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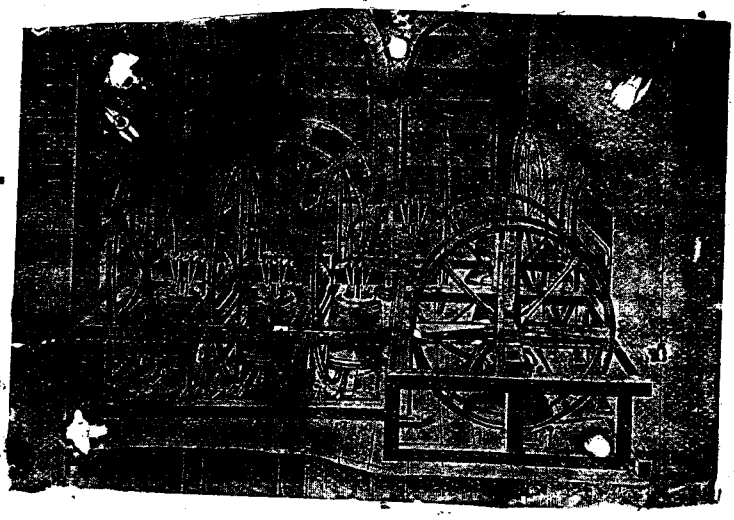

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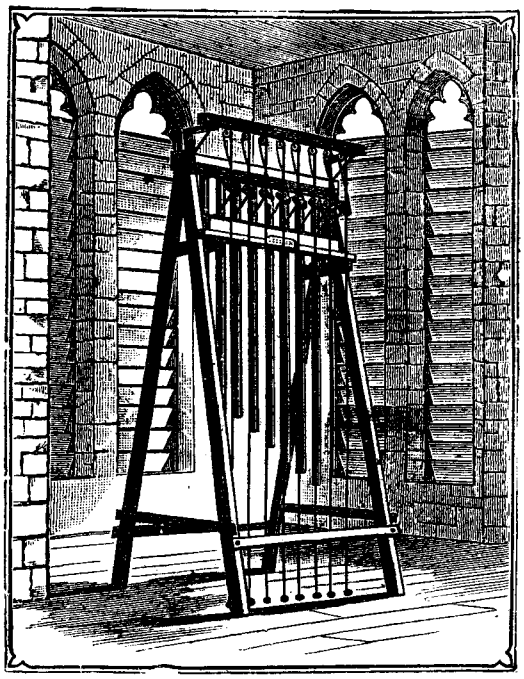

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# The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

No. 844.] SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1898. [Vol. XVII.

## MR. JOHN AUSTIN, OF GLOUCESTER.

[*Vide Portrait.*]

The subject of this memoir was born at Burton-on-Trent on November 19th, 1863, and is therefore in the thirty-sixth year of his age. He commenced his ringing career at the village church of Winshill, where there is a very pretty ring of six, and there it was he learnt to ring Grandsire Doubles and Minor. Having made the acquaintance of Mr. John Jaggar, he soon scored his first 720. It was in December of the same year (1885) he was successful in ringing his first peal, Mr. Jaggar conducting it, and ever since that time he has taken a very great interest in change-ringing in different parts of the country. As time went on he was asked to belong to the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, and such rapid strides did he make in the Art that before he had been a member of that company two years he had rung several Surprise peals, including New Cumberland, Superlative, Cambridge, and London. He was one of the band which rung the record peal of London Surprise which stood as a record from November 8th, 1888, until Mr. Washbrook conducted his record peal in 1896. He was also one of the band who were the first to ring a peal of London Surprise in the metropolis. Having made himself proficient as a ringer, he turned his attention to conducting, and conducted his first peal (Holt's Original) on August 11th, 1888, and since that date there is very few methods, whether plain or Treble Bob, but what he has conducted. After being a member of the St. Paul's Company five or six years, his occupation took him to Gloucester, where he joined the young company known as the St. Michael's Juniors, and where he signalled his advent by conducting Holt's Original, and also assisted them through their first peal of Double Norwich. After living in Gloucester six months he went to live in Lincoln, and there joined the St. Peter-at-Arches Company, and though only there six months he was successful in scoring two peals of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major, besides making close friends with such well-known men as G. Lindoff (now removed to Dublin), C. W. P. Clifton, J. W. Watson and several others. His occupation again took him to Gloucester, and has remained there ever since, having helped to place the Juniors at the top of the ladder in the ringing world. Special mention may be made that this company holds the unique distinction of ringing a peal of Double Norwich Caters, which Mr. Austin conducted. At the time of writing he can hold his own as a conductor with any man, and as recently as last year he conducted peals of Royal and Maximus in Plain and Treble Bob methods, and the first peal of Gloucester ever rung, the latest achievement being to conduct a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. He has also rung and conducted several peals on handbells. Mr. Austin is a member of several ringing societies, including the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of which there is not an eight-bell tower he has not visited and rang peals in. He is still a member of the Midland Counties Association, North Lincoln Association, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild, besides other minor societies. He is District Secretary for Gloucester, and Hon. Secretary of the St. Michael's Juniors. In the office of District Secretary he is doing good work, giving up all his spare time to assist young ringers to learn the Art he has so successfully mastered. His list of peals will shortly appear.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held, as usual, at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. The proceedings opened with Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a special form of service being used which has been sanctioned by the Bishop of the Diocese. The prayers were said by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Assistant-Secretary: the Hon. Secretary (Rev. T. L. Papillon), reading the lesson, and an address being delivered by the Rev. J. W. Kenworthy, Vicar of Braintree, one of the leading six-bell centres in the county. Mr. Kenworthy, who is a well-known local antiquarian, dealt mainly with the history of the use of bells in connection with the Church, and urged the advantages of association for this, as for any other good object. The business meeting was held afterwards in the Boys' School adjoining the churchyard, and was well attended—much better, we regret to say, than the service had been—the chair being taken by the Hon. Secretary. The officers of the past year were re-elected; and after the election of new honorary and ringing members, the Assistant-Secretary presented his report and balance-sheet, duly certified by the auditors, Messrs. C. H. Howard and B. Keeble, who as in previous years have given their valuable services gratuitously. The balance in hand was £11 5s. 7d., as against £11 3s. 9d. from the previous year; and the reserve fund in the Post Office Savings Bank now stands at £63 17s. 2d., so that the finances are at present in a satisfactory condition. The report, however, intimated that the recent large increase in the number of members attending district meetings (at which half the cost of tea and some conveyance is usually provided) would, if maintained, entail an increase of expenditure and reduce the favourable balance. The total attendance at the four meetings of the year was 256; forty-six attending at Brentwood, seventy-five at Bocking, and 103 at the Annual Meeting. Thirty-eight peals had been rung as against twenty-seven in the previous year, and the record of repairs and rehanging was satisfactory, including the ring of ten at Chelmsford, lately put into much better going order, though there is a terrible (and apparently unavoidable) noise of the tenor down an opening necessary for the clock chimes. If a peal is to be rung there, the ringers must have strong heads, and the conductor a throat of brass.

The chairman, in submitting the report, congratulated the Association on its prosperity as evidenced in numbers, in finances, and in peal-ringing. It was not to be regretted, he thought, if larger attendance at district meetings increased their expenditure; these meetings being among the most important features of the Association's work in promoting and encouraging change-ringing all over the county. This view of the "missionary" character of the Association was endorsed by a later speaker, who seemed to carry the meeting with him in pleading that the Association should penetrate even more than it does at present to out-of-the-way places, and into towers where not only the Art of change-ringing, but the very existence of the Association is unknown. The Secretaries and Auditors were appointed a Committee to arrange for a re-issue of the Association's certificate.

A vote of thanks was passed to the authorities of the towers

MR. JOHN AUSTIN.

*(Of Gloucester.)*

placed at the disposal of the meeting; and the Hon. Secretary's return in improved health was welcomed.

