; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 10. This quarter-peal was rung in honour of Geo. Marshall, Esq. being re-elected Mayor of Retford. It is the first quarter-peal by all, and the first in the method on the bells, and was composed by G. R. Winter. On Sunday, November 14th, on the occasion of a church parade of Mayor and Corporation, 395 Grandsire Caters was rung for Divine Service. T. B. Barlow, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; F. W. Abbott, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; F. Bramley, 5; R. Miles, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 10. As the Mayor and Corporation were leaving church, 377 in the same method was rung, standing as above.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**LEISTON (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, November 13th, at St. Margaret's church, for practice, 1056 Bob Major. H. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; C. Bailey (longest length), 4; E. Bailey, 5; C. Samson, 6; J. M. Button, 7; G. Wilson (conductor), 8.

**ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA (Suffolk).**—On Tuesday, November 9th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). And another 720 (nine bobs and two singles). Also another 720 (twenty-six singles). Each of the above was rung in 26 mins. As the Mayor, Mr. B. V. Browne, and the Corporation was leaving the Old Moat Hall for luncheon at the White Lion hotel, the bells were fired, and later on a 360 of Minor. C. Smith (conductor), 1; H. Girling, 2; F. Cooper, 3; A. Wilson, 4; G. Churchyard, 5; E. Cooper, 6. And in the evening 360 Bob Doubles. E. Cooper, 5; J. Lovett, 6; the rest as before. On Sunday, November 14th, the Mayor and Corporation, headed by the Town Band, the Volunteers and Fire Brigade, and coastguard men and Oddfellows, headed by the Volunteer Band, attended church, and a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) was rung in 26 mins. C. Smith (conductor), 1; H. Girling, 2; F. Cooper, 3; A. Wilson, 4; G. Churchyard, 5; E. Cooper, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

**LONDON.**—On Saturday, November 6th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 2140 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Meads, 1; S. Wade, 2; G. Burrows, 3; W. Ward, 4; T. Titchener, 5; H. Stubbs, 6; A. Pittam, 7; A. Jacob (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, November 10th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, 288 Treble Bob Major. G. Burrows, 1; W. Ward, 2; G. J. Gains, 3; S. Wade, 4; F. C. Newman, 5; T. Titchener, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; A. Jacob (conductor), 8. And 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Burrows, 1; F. C. Newman, 2; S. Wade, 3; I. J. Attwater, 4; W. Ward, 5; T. Titchener, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; A. Jacob (conductor), 8. And 240 Double Norwich, with H. Randall, 2; the rest as before.

**HORNSEY (Middlesex).**—On Sunday, November 14th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Stubbs, 1; J. T. Barker, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; S. Wade, 4; W. Dixon, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Barker hails from Stebbing, Essex.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

**HARLOW (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, October 24th, for Divine Service at the St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Bob Major. E. Parish, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; A. Whight, 7; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 8. For evensong 350 Grandsire Triples. On Wednesday, November 3rd, for practice, 352 Bob Major. A. Bass, 1; H. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent, 4; C. French, 5; W. Tarling, 6; T. Ellis, 7; H. Perrin (conductor), 8. Also 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Perrin, jun., 1; G. Dent (conductor), 2; R. Tabor, 3; W. Tarling, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin, sen., 7; A. Bass, 8. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Saban, 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban (conductor), 3; C. Mathews, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; G. Dent, 7; R. Tabor, 8. Also 464 Bob Major. A. Whight (late of Barking), hails from Chelmsford; Saban (2), Tarling, Brown, and Mathews from Sawbridgeworth. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

**AUGHTON (Lancashire).**—On Monday, November 1st, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. J. Marsh, 1;



J. Gardner, 2; T. Jenkinson, 3; J. Taylor, 4; E. Caunce, 5; J. Park, 6; C. Sharples (conductor), 7; R. Rimmer, 8. On Monday, November 15th, the first five parts of Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples. E. Caunce, 1; J. Marsh, 2; T. Jenkinson, 3; L. Gardner, 4; J. Taylor, 5; J. Park, 6; C. Sharples (conductor), 7; H. J. Morley, 8.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 30th, at the church of St. Lawrence, 720 Bob Minor. H. Leek (Waldingfield), 1; F. Symonds (Lavenham), 2; W. Howell (Sudbury, All Saints), 3; T. King (Lavenham), 4; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 5; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, All Saints, conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court. H. Diggins (Waldingfield), 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; F. Symonds, 3; T. King, 4; W. Howell, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. F. Symonds, 1; R. Theobald (Waldingfield), 2; A. Symonds, 3; T. King, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; H. Diggins, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. The Double Court is supposed to be the first in the method on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, October 12th, for practice at All Saints church, 910 Grandsire Triples. W. Knightall, 1; S. Hall, 2; A. Moore, 3; W. Farey, 4; A. Arnold, 5; H. Smith, 6; H. Blundell (conductor), 7; C. Fennell, 8. On Sunday, October 24th, for evening service, 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Knightall, 1; A. Moore, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; W. Roberts, 4; A. Arnold (conductor), 5; C. Emery, 6; W. Farey, 7; H. Blundell, 8. Also 350 in the same method. C. Emery, 1; W. Knightall, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; W. Farey (conductor), 4; J. Mackay, 5; A. Moore, 6; H. Blundell, 7; — Palmer, 8. On Wednesday, November 3rd, 180 Plain Bob Minor. W. Knightall, 1; H. Rainbow, 2; A. Arnold, 3; A. Moore, 4; W. Farey, 5; H. Blundell (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck. On Sunday, November 7th, for morning service, a course of Bob Major. W. Knightall, 1; A. Moore, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; W. Roberts, 4; A. Arnold, 5; C. Emery, 6; W. Farey, 7; H. Blundell, 8. It might also be mentioned that a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on these bells on June 20th, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending service. W. Knightall, 1; A. Moore, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; W. Farey, 4; A. Arnold, 5; C. Emery, 6; H. Blundell (conductor), 7; C. Fennell, 8. First quarter-peal by all except Arnold, Moore and Farey. Palmer hails from Peterborough.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, November 6th, at All Saints' church, a touch of Kent Treble Bob. T. Cadge (Melford), 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Bacon, 3; W. Griggs, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; H. Harper (Chelmsford), 6; J. White (Chelmsford), 7; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. O. Garwood, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Bacon, 3; W. Griggs, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; H. Harper, 6; J. White, 7; H. S. Richold (Melford), 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

### Correspondence.

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

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

RE THE LONG PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AT MOTTRAM.

SIR,—I was delighted to receive the photos along with my last Saturday's paper, but I was astounded to notice the statement in the accompanying letter-press that the record peal rung by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in 1883 had been found to possess a flaw. Now, as the Secretary of the Society at the time the peal was rung, I think I have a right to ask your correspondent, first—what the flaw consisted of; second—what is the source of his information. You will readily understand, Mr. Editor, that unless your informant fully justifies the statement he has made, he will have been using your columns for a purpose they were never intended for, viz., slandering a band of men who were the first in the field with the 16.608 of Treble Bob Major, which has not yet been exceeded. Had there been any doubt about the peal I think it would be dispelled when it was known that such eminent composers and conductors as the brothers Wilde, and James Wood, sen., along with a large body of ringers heard the peal, and would at once have disputed the validity of the peal had anything been wrong with it. The late Mr. Thorp, whose honesty is beyond doubt, assured me that the peal was correct in every particular and would take some beating.

JOHN HORWOOD.

THE BELLS OF DUBLIN.

SIR,—Mr. Pearson's letter in last week's "BELL NEWS" was decidedly interesting—for me. At first I took it as a good joke, but if he is really serious, I will try and answer him. First we are told that the church was called St. Thomas', and as we lived next door to it in Thomas Street, we presumed our informant knew something about it. Second—I said I thought "the bells possessed clapper *ad lib.*" and I think so now. Surely it is no insult to express one's honest opinion, and as the bells do not belong to Mr. Pearson, I cannot for the life of me see "why all this thushness," and in saying that the bells might

become a fair peal if induced into the melting pot, *i.e.* recast, I intend to convey that the hammering is quickly knocking the "breath" out of the bells. If Mr. Pearson feels aggrieved, I will withdraw and say they are not fit for the melting pot, but I am sure this is not what he means. I trust by this time he will have got over his ebullition of temper, and see that my observations were meant, not to hurt anyone's patriotic feelings, but to point out where a defect could be remedied. Perhaps, as Mr. Pearson says, I know nothing at all about it. Perhaps when Mr. Pearson has rung in upwards of 200 steeples he will in all probability have gained the "technical knowledge" he thinks I lack and he possesses. May I venture to tell him that it is possible for two peals to come from the same foundry and in the same key, and yet one may possess quality of tone, the other entirely devoid of it. When ringers speak of good, bad, or indifferent bells, their being in tune is expected, but it is the quality of the tone we criticise. Nor should Mr. Pearson take it that I infer we have no bad or indifferent bells on this side the channel, because we have, hundreds of them. Furthermore, a musician might honestly pass a peal of bells made of iron, providing they were in tune, but bell-metal or bell-casting would be out of his province. I sincerely regret that anything I said should rankle in the feelings of St. Augustine's ringers, for I found them all good fellows well met, and we look forward to meeting them again, whether on this side or the other. I trust this letter may clear away any unintentional slight and (break it gently) I might say I have also some special Irish element in my composition (inserted at convenient times). I hope when we meet we shall be the best of friends, for in probability my comparison was due to coming straightway from such a glorious peal of bells as St. Patrick's, and that being so, I am sure Mr. Pearson will forgive me.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SIR.—Referring to the leading article contained in your last issue, one cannot but be struck by the truth of your remarks. However, it is one thing to discover a defect and another to find a remedy. First of all, let us find out, if possible, the cause of the lowness of water in which the Cumberland Society at present appears to be placed. It seems to me that neither the Society itself nor any particular individual or individuals are to be blamed for the present state of affairs, but that the company is passing through one of those periods of inactivity which they, like other companies, have always fallen into after the removal by death or otherwise of such men as you mention, and to whose names, I think, might be added those of Cox and Newson. Your readers in general, and Cumberland Youths in particular, will doubtless have followed me so far, and will agree with me when I say that it now behoves the Cumberland Society to unearth some new talent, if it can be found, to follow in the footsteps of those eminent men, but what I wish to point out is that when the yet undiscovered Gross II. is found, the Cumberlands and other Societies, when similarly situated, should not allow their fame and the whole responsibility thereof to rest upon him and him alone, simply because he happens to be the most talented man of his time, for, as I believe the majority of your readers can testify, many a band of ringers in this country has been broken up through having made this fatal mistake. Yes, Sir, let every individual member of the Cumberlands place his talents, whether as Grandsire or London Surprise ringer, composer or conductor, at the disposal of the whole body, and then, and then only, can the Cumberland Society hope to look forward to another, and (let us hope) uninterrupted period of success.

NOT A COLLEGE YOUTH.

### Obituary.

DAVID E. RHODES.

Members of the Yorkshire Association will regret to hear of the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence at Guiseley on Wednesday morning, December 1st, at the age of forty-four years. Deceased had been in failing health for the last six years, owing to an affection of his arm, which deprived him of the use of it. He leaves a widow and seven children to mourn his loss. He had been a ringer at the parish church over twenty years, and was well known as a safe ringer and splendid striker. He took part in over thirty peals, most of them with the late Jasper Snowden. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, December 4th, and was largely attended by friends and ringers in the district. He was carried by four of his brother-ringers, Messrs. Yeadon, Brown, Dixon and Thompson, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. Sunderland, Thompson, Dixon and Waite. In the evening muffled touches were rung on the tower bells by Messrs. Yeadon, Frankland, Brown, Mallinson, Dixon, Sunderland, Thompson, Waite, Robson, and Messrs. Clough and Snowball of Otley, and Town and Cottam of Addingham.

## Notices.

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

**East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, December 11th, at Ripley. Meeting in the schoolroom at 6 p.m.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, to-day, Saturday, December 11th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringing to stop at 7 p.m.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. District Sec.*

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be Colne parish church to-day, Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.

T. REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle (6 bells), to-day, Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

3, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

**The Sussex County Association.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Chichester, to-day, Sat., December 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (chairman the Ven. Archdeacon Mount) at 5. It is particularly desired that members should attend this meeting in the cathedral city.

J. W. E. LODER COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Yapton Vicarage.

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Helmsore to-day, Sat., December 11th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

Helmsore.

**Middlesex County Association.**—South and West Districts.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, to-day, Saturday, December 11th. Ringing to commence at 5 sharp. Tea at 6, provided by the Rev. H. G. Bird.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

4, The Parade, Lampton, near Hounslow.

**The St. James's Society.**—In consequence of the repairs now in progress at St. Clement Danes, the meetings at that steeple are suspended for the present. Notice will be given of their resumption.

R. A. DANIELL, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bucklersbury, E.C.

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's schoolroom, Cardiff, on Monday, December 27th, at 3 p.m. The bells of St. John's Church will be available for ringing.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Colum Road, Cardiff.

H. G. WHITE, *Assistant Hon. Sec.*  
18, Cymer Street, Cardiff.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. E. PARSONS.—We should be glad of what you write of.

## A LATE LETTER.

### THE BEDS. ASSOCIATION: INSTRUCTION AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Clarke may I be allowed to say: 1.—That though I perfectly remember the promise he alludes to, it is not within my recollection that the arrangements were left to me to be carried out. However I looked into the matter some months ago, and found that the proposed plan is impracticable. The Leighton Buzzard practice begins at 8 o'clock, and the last train for Bedford leaves the station, which is a quarter of an hour's walk from the church, at 8.33. I doubt if even Mr. Clarke himself, greatly as I admire his abilities as a teacher, could do much in a quarter of an hour. 2.—That it is not true that I did not notice Mr. Nicoll's letter. Being in Leighton Buzzard shortly after it appeared, I called on Mr. George Green, the sidesman, who takes great interest in the belfry, and told him it was not from lack of will, but from want of men near enough to be of use, that no arrangements had been made. I have yet to learn that it is the duty of an Hon. Secretary to conduct the business of his Association through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," though lately the members of the Beds. Association appear to have carried on their private correspondence through this channel. As regards Leighton Buzzard, I may say that some years ago I walked over every week from Milton Bryant (six miles each way), to instruct the band, but very little interest was shown by the majority of the members. I would willingly do the same again, though now at a much greater distance, but at the present time, after leaving one evening for practice at Woburn, I have no night free from parochial engagements. Any Leighton ringers who care to come over to Woburn for the Monday practice (from 7 to 9 p.m.), will, I am sure, be heartily welcomed by Mr. Herbert, and have every assistance given them. W. W. C. BAKER.  
Ridgmont Vicarage, Bletchley.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT STEYNING.**—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Green, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns at the conclusion. It was also Mr. John Smart's fiftieth peal, made up as follows: Stedman Triples, 26; Grandsire Triples, 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 8; Double Norwich, 3; Plain Bob Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; on six bells, 4; total—50.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, October 24th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for evening service, 1149 Stedman Caters. H. Barton (conductor), 1; H. N. Davis, 2; V. W. West, 3; G. Mulley, 4; G. E. Symonds, 5; F. G. Perrin, 6; A. R. Davis, 7; J. Nicholls, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; J. Golding, 10. On Sunday, November 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1260 changes, composed by C. Charge. H. N. Davis (conductor), 1; W. Truss, 2; S. Wade, 3; G. Mulley, 4; G. E. Symonds, 5; F. G. Perrin, 6; W. H. Pasmore, 7; J. Sharman, 8; H. Barton, 9; J. Golding, 10.

**OLDHAM (Lancashire).**—On Sunday morning, November 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 51 mins. J. Butterworth, 1; S. Elson, 2; J. Priestly, 3; S. Stott (conductor), 4; E. B. Shaw, 5; J. Davies, 6; J. Sidaal, 7; J. Wood, 8. Tenor 34 cwt.

**THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).**—On Tuesday, November 9th, at the parish church for prac-

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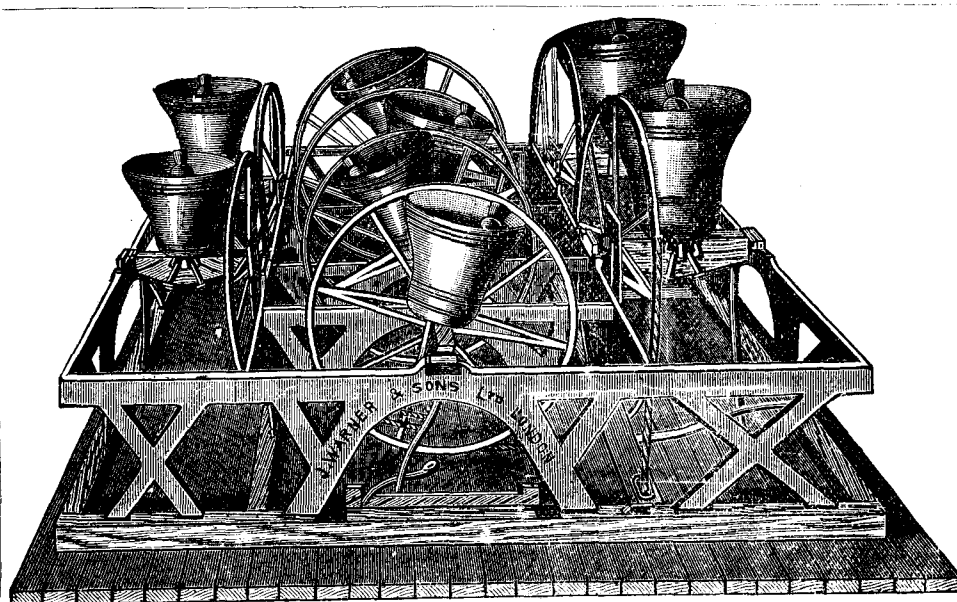
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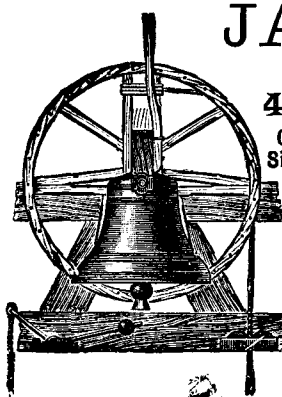
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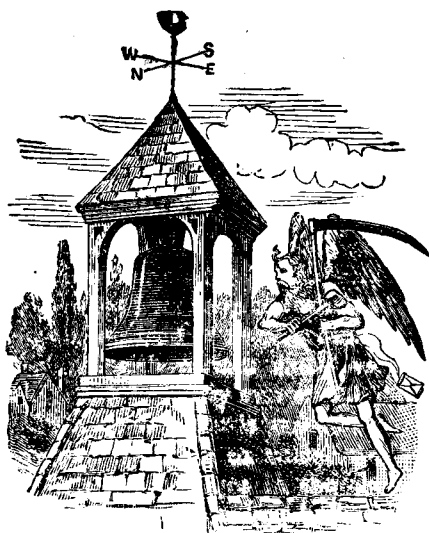
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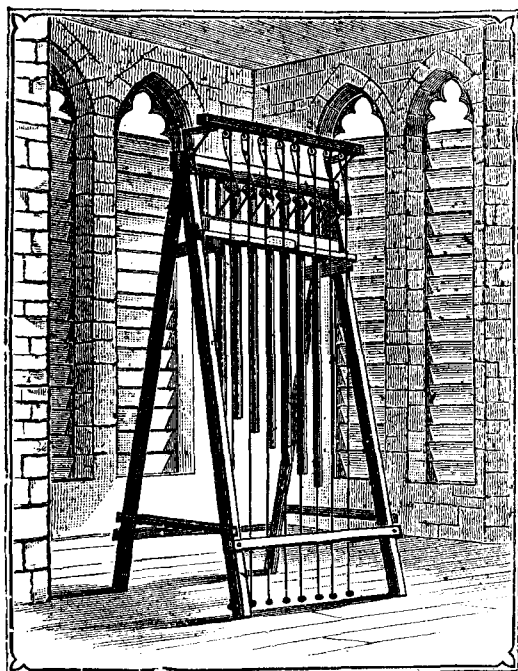
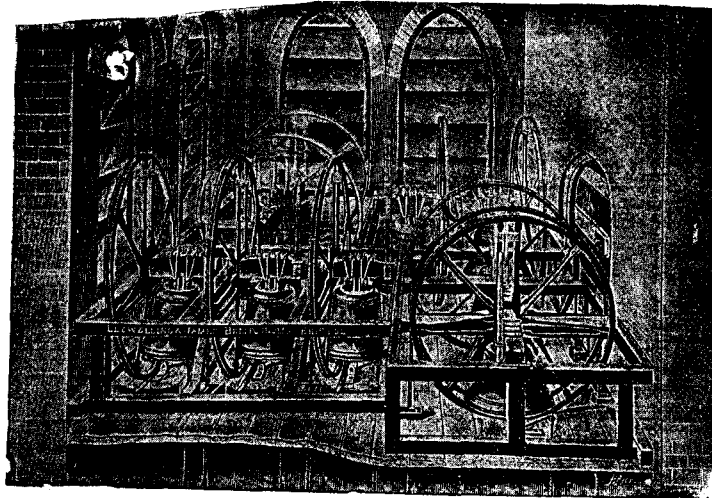
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## "ARUNDEL SURPRISE."