At the dinner, held also at the schools, ninety-five sat down, with the Hon. Secretary in the chair, supported by the Revs. J. W. Kenworthy, H. T. W. Eyre, and H. F. de Lisle. After a vote of thanks to the preacher for his address had been proposed and acknowledged, the company separated to the various towers at their disposal. There are few better ringing centres than Chelmsford, with a ring of ten in the town itself, and four of eight and three of six in the immediate neighbourhood. Some touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung at Chelmsford, and all present were glad to see their friend Mr. Bowell, sen., of Ipswich, still able to handle a rope. Two peals of Stedman Triples were rung in connection with the meeting by mixed bands of visitors and local ringers, viz., at Galleywood on the Saturday evening, and at Writtle early on Monday morning, in each case the first in that method on the bells. These are duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 4th. The number attending was slightly below that of previous years, but the large proportion of young ringers present is encouraging, and there is every indication that the Association still enjoys a healthy and vigorous life.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHWICH BRANCH.—The members of this branch held a meeting at The Cocoa House, Northwich, on Saturday, June 4th. Mr. Jos. Ashmole was voted to the chair in the unavoidable absence of the chairman of the branch (Mr. H. Hatt Cook), who wrote regretting his inability to be present. There was an extremely good muster of ringers, all the towers being represented. The appointment of Mr. H. Parker as Secretary in place of Mr. W. Forster, who has resigned, was confirmed. The Secretary reported that two new towers had joined the Association, viz., Middlewich and Hartford St. John's, whilst Lower Peover, Knutsford, and part of the ringers at Witton had resigned. The following were elected to form a Committee: J. Ashmole (Davenham), E. Cragg (Great Budworth), T. A. Ruscoe (Middlewich), and W. Gregory (Hartford St. John's). The meeting decided to hold the next meeting at Hartford on July 16th if possible, otherwise at Great Budworth. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

## DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS AT NORTHALLERTON.

On a recent Thursday afternoon a special service was held in All Saints' church for the dedication of the bells, six having been retuned and two recast by Messrs. Warner and Sons. While the bells have been away the tower has boen re-roofed. There has also been provided eight sets of new bearings and gudgeons and a set of new ropes. The bells were removed on April 23rd, and had been away about a month. The two bells that have been recast are the 3rd and 5th, dated 1656. The first was half a note, and the second a quarter of a note from its proper pitch. One is inscribed "God save His Church," and the other, "All glory bee to God on hee, 1656." The peal consists of eight bells, two of which were added in 1871; the one in F sharp and the other in F natural. Originally there appears to have been four bells, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, dated 1656. In 1802 the Mount Grace bell was recast, and again in 1871 (Rev. T. W. Mercer, M.A., vicar). In 1802 the 7th bell in G sharp was added, made by Thomas Mears, London; and in 1827 the 8th bell was added.

The service on Thursday afternoon was commenced about three o'clock, when the clergy, choir, and churchwardens entered the tower. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. Holmes, rector of Birkby, and Rural Dean. The bells were chimed for a few minutes, the clergy, choir, and churchwardens ascended to the roof of the tower and sang the *Te Deum* (Dykes in F), and then the hymn "O God, our help in ages past." The party then slowly descended the tower and entered the church, where there was a good congregation assembled. Here the remainder of the dedicatory prayers were said by the Rev. H. C. Holmes, and the Rev. S. McKinnon Thompson (vicar) offered up the thanksgiving prayer, adding the words "We thank Thee for the faith and courage which led Thy servants to take in hand the restoration; for the perseverance which has enabled them to continue the work; for the liberality which has led to the success of the present undertaking; and for the preserving care over all who were engaged in the difficult and dangerous work in connection with it." Hymn 215 "The Church's one foundation," and "Lifted safe within the steeple, now our bells are set on high," was sung.

In the evening a sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Falconer, rector of Sedgefield. Towards the £250 required for tower and bell fund, over £200 has been raised by subscriptions. The collection taken at the service amounted to £6 5s. 6d.

The bells were reopened by members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on Thursday, who rang a peal of Stedman Triples, already recorded in the usual place.

## A VISIT TO HEREFORD.

Taking advantage of an excursion on Whit-Monday eleven ringers from Wolverhampton paid a visit to the City of Hereford for the express purpose of attempting a peal of Grandsire Caters at the Cathedral. Leaving the metropolis of the black country at 6.0 a.m., Hereford was duly reached at 8.45., the monotony of the journey being relieved by touches and tunes on the handbells. Arriving in the city the first order was breakfast, which had been previously arranged for at The Raven hotel. Here the company were joined by Messrs. T. Miller, R. Hackley, and C. H. Watts (of Birmingham), and W. Greenleaf (of Hereford). After breakfast a stroll round the quaint old city was much enjoyed by all. At 11.30 the ringers entered the enormous and dungeon-like ringing-chamber, the view of which is enough to dishearten the boldest of ringers. The back eight were raised in peal, and to accustom the company to their remarkable surroundings, a plain course of Caters was rung. Afterwards the belfry was cleared of visitors, and a start was made in earnest for Johnson's 5003 of Grandsire Caters. In a few minutes the "came to grief" position was reached, through one of the company trying to dodge with an iron column instead of the ringer who stood behind it. Another fair start was then made; course after course rolling up, determination being written upon every man's face. At the end of one hour and three quarters the 5th had completed her twenty-four courses behind the 9th, when the 6th took her place. Then was the harmony of Grandsire Caters heard to perfection; and the courses rolled on without the slightest trip. The last twelve courses only remained when a great noise was heard overhead! The conductor missing the sound of one bell called "stand;" and it was then found that the 8th clapper had broken in two. Great was the disappointment: forty-one courses had been rung in 2 hrs. 53 mins. The ringers were C. H. Watts, H. Dawkes, H. Knight, B. Dalton, W. G. Hall, R. Pickering, J. Jagger, A. Griffiths, J. E. Groves (conductor), W. Greenleaf. It is intended to make another attempt for this peal at an early date.

The remainder of the day was spent in various ways: boating on the beautiful Wye, handbell ringing, etc. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. R. Phillips, foreman of the Cathedral company, for making arrangements and having the bells in readiness.

## NEW BELLS AT RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

Two new bells, completing the octave at Rayleigh Church, were on Thursday evening dedicated by the Archdeacon of Essex. The bells were provided by public subscription in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee; and the dedication was attended by the Brethren of the Trinity Lodge of Freemasons, the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. H. Judd, superintending the ringing of the bells. The Masons attended in the "clothing," and the Chaplain of the Lodge, the Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, and other clergy, were present.

Touches were rung during the afternoon, including Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Plain Bob, the ringers present coming from Rayleigh, Prittlewell, Hanningfield, and Ipswich. A service was held in the Church at seven o'clock, and Archdeacon Stevens, P.G.C. Eng., read the dedicatory prayers, after which the hymn, "Now at length our bells are mounted," was sung,

and the local ringers rang the bells for a few minutes before the Archdeacon's address, which was of a most interesting character, his text being taken from Psalm lxxii. 18-19.

The brethren representing Trinity Lodge included:—Bros. W. H. Judd, W.M., J. Harvey, J.W. W. Fox, S.D., J. Findlay, J.D., J. White, SEC., and A. Webb, I.G., as well as Bro. C. E. Judd, I.P.M., who acted as organist, and Bro. S. Smith, P.M., the choirmaster, and Bro. G. R. Dawson, director of ceremonies. The past and present Provincial Grand Officers present included Bros. C. W. Barnard, F. Golding, E. Sparrow, and W. Wood; there also being present Bros. J. Field, W. Harvey, G. Goodman, F. H. Gill, T. H. V. Alderton, Edmunds, Hockley, Horton, Playle and others.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Lincoln District was held at Brant Boughton on Saturday last, June 4th, but owing no doubt to the unfavourable weather was thinly attended, nevertheless the few who ventured to brave the elements did not regret it. A shortened evensong was said by the Rev. A. F. Sutton, the choir being present. After a brief inspection of one of the most beautiful churches which adorn the diocese of Lincoln, a visit was made to the belfry, where the sonorous peal of six (tenor about 23 cwt.) were soon swinging in the Minor methods. At 6.0 p.m., the members, together with the local ringers, numbering over 20, sat down to a substantial meat tea, after which a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Norman E. Snow, who notwithstanding the treacherous state of the weather had cycled over from Sleaford to be present, and to show his interest in the work of the Association.

The minutes of the last district meeting were confirmed, and a letter was read from the Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell thanking the members for electing him a vice-President.

In selecting a place for the next meeting, the Secretary brought before the members an invitation for a visit to Newark. It was arranged that as Newark was out out of the diocese and county it would perhaps be better to consult the Midland Counties Association, and if feasible, to hold an amalgamated meeting at Newark on August bank holiday. Caythorpe was selected for the next meeting, the date being left to the Secretary.