By DR. CARPENTER.

WHILE agreeing in the main with the remarks of "PLAIN SPEAKER" respecting new methods, I think that we ought to avoid the error of consigning them all to oblivion without examination; and I write this in the hope that conductors and others of your readers will have a good look at Mr. George Baker's new method "Arundel Surprise," as it seems to me to possess certain qualities wanting in all other methods with which I am acquainted.

Firstly, as regards composition, the proof-scale, as Mr. Baker says, is absolutely clean, while the tenors are not parted. There are only four false leads against each lead of the method, and none of these leads can occur without parting the tenors. Secondly, as regards practical ringing, it is an absolutely double method like Superlative and Double Norwich, the work in front and behind being exactly similar, and the course of any bell being simply reversed after passing the turning-points. The identity of the lead-ends with those of Double Norwich suggests a comparison with that method; and this reveals the fact that Arundel is actually Double Double Norwich. If we cut up the lead into blocks of four changes, making the first cut between the 1st and 2nd changes of the lead, we shall find that we have four changes of Double Norwich and then four changes of something else alternately. Thus in each lead we have the whole of the changes of the corresponding lead of Double Norwich. The work is simply doubled with certain small variations in place-making which can be easily mastered.

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In conclusion, I hope that we shall hear more of this very ingenious method.

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The Bishop met the Canons and the choir on the Hall Staircase, which is under the belfry, and said the appointed Office, the musical portion of it being rendered by the choir, under the direction of the organist.

Afterwards the Dean entered the belfry, and having said some prayers, addressed some well-chosen words to the men. Then the twelve bells were rung round, to the delight of all who heard them, the three new bells doing much credit to their founders, Mears and Stainbank.

Courses of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, and some Treble Twelve, brought the proceedings to a close. The new bells are the gift of the Diocesan Guild.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.—A successful meeting was held at Chichester on Saturday, December 11th, when the following towers in addition to Chichester itself were represented: Angmering, Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter's), Goring, Heene, Midhurst, and West Tarring, the Hon. Secretary of the Association being also present. Various touches were indulged in—mainly of Grandsire—during the afternoon and after tea. At the tea the Ven. Archdeacon Mount presided. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Rev. Prebendary Masters and Dr. Springett. Two new members were elected. The Master of the Association, Mr. G. F. Attree, proposed that the Mayor of Brighton be invited to act as chairman at the Annual Meeting, and that the Bishop be desired to attend to give a short address; also that a memorial tablet to the late Bishop was shortly to be unveiled in St. Peter's belfry. A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon was duly tendered and gracefully replied to; also to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the well-hung bells, and the spacious and well-ordered belfry. A special vote of thanks was afterwards given to the Ven. Archdeacon Mount, who most munificently paid for the tea.

## HAVERING, ESSEX.

A new ring of six bells has just been erected at the village of Havering, about three miles from Romford railway-station. A full and descriptive account will be given next week.

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

On Wednesday evening, October 8th, the members of the above Society and a few friends were invited to a hot supper by Mr. T. J. Salter and Mr. Jas. Pagett at The George hotel, which was well served up by Mr. J. Taylor. The event was in honour of the completion of Mr. Salter's 100 peals and Mr. Pagett's 25th. The former gentleman was one of the first members of the Society at its formation in 1886, and the quality of the peals comprising his century may reasonably be regarded as the first order. Mr. Pagett is of later importation, and though his business prevents him attempting many peals he is none the less enthusiastic. Proceedings commenced by a course of Caters on the handbells won by "BELL NEWS" coupons. Then followed the feed, which passed off admirably, at which some accurate striking took place, every one steering clear of a trip. The cloth removed Mr. R. E. Grove took the chair, and immediately proposed "The Health of the Queen," which was loyally drunk by all. After a song by Mr. Parsons, the chairman presented Mr. Salter with a handsome pipe and case, remarking appropriately on Mr. Salter's progress.

In responding, Mr. Salter thanked his brother-ringers for the present, and said when he rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples on the treble he little thought he should be the first to complete a century. He also expressed a hope that every member individually would henceforth endeavour to help the Society to retain the position it had reached in the ringing world. Songs were afterwards contributed at intervals by Messrs. Salter, Roberts and Davies, Mr. Grove being accompanist.

Mr. Crane proposed "The Health of the Visitors." Mr. Roberts, in responding, said it gave him much pleasure to come among them, and since he had come to reside in the district spoke of the real pleasure it had given him also to stand in peals with them.

The Chairman proposed "The Healths of Messrs. Salter and Pagett." Mr. Salter suitably replied.

Mr. Davies proposed "The Host and Hostess." Mr. Taylor, in responding, said how much pleasure it had given him to cater for the first time for a company of ringers, and trusted he would have an opportunity of repeating it at a future date.

Mr. Salter proposed "The Chairman and Vice-chairman," Mr. Grove and Mr. Crane responding respectively.

Eleven o'clock saw the introduction to the company of the nation's law, the general parting tone being absolute satisfaction and pleasure.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Helmshore on Saturday, December 11th. Owing to the severe weather the local ringers had concluded that no members would turn up, and the first arrivals found the belfry locked. This however was soon altered, and the back six set going to Cambridge Surprise. This over, and with fresh arrivals, a 464 Bob Major was successfully brought round. Grandsire and Kent came on in turn, and then all dispersed for tea. A short business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. Barnes, of Haslingden, was held in the belfry. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Christ Church, Bacup. The usual votes of thanks to the authorities were cordially passed. Ringing again commenced, and several good touches brought round; the bells being almost continuously going until nine o'clock.

## THE LATE DAVID STACKWOOD.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have muffled the bells as follows as a last token of respect to the above, for many years a well-known member of that Society:—

At the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields the usual whole pull and stand. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire Cinques.

On Thursday evening, December 9th, at the church of St. Giles, Camberwell, a muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect to the deceased. Messrs. Weatherstone (conductor), Rushen, Smith, Cooledge, Golding, Eggar, Gentry, Peters, Perry, Blackeby, Flower, Hayward, and the Brothers Mash.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Ripley, on Saturday, December 11th, but owing to the wretched weather the meeting was only poorly attended, members being present from Alfreton, Clay Cross, Horsley, North Wingfield, Ripley and Tibshelf, also a few members of the Midland Counties' Association from Duffield.

Mr. T. Whilton was voted to the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. T. Clough and F. Marshall were appointed to audit books for the annual meeting at Easter.

The bells are a good ring of five, but another treble (or three if possible), would be a grand addition. Ripley is now a flourishing town, and could the inhabitants be induced to put their shoulder to the wheel at least one more bell would soon be put in the tower. The belfry deserves a word of praise, with its portraits of ringing celebrities in their elegant oak frames, and plants growing in pots; also bouquets of cut flowers in vases, make it look very comfortable and cheerful. Great credit is due to the local company, especially Mr. H. George, the tower-keeper, for the way everything is kept, no trouble being spared to make it look attractive. Several 6-scores of Stedman were rung in which the Duffield friends took part; also Grandsire and Old Doubles by mixed bands.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. E. Bradstock) for the use of bells, the chairman for presiding, and Mr. George for having everything ready, brought the meeting to a close, the bells being lowered soon after 8 p.m.

T. A.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.—A meeting of the above was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 11th, and was well attended by members from Ealing, Isleworth, Burnham, Farnham Royal, and Heston; also several members of the North and Eastern district. Touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung. At six o'clock, the party numbering about fifty, adjourned to the vicarage for tea. An excellent repast was placed on the table, and the hospitality of the vicar was much enjoyed. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for his kindness.

## THE RISING GENERATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, December 12th, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. Victoria Keeble (aged 10), 1; Alfred Keeble, 2; J. Keeble, 3-4; Amy Keeble, 5-6. Rang on the fifty-first anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Keeble, of Kelvedon, grandparents of the whole of the band.

An amusing suggestion was made by a gentleman at a recent meeting of a bicycle club in Cape Colony. He proposed that the committee should consist of seven members; half to be ladies and half gentlemen!

The Bishop Suffragan of Coventry has been presented by a number of Coventry Churchmen with a bicycle. He proposes to use the machine for travelling about the diocese.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Thursday, November 18th, for practice at the parish church, 1080 Grandsire Caters. R. Denison, 1; W. Graham, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. Tyson, 4; R. Everson, 5; T. Lam, 6; W. Atkinson, 7; B. Walker (conductor), 8; J. Braithwaite, 9; J. Salmon, 10. This is the longest touch of Caters by all the bells, and is the longest recorded touch of Grandsire Caters for over seventy years, the last on record for this tower being in 1819.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A RECORD of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 1s. 2d.; cloth do., 1s. 8d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden, Vicarage, Reading, Berks.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The Welshpool branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild is, like many another Guild-branch, a very thriving body. According to the paper last Saturday they keep a fund together, by subscriptions of members, for any purpose they have in view. At the half-yearly meeting of the branch, which was held at Montgomery, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. T. Hughes, stated that its funds showed a balance of £3 5s. 3d., and this after paying half subscriptions to the general Guild.

I am greatly enamoured of these guilds-within-guilds. They strengthen the parent body immensely, and greatly add to its influence. Every ringing company in existence should have a local organisation, besides being affiliated to the county or diocesan guild. The possession of a fund to which each member of a local company has helped, is a wonderful engine for keeping parties together. A local company would be considered a most happy lot of folk if there were no grumblers, or members of low capacity, in it. But such as these, when they get to be interested in a good fund, are soon improved in temperament and behaviour. I have known surly spirits to become quite mollified and vastly improved when they have been reminded of the "balance-in-hand."

If the balance is used merely for a festivity, better that way than have no fund at all. Therefore I recommend all companies, great and small, to have some sort of an organisation, locally, and have always a fund to resort to for any purpose. It is said that money can do anything. Though this may not be strictly correct, it is a great power; and it brings great influence, and in some instances—not in all—respect.

I have received the following note from Mr. S. Reeves, of West Bromwich, concerning the two peals rung by the St. Martin's Guild, recorded last week. It will be remembered that two peals were spoken of as "rooth peal rang by the Guild."

The "Siamese-twin monstrosity" still holds its own, but the peal at Penn, I understand, was finished twelve minutes at least before the one at Sutton Coldfield. Wishing you a joyous Christmas and a prosperous new year.—Yours respectfully, Samuel Reeves, 10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Sam, my friend, you are slightly in error. What I meant by the "Siamese-twin monstrosity" was not the two peals, but that exhibition which was so well-known at one time. This "monstrosity" does not hold its own, Sam, it is defunct! And a good job too. A further letter upon this subject has also been received from our old friend George-of-Rugby, but there is no necessity to publish it. Sam. Reeves's concise note explains all that is necessary.

The extract I gave from the *Hampshire Chronicle* last week was replied to in that paper by a very sensible letter:—

Sir,—I should like to draw attention to a paragraph in the Winchester news in your issue of the 6th inst., viz., "Campanology." It is there stated that the Cathedral ringers had performed "a feat of which they were justly proud." I do not see why they should be proud of it, considering that there has been no less than twenty peals (of 5040 changes) in the same method rung in the country during the last two months. It was also stated to be a peal of "Stedman Trebles (?) " (this is un-

doubtedly meant for "Stedman Triples," as there is no such method as "Stedman Trebles") comprising 1260 changes. Now it happens that this number of changes is not a peal, but a quarter-peal, the number of changes obtainable in the method on seven bells being 5040 (of which 1260 is one-fourth), and the whole complement of changes obtainable on this number of bells must be rung before the performance is acknowledged by change-ringing Associations to be a peal. On eight bells and upward the number of changes must always amount to, or exceed, 5000. I am very pleased to see that the Cathedral ringers are getting on so well, but at the same time it would be better for them to wait until they have rung a peal in the method before a statement is published to that effect, as it might mislead the public, but not change-ringers.—A Stedman Ringer.

This was succeeded the next week by the following letter:—

Sir,—In reply to "Stedman Ringer" allow me to state that any one who understands ringing would know that what appeared in your columns was either a writer's or a printer's error. I merely informed the correspondent who supplied you with the paragraph that "a quarter-peal of *Stedman Triples*, comprising 1260 changes, was rung," and not a *peal*.—W. H. George.

What do my readers think of the following:—

On Sunday evening, December 5th, the St. Laurence Society of Reading met at 5.15 to ring a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters for Divine Service, Mr. Robins, of Henley, having by arrangement come to ring the tenor. This gentleman brought with him a set of handbells in a black bag for Mr. Newell, captain of the above band. Not knowing what to do with the bag for the time being, he, Mr. Newell, placed it in the coal-hole under the tower, with the intention of taking it home after he had attended service, but having forgotten it until he was on the road for home, thought he would not go back for it, but would fetch it away in the morning. The sexton later on went to the coal-hole to make up his fire, and espied the bag. This worthy was afraid to handle it, and spoke to the Vicar, who thought some one had put it there for a purpose. The sexton locked up the church, and leaving the bag went and told his family what he had found—a locked-up bag. Some suggested it might contain a body; another an infernal machine; another dynamite; so the poor man could not rest nor could he go to bed, but went to the churchwarden about 11 p.m., rousing that gentleman out of bed and letting him know about the bag found in the coal-hole. The churchwarden said he would go with him to the church to examine the awful mystery of this bag. On taking hold of it they heard an ominous rattle, so Mr. Churchwarden said they had better take it to the police station, which they did. The police officers were alarmed, and suggested it should be opened; but the inspector said "No; not in here; it might explode and blow us all up!" So a sergeant was told to take it into the yard and burst it open, which he did, and out rolled some of the handbells. When Mr. Newell went in the morning for the bag he was told to go to the police station for it, which he did, and got it all right except the broken lock.

Here is matter sufficient for a Christmas or any other story. I suggest to some of the facile writers among the Exercise to work it up. A title something like this perhaps would do:—"The Alarmed Sexton; a tale of the bells, bag, and coal-hole:—A story of the most startling and thrilling interest." And so on.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 13th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Willshire, 1; J. J. Jones, 2; S. Radford, 3; E. Boniface, 4; C. Blondell, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. E. Worsfold, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; C. Willshire, 3; E. Boniface, 4; S. Radford, 5; C. Blondell (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. T. W. Radford, 1; J. J. Jones, 2; S. Radford, 3; E. Boniface, 4; C. Willshire (conductor), 5; C. Blondell, 6. T. W. Radford hails from Taunton.

**Compositions.****PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.***By WILLIAM WILLSON, Leicester.*

5184.				
23456	M	I	N	5 W
36452	-	-	-	
64352	-	-	-	
43652	-	-	-	
32654	-	-	-	
52364	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	
35264	-	-	-	
54263	-	-	-	
42563	-	-	-	
25463	-	-	-	
53462	-	-	-	
32465	-	-	-	
24365	-	-	-	
64235	-	-	-	
42635	-	-	-	
26435	-	-	-	
36245	-	-	-	
62345	-	-	-	
25346	-	-	-	
53246	-	-	-	
43526	-	-	-	
35426	-	-	-	
54326	-	-	-	
24536	-	-	-	
34256	-	-	-	
42356	-	-	-	
23456	-	-	-	

In 'this peal the 5th and 6th are always wrong or right.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.***By FREDERICK DENCH, College Youths.*

5440.				
23456	B	M	W	H
52436	-	-	-	
63425	-	-	-	
46325	-	-	-	
53624	-	-	-	
65324	-	-	-	
43526	-	-	-	
24536	-	-	-	
53246	-	-	-	
45236	-	-	-	
25634	-	-	-	
25346	-	-	-	
32546	-	-	-	
24365	-	-	-	

Repeated.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, each at ten course-ends in 6ths place, with 2nd never there. It is the first peal of Superlative ever composed with these qualities in two equal parts.

**A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR.***By G. R. NEWTON, Oxtou, Cheshire.*

5472.		
12345	I	O
53412	-	-
24153	-	-
31524	-	-
51234	-	-
42351	-	-
13542	-	-
25413	-	-
45123	-	-
31245	-	-
52421	-	-
14352*	-	-
23514	-	-
53124	-	-
41253	-	-
32541	-	-
15432	-	-
24315	-	-
34125	-	-
14235	-	-

Five times repeated, with s for B at the I of course marked \* in 2nd and 5th parts. This peal is the extent with the 6th at home all but six courses. Can be reduced to 5088 by substituting a bob B for I in the course marked of the sixth part.

**A DATE TOUCH OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.***By J. HOWES, Kingston-on-Thames.*

1897.