Seven new members were proposed and elected. A request from Harmston for an instructor was left for the Committee. The appointment of a District Secretaty was discussed, and it was finally agreed that Mr. R. E. Clarke be elected. In proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. F. Sutton for the use of the bells, and for kindly arranging a service; also to the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements, Mr. Snow remarked that such a beautiful church should possess a full peal of bells, and with the weight of metal, and the necessary funds, there should be no difficulty in completing the octave.

The Chairman, in replying to a vote of thanks for presiding, said he was very pleased to be there and that he had never yet attended any meeting of ringers but what he thoroughly enjoyed himself.

This concluded the business, and another visit was made to the tower where the meeting was brought to a close by the local ringers who, although they had not grasped the science of true change-ringing, gave a good exhibition of the "fox-hunt" which apparently meant the ringing of some sixty changes from memory, finishing with a creditable lowering of the bells in peal.

## HOSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday evening, May 29th, the inhabitants of this village were delighted to hear their church bells efficiently manipulated by four ringers from Cotgrave (Notts.) and one from Harby. The ringing consisted of a half-peal of Doubles, 2520 changes, in three methods: thirteen 6-scores of Grandsire, four of Canterbury, and four of Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 30 mins. W. E. White, W. White (conductor), J. J. Jackson, J. H. Kirby, T. Squires. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. C. B. Jennings) for granting permission. Ringing over, an adjournment was made, and some of the parishioners were then privileged to hear the ringers perform sweetly on the handbells. Many expressions of thanks were accorded to the ringers for the great treat they had given, with the hope that ere long they would again visit Hose.

## RINGERS' WEDDING AT LAVENDON, BUCKS.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the parish church on Whit-Monday, May 30th, the contracting parties being Mr. T. Wright, a member of the Olney ringers, and Miss Louisa Osborne, of Lavendon. Both the bride and bridegroom being well-known in the district, consequently great interest was centred in the event. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Arthur Osborne, was becomingly attired, and was attended by two bridesmaids. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr. Albert Church as best man, the ceremony being conducted by the Rev. G. P. Soames. As the happy couple left the church, the bells rang out merrily, and at intervals during the day several 6-scores of Doubles were rung. M. Wright, 1; W. Wright, 2; R. Raban, 3; F. Hopper, 4; R. Perkins, 5. Afterwards the ringers and friends were entertained at the house of the brother of the bride. After an excellent supper had been done ample justice to, Mr. R. Raban proposed long life and happiness to the bride and bridegroom, and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wright for their kind hospitality. Mr. Wright in acknowledging the toast. thanked the members of the Olney branch for their kindness in coming over to ring for them. During the evening songs were given by F. Hopper, R. Perkins, W. Wright, and H. Marshall. Mr. R. Raban ably officiated at the piano, and the company separated in the small hours of the morning having spent a most enjoyable time.

## 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 REQUEST.

SIR,—Having been elected to represent the Bury St. Edmunds District of the Ancient Order of Foresters at the High Court to be held at Chester early in August next, I should esteem it a favour to receive the address of some of the local ringers with a view of having a friendly pull or two during my visit there. I should also like to correspond with any Forester ringers, that are delegates to the above meeting. We have seen Odd Fellows' peals; cannot a Foresters' peal be arranged for during the week? DAN GRIDLEY, *D.C.R.*
*Clare, Suffolk.*

### CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT BRISTOL.

SIR,—I was unavoidably prevented from being present at this meeting owing to absence from home, and on my return am very sorry to find that several of the ringers who came here on the Monday in the hopes of a pull were disappointed, or had great difficulty in obtaining one. I am exceedingly sorry that such should have been the case, and must apologise for not making proper arrangements before leaving home. I hope that any who were thus disappointed will forgive me and believe that it was due to an unfortunate oversight on my part (arising from pressure of business) and not to any intentional discourtesy on my part or that of my brother-ringers at Bristol. We are only too pleased at any time to see any ringers who may visit our city, and I shall be delighted on hearing from any such to make arrangements for peals or otherwise as far as I possibly can.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER,
*Hon. Sec. for the Associations of the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.*
30, *Broad Street, Bristol.*

### A QUESTION.

SIR,—In *The Standard's* account of Mr. Gladstone's funeral occurs the following statement: "At twenty-seven minutes past eleven the tolling of the bell was broken by a jubilant peal from the bells of the Abbey, telling of the glorious hope of the resurrection." Is this a fact, or was it a half-muffled peal that struck the ear of the special correspondent with such jubilant sound? The idea is a delightful one, but such a proceeding would be far from conventional. I am afraid that the performances of the Westminster Abbey Guild are not of such a character as to figure in "BELL NEWS," but perhaps some of your readers may be able to throw light upon the question. INQUIRER.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held in the Parish Hall of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Whit Tuesday, May 31st. The representatives present were the Revs. H. C. Courtney (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), W. W. C. Baker (Bedfordshire Association), Mr. J. Dillon, Mr. W. Walmsley (Chester Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. H. Dains (Royal Cumberland Youths), Rev. Maitland Kelly, Mr. Ferris Shepherd (Devonshire Guild), Mr. R. S. Story (Durham and Newcastle Association), Rev. T. L. Papillon, Mr. N. J. Pitstow (Essex Association), Rev. H. A. Cockey, Rev. E. B. James, Mr. G. H. Phillott (Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. F. W. Thornton (Kent County Association), Rev. H. J. Elsee, Mr. R. Ridyard (Lancashire Association), Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., Mr. W. Wakley, Mr. J. W. Taylor, Mr. J. Griffin (Midland Counties Association), Mr. J. Waghorn, sen. (Middlesex Association), Mr. A. Craven, Mr. G. Chester (North Lincolnshire Association), Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Mr. J. Motts, Mr. J. A. Trollope (Norwich Diocesan Association), Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. P. O'Meara (St. James' Society), Mr. S. Reeves (Archdeaconry of Stafford Association), Mr. C. Dean (Surrey Association), Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. G. F. Attree, Mr. S. Saker, Mr. G. Williams (Sussex County Association), Rev. R. C. Harvey, Rev. C. E. Matthews, Mr. H. White, Mr. J. W. Whiting (Winchester Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. R. Grove (Worcestershire Association), Mr. W. Snowdon (Yorkshire Association), and Messrs. J. Carter, F. W. J. Rees, F. E. Ward (Hon. Members).

The President having taken the chair, called upon the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary read letters of apology from the Rev. A. H. Boughey, and Mr. C. D. Boutflower, who were unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting.

### HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President announced that three Hon. Members retired this year, viz., Rev. A. H. Boughey, Mr. W. H. Thompson, and Mr. E. F. Strange. They were eligible for re-appointment, and there would still be one vacancy, which perhaps it would be as well not to fill for another year.

On the motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Attree, the three retiring Hon. Members were re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary presented the statement of accounts, which showed a balance in favour of the Council of £59 13s.

The President said the accounts had been examined and passed by the Standing Committee. The Council would no doubt be gratified to find that the funds in hand were gradually increasing, since it was highly desirable that the Council should have sufficient to draw upon whenever the need arose in connection with the work of their Committees. The accounts were accepted without any formal motion.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RAIL FARES.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said that the Committee had been keeping their eyes on the matter, with the intention of taking such action as might be advisable in order to obtain a favorable answer from the railway companies. Last year it had been suggested that a petition should be sent by each Association to the directors of the company whose lines the Association used. The Committee were about to take steps to ensure the carrying out of this suggestion, when it so happened that he was able personally to consult a railway manager, from whom he learnt that it was useless to proceed unless they first arrived at a better knowledge and understanding of the objection entertained by the Railway Companies to any further concession. This gentleman had promised to try and find out what the view of the Railway Companies really was, that they might have something definite to go upon. Up to the present he had not been able to do this. The Committee, therefore, had nothing definite to lay before the Council. If it was decided that the various Associations should be asked to send in petitions, it was desirable that such petitions should be all drawn on the same lines as the application already sent in by the Committee. In the event of this course being adopted, the Associations should endeavour to obtain as many signatures as possible to their respective petitions, and send them to the Managers of the lines travelled over by their members. So far the Committee had been working in the dark; for they did not know what the objection of the Railway authorities was to granting a uniform and adequate concession.

Mr. Attree said that as a member of the Committee, he was placed in an awkward position with reference to this matter; for he was most strongly urged by the Association he represented to do all he possibly could in it, because before the Council moved in the matter, the members of his Association had been able to obtain tickets at a fare and a quarter on any occasion. This they could not do now, and his Association did not think the Council was doing all it might to obtain more favourable terms for ringers. He agreed that it was desirable that each Association should send a petition to the Managers of the local lines. If this were done instead of memorialising the Clearing House, he believed some good would ultimately come of it. He therefore proposed that the idea of a petition from each Association should be carried out.

Mr. Story seconded this.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey pointed out that a memorial had been already sent to the Managers and taken by them to the Clearing House; and whatever was done by the various Associations would be taken by the Managers to the Clearing House in the same manner.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee asked if it was intended that the petitions should be signed officially on behalf of the Associations, or by the members themselves.

Mr. Attree said the petitions would have far greater weight if signed by as many members as possible.

The Rev. R. C. Harvey thought it would be best to send the petitions to the Chairmen and Boards of Directors. as they would not then be so likely to be put on one side, which was so often the case when such documents were sent to the paid officials.

Mr. Snowdon suggested that if such members of Associations as had friends who were Railway Directors would personally approach them, much good might result; though it was most important to obtain a large number of signatures to a petition.

Mr. Pritchett advocated a monster petition signed by as many ringers of England as possible.

The President said that the Council could not be otherwise than thankful to the Committee for its endeavours, though they had hitherto proved unsuccessful. Probably there were some who did not understand how much work had been done under adverse circumstances. He thought it would be well for the various Associations to bring all the pressure they could to bear upon the different Managers of the different lines. He did not consider that much good would result from one petition or from petitions signed by one or two individuals, but more would be done by Associations obtaining as many signatures as possible in their own localities, and sending their petitions to the Managers of the lines with which they were immediately concerned. Communications should also be addressed to the Chairmen and Directors; it would thus be recognised that the matter was one for careful consideration, and he had no doubt that Mr. Attree would be able to congratulate his own Association on recovering the same advantages as they had enjoyed before the Council meddled with the matter.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey asked which course it was considered would be best—a form of petition drawn up and sent to each Association Secretary, to be adapted to the circumstances of each district, or a form published in "THE BELL NEWS."

The Rev. M. Kelly considered it best to send a form of petition to each secretary, as all secretaries did not take "THE BELL NEWS." (The Hon. Sec.: "They ought to do so.")

Mr. Attree suggested that the form of petition should be prepared by the Committee and sent to the Association Secretaries.

The President said the Committee were competent to deal with the matter in a proper way, and might be empowered to expend any small sum that might be necessary.

On the motion of Mr. Attree, seconded by Mr. Story, it was

decided that the committee should draw up and circulate a form of petition, and be empowered to incur such expense as might be necessary for the purpose.

THE BIBLIOGRAPHY.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mr. Strange with reference to the continued delay in completing the Bibliography he had undertaken to compile, from which it appeared that other engagements so absorbed the limited amount of spare time at his disposal that he had been unable to do more than continue the collection of titles. If the matter were left in his hands, the work would be completed as he could spare time for it; but if not he would be willing to hand over such materials as he had by him, as he could give no definite guarantee as to the time of completion. The Hon. Secretary said the Standing Committee had considered the matter, and were of opinion that if it were left in Mr. Strange's hands, it might, judging from his letter, drag on for quite an indefinitely long time without any tangible result, and that it would be better to request Mr. Strange to send in such materials as he had, and if the Council so decided, to publish the collection so far as it went, and afterwards add to it from time to time as fresh materials were obtained.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, that Mr. Strange be asked for the portion he had already completed.

The President said he knew that Mr. Strange had the late Mr. Ellacombe's list which comprised most of the titles of books already published. He thought it would be well to have the portion of the work that was completed either to publish in "The Bell News" or to be issued in pamphlet form, and then add to it from time to time. The motion was carried.

REPORT OF PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary read the following report of the Peal Collection Committee:—

INTERIM REPORT OF PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Committee entrusted with the task of collecting such compositions of peal length in the various methods, as have not appeared in treatises, beg to report that the work has been progressing, but is not yet in a sufficiently forward state to enable them to present a fairly representative assortment of peals for publication. The Committee have had the assistance of several gentlemen as collectors, for whose services they tender grateful thanks; each of these gentlemen, as far as possible, has given his attention to a single method. The work of collecting necessarily takes some time, and the tardiness of composers in sending in their compositions has been a hindrance to more rapid progress. The collection may be said to be fairly complete, up to the present date, in the following metthods: Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Double Oxford Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, other methods of Triples, Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, and Duffield. The collectors of compositions in Treble Bob Major, Stedman Caters and Superlative Surprise have as yet made no report. The collection of London Surprise peals is still incomplete. It will no doubt be possible before the end of the present year to prepare a representative instalment of the best compositions, selected from those now in hand; and it will be for the Council then to decide whether the expense of printing it shall be incurred. The sale of the "Appendix 1895" has not been such as to encourage the hope of a large demand, about two-thirds of the number of copies printed being still unsold, and the demand for it has practically ceased. If only a limited sale of about 150 copies is all that can be expected, it would be impossible to print a new Appendix without incurring a certain loss.

Mr. Snowdon said Mr. Lockwood had informed him that he had his Treble Bob Major Collection so arranged that he could prepare the whole at a fortnight's notice, but that he did not know exactly when it would be required.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he had heard a rumour that Mr. Lockwood was only including in his collection compositions of the ordinary length. His own impression was that it was intended to include all *good* peals of any length, and if there were any doubt about it, he would move that it be an instruction to the Committee to include compositions of all lengths above 5000.

Mr. Craven seconded this, and it was carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PREPARATION OF A GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS.

The Hon. Secretary read the following report of the Committee engaged on the Glossary of Technical Terms:—

INTERIM REPORT OF THE GLOSSARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee for the preparation of a Glossary of Technical Terms, used in connection with the science and art of Ringing, beg to report that the work they have in hand has made fair progress during the past year. The first draft of the Glossary, embodying between three and four hundred terms, has been completed after careful consideration, and is now ready for final arrangement and revision. The committee, however, are confident that there are several terms in purely *local* use, of which they have not sufficient knowledge at present to be able to include them in the Glossary. While it is manifestly desirable that this should be done, the collection of such local terms can only be accomplished at the cost of printing and distributing in the proper quarters a list of the terms already dealt with, in order that omissions may be noted and suppled by those to whom the list is sent. The Committee await authority to incur this small expense.

The President said that as a member of the Committee he could bear witness to the immense amount of labour the Hon. Secretary had devoted to this work. It would surprise the Council if they could see the thick pile of foolscap folio manuscript which had been sent round, batch by batch, to the members of the Committe. He had himself spent some hours in the perusal not only of the original manuscript, but also in reading other people's remarks thereon, and adding some of his own. He could therefore testify to the large amount of work that had been done. The Committee should be empowered to incur the necessary expense required to make the work as complete as possible.

Mr. Rees moved, and Mr. Dains seconded a resolution empowering the Committee accordingly.

Mr. Snowdon had no doubt that the Glossary would be of considerable advantage and use to the young ringer, more so, indeed, than anything that had been done before. But if published it should not be left for the ringer to apply for it: it would be well if each Association would order a number of copies and dispose of them to its members. This would be a more successful way of securing an adequate sale than leaving it to individuals to send for it by post.

The President said the advice of Mr. Snowdon would be borne in mind by the Committee. There was still a considerable amount of trouble and labour to be bestowed upon the work, which, when completed, he was sure would be very valuable. The resolution was put to the vote and carried.

THE DEFINITION OF A TRUE PEAL.

The Hon. Secretary explained that a short time ago Dr. Carpenter had written to him to say that there appeared to be a defect in the Council's definition of a true peal, inasmuch that (no doubt unintentionally), it had omitted to specify that all peals should end with "rounds." The definition was "not less than 5000 true changes," and it would seem that after 5000 true changes had been rung the ringing might break down, and it would be open to the band to record it as a peal, although the bells had not been brought round. He (the Hon. Sec.) confessed to having been a good deal startled by this alarming surmise, and had conjured up visions of crack bands all over the country ringing these abortive peals under the protection and guarantee of the Council's definition. He did not really suppose that there was any doubt in any one's mind as to the real intention of the Council in the matter; but to avoid all misapprehension it was as well to make the definition perfectly clear and complete; he would move, therefore, that at the end of the definitions should be added the words "in all cases starting from and ending with rounds." The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, and the motion was carried.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1898.