234567.	
324576	Start at backstroke
342567	
342576	
432567	
423576	Odd changes
243567	
234576	
342675	2
643275	5
246375	5
752346	1
357246	5
623574	3
526374	5
325674	5
743625	1
647325	5
346725	5
253746	1
462753	1
534762	1

Twice repeated. Contains Queen's, Tittums, and Whittingtons.

**PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.***By JOHN HOWES, Kingston-on-Thames.*

5040.

23456	I	4	6
65324	-	-	
45623	-	-	
35426	-	-	
52436	-	-	
34256	-	-	-
45236	-	-	
53246	-	-	
64352	-	-	
24653	-	-	
42356	-	-	-
62453	-	-	
32654	-	-	
25634	-	-	
43526	-	-	
23645	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

**PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.***By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.*

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
64352	2	-	1	1
53462	-	-	2	2
35264	2	-	-	2
54263	2	-	1	2
36245	2	-	2	1
32465	1	-	2	2
65243	2	-	-	2
34256	2	-	2	1
32546	1	-	2	2
45236	1	-	-	2
26354	2	-	2	2
53624	1	-	-	2
35426	-	-	1	2
23456	1	-	-	2

Contains the 6th the extent in all positions. First rung at St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk, on August 2nd, 1897, conducted by John Souter.

**QUARTER-PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.***By GEORGE ASTBURY, Flixton, Manchester.*

1260.

231456	S	H	L	Q
641235	-	-	-	
426315	-	-	-	
125346	-	-	-	

Four times repeated.

This quarter-peal has the 6-7s the right way, but at the most unequal distances possible consistent with being the right way.



## Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (five 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.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, December 18th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Business at 7. H.V. Moss, Branch Sec.  
149, Clarence Street, Bolton.

**The St. James's Society.**—In consequence of the repairs now in progress at St. Clement Danes, the meetings at that steeple are suspended for the present. Notice will be given of their resumption. R. A. DANIELL.  
20, Bucklersbury, E.C. Hon. Sec.

**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's schoolroom, Cardiff, on Monday, December 27th, at 3 p.m. The bells of St. John's Church will be available for ringing. N.B.—The place of meeting is altered to Cardiff because Merthyr, as decided by quarterly meeting at Trevechin, is not available.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, Hon. Sec.  
Colum Road, Cardiff.  
H. G. WHITE, Assistant Hon. Sec.  
18, Cymmer Street, Cardiff.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—At a meeting held at the new head-quarters, The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on September 21st, it was resolved that a testimonial be presented to Mr. Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the good work he has done towards the advancement of change-ringing during the past fifty years. Subscriptions towards this object will be gladly received by any of the following committee:—Messrs. F. S. Bayley, Burkin, Butler, Cockerill, W. Davies (Liverpool), Dorrington, T. Hattersley (Sheffield), Horrex, Hughes, T. Mash, Newton, Prime, Pettit, F. W. J. Rees (Nayland, Colchester), Smith, Springall, Waghorn, jun., and Winney. Saturday, April 2nd, 1898, is the suggested date for the presentation to be made, and intending subscribers are earnestly requested to send in their subscriptions at least a week before that time.

## Compositions.

### A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By C. CHARGE, London.  
1259.

2 3 4 5 6

*4 3 6 2 7 5 8 9	
6 2 4 5 3 9 7 8	5 in three
3 5 2 6 4	8 in two
2 3 5 6 4	9 in three
5 2 3 6 4	9 in three
3 2 4 6 5	8-9
4 3 2 6 5	9 in three
2 4 3 6 5	9 in three
3 4 5 6 2	8-9
5 4 2 6 3	8-9
2 5 4 6 3	9 in three
4 2 5 6 3	9 in three

Round as usual.

\*7th in and out at three. This quarter-peal has the 6th ten courses behind the 9th.

## BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

On Tuesday, November 23rd, the annual meeting of the above branch of the Bedfordshire Association was held in the schoolroom, the president, the Rev. W. E. B. Norman, in the chair, the following officers being elected: W. J. Davison, custodian of the tower; H. King, secretary; W. West, master; A. Ingram, treasurer. It may be stated that this branch has, besides being affiliated to the Beds. Association, a district society of its own, weekly subscriptions being paid for the purpose of ringing, outings, etc. There are about fifteen ringing members, which we consider a good number out of a village of about 350 inhabitants. Every one in the village naturally taking to bell-ringing, there being no one scarcely over fifteen years of age but can ring a bell; the work of ringing has not been very great, as when the bells were opened last November, after being overhauled by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, there was only about four members that could ring Minor, Plain Bob being the only method rung, but owing to the perseverance of the band, other methods have been learned, so that during the year 100 720s of Minor have been rung in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, College Single, London Single, Double Court, Oxford, Kent, and Woodbine Treble Bob; the five-bell methods rung are Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Simons, and Stedman Slow Course. One peal of 5040 changes has been rung during the year, with the assistance of three of the St. Peter's company, Bedford, which was published at the time in "THE BELL NEWS." The 720s rung by the different members are as follows: W. J. Davison 88, conducted 52; C. West 60, conducted 9; H. King 59, conducted 13; J. Maxey 52; F. Trueman 40; T. Frossell 40; W. West 30; J. Harpia 31; A. Ingram 29; W. West, jun., 7; A. West 4. The ringers of the above branch wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the following ringers for the great help they have been to them in coming over to enable them to master the different methods, viz.: Messrs. S. Constant and A. Robinson, from the St. Peter's Bedford company, and F. Howell and C. Lilley, from St. Paul's, Bedford, who would come at any time and in all weathers, if they only knew. The report of the year was thought to be very good by our president, who said that he should be very pleased if he could ring with us, but he thought the time had gone by for him to begin to learn, he also thanked the ringers very much for their services during the year, as all the ringing is done with great pleasure by the ringers, without thinking of any recompense for the same, and if there was a band of men wanted for any special object in the village he knew that he could always find them in the ringers. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**BROMHAM (Beds).**—On November 10th, 720 Plain Bob. C. West, 1; J. Maxey, 2; H. King, 3; F. Hull, 4; W. J. Davison, 5; C. Lilley (conductor), 6. And 360 Double Court. D. Green, 1; C. West, 2; F. Trueman, 3; C. Lilley, 4; W. J. Davison (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6.

**BIDDENHAM (Beds).**—During October, 1-peal of Minor, consisting of 360 College Single, 720 Oxford Bob, and 180 Plain Bob. W. West, 1; J. Maxey, 2; C. West, 3; C. Green, 4; L. Chapman, 5; W. J. Davison (conductor), 6. 720 Oxford Bob. A. West, 1; F. Trueman, 2; C. West, 3; J. Maxey, 4; H. King, 5; W. J. Davison (conductor), 6. 720 College Single.

W. J. Davison, 1; A. Ingram, 2; C. West, 3; J. Maxey, 4; F. Trueman, 5; H. King (conductor), 6. 720 Plain Bob. W. West, 1; C. West, 2; F. Trueman, 3; A. Ingram, 4; J. Maxey, 5; W. J. Davison (conductor), 6. 720 Oxford Bob. F. Trueman, 1; A. Ingram, 2; W. J. Davison, 3; H. King, 4; J. Maxey, 5; C. West (conductor), 6. 720 College Single. W. West, 1; W. J. Davison (conductor), 2; C. West, 3; A. Ingram, 4; J. Maxey, 5; F. Trueman, 6. 720 Oxford Bob. W. West, 1; C. West, 2; C. Lilley, 3; A. Ingram, 4; J. Maxey, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Hull, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. King, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. Chasty, 5; W. J. Davison (conductor), 6. 720 Plain Bob. C. West, 1; J. Maxey, 2; H. King, 3; W. J. Davison (conductor), 5; F. Trueman, 6. 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Maxey, 1; F. Hull, 2; C. Lilley, 3; C. West, 4; H. King, 5; W. J. Davison (conductor), 6. 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Trueman, 1; W. J. Davison, 2; C. Lilley, 3; A. Robinson, 4; H. King, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Court. A. Robinson, 1; C. Lilley, 2; A. Ingram, 3; F. Hull, 4; J. Maxey, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6.

**ROMFORD (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, December 12, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Pye, 1; B. Keeble, 2; E. Pye, 3; R. Pye, 4; J. Dale, 5; J. Watson, 6; A. Pye (conductor), 7; A. Dawkins, 8.

**Notice to Advertisers.**—Advertisements of articles wanted, to sell, or exchange, are charged at the prepaid rate of one penny for four words. Advertisements of situations wanted, or vacant (for ringers only), are inserted free. The figures of compositions are inserted free, unless proof is required.

## Ringers Wanting Situations.

**WANTED** a Situation as Under-Gardener, or as Groom and Gardener. Four years in last situation as Groom and Gardener. Change-ringer on six; member of the Ely Diocesan Association, Age 21; single, with good character. Address, W., care of Editor.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1897.

THE Diocese of Oxford is now in possession of a complete ring of twelve bells. This fact will be very gratifying, not only to those who have exerted themselves to such an end, but to ringers generally, and those of the above diocese in particular. The report of the Dedication and Benediction tells us that the necessary new bells to be added to the ring of ten at Christchurch Cathedral, to make the twelve, were provided by the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers. This is a circumstance which the Guild will legitimately take a deal of credit for, and it will be a source of honest pride in days to come that the Oxford Guild, in the year of grace 1897, possessed such a spirit of enterprise.

Such a gift from ringers we do not often hear of. Tradition tells us that years ago the College Youths, at their own cost, gave the present trebles at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and for a time kept them "chained up," or in some manner prevented the use of them by any other society. We are also told that the London Scholars or the Cumberlands did the same with the whilom ring of

ten at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. The members of the Essex Association, we believe, made a large contribution to the restoration of the trebles of the present ring of ten bells at the parish of St. Mary, Chelmsford; and for all we know, there may be other such worthy examples.

The Oxford Guild have now obtained a long-cherished desire. We shall not presume to enquire what part our journal has taken towards its accomplishment. Let us hope the new ring of twelve will be made good use of; that the Dean and Canons of the Cathedral may be solicitous to remove all impediments in the way of regular periodical practice by the ringers, and willingly grant every facility for peal ringing.

NOTICE.—Next Saturday, being Christmas-day, we shall publish one day earlier than usual. Everything intended for insertion must reach our office next Wednesday morning. The contents of our next number will comprise an excellent photograph of Mr. WILLIAM BURKIN, the late Master of the College Youths; Mr. ATTREE's latest Analysis; a Christmas tale by our old contributor, "JOSHUA," and other interesting features. Particulars concerning another "gift" for our readers will also be announced next week.

### The Metropolis.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. Treble.	†EBENEZER ANDREWS .. 5.
THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 6.
CALEB FENN* .. .. 3.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. 7.
ROWLAND FENN* .. .. 4.	*GEORGE BARRELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

\*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung on the 38th birthday of Emanuel Hall, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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

On Monday, December 13, 1897, in Three Hours,

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

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE R. FARDON .. Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH .. 5.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. .. 2.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and

Conducted by CHARLES T. P. BRICE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE BOW SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 14, 1897, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW, E.

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES SCHOLES .. .. Treble.	EBENEZER ANDREWS .. 5.
SAMUEL JOYCE .. .. 2.	SAMUEL HAYES .. .. 6.
ALBERT HARDY .. .. 3.	ROBERT GRIMWOOD .. 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. .. 4.	EMANUEL HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS LOCKWOOD and

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

### The Provinces.

#### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 9, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

N. J. PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF 'THURSTANS'. Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE .. Treble.	ARTHUR WARLEY .. 5.
GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 2.	*JOHN W. THOMPSON .. 6.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 4.	HARRY WAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First peal in the method.

#### BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Thursday, December 9, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

J. SMITH, JUN. .. Treble.	J. MATHER .. .. 5.
J. SMITH, SEN. .. .. 2.	T. STRICKLAND .. 6.
G. GOODWIN .. .. 3.	J. WALKER .. .. 7.
J. BROWN .. .. 4.	J. SCHOLEY .. .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by J. SCHOLEY.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells, and the first peal in the method by all except J. Scholey. First attempt by Messrs. Smith, jun., Mather, Strickland, and Walker.

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

On Friday, December 10 (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

H. WOODWARDS .. Treble.	S. WHITE .. .. 5.
J. TRINDER .. .. 2.	R. WHITE .. .. 6.
F. BARRETT .. .. 3.	G. HOLIFIELD .. 7.
F. WHITE .. .. 4.	T. BARRETT .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

Rung on the twentieth birthday of R. White. He has also rang three peals of Stedman Caters, eight of Grandsire Caters, seven of Stedman Triples, one of College Single Triples, and eight of Grandsire Triples. He was twelve years of age when he rang his first peal.

#### GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, December 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WOOD .. 6.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	CHARLES PARKER .. 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOITANSTALL and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the first peal rang upon the bells since the addition of two trebles as a Diamond Jubilee memorial for the parish church. The above is W. Catchpole's rooth peal; and was rung at the first attempt.

#### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.)

On Saturday, December 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

NOAH DAVIS .. Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 2.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 7.
RICHARD E. GROVE .. 4.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

## GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

SAMUEL BROWN .. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND .. .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. 6.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 3.	JAMES BALDWIN .. .. 7.
JOSEPH WAITE .. .. 4.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, the 4th and 6th at five course-ends, and the 6th her extent in 5ths. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late D. E. Rhodes. Broadley hails from Bradford; Kendall from Shipley; the rest belong to the local company. This is J. Baldwin's 50th peal.

## BATTLE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
REEVES'S REVERSED. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM EASTLAND .. Treble.	THOMAS J. ADES .. .. 5.
WALTER FRANKS .. .. 2.	CHARLES CARTER .. .. 6.
HARRY CRUTTENDEN* .. 3.	WILLIAM THOMAS .. .. 7.
NEWTON CRUTTENDEN .. 4.	WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

\*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Cruttenden (2) and ADES hail from Bexhill; the rest belong to the local band.

## HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1897, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.

NEHEMIAH W. TARLING .. Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS .. .. 5.
GEORGE JORDAN .. .. 2.	JOHN LUCKEY .. .. 6.
THOMAS SABAN .. .. 3.	ISAAC CAVILL .. .. 7.
THOMAS J. WATTS .. .. 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HALEY and

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the treble and tenor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to N. W. Tarling.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BOLTON AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, December 11, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH* .. Treble.	ALBERT E. WREAKS .. .. 5.
JOSEPH IRELAND .. .. 2.	*TITUS BARLOW .. .. 6.
THOMAS PEERS* .. .. 3.	*HENRY MOSS .. .. 7.
JOHN WELSBY .. .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

\*First peal in the above method.

## GAMLINGAY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

On Saturday, December 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of the following:

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

EDGAR TINGEY .. .. Treble.	CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 4.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. 2.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 5.
WILLIAM J. BARKER .. 3.	FRANK HULL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung. A new treble has been added and the 4th and 5th re-cast by Warner. Weight of tenor unknown, believed to be about 23 cwt. in E flat. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector, the Rev. W. Crouch, for the use of the bells.

## BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, December 11, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY DAWKES .. .. Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 5.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR .. .. 6.
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 3.	ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 7.
WILLIAM A. HANCOX .. 4.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

First peal of Major on the bells. W. A. Hancox hails from Birmingham; the rest are local men.

## RINGMER, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

ARTHUR ROOKE .. .. Treble.	HENRY JONES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM PELLING .. .. 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 6.
CHARLES SMART .. .. 3.	CHARLES PAINTER .. .. 7.
JOHN SMART .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

Messrs. Smart (2) hail from Steyning; Pelling from Warnham; Goldsmith from Lewes; Hart from St. Peter's, Brighton; the rest belong to the local band.

## FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE,

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WALTER PERKINS .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. 6.
CLIFTON NEWMAN .. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, of Lincoln, and

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. C. Newman and Hensher hail from Kettering; Perkins from Finedon; the rest belong to Irthlingborough. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rev. G. Paul for the use of the bells, and also Mr. J. T. Tompkins for having everything in readiness.

## HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

HARRY MEETENS .. .. Treble.	GEORGE NORRIS .. .. 5.
WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 2.	EDMOND H. LINDUP .. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. .. 3.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. 7.
JOHN H. PAICE .. .. 4.	ARTHUR ARNELL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HILLMAN.

First peal of Grandsire by Messrs. Evans, Norris, Lindup and Arnell, and first peal as conductor. This is also the first peal rung on the bells by a local band.

## SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lbs.

FREDERICK CLAYTON .. Treble.	THOMAS WAKEMAN .. .. 5.
FREDERICK SUMNER .. .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 6.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 4.	HENRY WITHERS .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

## MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD FENWICK .. .. Treble.	THOMAS METCALFE .. .. 5.
FRED. P. HOWCROFT .. .. 2.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 6.
CHARLES HALL .. .. 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. .. 7.
WILLIAM NEWTON .. .. 4.	THOMAS STEPHENSON .. Tenor.

Composed by D. Woods and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. McFarlane and Howcroft.

## PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ALFRED SMITH .. .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES .. .. 5.
WILLIAM ELLIS* .. .. 2.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 6.
GEORGE MITCHISON .. .. 3.	CHARLES WILLIAMS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM VERRY .. .. 4.	G. S. VAUGHAN .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

\*First peal with a bob bell. The ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6 belong to Handsworth; the 5th to West Bromwich; the rest are local men. G. Mitchison and C. Williams were made members previous to starting.

## CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 13, 1897, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS .. Treble.	*THOMAS R. HOOPER .. 6.
FREDERICK MUSTY .. .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLAR .. 7.
FREDERICK G. MAY .. .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR .. 8.
WILLIAM T. PATES .. .. 4.	HENRY ROBERTS .. .. 9.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 5.	GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and  
Conducted by HENRY ROBERTS.

Messrs. May, Austin, and Peglar (2) hail from Gloucester. \*First peal in the method.

## Date Touches.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. F. Voice, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; T. Sparks, 6; S. Kenward (conductor), 7; T. Post, 8.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROSS (Herefordshire).—On Sunday evening, October 24th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Colwell, 1; P. Lane, 2; J. E. Groves (composer and conductor), 3; W. Clark, 4; C. Davis, 5; F. Voice, 6; J. Clark, 7; J. Watts, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, November 17th, at the church of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 50 mins. J. Scholes, 1; W. Truss, 2; S. Joyce, 3; H. Springall (conductor), 4; J. Waghorn, 5; W. Wise, 6; E. Hall, 7; W. Cockerill, 8.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.)

SOUTH MIMMS (Middlesex).—On Saturday, October 9th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; F.