AN addendum which appears this week to a notice of a quarterly meeting of the Worcestershire Association, to be holden in the ancient borough of Evesham, signifies that the ring of eight at the isolated tower of the old Abbey will be available for ringers who attend the meeting. This intelligence is very satisfactory. Hitherto we think, the Vicar of the churches of All Saints and St. Lawrence, Evesham, has not seen his way clear to identify himself with the Association or to render the Campanile free and open to visiting ringers. We see in this new departure strong cause for hope. We have no reason to doubt that the Vicar has hitherto acted from conscientious motives in keeping the tower closed to visiting ringers. It is to be hoped that the permission now accorded may be continual, not only at such times as the County Association holds its meetings at Evesham, but always. Change-ringing in the historical borough is practically of modern growth; but the company at St. Mary's Church has shown some industry and spirit, and to them is owing the practice of the Art in Evesham. But St. Mary's Church has only six bells; and it can easily be understood with what ear-

nestness the local ringers look forward to the period when they are admitted to periodical practice upon the eight in the old Abbey tower. We would urge, with all deference, upon the rev. Vicar of Evesham, the propriety of allowing the Abbey bells to be used in this manner for the future.

Unfortunately the bells are not in the best condition. They need restoring in every way, and unless they are allowed to be under the control and care of practical ringers they are soon likely to go from bad to worse. Is there no one of the inabitants of the borough, or among the neighbouring landowners, who will initiate such a praiseworthy movement as the restoration of the bells of old Evesham Abbey? Such a work would prove an everlasting monument to those who were instrumental in carrying it out. To adequately restore these bells, and augment their number to ten, would be a work second to none among bell-restoration schemes, and would enable the borough of Evesham to boast of possessing the best ring of ten bells in the county.

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On Whit-Tuesday last there was held at a place called "Eckington," in Derbyshire, what is known as a Cup Contest. We do not know whether this was carried out in the usual orthodox manner, with a staff of persons denominated "triers," and so forth. But we know that a ringer said to be qualified was appointed as judge, and that unfortunately this gentleman was unable to satisfy each competitor for the cup that his award was fair and genuine. That was perhaps his misfortune, not his fault.

We have been favored with an account of part of the proceedings at this contest, in which the dissatisfaction of unsuccessful competitors is said to have been expressed with more force than politeness. One correspondent goes so far as to express his honest conviction that from certain causes the judge was incapable of performing his duties in a satisfactory manner. We hardly need point out to our correspondents, one of whom at least we hold in great respect, that to publish their opinions upon this affair would render us liable to proceedings in a court of law. They must therefore be good enough to excuse us if we decline to go in for such a questionable luxury.

This prize-ringing dispute, for it seems to be nothing else, must be settled by the belligerents themselves. They are acquainted with the proverb anent the public ablution of foul linen; and we shall do them a kindness by keeping from our columns any particulars of the squabble.

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## The Metropolis.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, June 4, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

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

Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E.

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| WILLIAM J. COAKHAM | *Treble.* | WILLIAM PYE | 6. |
| WILLIAM D. SMITH | 2. | WILLIAM H. FREEMAN | 7. |
| WILLIAM E. GARRARD | 3. | WILLIAM R. PINSENT | 8. |
| WILLIAM B. MANNING | 4. | WILLIAM T. COCKERILL | 9. |
| WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE | 5. | WILLIAM CROCKFORD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is considered to be the first peal upon bells in which the band all bear the same christian name.

### RICHMOND, SURREY.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 4, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| THOMAS BEADLE | *Treble.* | WILLIAM G. CROXFORD | 5. |
| EVERED J. WALSOME* | 2. | FREDERICK G. GODDARD | 6. |
| JOHN BASDEN | 3. | GEORGE A. RANSOM | 7. |
| HARRY NEWNHAM | 4. | WILLIAM STANNEY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

Silent Peal.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

*On Saturday, June 4, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ARTHUR R. DAVIS | *Treble.* | HAROLD N. DAVIS | 5. |
| GEORGE W. WILD | 2. | JAMES E. DAVIS | 6. |
| HARRY BARTON | 3. | THOMAS LANGDON | 7. |
| GEORGE E. SYMONS | 4. | WILLIAM LANGDON | *Tenor.* |

Umpire—FREDK. G. PERRIN.

A reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

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## The Provinces.

### QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

*On Saturday, May 28, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

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| J. G. LUSHER | *Treble.* | H. LOVELL | 5. |
| S. KNIGHT | 2. | H. FORD | 6. |
| T. MANSFIELD | 3. | C. LYES | 7. |
| C. COX | 4. | G. PARSONS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES and Conducted by H. FORD.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late W. E. Gladstone. First muffled peal on the bells.

### GLOUCESTER.

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

*On Saturday, May 28, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

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| ERNEST E. DAVIS | *Treble.* | ROBERT A. BARRETT | 5. |
| FRED. G. MAY | 2. | JOHN AUSTIN | 6. |
| ALFRED T. BRUNSDON | 3. | ARTHUR E. PEGLER | 7. |
| WILLIAM T. PEGLER | 4. | JESSEE GILLETT | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone.

### GLOUCESTER.

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

*On Monday, May 30, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

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| CHARLES R. LILLEY | *Treble.* | WILLIAM T. PEGLER | 5. |
| FRED. G. MAY | 2. | ERNEST E. DAVIS | 6. |
| JOHN AUSTIN | 3. | RICHARD RIDYARD | 7. |
| WILLIAM SHORT | 4. | ARTHUR E. PEGLER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

WALKDEN, LANCS.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, June 1, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, Double Court, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob.
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F♯.

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| JOSEPH BROOKES* .. ..*Treble.* | JOSEPH POTTER .. .. .. 4. |
| SAMUEL OAKES .. .. .. 2. | JOHN POTTER .. .. .. 5. |
| JOHN DENNER .. .. .. 3. | ALFRED POTTER.. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

*First peal of Minor.

WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, June 2, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| GEORGE PARKIN .. ..*Treble.* | THOMAS MCKEGG .. .. 5. |
| LEONARD JACKSON* .. .. 2. | WILLIAM DRONFIELD .. 6. |
| EDWARD ROBBINS .. .. 3. | THOMAS ROBBINS .. .. 7. |
| ARTHUR SAXBY .. .. .. 4. | DAVID BREARLEY .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by J. PLATT and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

*First peal.

DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER AND BOLTON BRANCHES.)

*On Thursday, June 2, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

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| FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE..*Treble.* | JOSEPH GREEN .. .. .. 5. |
| JOSEPH IRELAND .. .. 2. | JOHN BAGULEY .. .. .. 6 |
| PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 3. | JAMES H. RIDYARD .. .. 7. |
| JOHN WELSBY .. .. .. 4. | *TITUS BARLOW .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method. First on the bells; first in the Bolton District.

Muffled Peal.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Saturday, June 4, 1898, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5597 CHANGES.**
Tenor 23 cwt.

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| WILLIAM G. HALL .. ..*Treble.* | LEONARD BULLOCK .. .. 6. |
| HENRY DAWKES.. .. .. 2. | *HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7. |
| BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 3. | HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 8. |
| HUGH J. BALCOMBE.. .. 4. | JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 9. |
| JOHN JAGGAR .. .. .. 5. | AARON GRIFFITHS .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Venerable Mellvile, H. Scott, M.A., Archdeacon of Stafford and president of this Society. This peal has the 6th twenty-four courses before the 9th and thirteen courses behind the 7th in the inverted tittums, and twenty-four courses behind the 8th in hand stroke home position. *First peal of Caters.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 4, 1898, in Three Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JAMES TANN .. .. ..*Treble.* | ROBERT WHITING .. .. 5. |
| HERBERT MATTHEWS .. 2. | *HENRY ADCOCK .. .. .. 6. |
| JAMES BOUGHTON .. .. 3. | CHARLES TANN .. .. .. 7. |
| CHARLES BAKER .. .. 4. | FREDERICK BORRETT.. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

*First peal. This composition has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5 6.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 4, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

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| EDGAR H. G. TINGEY ..*Treble.* | CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 4. |
| CHARLES WM CLARKE .. 2. | WILLIAM J. BARKER.. .. 5. |
| WILLIAM GAZELEY*.. .. 3. | SAMUEL CONSTANT .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells since being put in thorough repair and a new treble added by Mears and Stainbank.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, June 7, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

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| WILLIAM LLOYD .. ..*Treble.* | ALLEN ROWLEY .. .. .. 6. |
| CHARLES LLOYD .. .. 2. | FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 7. |
| R. C. BALCOMBE .. .. 3. | JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. .. 8. |
| WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 4. | WILLIAM COOMBES .. .. 9. |
| JOHN HARRIS .. .. .. 5. | BENJAMIN TILLEY .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by FRANCIS E. WARD.

This is the first peal of Caters rung by the Association, and first by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 7th, and was rung at the first attempt.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, June 8, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
HOLLIS' IRREGULAR 5-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ALBERT NOVIS* .. .. ..*Treble.* | NEWTON CRUTTENDEN .. 5. |
| CLEMENT HILL* .. .. 2. | *GEORGE WATSON .. .. 6. |
| HENRY C. HARVEY* .. 3. | THOMAS J. ADES .. .. 7. |
| FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 4. | *HARRY DENMAN.. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by G. WATSON.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells and in the Borough of Hastings.

PEAL ADDITION.—The peal rung at Wortley on May 18th should have been published as a Yorkshire Association peal.

## Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MENDLESHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 30th, a date touch, 1898 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins, in the following methods: St. Simon's, Morning Star, Plain Bob, The Dream, Fortune, Grandsire, St. Dunstan's, and April Day. E. Youngs, 1; C. Nunn, 2; E. Buckingham, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5. First date touch since the bells have been rehung.

## Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HILLINGDON (Middlesex). — On Sunday evening May 1st, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Peddle, 1; A. Finch, 2; W. Odell, 3; W. Gosling, 4; H. S. Reeves, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. J. Pratt (conductor), 7; W. Honor (first quarter-peal), 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RINGMER (Sussex). — On Sunday afternoon, May 1st, 672 Bob Major. A. Seal, 1; A. Rooke, 2; F. Banks, 3; R. J. Dawe, 4; H.

Jones, 5; J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 6; C. Painter, 7; A. J. Turner, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, conducted by C. Painter.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. CROSS (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 29th, 720 St. Simon's Doubles. H. W. Hadingham, 1; E. Poppy, 2; W. R. Newham, 3; J. Betts (conductor), 4; J. Botwright, 6.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Major. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Betts, 2; C. Clarke, 3; F. Smith, 4; F. Munnings, 5; J. Botwright, 6; S. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8. Also 288 Oxford Treble Bob with E. Poppy, 5. S. Smith hails from Norwich.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Monday, May 30th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 22 mins. J. Howes, 1; W. E. Yates, 2; H. White, 3; T. Payne, 4; W. Jeffrey, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On April 21st, the Alton band paid a visit to Farnham, where they rang the first half of Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 36 mins. Rev. F. A. Whyley, 1; Miss F. Whyley, 2; Miss W. Whyley, 3; H. Garfath (conductor), 4; A. W. Evans, 5; G. Gasson, 6; F. Healey, 7; F. Noakes, 8. This is the longest touch by all except the conductor and the Rev. F. Whyley.

## THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HERTFORD.—On Thursday, April 14th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss M. McMullen and Mr. B. H. R. Daltry, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Parcell, 1; W. Wheeler, 2; J. Staples, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; J. F. Harvey (conductor), 5; G. Barker, 6; S. Knight, 7; J. Ladley, 8. Composed by G. Nunn.

## THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FRIESTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service at St. Botolph's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. M. Rylatt (conductor), 1; F. Devoto, 2; A. O. Barber, 3; F. Davey, 4; J. Goodwin, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; T. Boyer, 7; L. Goodwin, 8. A 504, standing as before with the exception that a Kent gentleman rang the 5th. On Sunday, April 17th, 168 Grandsire Triples. M. Rylatt (conductor), 1; F. Devoto, 2; A. O. Barber, 3; F. Davey, 4; J. Goodwin, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; T. Boyce, 7; L. Goodwin, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Whalley, 1; M. Rylatt (conductor), 2; F. Devoto, 3; F. Davey, 4; J. Goodwin, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; T. Boyer, 7; L. Geodwin, 8.

## THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY, DUBLIN.

DUBLIN.—On Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Lindoff, 1; J. W. Taylor, jun. (Loughborough), 2; H. Greene, 3; R. Greene, 4; C. Murray, 5; R. Greene, 6; R. R. Cherry (conductor), 7; E. Lister, 8. Tenor 45 cwt.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, April 20th, at the parish church, 1920 London Surprise Major, in 1 hr. 18 mins. This was an attempt for a peal, but the bells were brought round. T. Wakeman, 1; J. O. Bennett, 2; N. Davis, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; J. Pagett, 8. And 448 Superlative. J. O. Bennett, 1; T. Wakeman, 2; N. Davis, 3; J. Pagett, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; J. Barber, 6; E. C. Hunt, 7; W. H. Smith, 8.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Wednesday, April 6th, 216 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith (conductor), 5; W. H. Lawrence, 6. On Saturday, April 9th, 360 Bob Minor standing as before. Longest length in the method by A. Wright. On Wednesday, April 13th, 360 Bob Minor standing as before. Also two 6-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. A. Wright, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; F. Whitmore, 6. On Wednesday, April 20th, an attempt for a 720 Bob Minor was made, but came to grief at forty-eight changes from home. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Lawrence, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith (conductor), 5; A. Livings (first 120), 6. On Sunday morning, April 24th, for Divine Service, 108 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor). 6. For afternoon service two 6-scores of Grandsire called differently, and 120 Bob Doubles. W. Livings, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; F. Whitmore, 6.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

BRIXTON (Surrey).—On Thursday, June 2nd, at St. John's church, Vassall Road, the whole pull and stand was rung for the late Mr. John Nelms. Afterwards the first 658 Holt's Original (non-conducted). W. H. Webber, 1; H. Barton, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; V. W. West, 4; G. E. Symonds, 5; J. Davis, 6; G. Wild, 7; F. Gentry, 8. Umpire—W. Weatherstone. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Monday, May 23rd, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 54 mins. F. Nunn, 1; H. Gowers, 2; *E. D. Lillywhite, 3; J. Mardell, 4; W. Miller, 5; *R. Elliott, 6; F. Perrin, 7; T. H. Beams (conductor), 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. Also for practice three courses of Bob Major. A. Abrahams, 1; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 2; F. Perrin, 3; T. H. Beams, 4; J. Mardell, 5; F. Butler, 6; F. Nunn, 7; E. T. Edridge, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. R. Elliott, 1; F. Perrin, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; F. Nunn, 4; E. D. Lillywhite, 5; F. Butler, 6; T. H. Beams, 7; E. T. Edridge, 8. Also a course of Grandsire Triples. A. Butler, 1; A. Abrahams, 2; R. Elliott, 3; J. Mardell, 4; E. T. Edridge, 5; F. Butler, 6; W. Abrahams, 7; F. Perrin, 8. And a course with G. B. Lucas, jun. on the treble.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

BRAWNTON (Devon).—On Monday, May 30th, at the church of St. Brennock, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. *H. Channon, 1; W. Godfrey, 2; L. Wilson, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; J. Godfrey, 5; J. Baker, 6; A. Pike (conductor), 7; J. Lovering, 8. *First quarter-peal.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND.—On Wednesday, March 30th, 720 College Single. G. Morris (first 720 in any method), 1; J. South, 2; R. Evans, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; W. Hardwick, 5; J. Cox (conductor). 6. On Sunday, April 3rd, 720 College Single. D. J. Hurford (first in the method), 1; W. Hardwick, 2; J. South, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; R. Evans, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 10th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans, 3; W. Hardwick, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6.

PENARTH.—On Monday, May 30th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hummel, 1: J. Evans, 2; J. Cox, 3; D. J. Hurford, 4; W. Hardwick, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. And 360 College Single. A. Spracklen, 1; D. Thomas, 2; R. Evans, 3; W. Hardwick, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 5th, 720 College Single. W. Hummel, 1; A. Spracklen (first in the method), 2; J. Cox, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; J. South, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6.