Carroway, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; F. L. Sparks, 3; E. H. Tubb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And two 120s Grandsire Doubles. W. Mulley, 1; G. Pickett, 2; W. H. Tubb, 3; —. Crowsley, 4; J. Cornell (conductor), 5; F. L. Sparks, 6. Also several plain courses in the same method, with Messrs. Hollis and Frankham. —. Crowsley hails from Northaw; Hollis and Pickett belong to the local band; the rest from Finchley.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, October 24th, for Divine Service, 360 Plain Bob. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob (sixteen singles). W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; G. J. Miles, 4; E. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen singles and three bobs). J. Cornell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; F. L. Sparks, 3; W. Webb, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. The above was rung in honour of the fifty-sixth birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAWRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Tuesday, November 16th, at the church of Great St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Perrin, 1; A. Brown, 2; R. Tabor, 3; T. Saban (conductor), 4; G. Dent, 5; T. Ellis, 6; W. Tarling, 7; C. Mathews, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. C. Mathews, 1; H. Perrin, 2; T. Saban, 3; A. Brown, 4; R. Tabor, 5; T. Ellis, 6; W. Tarling, 7; G. Dent (conductor), 8. And 336 Stedman Triples. N. W. Tarling (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; C. Mathews, 4; G. Dent, 5; W. Tarling, 6; W. Pleasance, 7; A. Ringer, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

STISTED (Essex).—On Saturday, November 13th, at All Saints church, an attempt for a peal in seven different methods came to grief after ringing 720 each of Woodbine, New London, Oxford, and well into Kent, in 1 hr. 20 mins., owing to the second rope breaking. A. Chapman, 1; A. Saunders, 2; G. Arnold, 3; W. Burst, 4; E. Ridgewell, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, November 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Radley, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; Ernest Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard, 1; A. Saunders, 2; H. Collins, 3; Edward Chaplin, 4; Ernest Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 3rd, on the evening of the Duchess of Teck's funeral, 720 Bob Minor, with the bells half muffled at St. Michael's church. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; W. Farrow, 2; E. Wachter, 3; W. Hammond, 4; W. Webb, 5; F. Slade, 6. On Sunday, November 7th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; W. Webb, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 in the same method. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; H. Collins, 4; E. Chaplin (Stisted), 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 14th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Wachter (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Monday evening, November 15th, 600 Bob Minor. G. Wycrow (Bocking), 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; P. Holmes, 4; H. Collins, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 4; W. Farrow, 4; H. Coote, 5; E. Wachter, 6.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 26th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Wycrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 7th, 720 Double Court Bob. W. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; H. Collins (first in the method), 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; H. Collins, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, October 31st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for afternoon service, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 5th, 720 Wells Surprise in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Sandal Exercise. H. Little (first in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, November 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 10th, for practice, 720 Lichfield Surprise (2nd the observation). G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Stansted Delight. H. Little (first 720 in the method), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning,



November 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise (4th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 17th, for practice, 720 Double Canterbury Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 Carlisle Surprise (5th the observation). H. Little (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 5; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, November 13th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; A. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; J. Andrews, 5; H. Castle, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). J. Prebble, 1; H. Castle, 2; J. Whitnall, 3; A. Beer, 4; A. Tanton, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. Tanton, Beer and Andrews are local men; Castle and Whitnall hail from Elham; the others from Deal.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 31st, for Divine Service, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; F. Sanders, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; R. Humphrey, 4; E. Dunn, 5; G. Simpson, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Wednesday, November 3rd, 546 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; E. Dunn, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; R. Humphrey, 4; J. Hack, 5; T. Harford (conductor), 6; G. Durling, 7; W. James, 8. Also 378 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Town, 4; E. Dunn, 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Harford, 7; G. Durling (conductor), 8. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck. On Sunday evening, November 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 3; T. P. Richards, 4; R. Humphrey, 5; F. Sanders, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; F. Sanders, 2; T. Harford, 3; T. Richards, 4; W. Ingham (first quarter-peal in the method), 5; E. Dunn, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, November 17th, 224 Grandsire Triples. R. Garner, 1; H. Baker, 2; C. Drake, 3; W. Willis, 4; E. Bridges, 5; H. Burling (conductor), 6; W. Holdstock, 7; G. Pearson, 8. This was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a date touch. On a recent practice night a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles), with 6-8 covering. R. Garner, 1; H. Burling, 2; C. Drake (conductor), 3; E. Bridges, 4; W. Willis, 5; J. Austin, 6; W. Holdstock, 7; G. Pearson, 8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

QUIDENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 16th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. Joseph Woods, 1; J. Sage, 2; R. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; J. Tite, 6. On Friday, November 19th, another 720 in the same method. W. Hensley, 1; Joseph Woods (first 720 away from the treble), 2; H. Lecker, 3; W. Ringer, 4; J. Tite, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. H. Lecker hails from East Harling; Tite and Joseph Woods from Banham.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, November 10th, at the church of St. Wilfrid, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich. A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; S. Johnson, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. J. Ashmole, 1; T. Bush, 2; A. Booth, 3; H. Yarwood, 4; S. Johnson, 5; T. Wilkinson, 6. On Sunday evening, November 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-bobs and two singles). A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; S. Johnson, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6.

#### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, October 28th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; E. Tingey, 3; C. Chasty, 4; W. J. Barker, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. Also 720 Double Court. W. Gazeley, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; H. Toll, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Hull, 6. On Thursday, November 4th, 720 Double Court. W. Gazeley, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. J. Barker, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. R. Lilley, 5; F. Hull (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Tingey, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. J. Barker, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Hull (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 16th, 720 Double Court. F. Ball, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Gazeley (first 720 in the method), 3; C. Chasty, 4; W. Hall, 5; W. J. Barker (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. J. Barker, 2; W. Hall (first 720 in the method), 3; C. Chasty, 4; F. Hull, 5; C. R. Lilley (first 720 in the method), 6.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, November 21st, at St. Peter's church for evening service, 720 Double Oxford in 23 mins. F. Parrott, 1; F. Lowe, 2; S. Lowe, 3; A. Robinson, 4; H. Toll, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

KEMPSTON (Beds).—On Saturday, November 13th, 720 Double Court. D. Bridges (first 720), 1; E. Tingey, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Hull, 4; W. J. Barker, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent. W. Gazeley, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; W. J. Barker, 4; C. Chasty, 5; F. Hull (conductor), 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. C. R. Lilley, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; E. Tingey, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6. This is the first 720 of Surprise Minor by all, and also by the Association.

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

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 12th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; F. Towns, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 17th, for evening service, 720 Oxford. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 24th, for morning service, 384 Oxford Bob Major. D. Heys, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service 704 in the same method. T. Duxbury, 1; D. Heys, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Monday, October 25th, 704 Kent Treble Bob. T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 31st, 576 Oxford. R. Hartley, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; D. Campbell, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; D. Heys, 5; T. Redman, 6. On Sunday, November 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Mouncey, 1; F. Towns, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; J. R. Werring, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 9th, 1152 Kent Treble Bob. T. Knowles (longest touch), 1; N. Townend, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Campbell, 4; F. Towns, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 14th, 704 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Heys, 2; N. Townend, 3; D. Campbell, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, November 16th, 768 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; N. Townend, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 21st, for morning service, 604 Kent Treble Bob. T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; D. Heys, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service 704 in the same method. T. Knowles, 1; N. Townend, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Campbell, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

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

DEVIZES (Wilts).—On Thursday, November 11th, at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Hampton, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; W. Hollier, 3; C. D. Heginbottom, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; C. Gordon, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; C. Skinner, 8. Messrs. Gordon and Skinner hail from London.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, November 21st, for Divine Service at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Taylor, 1; J. Wolstenholme, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; J. S. Taylor, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; O. Eastwood, 8. Composed by W. Wade and conducted by W. Taylor. First quarter-peal by J. Wolstenholme. Messrs. J. S. Taylor and Wolstenholme hail from Ramsbottom; the rest are local ringers.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMHAM (Wilts).—On Friday, November 19th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Hollier (conductor), 1; T. Jones, 2; A. Powney, 3; A. Brown, 4; J. Bush, 5; S. Hughes, 6. First 720 by all except the conductor who hails from Devizes; the rest are local men.

#### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, October 25th, at St. Mary's church, 420 Stedman Triples. G. Thompson, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; W. Argent, 4; E. Kenward, 5; G. Hoad, 6; F. Hoad, jun., 7; J. Robinson, 8. And 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. P. Knight, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Thompson, 3; J. Willshire, 4; G. Huggett, 5; G. Hoad, 6; H. Reeves, 7; F. Hoad,

jun., 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. G. Hoad, 1; F. Linter, 2; F. Hoad, jun., 3; G. Huggett, 4; J. Willshire, 5; W. Argent, 6; H. Reeves (conductor), 7; A. Moseley, 8. On Sunday, November 14th, for morning service, 112 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Thompson, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; H. R. Newton, 3; G. Hoad, 4; C. Brice, 5; H. Reeves, 6; F. Buck, 7; F. Hoad, jun., 8. And 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. R. Newton, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; C. Brice, 3; F. Linter, 4; G. Hoad, 5; H. Reeves, 6; W. Argent, 7; F. Hoad, jun., 8. For evening service 336 Stedman Triples. C. Brice, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; H. R. Newton, 3; G. Hoad, 4; F. Buck, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6; W. Argent, 7; J. Stedman, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Brice, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; H. R. Newton, 3; F. Buck, 4; G. Pell, 5; G. Hoad, 6; W. Argent, 7; F. Hoad, jun., 8. On Monday, November 16th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hoad, jun., 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Thompson, 3; G. Huggett, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Kenward, 6; G. Hoad, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. On handbells, two courses of Double Norwich Major. J. Willshire, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Thompson, 3; G. Huggett, 4; G. Hoad, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves, 8. Messrs. Newton, Brice and Buck hail from London; Pell from Streatham.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM (Berks).—On Tuesday, November 16th, with the bells half-muffled forty-one times, the whole pull and stand with the tenor repeating. W. Horne, 1; H. Richardson, 2; R. George, 3; W. Lucas, 4; E. Holloway, 5; F. Richardson, 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. H. Keal, 1; W. Horne, 2; R. George, 3; W. Lucas, 4; J. Hatto, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Keal, 1; H. Richardson, 2; W. Lucas, 3; E. Holloway, 4; F. Richardson, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. Also 360 Violet Treble Bob. H. Keal, 1; W. Lucas, 2; E. Holloway, 3; W. Horne, 4; J. Hatto, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. And 120 Plain Bob. F. Wigmore, 1; H. Richardson, 2; R. George, 3; E. Holloway, 4; H. Keal, 5; W. Horne, 6. The above was rung in memory of the late Jasper W. Snowdon, being the anniversary of his death.

#### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, November 6th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Poole, 1; F. Costar (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; H. Birch (conductor), 4; T. Hassall, 5; W. Twigg, 6. F. Poole hails from Horton; Costar, Birch, and Hassall from Cheddleton. On Sunday morning, November 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Chichester Surprise (fifteen bobs). G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; C. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Imperial Treble Bob, standing as above. On Tuesday, November 9th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson (first 720 of Surprise with a bob bell), 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; D. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, November 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Lichfield Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; C. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Chichester Surprise, standing as before. On Tuesday, November 16th, 720 Ely Surprise. J. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, November 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Wells Surprise. And for evening service 720 Durham Surprise, standing as before.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Saturday evening, November 20th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing 2940 changes the peal came to grief. N. Brand, 1; W. Hunt, 2; Jos. Browell, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; R. S. Story, 5; C. Waugh, 6; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 7; A. Dowell, 8.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOY (Herefordshire).—On Sunday morning, October 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. C. Sadler (first 720), 1; W. Phillips, 2; J. Cartwright, 3; J. E. Groves (conductor), 4; J. Clark, 5; F. Voice, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROSS (Herefordshire).—On Sunday evening, October 17th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Davis, 1; P. Lane, 2; J. E. Groves (conductor), 3; C. Sadler, 4; C. Davis, 5; F. Voice, 6; J. Clark, 7; J. Watts, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

MITCHELDEAN (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, October 23rd, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 33 mins. W. Davis, 1; P. Lane, 2; W. Colwell (longest length), 3; J. E. Groves (conductor), 4; C. Davis, 5; F. Voice, 6; J. Clark, 7; J. Watts, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

LEOMINSTER (Herefordshire).—On Monday, October 25th, at the

Priory Church, 419 Grandsire Triples. T. J. Bannister, 1; W. Bainham, 1; T. Enoch, 3; H. E. Taylor, 4; W. Jaine, 5; C. Jaine, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; E. Thompson, 8. Also 360 in the same method. On Tuesday, October 26th, an attempt was made for a peal, but had to be abandoned after ringing 1 hr. owing to the bad "go" of the heavy bells. T. J. Bannister, 1; W. Bainham, 2; H. E. Taylor, 3; J. Overton, 4; W. Jaine, 5; C. Jaine, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; E. Thompson, 8. Another attempt was made the following day with two tenor men, T. Enoch and W. Eastman, with same results after ringing 2730 changes in 1 hr. 40 mins. Although these bells were rehung only three years ago, the heavy bells, especially the tenor, does not go well, much to the disappointment of the ringers. Tenor 20 cwt. J. Overton belongs to Bridgnorth.

BRIDSTOW (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, October 17th, three 120s of Grandsire Doubles. W. Davis, 1; P. Lane, 2; J. E. Groves (conductor), 3; C. Sadler, 4; F. Voice, 5. These bells have just been rehung and augmented from four to five, but the work is very unsatisfactory. Tenor about 12 cwt.

WITHINGTON (Herefordshire).—On Friday, November 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. H. King, 1; W. Davies, 2; A. Brace, 3; J. E. Groves (conductor), 4; G. Cole, 5; A. Bowers, 6. First 720 by the two last ringers. On Monday, November 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. King, 1; W. Davies, 2; G. Williams (first 720), 3; A. Brace, 4; G. Cole, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. H. King, 1; A. Brace, 2; G. Williams, 3; C. Clifford, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; A. Bowers, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

SUTTON (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, November 14th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. E. Groves (conductor), 1; C. Clifford, 2; G. Williams, 3; A. Bowers, 4; T. Lewis, 5; W. Davies, 6. And several touches of Minor. Tenor 8 cwt.

HEREFORD.—On Wednesday, November 17th, at the Cathedral, for practice, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. R. Chamberlin, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; J. E. Groves (conductor), 3; J. G. Jones, 4; C. H. Douton, 5; T. Lewis, 6; H. King, 7; R. Powell, 8. Tenor 40 cwt.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, November 18th, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief. J. Chandler, 1; W. Stone, 2; J. Clarke, 3; H. Argyle, 4; W. Devey, 5; T. W. Chapman, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. George, 8. Afterwards touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major, and 350 of Grandsire Triples. H. Briggs (Stanton), 1; W. Stone, 2; H. Briggs, sen. (conductor, Stanton), 3; T. W. Chapman, 4; W. Devey, 5; W. Maund (Bedworth), 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. Randle (Bedworth), 8. On Sunday, November 21st, for Divine Service, 480 Stedman Triples. H. Argyle, 1; W. Stone, 2; W. Chandler, 3; T. W. Chapman, 4; W. Devey, 5; J. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; F. Adams, 8. On Tuesday, November 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples, on handbells. H. Argyle, 1-2; W. Stone, 3-4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5-6; A. Measures, 7-8. In the evening, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Devey (first 720), 1; F. Adams, (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; H. Argyle, 3; J. Clarke, 4; H. Horwood, 5; T. W. Chapman, 6.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, evening, November 18th, at Christ Church, for practice, 240 each of Tulip, Primrose, College Trebles and College Exercise. F. Blacketh (Bramley), 1; H. Gaythorpe (Bramley), 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; J. W. T. Holgate (Bramley), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. Also 240 each of London Scholars, Tanner's Pleasure, City Delight and Arnold's Victory. Jno. Thackray, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday, November 21st, for evening service, 240 Tulip. Jos. Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; M. Broadbent, 4; Jno. Thackray, 5; J. Guy, 6. And 240 each of Primrose and London Scholars. J. Guy, 1; Joe Thackray, 2; J. Heckingbottom, 3; the others as before. On Thursday, November 25th, for practice, 240 each of Tulip, Primrose, College Trebles, College Exercise, London Scholars, City Delight, and 120 Arnold's Victory. Joe Thackray, 1; H. Gaythorpe, 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; J. W. T. Holgate, 4; Jno. Thackray, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. On Sunday, November 28th, for morning service, 360 Oxford, 240 Kent and 120 Woodbine (five bobs). Joe Thackray, 1; B. Cowling (conductor), 2; W. W. Heckingbottom (Pontefract), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 240 Kent. Jos. Heckingbottom, 1; B. Cowling (conductor), 2; A. Strangward (Pontefract), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. And 600 Duke of York. J. Hey, 1; B. Cowling, 2; Jos. Thackray, 3; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6.

BOLINGBROKE (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday, November 10th,

five members of the Horncastle company visited this place for the purpose of ringing on the peal of six, five of which are the gift of Miss Marian Hairby Wingate, formerly of Bolingbroke, and which have been hung by Messrs. Taylor and Son, Loughborough. Two 360s of Bob Minor were rung. R. Fair, 1; — Green, 2; J. Walsh, 3; G. M. Morton, 4; W. Taylor, 5; A. Howes (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

**COLCHESTER (Essex).**—On Tuesday, November 9th, being Mayor's day, the following touches were rung: 800 Bob Major, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 336 Grandsire Triples. An attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing over 2000 changes it came to grief. W. Harvey, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Ladams, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; E. Beckwith, 6; W. Schofield, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, November 28th, for Divine Service, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. For evening service 720 Bob Minor.

**GUILDFORD (Surrey).**—On Sunday morning, November 14th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicholas, 336 Bob Major. — Wood, 1; J. J. Jones, 2; S. Radford, 3; C. Willshire, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; A. Adsett, 6; — Aldridge, 7; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 8. For evening service 1260 Stedman Triples. C. Blondell, 1; W. W. Thorne, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; C. Willshire, 5; E. C. Boniface, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; — Wood, 8. T. W. Radford hails from Taunton; Aldridge from London.

### Correspondence.

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

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

#### THE LONG PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AT MOTTRAM.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space to dispel an erroneous impression which is now circulating among ringers. In your issue of December 4th, there is a statement which describes the long peal at Mottram as having been found to possess a flaw. Now as my name appears in close proximity thereto, some of my friends have been led to imagine that I am the author of that statement. Nothing, however, is further from the truth. I heard the last two-and-a-half hours of the peal, and the striking in my opinion was excellent. There was a large crowd of ringers present, some had been listening 4, 5, and 6 hours, and others from the commencement. I heard them mention the times when the first and second part-ends came up, with other particulars. They said the striking had been good all day. I never heard anyone mention a flaw, but all seemed agreed that it was a true peal and well rung.

WILLIAM GORDON.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Can you give me any information who was the composer of Reservoir Surprise, and whether it is a Minor or a Major method. We are supposed to think it originated from Lichfield, as the first peal was rung there. If the composer and conductor is still alive at Lichfield we should be glad if he would contribute a peal to "THE BELL NEWS."