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BANGOR (North Wales).—Recently at St. David's church, 360 Bob Minor, 240 Grandsire Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 252, 168 and 432 Stedman Triples, 504 and 672 Grandsire Triples. The ringers were the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Messrs. Gayton, Jakeman, Taylor, Davies, Crane, Scutt, Hobbs and Morris. Also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by J. George. S. Taylor, 1; Rev. T. Lewis Jones, 2; J. Gayton, 3; J. H. Midwinter, 4; G. Salter, 5; P. W. Davies, 6; M. J. Morris (conductor), 7; W. Crane, 8.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, May 24th, at the parish church, Clifton, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Gist, 1; S. Thomas, 2; R. Clark, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; A. Harvey, 5; J. Jones, 6; C. Thomas, 7; W. Holder, 8.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, April 1898, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 1056 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Tann (conductor), 1; H. Matthews, 2; J. Boughton, 3; R. Whiting, 4; F. Surridge, 5: C. Baker, 6; C. Tann, 7; F. Borrett, 8.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Saturday, April 16th, on handbells at 20, Bedford Street, 1080 Treble Bob Royal. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; D. Harris, 3-4; E. Herbert, 5-6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7-8; S. Avis, 9-10. On Monday, April 18th, at the tower, 480 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; E. Herbert, 5; D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8. On Monday, April 25th, 464 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; M. Matthews, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. Chas. Herbert (conductor), 1; E. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; Rev.

W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8. On Monday, May 2nd, 688 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; M. Lane, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; E. Herbert, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triplss. D. Harris, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; M. Matthews, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; S. Avis, 5; E. Herbert, 6; M. Lane, 7; R. Marshall, 8. On Monday, May 16th, 336 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; C. Chasty (Bedford), 5; S. Avis, 6; E. Herbert, 7; M. Lane, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; E. Herbert, 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; C. Chasty, 5; D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8.

YAXLEY (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, May 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. E. Youngs, 1; G. Moss, 2; E. Buckingham, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; C. Nunn, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6.

YORK TOWN (Surrey).—On Wednesday, May 25th, 216 Grandsire Minor. F. Mustow, 1; A. Cousins, 2; C. Peirce, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; C. Smart, 5; B. Hawkins, 6. Also 108 in the same method with G. Prime, 1; C. Emery, 3; M. Steer, 5. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Boyles, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; B. Hawkins, 3; C. Smart, 4; A. Cousins, 5; M. Steer, 6; C. E. D. Boutflower, 7; F. Mustow, 8. Also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Bob Major with E. Collins, 8. Mr. Boutflower hails from Bristol.

## MUFFLED TOUCHES IN MEMORY OF MR. GLADSTONE.

*The following touches have been rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late* RIGHT HON. W. E. GLADSTONE:—

### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

LONGTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, May 28th, at St. John's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, with 4-6-8 covering. C. Harp, 1: W. Wade, 2; H. Pimlott, 3; G. Ray, 4; J. Rayson, 5; F. Boden, 6; G. Woods (conductor), 7; T. Harrison, 8. Also the usual whole pull and stand. The above was rung before the memorial service, which was held in the Town Hall. After service, 168 Grandsire Triples. T. Harrison, 1; W. Harrison, 2; W. Wade, 3; H. Pimlott, 4; C. Harp, 5; W. Rayson, 6; G. Woods (conductor), 7; F. Boden, 8. This is the first touch of Triples worthy of record by a local band.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex). — On Saturday, May 28th, 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Ellis, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; P. Tyler, 4; F. W. Rice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; G. Paice, 7; F. Merritt, 8. Also 504 in the same method by the same band, except F. Wickens, who rang the 4th. A 336 by the same band, and 168 with G. Ward (first touch of Triples), 1; J. Rice, 2; F. W. Rice, 3; J. Newnham, 4; G. Paice, 5; F. Wickens, 6; R. Jordan, 7; F. Merritt, 8. All the above were conducted by J. Rice.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent). — On Thursday, May 19th, 532 Grandsire Triples. J. Waylan, 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Steddy (conductor), 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Preston, 5; T. Wallis, 6; R. Jenner, 7; P. Smith, 8. On Sunday, May 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. J. Preston, 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Steddy, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Wallis, 5; T. Wallis, 6; E. Dunk (conductor), 7; J. Waylan, 8. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor (tenor covering). J. Waylan, 1; J. Wallis, 3; J. Preston (conductor), 4; T. Watts, 5; J. Heasman, 6; J. Edwards, 7; P. Smith, 8.

### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Thursday evening, May 19th, at St. Thomas's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. A. Pugh, 1; L. Pritchard, 2; A. J. Skelding, 3; W. Fryer, 4; A. Roberts (conductor), 5; G. H. Pagett, 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Pagett, 2: the rest as before. On Thursday, May 24th, 784 Bob Major. G. Underwood, 1; L. Pritchard, 2; H. Skelding, 3; F. Brace, 4: W. A. Pugh, 5; W. Fryer, 6; A. J. Skelding, 7; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. L. Pritchard, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; A. J. Skelding, 3; F. Brace, 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; J. Pagett, 7; A. Roberts (conductor), 8.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Saturday, May 28th, on the day of the funeral of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, 336 and 168 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled. H. Channon, 1; W. Godfrey, 2; *Rev. F. Knight, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; J. Godfrey, 5; J. Baker, 6; A. Pike, 7; J. Lovering, 8. *First touch with a bob bell.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Jordan, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. For evening service two 360s of Oxford Bob. A. Wales, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan, 6.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On May 23rd, for a special service in the morning, 420 Grandsire. Hannam, 1; Reynolds, 2; Harris, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; C. Groves, 6; Newman, 7; J. R. Webb, 8. And 420 Stedman. J. Harris, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; Symons, 4; Newman, 5; Reynolds, 6; Gould, 7; C. Ingram, 8. For evening service 252 Stedman. Hannam, 1; Pye, 2; Harris, 3; Matthews, 4; Gould, 5; Whiting, 6; Newman (conductor), 7; Ingram, 8. And 420 Stedman. Harper, 1; Groves, 2; Symons, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; H. Reynolds, 5; Whiting, 6; Pye (conductor), 7; Gould, 8.

### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRIDGEND.—On Sunday, May 22nd, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor. A. Spracklen, 1; J. Evans, 2; J. Cox, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; J. South, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Spracklen, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Bunstone, 3; R. Evans, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Saturday, May 28th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Spracklen, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6.

### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On May 28th, 320 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; W. Worthington, 3; J. Worthington, 4; J. Morton, 5; S. Robinson, 6; G. Marsden, 7; A. Worthington, 8.

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

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, May 19th, this being the third anniversary of the dedication of the bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Owens, 1; J. Grant, 2; G. Newton, 4; W. Hughes, 4: J. Hughes (conductor), 5; J. Evans, 6; J. Dillon, 7; C. Owens, 8.

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, May 28th, with the bells half-muffled, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caterr came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 55 mins. J. Spires, 1; H. Dawkes, 2; R. Pickering, 3; B. Dalton, 4; J. Jaggar, 5; W. G. Hall, 6; H. Knight, 7; A. Griffiths, 8; J. E. Groves (conductor), 9; G. Burrows, 10.

COLSTON BASSETT (Notts).—On Saturday, May 28th, by request of the Rector, (the Rev. A. J. Bennoch), 720 Canterbury Doubles. W. E. White, 1; J. H. Kirby, 2; J. J. Jackson, 3; W. White, 4; T. Squires, 5.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, May 19th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Ockwell, 1; A. Champion, 2; G. Dennis, 3; G. H. Champion, 4; H. Lampkin, 5; E. Dunster (conductor), 6. Also 96 Grandsire Minor. A. Champion, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; E. Dunster, 4; G. Dennis, 5; J. H. Champion, 6.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, May 28th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, but it came to grief after ringing about 1600 changes, in 62 mins. H. J. Selby, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; G. Steer, 3; M. Whatley, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; R. Stone, 8. On Whit-Sunday, 504 and 168 Stedman. H. J. Selby, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; A. V. Selby, 3; M. Whatley, 4; G. Steer, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone, 7; J. Heath, 8. For evening service, 336 and 224 Grandsire Triples. D. Wright (conductor), 1; G. B. Selby, 2; R. Stone, 3; S. A. Wright, 4; A. V. Selby, 5; M. Whatley, 6; J. Heath, 7; G. Steer, 8.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. HENRY S. THOMAS, OF OLD BATTERSEA, SURREY.