W. JEFFRIES.

Repton, Derbyshire.

#### LEIGHTON BUZZARD RINGERS.

SIR,—Some of your readers will remember that I recently sympathised with Mr. Nicholls in not being able to obtain instruction, and that I asked him to let us hear from him again. Mr. Nicholls complied, and we have since heard from members of the Bedfordshire Association, but we have not heard that the Hon. Secretary has done anything in the matter. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker says he has "yet to learn that it is the duty of the Hon. Secretary to conduct the business of the Association through the columns of 'THE BELL NEWS'" but he ignores the fact that according to the correspondence which has taken place in your columns, appeals to the Association are useless. He further says that some years ago he for several weeks walked six miles each way for the purpose of instructing a band of ringers at Leighton Buzzard, but very little interest was shown by them. Does not this confirm an opinion which I recently expressed, viz., that too often excellent performers are quite incapable of imparting instruction? I contend that with tact on the part of an instructor, any company of ringers can be kept interested. Now to be more practical. At Leighton Buzzard there are fourteen ringers yearning to learn the Art of change-ringing. Is the Bedfordshire Association going to teach them? It is said the Leighton Buzzard men practice at an inconvenient hour. Will the Leighton Buzzard people alter their hour for practice to suit the Bedfordshire Association? If Mahomet will not go to the mountain, let the mountain go

to Mahomet. You, Sir, in your editorial column, said, and very truly, that those who want to learn will do so in spite of all obstacles, and you added ringing guilds were not brought into existence (specially) to teach. He would be a bold man who would cross swords with an Editor, but I would remind you the duty of an Association is to reform and promote.

X. Y. Z.

[We think this correspondent should sign his name—Ed].

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SIR,—Referring to your comments upon this grand old Society in your leading article of the 4th inst., I think you have widely missed the mark in arriving at the conclusion that because less peals are now published under the above heading than in years gone by, "that the present members do not appear to be keeping headway with their once proud position." The reason for the dearth of Cumberland peals is not from a want of talent, for I believe at the present day throughout the land are to be found a far greater number of first-class ringing members of the Royal Society than at any period since its formation, but the truth is, most of these ringers are members also of their own county or diocesan Association (which in earlier days were non-existent), and as such are continually ringing and publishing their performances under other Associations than the Royal Cumberlands. I would suggest that to improve the present record of peals, each member (London and Provincial) should resolve to ring at least one Royal Cumberland peal during the year, and that alone would produce quite sufficient proof to rebut the mistaken notion that the prestige of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is suffering in the hands of the present day members.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

Brighton.

#### BRIGHTON TREBLE BOB.

SIR,—I thank the Rev. E. B. James for pointing out the false course-ends of my method, and looking again I find it is so. All I can say in apologising is that it is carelessness on my part, a practice too often used. From the principle of the method I did not trouble to examine the even places of the treble, as a great number of methods where false changes are to be found in the odd places are also found in the even; but I am sorry to find it is not so in this one, but in the future I will endeavour to take more pains and not trespass in this valuable paper with untruths, and also hope others will do the same, for on looking through "THE BELL NEWS" I find I am not the first who has made this grand mistake. As regards Mr. Plain Speaker's remarks, I somehow fail to see why a method with these qualities should be condemned, as seems his meaning. I think it is a point gained in the art, and all those who have tried to fill the vacant places in the field of composition will agree with me that it is an uphill game, and I think it would be more credit to Mr. Plain Speaker to try and encourage people up the hill, not down.

FREDERICK DENCH.

### Obituary.

#### WALTER NICKLESS.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of the above, which took place at his residence at Ealing on Saturday, December 4th, at the age of forty years. Deceased was only ill a few days with bronchitis, etc., and to add to the sadness of the occasion, his youngest child died on the following Monday, aged eleven months. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss. He had been a ringer at Christ Church, Ealing, some few years, and also a member of the Middlesex County Association, being on the Committee. He was a native of Mortimer, Berks, where he often expressed the wish that he would some day ring a peal, since they now have eight bells, there being only five when he came to Ealing some eighteen years ago. His genial presence will be missed at the ringing meetings in this district, as he seldom missed a meeting of the late South and West Middlesex Association, of which he was one of its first members. The funeral took place at Ealing Cemetery on Saturday, December 11th, when a few ringers and a good number of his fellow-workmen attended to pay their respects to one who had endeared himself to all. Amongst the wreaths were one from his fellow-workmen, and one from the ringers of Ealing; his child was buried with him. The ringers then adjourned to Christ Church, and rang a muffled touch and 714 Oxford Bob Triples. T. Beadle, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 2; G. Ransom, 3; E. Harris, 4; F. Goddard, 5; A. H. Taber, 6; W. Foster, 7; T. Waterman, 8. Messrs. Beadle, Ransom, and Goddard hail from Isleworth; the rest from Ealing. In addition to these were Messrs. Edwards and Carter from Heston, besides others of the local company, who feel their loss very acutely, not one of them knowing he was ill till the day he died. Our paper, "THE BELL NEWS," has also lost a constant reader and supporter; no one was more anxious for its welfare.

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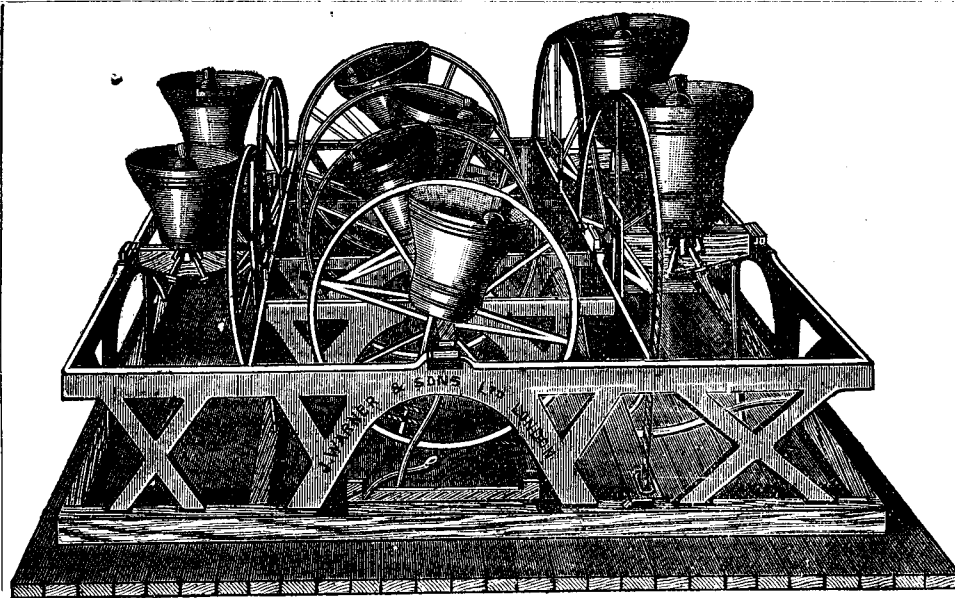
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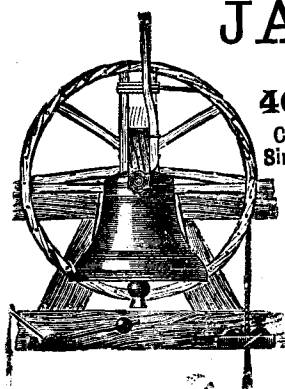
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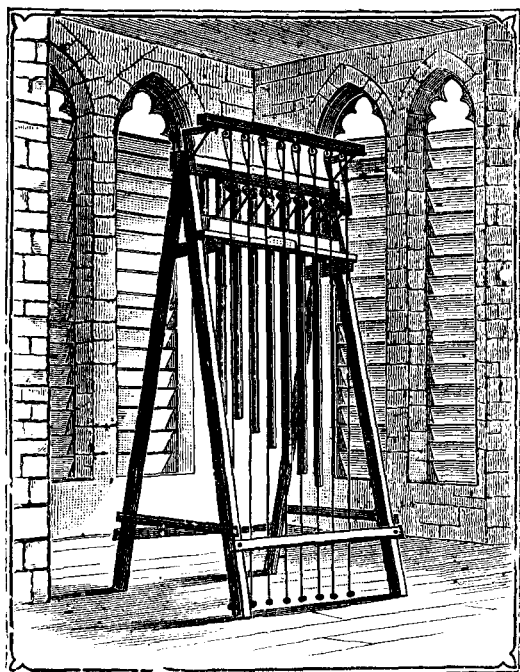
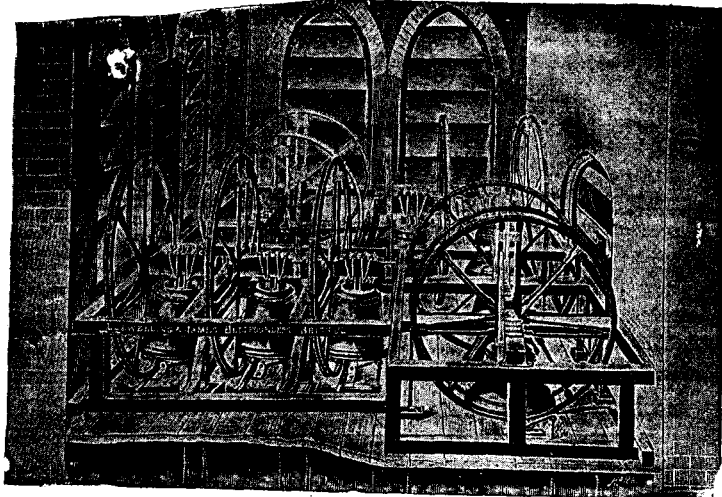
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## MR. WILLIAM BURKIN.

(Vide Portrait.)

The subject of our illustration this week was born at Nutfield, Surrey, on the 13th of August, 1861, and if all accounts are true he began very early to imbibe the essential necessities for making thereafter a very able exponent of our Art. At the age of twelve years he could "prick" out Grandsire Doubles, and under the tuition of his father was able in his fifteenth year to ring several 720s in different methods. His practice upon eight bells was obtained at Bletchingley and Reigate, as Nutfield then, as now, only possesses a peal of six. He accomplished his first peal, one of Grandsire Triples, upon the 3rd at Mitcham, Surrey, on Easter Monday, 18th April, 1881, the last and only peal conducted by Mr. Geo. Russell, who is one of Surrey's old ringing veterans, having taken part in a peal in his 80th year, and whom we are glad to say, is still living. Mr. Burkin's first peal as conductor was achieved at Crawley, on November 16th, 1882—Holt's ten-part. He has taken part in 101 peals, out of which he has conducted twenty-eight; also two performances upon six bells of 5040 changes, each 720 called differently, one of which he conducted. The following comprises his list of performances on eight, ten, and twelve bells:—

		Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	...	24	15
Bob Triples	...	2	—
Oxford Bob Triples	...	1	—
Union Triples	...	5	2
Stedman Triples	...	15	4
Bob Major...	...	4	1
Kent Treble Bob Major...	...	12	4
Double Norwich Major	...	4	—
Superlative Surprise Major	...	4	2
Grandsire Caters...	...	9	—
Stedman Caters	...	8	—
Bob Royal	...	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	4	—
Stedman Cinques...	...	7	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximes	...	1	—
		101	28

The Peal of Treble Bob Maximus in which Mr. Burkin took part was the first rang upon the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 24th of November, 1894. He has taken part in two peals consisting of more than 5000 changes, viz.: 10,080 Kent Treble Bob Major at Ashstead, Surrey, on Wednesday, December 26th, 1894, in 5 hrs. 51 mins., conducted by himself, and a 6550 Stedman Caters at Fulham, on Saturday, October 24th, 1896, conducted by W. E. Garrard.

Mr. Burkin filled the office of Master of the Ancient

Society of College Youths since November 1894 to November of the present year, having thus been twice re-elected. Being happily possessed of a quiet, unobtrusive shrewdness, he carried out the duties of that office in a most business-like manner, at periods when firmness and qualifications for the conduct of business were essential, and he retired from the office with the genuine good wishes of his fellow members. He is also a member of the St. James's Society, the Surrey Association, the St. John-at-Hackney Society, and the Nutfield parish church Society.

## "ARUNDEL SURPRISE."

By THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

I am glad Dr. Carpenter has drawn attention to Mr. G. Baker's method, "Arundel Surprise," and I agree, in the main, with his estimate of its merits. It is really Double Norwich Court Major adapted to the Treble-bob hunt. Mr. Baker has not told us whether this results from design or accident. I am inclined to think the latter. Anyhow the adaptation is very ingenious and worth examination. Not only are the Double Norwich permutations all there in alternate groups of four rows, but, with one deviation, the Double Norwich work in all its details, and in their proper order. The additions necessary to double the length of the lead are mostly either duplications of Double Norwich work, or the obvious offspring of the Treble-bob hunt. It may be interesting to note these, as well as the one departure from the Double Norwich rule which I have mentioned. The work of Double Norwich Court Major presents three phases, viz.: the work in front and behind; the Treble-bob work up and down; and the place-making by far and near places. All this is closely followed in "Arundel Surprise"; but the double dodges in front and behind become five-pull dodges, and there is, of course, a single dodge additional with the treble in 1-2 and 7-8. To the Treble-bob work up and down places are added, one place being made on each side of the dodge, both in 3-4 and 5-6. The regular place-making work of Double Norwich is in duplicate with the addition of a dodge between the two places of each half of this work, and a dodge in the intermediate position going from and to the place-making position. In Double Norwich the rule for entering the place-making positions is, that if you leave front or behind with a place, you begin the near places with a place; and if you leave front or behind with a dodge, you begin far places with a dodge. The arrangement in "Arundel Surprise" amounts to a reversal of this: for the near places are introduced by a dodge, and the far places by a place. Double Norwich ringers, therefore, if they practice this method, must remember this, or they will find themselves in trouble. The rule for "Arundel" may be summed up thus: leave front or behind with a single dodge, begin near places with a dodge; leave front or behind from a long dodge, begin far places with a place.



MR. WILLIAM BURKIN.  
*(Of Nutfield, Surrey.)*

[*Supplement to "THE BELL NEWS."*]

The treble is, of course, not so constant and invariable a guide as in Double Norwich; but she still passes between the places of one half or other of the place-making work, being dodged with there; and the Treble-bob bell up and down passes her as usual in 4-5. It is the extra place-making of the Treble-bob bell which causes the contiguous places to be present; but I should not be inclined to condemn an otherwise interesting method on their account. I doubt very much whether Double Norwich peals could in all cases be adapted to this method. Some, which admit of being halved, might; but three-part peals would have to be almost recomposed, and so would many others, unless wanted to run to 10,000. It may be a question how far the adaptation of an existing plain method to the Treble-bob system affects the claim to originality; but that need not prevent us admiring the ingenuity by which such a result has been obtained.

#### A NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT HAVERING, ESSEX.

Those of our readers who take an interest in politics—and there are ringers who do, while alas! there are some who do not even exercise their rights as citizens of the realm—will remember the sad accident which befel the late Mr. J. Theobald, M.P. for the Romford division, and how strongly we appealed for the suggestion that had been made that the memorial to him should be the erection of a peal of bells at Havering, the church in which as Mr. Davies, of Barking, put it at the meeting of the Essex Association when a resolution in support of the proposal was passed, "where the late member worshipped from time to time, and where in the pretty little churchyard his mortal remains had been laid to rest." For some reason, not made public, the Committee appointed for the purpose of raising the funds for a memorial, did not carry out the erection of a memorial of any kind, consequently Havering Church was still left without a peal of bells. As briefly mentioned in our last, thanks to the generosity of Miss McIntosh, of Havering Park, supported by others, a grand ring of six has just been erected.

Essex is generally described as a flat county. True it forms part of that tract of country on the eastern side of England which comprises the largest connected space of level ground in the whole island, but the tourist from London who selects his path through Chigwell Row, Havering, South Weald, Brentwood, to Laindon Hills, will traverse some of the finest country in the kingdom. From various parts of the Havering Hills can be seen extensive views of Essex, Surrey, Kent, and even Herts. and Middlesex, and upon a clear spring or summer's day, the Crystal Palace and the shipping upon the Thames are plain to the naked eye.

There was once a royal palace at Havering. It has been suggested that the spot was chosen as being in the heart of Essex forests, which abounded with game, and because it was a scene of great natural beauty. The first mentioned quality was no doubt an important one in the eyes of the early kings, but it was one that attached to many other parts of the district. As to natural beauties and extensive scenery, probably the Saxons and Normans cared for none of these things, but they could and did appreciate the condition of good drainage and a plentiful supply of water. The site of the palace was on a little oasis of pebble beds and pebble gravel in the desert of London clay, and just on the borders of the fertile chalky boulder clay. On these pebble beds good drainage and spring water could no doubt be had, and yearly settlers knew this and acted on their knowledge. Not a vestige remains of the Royal Palace, but it was close to the church. Edward III. retired here after the Christmas feast at Westminster, 1376, when he formally invested the young prince, afterwards Richard II. to the succession to the crown. From Havering Richard II. rode to entrap his uncle the Duke of Gloucester to his death. The young Prince Edward VI. and his sisters Mary and Elizabeth were brought up at the palace, and the last monarch who slept beneath its roof was Charles I., who rested here in 1641, when Mary de Medici came over to this country. A few years after, in 1650, a survey was held, and this palace is there-

in described as "a vast heap of old ruins, decayed buildings, and valued at £480." On the 25th of September, 1828, this royal manor of 1530 acres, with all its crown rights and prerogatives, including the power of appointing magistrates in the Liberty, was knocked down by auction to Hugh McIntosh, Esq., in whose family it still remains.

Romford, Hornchurch and Havering, or Havering-atte-Bower as it was originally called, were not only one ecclesiastical parish with a mother church at Hornchurch, but also comprised one civil parish. It was to these parishes that a charter was granted in 1465, forming them into a Liberty. Among the privileges which the charter gave was that of the election of a people's magistrate. A meeting of the inhabitants was held and the election was by show of hands, the present writer having upon the death of the late Mr. C. P. Matthews taken part in the election of his successor. The Lord of the Manor appointed a high steward, who for many years was the Rev. E. Fox, Vicar of Romford. The high steward appointed a deputy, and these three formed the commission of the peace, holding a court of quarter session, with power to try prisoners for various indictable offences. A sentence of seven years' penal servitude passed upon a watch thief, was referred to by Sir Charles Dilke in the House of Commons. Happily the Liberty since the passing of the Local Government Act has been merged into the county. These were an extension of the privileges which they had enjoyed probably from the time of Edward the Confessor. This monarch spent much of his time at Havering, where he either built or restored the royal palace, and who, according to an old legend, was disturbed by the songs of the nightingales and other woodland warblers of the night, while engaged at evening vespers. Near by the church is the village green, upon which stands an ancient elm of over four centuries old, and near by there still stands the old village stocks as in the days of yore. Among the legends of the superstitious and credulous ages as to the origin of the name Havering is that of King Edward being present at the consecration of a church, an old man disguised as a beggar solicited alms. Edward not having any money or his almoner with him, gave the beggar the ring from his finger. Years afterwards two English pilgrims who had lost their way in the Holy Land, came across a company in which was a fair ancient looking man, white and hoary. Having heard the story of the pilgrims he sent them on their way, and said "Say unto Edward your kyng that I grete him well, by the token that he gaaf to me this rynge with his own hands at the halouwyng of my church, whyche rynge ye shall deliver him agayn, and say ye to hym that he dispose his goodes, for within sixe monthes he shall be in the joye of them wythe me; where he shall have this reware for his chastite and for his good lyringe." The pilgrims returned, found the King at Havering, and upon giving up the ring said "have-ring," hence the name.

Havering Church, which is dedicated to St. John the Evangelist, was built in 1878, on the site of the old edifice with its wooden spire and solitary bell, and was formerly the private chapel of the palace. There are still a few monuments but the only important feature is the top of the font which is of Purbeck marble, octagonal, and with simple ornament of rounded arches. It is certainly eleventh century work, and was probably placed there in the time of the Confessor. The parish register does not begin till 1677. The present church is larger than the old one. It has a nave and one side aisle, a chancel and chancel aisle. The materials used were internally brick; the exterior is faced with splint flint dressed with Bath stone. The tower is square with a circular staircase. Most of the furniture is of recent date, and there are but few features of any special note.

At the restoration of the church in 1878, a tower was erected with a view of at some future time placing therein a ring of bells. Afterwards various attempts to obtain a ring, the idea has, as previously announced, been carried out. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner, of the Cripplegate Foundry, and that firm has placed a ring of six in one of their independent iron frames. The frame is so built and the hanging so arranged, that at some future period two more bells can be added, an idea, which when carried out, will make one of the best of rings of eight bells. The work was only commenced on the 2nd inst., and within a week the bells were ready for ringing. Messrs. James and Keeble, of Romford, with Messrs. Skinner, Gordon,



Edwards, and other employees of Messrs. Warner, rung for a preliminary opening, and the "go," combined with the tone and the excellence of the entire appliances, proved perfection itself. The tenor is in the key of E flat. Mrs. McIntosh, of Havering Park, presents the 4th, 5th, and tenor; the other donors are Mrs. Pemberton-Barnes, the patron of the living; Mr. G. Hope, J.P., of Havering; and Mrs. Matthews, of Marshalls, Romford; the latter lady presenting a bell in memory of her husband, formerly managing director of Ind, Coope and Cos. Romford Brewery.

After the ringing on the 9th, the workmen engaged, with Messrs. James and Keeble, were entertained at supper.

#### LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The November ringing meeting of this society was held on the 27th, at Christ Church, Armley. Ringing commenced soon after the appointed time, 2.30, with an attempt for a peal. Fairly good striking was done well into the second 720, when unfortunately a bob was missed, and "stand" was called. An adjournment was made to the meeting house "The White Horse," Town Street; refreshments over quickly. Another visit was made to the tower, when mixed bands rang touches in various methods up to 7 p.m. The business meeting was then held at the above-named hotel. The President (Mr. J. W. T. Holgate) took the chair. The minutes of previous meeting held at Holbeck (R. C.) were passed as read; proposed by Mr. H. Lockwood (Leeds), seconded by Mr. M. Broadbent (Armley). The date for next meeting by rotation falling on Christmas Day, it was proposed by Mr. M. Broadbent, seconded by Mr. J. Whitaker, that the next meeting to be held at Pudsey, be on the 18th of December. An amendment was next proposed by Mr. J. Thackray, seconded by M. Lockwood, that the date be January 1st, 1898. On the vote being taken the amendment was carried. It was decided to attempt a peal of Bob Major; the selection of the band and other arrangements was left to the secretary. A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar, wardens and local company for use of bells, etc., was proposed by Mr. W. Abbshaw, of Rothwell, seconded by Mr. J. J. Logan, of Headingley, and unanimously carried: the usual compliment also being given to the chairman. A new set of twelve handbells was introduced to the meeting, the property of Mr. Kerry, late of Attleborough, near Norwich, winner of "THE BELL NEWS" Competition. Everyone was loud in praise of the tune and tone of them. They were rung in Grandsire Cinques, Caters, Triples and a touch of Bob Major. The best thanks of all present was given to Mr. Kerry for the kind use of his handbells. Mr. Kerry responded and concluded by saying that anything he could do to forward the interests of ringing or this society his bells would be at disposal. A similar compliment was paid to Mr. Lockwood, for contributing to the evening's proceedings, playing several popular airs on a set of tapping bells by the late W. Pawson, of Leeds. The whole proceedings during the afternoon and evening can fairly claim to be one of the pleasantest gatherings in the records of the society.

#### Ringers' Outings.

THE KILDWICK SOCIETY.—On Saturday, December 11th, the ringers of the parish church journeyed over to Addingham by bus, a distance of about six miles, to ring a 5040 on the bells of St. Peter's (by request), and were successful in so doing. They were met by Mr. Cottam, of the local company, who conducted them to the church. They started into changes at 5 p.m., coming into rounds at 7.52 p.m. Afterwards Mr. Cottam took them to supper at his residence, which was thoroughly enjoyed; then to The Fleece hotel, where a social evening was spent with the rest of the local ringers. They started on their homeward journey at 10 a.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed their outing. Thanks are due to the local company for having everything in readiness, and also to the rector for the use of the bells.

Next week the first of the coupons will be issued for the next "gift." This will comprise a splendid eight-day time-piece, made by a well-known English firm, a very superior article indeed.

#### Obituary.

##### GEORGE BARROWCLIFFE.

On Wednesday, December 15th, there passed away, after some weeks of suffering, George Barrowcliffe, Captain of the ringers of Workop Priory Church, and well known by all the members of the North Notts. Association. Mr. Barrowcliffe commenced ringing in the tower of Workop church when he was eighteen years of age, and forty-two years has he been connected therewith; even when he lived in a neighbouring village some six miles off for a year or so, he continued his membership of the Workop belfry, and paced the journey on foot to Workop and back each Sunday and practice-night in all weathers. George Barrowcliffe was an enthusiast in ringing, and even to the last, when the poor fevered brain could no longer control his speech, his words were of the tower and bells and practice. The writer of these lines—his Vicar—can also bear testimony to his true religious feeling: he set a noble example to his colleagues by his frequent communions, and nothing grieved him more than non-attendance at Divine Service of those who called together the congregation. He was buried in the cemetery adjoining the church he loved so well on Sunday last—a muffled peal being rung morning and evening—and the large number who followed him to his grave gave full evidence of the respect in which he was held.

##### REV. T. C. H. BOUGHTON LEIGH.

It is with much regret that we have to record the sudden death on the 14th instant of the Rev. T. C. H. Boughton Leigh, vicar of Rodmersham, Kent, at the early age of 43 years. Although not a ringer himself, he took a very deep interest in ringing and ringers, and was an honorary member of the Kent County Association. An account of his lavish hospitality to the local band, and of his unveiling a peal-board only a short month ago, was duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS." On Sunday, the 19th instant, muffled peals were rung at all the services. Immediately after evensong, the usual whole pull and stand was rung, while the coffin was borne into the chancel, where it rested, covered with wreaths, those at the foot being placed there by the leading choir boy as a tribute from the choir and ringers. Then followed a most impressive service, after which the coffin remained in the chancel, watched by Messrs. J. G. and J. Grensted, until Monday morning, when it was conveyed to Cuckfield, Sussex, for burial, a funeral service being held simultaneously at Rodmersham. The death of their president is a terrible blow to the ringing society.

#### 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."

##### ARUNDEL SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me through your columns to express my hearty thanks to Dr. Carpenter for his favorable comments on the above method. At the same time I should like to point out that Arundel Surprise shares with New Cumberland Surprise (and there is no better or more interesting method than Mr. Bulwer's) the distinction of being a double Treble Bob method with a clean proof scale, but there are still some distinctive features in Arundel Surprise worthy of note. (1) All places are made the right way (*i.e.* at hand and backstroke). (2) No double places in 3-4 or 5-6 are consecutive, each double place being separated by a dodge, or the crossing of different bells to the place-making. (3) The changes are alternate quadruple and triple changes throughout the course. When I first discovered the similarity of the method to Double Norwich Court Bob Major, I felt inclined to call it Double Norwich Surprise, but after all I came to the conclusion it would be better to give it an independent name. I have also to thank Mr. Bennett (also a member of St. Peter's Society, Brighton) for confirming my opinion as to the qualities of Arundel Surprise before I published same. GEORGE BAKER.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

On Sunday, the 19th instant, Bishop Cheetham (representing the Archdeacon of Bath) conducted the service at All Saints' Church, Long Ashton, near Bristol, for the dedication of the three additional bells which Sir Greville Smyth has kindly presented to the church in commemoration of the Jubilee. Formerly there was a peal of six bells only, and now, thanks to the generosity of the Lord of the Manor, the church is in the possession of a full peal of eight, which will be one of the best, if not the best ring of eight in the Diocese. The three new bells represent the first, second, and seventh. They were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, and were hung by Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury, in a new iron frame. The fact of the new peal being hung in a double tier has necessitated the raising of the church tower about eighteen inches and the putting in of a fine new oak roof. The expense of these alterations has been borne by the donor, who in 1868 presented to the church the tenor bell, which weighs 36 cwt., and is considered as heavy as any in the Diocese with the exception of those at Wells Cathedral and Wrington. The new bells bear the following inscription:—"The gift of Sir J. H. Greville Smyth, Bart., Jubilee Commemoration, 1897. Lucius H. Deering, vicar; Thomas Dyke and W. J. Kempe, churchwardens." In addition to the peal, No. 5 bell of the old ring, an interesting pre-Reformation bell, with the inscription, "Sancte Johannes Baptista, ora pro nobis," will be hung alone for tolling purposes and for the clock to strike on. The service was attended by a large congregation, which included Sir Greville and Lady Smyth, who were accompanied by Miss Way and Colonel Du. Vernet, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, the local secretary of the Diocesan Association was also present, as well as representative ringers from the neighbouring parishes of Abbott's Leigh, Barrow Gurney, Nailsea, Tickenham, Wraxall, and Dundry. Bishop Cheetham was assisted by the vicar, the Rev. Lucius H. Deering. After the Dedication the bells were raised in peal and then the hymn, "O thanks to Thee our gracious Lord, for all Thy gifts of love" was sung. Bishop Cheetham, in a short address, said he was desirous of its bearing the mark of thanksgiving. First of all, it should be a thanksgiving to God. They should recognise God's hand in all their benefits. Let them do so with regard to that gift to their parish and parish church today. In the next place, let them thank their benefactor, the donor of that great gift. Let them be grateful to him for his ready will to do what otherwise could not have been done. They saw at once how great an advantage there was in having friends among them so ready and so willing. Nor should the event which called it forth be absent from their minds that day. After referring in warm terms to the Queen's Jubilee he went on to say that he did feel that he might gather up the threads of that great celebration in the one brief remark that they did esteem the Queen's lengthened reign. The closing hymn was "Hark, on high the joyful music! Hark, the concert of the bells!" The bells were rung at intervals between the afternoon and the evening services. Through the kindly forethought of Mr. Dyke, the Churchwarden, the ringers were provided with a substantial tea. It might be added that a photograph of the new bells has been taken by Sir Greville Smyth's daughter, the Hon. Mrs. Irby.

### RINGMER OLD CHURCH AND ITS BELL.

Mr. W. Heneage Legge has contributed a paper on "Bell Casting in the Seventeenth Century" to the "Reliquary and Illustrated Archaeologist." He particularly refers to an old bill, dated 1662, of the charges incurred in the casting and hanging of a bell for the parish of Ringmer, and remarks:—

"This document, written with very good penmanship on long foolscap paper, now yellow with age, I was fortunate enough to discover, whilst acting on the Documents Committee of Ringmer Parish Council, among the parish books and papers. It is entitled 'An account of ye churchwardens charge anno '82,' and contains many miscellaneous items, as well as 'a particuler of ye charges in casting and hanging ye bell.' In addition it throws some light upon the obscure history of Ringmer church tower and bells, which has long been a subject of considerable debate and conjecture. . . Endeavouring to put together

in their relative positions these various gleanings from the past, this appears to be the conclusion of the whole matter. Firstly, that an ancient tower of masonry, with a bell—or bells—was destroyed, possibly by lightning, at some period preceding the building of the west wall (necessitated by this destruction) and its Perpendicular window; secondly, that in 1682 a new bell, partly made from the old bell metal found in 'ye rubbish in ye Ile,' was hung in a wooden belfry among the ruins of the old tower; thirdly, that this belfry was destroyed, probably by fire, within the following century: fourthly, that in 1804 a new bell by Mears, of Whitechapel, was hung in a turret at the west end of the ridge of the nave; this being finally displaced in 1885, to make way for the present tower. Of this latter all we need say is that it is built of flint, with stone dressings, the top being battlemented and terminated by a weathercock. It contains a peal of bells and a chiming clock. The greater part of the cost of the whole erection was borne by Mr. W. L. Christie, J.P. The name of the founder of the bell with which we are now mainly concerned is preserved to us in the old manuscript. William Hull, for such was his name, at the beginning of his career was foreman to John Hodson, of London, bell founder. His initials are sometimes found on bells, such as those at Hailsham, together with the name of his master. About the year 1680, William Hull set up for himself at South Malling, where he died in 1687, and was succeeded by his son. I have not been able to find any bell-mark attributable to him."

Mr. Legge then gives the old document, and in adding a few particulars elucidatory of some of the items, says:

"Mr. Lillie was the vicar at the time of the founding of the bell. He was instituted in 1680, and died in 1690. The parish clerk was Bodenham, and the manuscript of this 'churchwardens' account' is probably in his handwriting. The entries of money payments for 'ringing ye 8 A clock bell' relate, no doubt, to the curfew bell, which was an observance not wholly discontinued even as late as the eighteenth century. From the very small charge of four shillings 'for washing ye Surplus and other church linnen, and scouring up ye utensils,' we may conclude that these articles were neither numerous nor costly."

There is an item of ten shillings for killing four foxes, and Mr. Legge says it is remarkable to find such a payment recorded in a parish document of a village where a pack of harriers or foxhounds has been kept for more than a hundred years. With the paper are given three illustrations from drawings which have not yet been previously published. That of the wooden belfry of 1785 is a particularly interesting discovery.—From *The East Sussex News*.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual December meeting of the Central Committee was held at the Hon. Secretary's (Rev. F. J. Helmore) house at Canterbury, on Saturday, December 11th. It was decided (a) to hold the Annual General Meeting on Whitsun-Monday, May 30, 1898, at Lewisham; (b) to give the same allowances as last year at annual district meetings, viz.: Tea and half the railway fare up to but not exceeding two shillings.

Mr. A. Palmer (Maidstone) proposed: "That the peal of Treble Bob Royal reported as having been rung at St. Clement Danes, London, on October 9th, 1897, be not entered in the peal-book."

This at first did not find a seconder; but afterwards Mr. F. W. Thornton (Greenwich) seconded it, as he said, "for the sake of discussion." The evidence as to the "firing" etc. complained of in a letter to "THE BELL NEWS" appeared to be somewhat conflicting. Accordingly the motion was withdrawn, the general feeling of the Committee being adverse to so sweeping a condemnation owing to the difficulty of obtaining distinct and unbiassed evidence in such cases. It was hoped however that the discussion might be useful in tending to discourage the temptation to score peals "at any price," no matter how they may have been rung.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 21st, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. H. Bottrill, 1; A. Deards, 2; G. Pearl, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; E. Lucas, 5; E. Pye, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; E. Wightman, 8; W. Pye, 9; G. Hayden, 10. Composed by J. P. Bradley.

## RE-OPENING OF SCAWTON CHURCH, YORKS.

On Wednesday, the church of St. Mary's, Scawton, which for some months has been closed for entire restoration and renovation, was reopened for public worship by His Grace the Archbishop of York. Visitors to the Hambleton range of hills and the beautiful scenery near Rievaulx Abbey will be quite familiar with the unpretending church at Scawton, which has maintained its primitive simplicity through the vicissitudes of many generations. There is every reason for believing that it was erected in 1146. The weight of accumulated years and the storms of centuries had long since made visible the decay of this Early Norman structure, which was beyond dispute the oldest unrestored church in Yorkshire. At the time the present work was undertaken its condition was thoroughly deplorable, and altogether unfit for worship, with its decayed roof, its cracked walls, and tottering porch; while its wooden bell-cot, which rose a yard above the roof, had some time ago become so unsafe that it had to be removed. Of the two bells one bears the shield of the founder, and the inscription "Campana Beate Marie." The shield has representations of a pastoral staff, a bell, candlestick, and melting pot, surmounted with the inscription, "John 'es de Copgraf me fecit." For this bell the late Prior of Ampleforth made an offer £100 and a new bell, but it was declined. The other bell is inscribed "T. Sculton, 1676, P. W." The much-needed restoration of the church has been brought about in a large measure through the indefatigable efforts of the present rector, the Rev. R. P. Norwood. Amongst the chief subscribers to the restoration fund are: the Church Extension Society £200, the Earl of Feversham £50, the Archbishop of York £20, Mr. E. W. Beckett, M.P., £20. In the course of restoration the main points of interest have been retained. The porch has been entirely rebuilt, also part of the west end, and the original window restored. The outer walls have been carefully repaired where required, and the whole completely repointed. The roofs have been renewed, the heavy stone slates replaced by red tiles, the chancel roof brought to its original pitch, a new bell-cot provided, all dressed stonework stripped of its plaster and whitewash, floors replaced with cement concrete, etc., and the church now has a neat appearance. To carry out the necessary work about £600 was required, the greater portion of which has already been promised or received. The masonry has been carefully executed by Mr. Cornforth, of Coxwold, and the woodwork by Mr. Herbert Nicholson, of Old Byland. A new American organ has been bought to replace the old harmonium, and various gifts have been made to the church, including three frontals (of the value of nearly £100) for the altar, by the rector; and a beautiful brass cross for the altar by Mrs. Purdy, of Thirsk.

There was a crowded congregation at the reopening services. The Archbishop and clergy, Rev. R. P. Norwood, rector; Rev. C. N. Gray, rector of Helmsley; Rev. R. Prowde, vicar of Kilburn; the Revs. George Deane and L. C. G. Hewett, curates of Helmsley; and the Rev. W. Hughes, rector of Hawnby, robed at the house of Mr. Cuthbert and walked in procession to the church, preceded by the rector, who, on reaching the door, gave out the hymn, "The Church's one foundation," which was sung while the clergy and people moved to their seats. The lessons were read by the Rev. C. N. Gray and the Rev. R. Prowde, and the service was intoned by the Rev. R. P. Norwood. The Rector announced that about £80 was still required, and that a gentleman at Harrogate, styling himself "A Bradford merchant," had sent him a cheque that morning telling him to fill it in payable to the fund, if the offertory was £10 he was to double it, but if under he was to half it. He hoped they would give liberally. The Archbishop selected as his text Psalm xlviii. 8, "We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord." The offertory amounted to £7 12s. 7d. After the service the Archbishop, the Earl of Faversham, and Lady Ulrica Duncombe inspected the alterations, conducted by the architect, Mr. H. Fowler, of Durham. At the service in the evening the church was again crowded, when the lessons were read by the Rev. L. C. G. Hewett, and the preacher was the Rev. R. P. Norwood, who based his discourse on Psalm xxix. 2, "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

## HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE NEW CLOCK AT THE PARISH CHURCH.—The dedication service was held in the parish church on Friday evening, Nov. 19th, and there was a large congregation. After a short voluntary on the organ by Mr. Verrall, during which the Vicar and Rev. W. J. Clay and choir took up their respective positions in the chancel, the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," was sung. Rev. W. J. Clay read portions from the evening service, after which Psalm cxliv. was recited. Mr. Towler then read the lesson, which was taken from Matthew xxv. 1-13, after which the *Nunc Dimittis* was sweetly sung, this being succeeded by the Creed, collects and special prayers. The Vicar next gave a brief address explanatory of the dedication service. This was an event, he said, to which they had all been looking forward with great anticipation. They were thankful that during the erection of the clock there had not been any accident. In case of sickness or any other cause anyone who desired to have the chimes stopped for a time could do so, owing to the provision of the necessary appliances. It was hoped to place a brass plate in the belfry, stating the occasion upon which the clock was erected. Throughout, the erection of the clock had been a public matter. It had been a people's affair. The amount for the clock had now been subscribed and all that those present were asked to do that night was to give to the offertory for the clock fund, as a little might be required for repairs. The clock having been started, the hymn, "Oh, God, our help in ages past" was sung, after which the Vicar pronounced the Benediction. The curfew was then rung by Reuben Bignell as the congregation was leaving the church. This Diamond Jubilee memorial clock is made on the same principle as the great clock at Westminster. It shows the time upon two dials (west and south) and strikes the hours and Westminster quarter chimes. The most noticeable part of the going train is the escapement, which is known as the double three-legged gravity invented by Lord Grimthorpe. The maintaining power which keeps the clock going while being wound is Lord Grimthorpe's improved bolt and shutter. The pendulum bob weighs 2 cwt. Probably a third dial, on the north side, will be added in the spring. The residents of Hailsham have been very enthusiastic over the Jubilee, while the number of subscribers to the clock has been abnormally great.

## EVENLODE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH BELLS.

To commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, it was felt by one and all of the parishioners of Evenlode that an attempt should be made to put the church bells into thorough working order. The matter was as eagerly taken up as it was generously responded to, and it was decided to recast the 2nd and 4th, quarter-turn the tenor, and rehang the whole in a steel frame, with entirely new fittings. Messrs. H. Bond and Sons, bell founders, of Burford, Oxfordshire, were entrusted with the work, and they have most satisfactorily carried it out. The tone of the recast bells is decidedly good and well in character and unison with the others; the steel frame most substantial, accurately fitted and bolted together. The bells have the following inscription: "Henry James Kelsall, M.A., Rector; C. H. Collins and H. Hunt, Churchwardens; H. Bond and Sons, Founders, Burford, Oxon, 1897."

The dedication ceremony took place on Sunday afternoon, December 5th, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The service was fully choral, and the Rural Dean (Rev. Canon Houghton) preached a powerful and eloquent sermon, and the service concluded with the processional hymn—"The Church's One Foundation." As the congregation dispersed the bells were rung by the Longborough ringers.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Saturday, November 20th, at the church of St. Botolph, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. M. Matthews, 1; E. Herbert, 2; M. Lane, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; H. Harris, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Charles Herbert, 1; D. Harris, 2; S. Avis, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. M. Lane, 1; S. Avis, 2; M. Matthews, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; H. Harris (conductor), 5; E. Herbert, 6.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1897.

ONCE more we have the season of Christmas with us. The period which our common Christianity teaches us should be one when fervent expressions of goodwill ought to be absolutely sincere and genuine; when wavering friendships should be renewed and solidified; when differences should be made up, and resolutions formed against the temptations to further ruptures of friendly communication. The season also of rejoicing: the yearly gathering of the family; the period of receiving and making presents; the season of the most ecstatic joy for the young; the time for general happiness, in fact with all, especially those who enter with a proper spirit and feeling into the Christmas festival.

If Christmas works such good effects, surely no one would desire to abolish such a festivity. There are some eccentric people who look upon our keeping of Christmas as a fetish, or a barbaric superstition. They are welcome to look so upon it; doubtless it pleases them, but their belief hurts no one. It will be kept still in spite of all ob-

jectors. The season has been in existence a few years, and will remain, aye, as long as the earth shall endure.

We ought to remember, however, that during the period of Christmas discomfort, pain and misery is never absent. Such forces indeed are in as full activity as ever. If they can be relieved, it seems at this time a more paramount duty than ever to do so. The poor we have always with us; not beyond our reach, be it observed, but "with us," in close contiguity. Adversity spares none. Can we render any assistance towards alleviating some of it, if only a little? Do we know that any of our brethren are in necessity or want? This is essentially the season for ministering relief, no matter in how small a proportion. There is a beautiful sentence in a very old book about the administering of a cup of cold water in "My" name, and a promise follows certain of fulfilment.

For some years we have been accustomed to heartily wish to all our readers—"A MERRY CHRISTMAS!" and with the same sincerity we repeat the compliment now; hoping that we may be privileged to repeat it for many years to come.

### The Metropolis.

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

On Thursday, December 16, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN JAMES LAMB .. .. Treble.	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 5.
WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. 2.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 6.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 7.
REV. GEO JAMES BAYLEY .. 4.	HARRY FLANDERS .. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by FREDERICK SHELburne BAYLEY.

Arranged and rang as a farewell peal (1) to the Rev. George J. Bayley, M.A., curate of Greenwich, who has been appointed to Southwark, and (2) to his brother, Mr. Frederick S. Bayley, who shortly leaves Greenwich for Portsmouth. It was the reverend gentleman's first peal of Treble Bob.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 5.
GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 2.	RICHARD GEORGE CARTER 6.
BENJAMIN J. SHELDON .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 7.
WILLIAM G. GROVE .. .. 4.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

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

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, December 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BARTON .. .. Treble.	†GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 5.
WILLIAM H. WEBBER* .. 2.	†WILLIAM H. PASSMORE .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	THOMAS LANGDON .. .. 7.
HARRY R. PASSMORE* .. 4.	*JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS LANGDON.

\*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 18, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY WADE .. .. Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. 5.
ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 2.	WILLIAM WARD .. .. 6.
ARTHUR HARDY .. .. 3.	HENRY STUBBS .. .. 7.
WILLIAM BURROWS .. .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

### The Provinces.

#### SUNDRIDGE, KENT.

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

On Wednesday, December 15, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Grandsire, and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

ROBERT STONE .. .. Treble.	GEORGE STEER .. .. 4.
GEORGE B. SELBY .. .. 2.	HENRY J. SELBY .. .. 5.
DAVID WRIGHT .. .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, and by all the band. These bells sadly need rehanging in a new frame, the present one being very much decayed. The inscription on the 5th is—"Thomas Bartlett made me, 1619."

#### MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 15, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN SMITH .. .. Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. 2.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. 7.
WALTER BROWN .. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. 8.
ALFRED CROSS .. .. 4.	SAMUEL WOOD .. .. 9.
SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 5.	THOMAS RUSHTON .. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD. Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

#### SPELDHURST, KENT.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 15, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by FREDK. DENCH and Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.

\*First peal in the method and hails from Horsmonden. This composition, in thirteen courses with the sixth the extent home, is now rang for the first time, and was rung in honour of the birthdays of Messrs. Lambert and Pelling, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

#### STEYNING, SUSSEX.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

CHARLES SMART .. .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND .. .. 5.
ARTHUR GATLAND* .. .. 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 7.
JOHN SMART .. .. 4.	KEITH HART .. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by KEITH HART.

\*First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt. This peal has the 6th its extent in 5-6, Messrs. Goldsmith and Turner belong to Lewes, Hart and Frossell to St. Peter's, Brighton, and the rest to the local band.



## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE WINCHESTER  
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On Thursday, December 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

WILLIAM PYE .. .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 3-4.	STAFF-SERGT. A. PYE .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—W. Watson, who had a copy of the peal before him and marked off every six-end as rung. The above is the first peal in the method on handbells by four brothers, and was rung at the first attempt.

## BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

On Thursday, December 16, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise,  
London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

EDGAR TINGEY .. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. BARKER .. 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 2.	CHARLES CHASTY .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	FRANK HULL .. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES CHASTY.

First 5040 of Treble Bob Minor as conductor.

## HUNTINGDON.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1897, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
ED. FULLER READ* .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
FRANCIS V. H. SINKINS .. 3.	*WILLIAM T. JOHNSON .. 7.
CHARLES CHARTY .. .. 4.	*JAMES HALL .. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

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

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE R. FARDON .. Treble.	SAMUEL ANDREWS .. 5.
JOHN N. OXBORROW .. 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. 6.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. 7.
GEORGE W. MULLEY .. 4.	THOMAS BEADLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

The above ringers belong to St. Stephen's, Westminster (except Mr. Beadle) who met for a peal of Superlative, but meeting short he kindly rang the tenor, for which they are much obliged.

## QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET .. .. Treble.	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 5.
FRED. G. MAY .. .. 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3.	HENRY MITCHELL .. 7.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE  
AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 18, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH ATKIN .. .. Treble.	ARTHUR SLATER .. 5.
THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 2.	GAD BUTCHER .. 6.
EDWIN JAMES .. .. 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT* .. 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\*First peal on eight bells. This peal, on the three-part plan, contains the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, with both bells six times at home, and the 4th her extent in 6ths place. Rung to commemorate the conductor's 38th birthday, which occurred the day previous. Messrs. Whitworth and Lambert hail from Treeton.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1897, in Three Hours and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs. in F.

ROBERT J. DAWE .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 2.	KEITH HART .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. 3.	HARRY WESTON .. 7.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

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

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

H. SIMMONDS .. Treble.	J. HANDS .. 5.
R. T. HIBBERT .. 2.	G. ESSEX .. 6.
E. J. MENDAY .. 3.	H. SMITH .. 7.
E. W. MENDAY .. 4.	T. NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

This peal is Johnson's variation of Middleton's peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 20, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Treble.	ALFRED T. HILLIER .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. 2.	*ERNEST E. FERRY .. 6.
JOHN W. DAWSON* .. 3.	*ROBERT RICHARDS .. 7.
HUGH D. DALL .. 4.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by FREDK. J. HARRISON.

\*First peal in the method.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 20, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN TOWNSEND* .. Treble.	HARRY TASON .. 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 2.	WILLIAM TALBOT .. 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 3.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. 7.
JOHN W. SMITH .. 4.	JOHN SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

\*First peal in the method. This is the first peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight, and was rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Micklewright and Spittle hail from Dudley; Small from Tipton; Mason from Old Hill; the rest are local men. This peal was rung as a compliment to D. Robinson, Esq., for his generous gift of two new bells as a jubilee offering.

## DEANE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	*JOSEPH POTTER .. .. . 5.
THOMAS PEERS .. .. . 2.	HENRY MOSS .. .. . 6.
JOHN POTTER .. .. . 3.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. . 7.
REV. H. J. ELSEE .. .. . 4.	ALBERT E. WREAKS .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by ALBERT E. WREAKS.

First peal in the method by the Bolton branch. The Rev. H. J. Elsee, Wreaks, and Moss hail from Bolton; Duckworth, Peers, and Barlow from Deane; Potter (2) from Walkden. Rang at the first attempt. †First peal. \*First peal in the method.

## BRISTOL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 21, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS (CITY),

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT H. TUCKER .. Treble.	GILBERT PEARCE .. .. . 5.
ALFRED PEARCE .. .. . 2.	FRANK GOODING .. .. . 6.
CHARLES H. HORTON .. .. . 3.	HARRY PORCH .. .. . 7.
GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. . 4.	JAMES RICHMOND .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY PORCH.

The above is the first peal of Stedman Triples by a local band since 1855. First peal of Stedman Triples by ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor, and first by H. Porch as conductor. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th and 6th were pupils of the conductor.

## Date Touches.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, December 7th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. H. Sholicar, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; P. H. Harvey, 3; J. Pilkington, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Countess of Lathom.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday evening, December 18th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1897 changes, in 1 hr. and 8 mins., being 457 Duke of York, and 720 each of Violet and Oxford. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Marsden, 5; G. Norman (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt. Rung on the back six at the first attempt.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, December 7th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. \*T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townsend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; D. Heys, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Composed by Tom Lockwood. \*Longest touch.

BEXHILL (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 20th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1897 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 2 mins. B. Eastwood, 1; \*N. Cruttenden, 2; H. Hobbs, 3; G. Marchant, 4; \*T. J. Ades (conductor), 5; T. Hunnisett, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; W. J. Sharpe, 8. \*Longest length. B. Hobbs hails from All Saints, Eastbourne; the rest are local men.

RICHMOND (Yorks).—On Friday evening, December 10th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins., being 457 and two 720s of Plain Bob Minor. A. Shelton, W. Phillips, J. T. Rushton, R. Briscoe, R. Borrowes (conductor). This is the first date touch on the bells and the greatest extent of changes by an entirely local band.

## Miscellaneous.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 21st, for the afternoon service, touches of Treble Bob; and on Monday evening touches of Oxford Treble Bob, with C. Honeybell and S. Slater, of Glemsford. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Mr. Bernard Pettitt, the

leader of the Cavendish company. After the ringing Mr. Pettitt invited the whole of the company to his residence to partake of his hospitality, which consisted of a hot supper, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

HAWKEDON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, November 20th, the following members, all resident in this village, rang at the parish church six 6-scores of Old Doubles, and six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. A. Taylor, 1; W. Clarke, 2; A. Crick, 3; W. Taylor, 4; G. Middleton (conductor), 5. Tenor 11 cwt. This is the longest touch by all the band, who commenced to learn change-ringing last January after the bells had been rehung. Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, gave the young band a few lessons of instruction, and by perseverance the above was obtained. In January last not a change-ringer was residing in the village.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Friday, November 19th, 1040 Bob Major, in 40 mins. H. S. Richold, 1; H. Duce, 2; C. G. Bixby, 3; A. Ambrose, 4; T. Cadge, 5; E. Ambrose, 6; F. Connell, 7; S. Ford, 8. Composed by E. Ambrose and conducted by C. G. Bixby. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Connell and Mrs. C. G. Bixby, wife of the conductor, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 21st, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. H. S. Richold (first 720), 1; S. Slater, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. J. Clarke, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 3rd, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. \*J. Moule, 1; E. Wightman (conductor), 2; \*H. Gowers, 3; \*J. Kimberley, 4; E. Bacon, 5; \*W. Miller, 6; G. Carter, 7; W. Clark, 8. \*Longest touch on eight bells. On Tuesday, November 16th, 784 Double Norwich. E. Wightman (conductor), 1; W. H. Doran, 2; E. Bacon, 3; F. Freeman, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Pye, 8.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Monday, November 8th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. K. C. Fox, Esq., 1; H. Gowers, 2; W. Miller, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; J. Mardell, 5; E. Wightman (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, November 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Moule, 1; E. Wightman (conductor), 2; H. Gowers, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. Beams, 6. First in the method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWES (Sussex).—On Tuesday, November 9th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Trusler, 1; T. Miller, 2; H. Jones, 3; W. Pelling, 4; R. J. Dawe, 5; C. Painter, 6; J. S. Goldsmith, 7; J. Steadman, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. A. Rooke, 1; A. J. Turner, 4; the rest as before. And 224 Bob Major standing as in the first touch, except A. Turner, 6; C. Painter, 7; J. S. Goldsmith, 8. Also 210 Union Triples. J. Shoesmith, 1; H. Jones, 2; J. Goldsmith, 3; W. Pelling, 4; R. Dawe, 5; A. Turner, 6; C. Painter, 7; J. Steadman, 8. Also another touch of Stedman. All the above were conducted by J. S. Goldsmith. And 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Seal, 1; A. Rooke, 2; W. Trusler, 3; W. Pelling, 4; A. Turner (conductor), 5; C. Painter, 6; J. S. Goldsmith, 7; R. Dawe, 8.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, October 25th, at St. Mary's Old Tower, 1008 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; M. Matthews, 3; Charles Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; H. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; E. Herbert, 8. And a 504 of Bob Triples. Charles Herbert, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; M. Matthews, 3; E. Herbert, 3; S. Avis, 5; H. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; F. Bowler, 8. On Saturday, October 30th, 336 Bob Major. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; E. Herbert, 2; Charles Herbert, 3; G. Valentine, 4; G. Cowley, 5; H. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; S. Wolfe, 8. And 224 Bob Major. E. Yates, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; Charles Herbert, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; G. Cowley, 5; E. Herbert, 6; S. Wolfe, 7; G. Valentine, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Cowley, 1; E. Herbert, 2; Charles Herbert, 3; G. Valentine, 4; S. Wolfe, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7; E. Yates, 8. And 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. M. Matthews, 1; E. Herbert, 2; Charles Herbert, 3; G. Valentine, 4; S. Wolfe, 5; H. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; Cyril Herbert, 8. Messrs. Cowley, Valentine, and Yates hail from Stony Stratford; Wolfe from Wolverton. On Monday, November 1st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Janes, 1; M. Matthews, 2; S. Avis, 3; H. Harris, 3; E. Herbert, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 15th, 350 Grandsire Triples. S. Avis, 1; Charles Herbert, 2; M. Matthews, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; E. Herbert, 5; D. Harris, 6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7; R. Marshall, 8.

## AN OLD STORY WITH A NEW FACE.



OLD NED BLAKE was said by the village ringers to be "quite a character." No doubt he was. Most ringers have known many old fellows of the sort. They are to be found in nearly every country ringing society, and taken altogether form a not unpleasant feature in the landscape—if the term may be applied to a ringing company's surroundings. Ned Blake was a character, and rejoiced in the fact. Among other things he was a gravedigger, an undertaker's man, a bricklayer's laborer, a hedger and ditcher, a thatcher, general porter—any mortal thing, nothing came amiss to him—but above all, he was a musician. In this last-named capacity he shone with terrible refulgence—while playing his instrument wearing a superannuated tile with what was supposed to be a strip of gold lace. Old Ned played the keyed-bugle; an instrument out of date somewhat in these brass band days, but thought a deal of at one time. For many years he was one of the village waits, but a new leader of that body objected that Ned played too loud and swamped the efforts of the other performers. He therefore resigned his position on "the waits," and did not fail to let his *ci-devant* colleagues know what he thought of them all. He certainly was a "character," ready to do anything for you, from taking a simple message to the unstopping of a drain. But unfortunately for Ned's repute a feeling had arisen that he was prone to "shift" any article not his own which opened a chance for a commercial transaction. Ned's integrity in fact became open to suspicion.

It is hardly necessary to say that Ned was one of the village ringing society—a fairly good company, able to ring Grandsire and Treble Bob. Some of the members were rather well-to-do as village folk, especially the parish grocer and provision dealer, who frequently put a job into old Ned's way.

One 23rd of December, Ned had been on the make, or to use his own phrase—"bin a buskin with the bugle." As he was nearing home in the evening, Mr. Barnett (the grocer above mentioned) in whose warehouse old Ned often earned a honest penny, was as he passed, about to close his establishment for the night, when he cried out through the mist, "Is that you, Ned?"

"That's me, master; my stars and garters, aint it gallows cold."

"Seasonable weather, Ned; we shall have a dry Christmas, and some nice clear frost. I want one or two little jobs done to-morrow; there's some currants to sieve, some lump sugar to chop, and several other things. You could make a long day if you like, and have nothing else to do."

"I've got nothink, leastways not nothink perticler; but it'll wait. What time shall I come?"

"Oh, early; say eight o'clock, not later. I shall be up pretty soon in the morning, packing; we shall be busy as the day breaks. You can take down the shutters directly you come."

"Right you are, master, I'll be there at sharp eight."

At eight o'clock the following morning—the 24th December—Ned was at his post. Taking down the shutters he marched into the shop, and found Mr. Barnett hard at work concocting various parcels for his patrons of that day.

"Hello, Ned; why you have donned the unicorn, as our old friend Mrs. Partington would say."

Ned had never heard of this lady, but he knew what was meant.

"Yes," said he, "I've put my regalia on, 'cause I'm going to give 'em a tune at 12 o'clock to-night in the kitchen at Squire Marriott's. The servants are going to see the Christmas in." The "regalia" consisted of his head piece already mentioned.

Ned was up to his eyes in business all day long. There was a deal of work to do in the warehouse among the various stores which a business of the kind embraces. He had also delivered many parcels of goods at the houses of various customers, several of whom had plied him with generous Christmas liquor, which he was by no means loth to partake of. At 9 o'clock he was sent upon his last errand for the night, and on his return he found the grocer himself in the act of putting up the shutters.

"Why didn't you stop till I comed?" said Ned. "Dash my

stars and garters, if it aint colder than ever," and his teeth chattered as he spoke.

"All right, Ned, get inside out of the cold. I'll finish this, and then we will have something to warm us. Get inside."

Ned obeyed, and just at this moment the coachman of the village Squire passed by, and detained the grocer for a few minutes' conversation. While this was taking place, and just as he was about putting up the last shutter to his window, Mr. Barnett, taking a peep through the glass, saw Ned seize a pound of Aylesbury butter from a shelf in the back part of the shop, and quickly conceal it within his hat.

"Oh, oh!" said the grocer to himself, "that's what you are up to, Master Ned, is it? I shall keep my eye upon you."

Having closed the shop he came to where Blake was standing, saying, "Now Ned, we'll have a little something warm this cold night. I've got a fire alight in the little back warehouse, and we'll make ourselves comfortable for a time. Jack Lockhart and Charley Clark will be in directly, and then we can tap off a quarter-peal nicely; you can ring 7-8 you know."

Ned was about demurring to the quarter-peal arrangement, when a loud knock was heard at the shop door, and on its being opened the two worthies above-named entered. The weather was of course the first topic of conversation, and this being got over Mr. Barnett enquired of the new-comers about the ringing arrangements for the morrow.

Lockhart said that he had called upon Badger (the sexton) as he came along that evening, and was informed that the Rector wished the bells rung exactly at 8.0 a.m. on Christmas, for the early Celebration. So they had arranged to meet a quarter of an hour before. Lockhart added: "You must mind and not be late, Ned, to-morrow, for it's a shilling fine, you know."

"Ned is going to the Squire's to-night to give the servants some music," said Mr. Barnett, "don't you stop too long there, Ned."

"I shall be there all right to time," answered he.

Mr. Barnett then led the way to the little back warehouse already mentioned. This apartment was nearly filled with old wood cases which had once contained groceries and provisions. There was a stove with a fire in one corner, four boxes being placed in close contiguity thereto for seats for the company.

"Strikes a bit warmer here" says Lockhart; "nice and comfortable like."

"This is better," says the grocer. "They'll bring us in something warm to drink directly. Get the bells out Ned."

"I can't stop long," rejoined he; "You know where I have got to go."

"But that's not till 12 o'clock, we can do plenty before that. Let's ring a course, then perhaps the girl will be in."

By this time Ned had begun to have some doubts about the contents of his hat, especially as the seat he occupied gave him more than his share of warmth from the fire, and being also close up to the wall he could not move without disturbing the others. All being seated they started to ring a course. At the fourth lead Mr. Barnett called a bob, which, as every one knows, brought 6-7 together behind. But Ned would not dodge the proper way, he would come down before the 6th, and the touch in consequence failed. Just then the servant came in with a large steaming jug of hot cocoa.

"Bring some mugs in," said the grocer. "Now, my boys, this is the stuff for cold nights. Don't spare, there's more where that came from. Now Ned, old man, have a blow out of this. You don't look cold now, though."

The mugs came in, and each took a draught of the hot drink. They found, however, that the cocoa was not altogether innocent, for it was impregnated with a considerable quantity of rum, which made their eyes twinkle, almost.

"Now we'll have another try at the bells," said Mr. Barnett. "That has warmed us a bit."

Ned wished himself out of it. The contents of his hat had begun to give way to the warmth of the room, and the hot draught he had just swallowed assisted the melting process. Streaks of oil poured down each side of his face, which he incessantly mopped away with a large cotton handkerchief, but all to no good, for before another 300 changes had been rung he felt himself in a perfect bath.

"You aint up to it to-night, Ned, but you ought to be able to

ring the tenors easy enough. Let's have another noggin of the cocoa."

The liquor was again served out, Ned taking a good long pull, making him appear hotter than ever. The butter was evidently undergoing a rapid process of dissolution. Another try for the quarter-peal resulted in failure.

"We shan't do anything to-night, I can see," said Mr. Barnett. Turning to the defaulter, he said: "Why, Ned, you seem to perspire an awful lot, as if you were warm. Why don't you take your hat off?"

"I think I'll be off, I aint in trim to-night for handbells," jamming his hat on his head firmer than ever. He had said the same more than once during the evening.

"Well, if you will go, Ned, you must go. But mind to-morrow morning, at a quarter to eight."

"I shall be there in time," he replied.

The old man was glad to get clear to relieve his feelings, and also to examine the condition of his hat's interior. The butter was nearly all melted away, and he had gone through a course of anointing which was far from comfortable. By the aid of his handkerchief he made a hasty toilet as he wended his way to the squire's, where, on arriving, he was soon at his ease. There was no necessity there for keeping his hat on, and Ned abandoned himself to the pleasures of the evening without fear.

Mr. Barnett chuckled greatly over the episode, but kept the matter to himself like a sensible fellow. He determined, however, to let Ned hear about it when an opportunity occurred.

The morning of Christmas had arrived, and the ringers were appearing one by one at the belfry door. Jack Lockhart had called on his way for old Ned, but was told that he had not been home all night. He had evidently stayed at the Squire's, and it was, therefore, very doubtful whether he would put in an appearance. Exactly at a quarter to eight Badger (the Sexton) opened the belfry door, and the seven ringers ascended the steps.

"We shall have to ring seven only unless Badger comes up," said Lockhart, "Well, let's peel and begin; its too cold for standing still."

They "peeled" accordingly, but just as they were about to start, some one was heard on the steps, and in a minute or two old Ned appeared, out of breath almost.

"Ketch hold," says Lockhart. "I thowt you'd be late. That bugle o' yourn will be your ruin."

Old Ned was silent. He had made a night of it at the Squire's, and had lain before the kitchen fire there. He looked—well, readers of this history can better imagine his appearance than any description which could be given. His hat with its golden band of lace was completely ruined. No one will wonder at Mr. Barnett enjoying Ned's condition. His hair was still saturated, and his shirt appeared to have undergone a process of dipping in grease. The ringers could not understand whatever had happened to him, and their private speculations on his appearance caused several trips in the ringing.

When the touch was concluded old Ned had to "toll in" for the early service. Mr. Barnett remained till the last, and just as he was about to depart, whispered to Ned thus: "That was the very best Aylesbury, Ned, but I shan't charge you for it. I have had its worth in amusement; and you will have discovered that honesty is the best policy."

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 21st, for evening service at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 22 mins. H. L. Garfath, jun. (longest touch), 1; A. Smith, 2; J. Hawkes, 3; C. Fry, 4; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 5; A. LeClercq, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, November 6th, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; E. Wightman, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; E. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. On Sunday evening, November 14th, for Divine Service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. After service 448 in the same method, standing as before.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday evening, October 28th, the Charing band had a run on their bykes to Hollingbourne, near Maidstone, where they were met by the local ringers. The bells being raised in peal a 360 of Grandsire Minor was rung by P. Edwards, J. Shorter, W. Good, H. Ward, H. Goodwin, W. Spice (conductor). Also 720 (six 6-scores called differently) Grandsire Doubles. W. Hallow, J. Shorter, W. Spice (conductor), H. Ward, H. Goodwin, E. Day. After a course of Bob Minor and several 6-scores of Doubles a pleasant half-hour was spent with the local men before returning home on our wheels. This splendid ring of six (tenor 21 cwt.) has lately been rehung by Gillett and Johnson, of Croydon, and now go splendidly, this being the first change-ringing since the rehanging. W. Hadlow hails from Lenham, Shorter from Bearsted.

#### THE BELLS OF DURHAM.

I heard them as worn pilgrims hear  
The welcome shout, "the shrine is near!"  
Those dear old bells of Durham.  
They thrill'd and fill'd the moonlit air,  
With tones of triumph, song, and pray'r;  
Those sounding bells of Durham.  
Chiming mem'ries of martyr dead,  
Of Kings that led, and kings that fled;  
Of hosts whose lot with theirs was cast,  
When earth was younger; voices past!  
And tongues that told, as time had need,  
A Dunstan brave; a saintly Bede;  
Whose tones struck hearts, before their own  
Taught echoing hills to antiphone,  
The pealing bells of Durham.

Send your sound to hearts unfeeling,  
Pleadings chording with your pealing,  
Rich old bells of Durham.  
Seek where guilt in woe is lying,  
Search where saints in faith are dying;  
Great old bells of Durham.  
Penetrate to minds unthinking,  
Pierce to heedless souls fast sinking;  
And as you voice the passing knell,  
For saints and centuries as well,  
Tell o'er to ages yet unborn.  
On fast and feast, at night and morn,  
One lives, Who fills with love profound  
The world; as ye this air with sound,  
Grand old bells of Durham.

Mute scenes, 'tis said, "prompt men to love;"  
E'en more your varied voices move,  
Then, sweet old bells of Durham.  
If saintly spots have saintly might,  
"What doth make manifest is light,"  
Then, blessed bells of Durham.  
If sand and snow and rock are bless'd,  
Which martyr feet in passing press'd;  
If pilgrim tears bedew the sod  
Where heroes bled, where virtue trod;  
If sun and sea, and fane and flower,  
Have each some worship moving power;  
If souls by sight and sound are taught.  
And holy things stir holy thought;  
Then, holy bells of Durham.

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

STAMFORD.—On Tuesday, November 30th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor in 16 mins. R. S. Cox, 1-2; R. Wyche (first 720), 3-4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5-6.

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## Notices.

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**Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's schoolroom, Cardiff, on Monday, December 27th, at 3 p.m. The bells of St. John's Church will be available for ringing. N.B.—The place of meeting is altered to Cardiff because Merthyr, as decided by quarterly meeting at Trevechin, is not available.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*  
Colum Road, Cardiff.  
H. G. WHITE, *Assistant Hon. Sec.*  
18, Cymmer Street, Cardiff.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—St. Michael's, Cornhill, will not be available for a practice on Tuesday, December 28th. Business meeting at head-quarters that night, at 9.30. The sum of 1s. 8d. in lieu of booking fees is now due.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*  
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Pudsey (8 bells), on Saturday, January 1st. A peal of Bob Major will be attempted at 2.30; business meeting at 7 p.m. at The Park hotel. Handbells provided.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*  
18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

**Ely Diocesan Association.**—A meeting will be held at Soham, on Tuesday, January 4th, 1898. The bells of Soham (10) and Fordham (6) will be available all day.

R. M. CROFT, *Hon. Sec.*  
The Berristead, Wilburton, Ely.

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on Saturday, January 15th, by the kind permission of the Rev. J. Kirkman. The tower will be open for ringing from 5 p.m., and the attendance of members and their friends is cordially invited.

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

**The St. James's Society.**—In consequence of the repairs now in progress at St. Clement Danes, the meetings at that steeple are suspended for the present. Notice will be given of their resumption.

R. A. DANIELL, *Hon. Sec.*  
20, Bucklersbury, E.C.

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—At a meeting held at the new head-quarters, The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on September 21st, it was resolved that a testimonial be presented to Mr. Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the good work he has done towards the advancement of change-ringing during the past fifty years. Subscriptions towards this object will be gladly received by any of the following committee:—Messrs. F. S. Bayley, Burkin, Butler, Cockerill, W. Davies (Liverpool), Dorrington, T. Hattersley (Sheffield), Horrex, Hughes, T. Mash, Newton, Prime, Pettit, F. W. J. Rees (Nayland, Colchester), Smith, Springall, Waghorn, jun., and Winney. Saturday, April 2nd, 1898, is the suggested date for the presentation to be made, and intending subscribers are earnestly requested to send in their subscriptions at least a week before that time.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

**THE PEAL AT WOOLWICH.**—This was Messrs Sheldon's and Carter's first peal in the method, and W. G. Grove's 50th peal, made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 15, conducted 4; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 7; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 22, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major, 2. Total 50.

**THE PEAL AT MANCHESTER.**—This is the first peal of Stedman Caters by all except the conductor, and is supposed to be the first peal of Stedman Caters rang in Manchester since the year 1826; the first in the city, as Manchester has been made a city since that date; and first in the present tower, and first by the Lancashire Association. All the band are likewise members of the Ashton-under-Lyne society.

**THE PEAL AT EASTBOURNE.**—This was the first peal of London Surprise by Messrs. Dawe and Goldsmith, and the first peal of Major on the bells. It was also the 50th peal by J. S. Goldsmith, who is only nineteen years of age, the following being the list: Grandsire Triples, 10, conducted 3; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Union Triples, 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 9, conducted 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Major, 10, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 1. Total, 50. This peal which is in two equal parts, contains the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, without the 2nd or 3rd in that position at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Dawe and Goldsmith hail from Lewes; Shade from Greenwich; the rest from St. Peter's, Brighton. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar for the use of the bells and the local band for having everything in readiness.

**THE PEAL AT HUNTINGDON.**—W. H. Fussell hails from Slough; Read and Johnson from Peterborough; Clarke, Chasty, and Lilley from Bedford; the rest are local men. Messrs. Read, Fussell, Johnson, and Hall were proposed members of the Bedfordshire Association previous to starting for the peal by Mr. C. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Sinkins. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar, the Rev. H. L. Jackson, for the use of the bells.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**JAMES BURROWS.**—We are making enquiries about the matter.

**R. HASTED.**—It was purely an error. We are very sorry that it caused the unpleasantness, and will gladly make amends if you will inform us how to do it.

**X. Y. Z.**—It is only a variation. The calls are merely put in different places. The Editor's quarter-peal was the first obtained with the twenty-four 6-7s, and several variations of this have been had. The calls were varied to obtain the 4-6s at the same time, but being merely a variation of the original, was not published.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch).**—At St. Saviour's parish church, Oxtun, on Thursday, November 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. C. Owens, 1; J. Evans, 2; J. Owens, 3; W. Hughes, 4; J. Grant, 5; G. Newton, 6; J. Hughes, 7; W. Grimant, 8. Composed and conducted by G. Newton.

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4	6	2	5	3	I			2
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Repeat the last six courses.

This peal has the 5th and 6th the extent each way in 5-6 with both bells six times at home, also the 4th the extent in 6ths place. First rung at Norton, Derbyshire, on December 18th, 1897. Conducted by the author.

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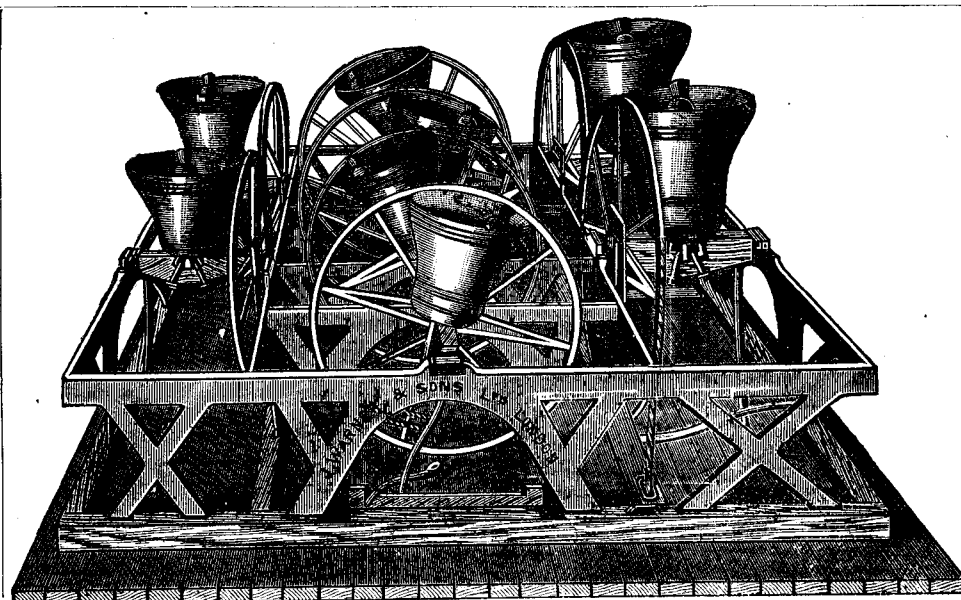
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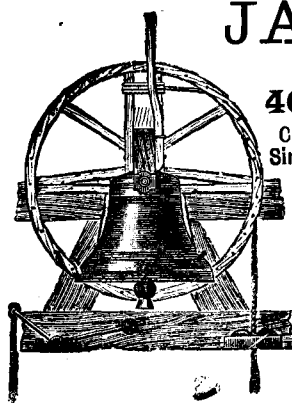
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