A gathering of considerable interest to the bell-ringing fraternity took place on Thursday, June 2nd, at the Green Lane schoolroom. Mr. Henry S. Thomas, who has been connected with the belfry of St. Mary's for 26 years, recently removed from the neighbourhood, and though, by desire of the Vicar and all concerned, he still retains the Mastership of the tower, it was felt that advantage should be taken of the occasion to tender a token of appreciation. Accordingly about fifty ringers and friends assembled under the presidency of the Rev. D. Tudor Craig.

Canon Erskine Clarke, the Vicar, wrote from Yorkshire, regretting

his inability to be present, and expressing gratitude to Mr, Thomas for his work in the parish; and Canon Toone, who was associated with the belfry over twenty years ago, wrote to say that though he had a preaching engagement elsewhere, he should endeavour to come in during a portion of the proceedings, as the occasion excited his warmest interest. Letters of regret were also received from Rev. J. Miles, Rev. H. Sheppard, and others.

The first part of the proceedings was devoted to harmony, good bitter ale, churchwarden pipes, and a plentiful supply of tobacco enhancing the pleasure of the listeners. It was discovered during the evening that several ringers who had known each other in days of yore now met for the first time in 25 years. Songs were sung by Mr. Orchard, Rev. C. T. Waring, and Messrs. Revell and Swetman. Mr. Henton then gave a violin solo, admirably executed and much applauded. Appropriately enough, the handbells were then requisitioned, and Messrs. Baron, Hopkins, Brighton, and Rogers rang a touch of Grandsire Triples in fine style.

The Chairman then spoke of Mr. Thomas's long connection with the belfry, comparing him to an old oak tree standing fast in spite of changes. Mr. Thomas, he said, was like that Grand Old Man they were all mourning, who had seen several generations go out, yet held on his way. But Mr. Thomas, fortunately, still retained his youth and geniality, and in the words of the address about to be presented, he trusted that he might enjoy the blessings of long life and good health. In the name of the Vicar, Clergy, Churchwardens, and Sidesmen, past and present, the bellringers of St. Mary's, Battersea, members of the institute, and other friends, he presented Mr. Thomas with an illuminated address, a handsome silver quadruple candelabra, and two reversible silver entree dishes The address ran as follows:—"Presented to Mr. Henry S. Thomas in commemoration of his services to the cause of bellringing during the past 25 years, both at the Church of St. Mary, Battersea, and elsewhere, by the Vicar, Clergy, Churchwardens, and officers of St. Mary, Battersea, and a few of his bellringing friends. With their best wishes that he may long enjoy the blessings of health and prosperity. Whitsuntide, 1898."

The company having assured the hero of the evening with much gusto that he was a jolly good fellow, and songs having been sung by Mr. Perry and Mr. Redfern, Mr. Thomas replied. His connection with the Parish Church, he said, commenced in 1872, and he had done his best ever since to maintain the reputation of St. Mary's, and to keep the bells in good ringing order. He had a keen recollection of a similar occasion in 1884, when he was presented with an address and a clock and ornaments, which he prized very highly indeed. Why they should give him another testimonial he could not understand, but he thanked all who had subscribed for their kindness, which he should never forget.

Mr. Wells made a good point by referring to the improved status of bellringers as compared with 30 years ago, when it was said that ringers were the most discreditable persons in the parish, as, while they were constantly ringing others to church, they never went themselves. Now the bellringer was respected everywhere, and he thought that they should acknowledge the work of *Church Bells* in this matter, and the efforts of such men as Canon Clarke and Mr. Thomas. Speeches by Mr. H. Gitsham, Rev. C. T. Waring, and others having followed, the musical proceedings were resumed, songs being sung by Messrs. Crust, Gitsham, Miller, Baron, Hopkins, Riddick, and the Chairman. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. HAROLD N. DAVIS.

The tower of St. John's, Waterloo Road, was the scene of an interesting ceremony on Wednesday, May 25th, when the above-named member of the Exercise was presented with a handsome marble clock, in commemoration of his marriage, by members of the Waterloo Society and other friends.

It came somewhat as a surprise to the general ringing community to hear that Mr. Davis had renounced celibacy and consequently only a few of his immediate friends were present at St. Giles', Camberwell, on April 9th, when the interesting event took place, but this was fully compensated for by the way in which his brother-strings responded to the calls made upon their generosity, and by their full attendance on the occasion in question.

Mr. W. Baron, sen., acted as spokesman and dwelt in a most interesting way upon the progress in the art which his young friend had made since the time when he called his first peal in 1891 He remarked that Mr. Davis had, through his own exertions, made a name for himself as a ringer and conductor, and in the sphere of composition he had few equals, having produced record peals in various methods. He concluded by wishing Mr. Davis and his partner in life every happiness and prosperity, and hoped he would be spared to continue the good work he had already done.

Mr, Davis, in a suitable response, thanked Mr. Baron on behalf of the subscribers to the testimonial, and said when he looked upon their beautiful present, he should remember the many happy hours he had spent in their company, and concluded by echoing Mr. Baron's wish that if he were spared he should place whatever talents he possessed at the disposal of the Waterloo Society.

## WALTON-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

There was a special service at the Parish Church, Walton-on-the-Wolds, on a recent Sunday evening, when the opening and dedication of the new clock took place. The clock has been given by Miss Mary Ann Mason, of Ealing, the only surviving daughter of Nicholas Mason, the last-born Mason of the family long resident at Walton. It is presented as a memorial to her family. Quarters are struck on the first and third bells, and hours on the tenor (which was put in by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, two years ago). The clock has faces on the north and south sides of the tower, that on the south being given by Michael Mason, of Colwick, Notts. There is an inscription in bronze, by Messrs. Tubbs and Farcy, of London, and this is placed in the tower porch. It reads as follows: "By the Mercy of God. This memorial clock of the Mason family was given by Mary Ann, of Ealing, Midx., only surviving daughter of Nicholas, the last-born Mason of many generations, at the Manor House, Walton-le-Wolds, Feb. 11th, 1792. He became a merchant of Wood-street, Cheapside, London. His nephew, Michael, of Colwick, Notts. adds the south face on the tower, 14th Decr, 1897." A similar inscription is on the clock frame. The Rev. T. Pitts, Rector of Loughborough and Rural Dean, performed the ceremony of dedication and preached. There was a very large congregation. After the sermon the preacher, the Rector (the Rev. Montague B. Bird), and the churchwarden (Mr. Wm. Daft) accompanied Miss Mason down the church, and the gift was made by her in the following words; "To the glory of God, and for the benefit of Hts Church and people, I give this clock to the Parish Church of Walton-on-the-Wolds in memory of my father and the Mason family" After two prayers the Rector handed to Miss Mason a string, and the clock was started by that lady to strike the hour of eight. In setting it going she used these words: "To the glory of God and for the use and the benefit of His people I faithfully and prayerfully start this clock." The service was then concluded. Besides Miss Mason, the following members of the Mason family were present:—Miss Zeta. W. Mason, Miss Gladys, W. Mason, Mr. Kenyon, W. Mason, and Mr. Carlton W. Mason.

## Ringers' Obsequies.

JOHN NELMS.—The remains of the late John Nelms were laid to rest on Saturday, June 4th, at Finchley Cemetery, amid manifestations of deep sorrow, some thirty or more ringers being present. Handbells were taken down, but owing to the number of interments, and being so close, it was deemed advisable not to touch them. Afterwards a move was made towards St. Sepulchre's, where the usual whole pull and stand was rung with bells half-muffled (the tenor wholly muffled) followed by touches of Grandsire Caters, by Mesers. Rogers, Doran, Mansfield, Barry, Taffender, Lovett, Wheeler, Matthews, Lewis, Jacob, Dains, Cattle, Turl and Sons, Moore and others.

JAMES GREEN.—On Friday, June 3rd, the remains of James Green, who for twenty-five years was a ringer at Clay Cross parish church (Derbyshire), were taken to their last resting place in Clay Cross cemetery. Deceased was sixty years of age, and respected by all who knew him. He had the misfortune to fall downstairs on Tuesday, May 31st, breaking the spine of his neck, thereby causing death. A service was held in the parish church by the Vicar, the Rev. H. S. Oldham, to which place the remains were borne by four of his brother ringers from his home, and thence by them to the hearse after the service. Four companions carried his remains from the hearse to the grave, and at deceased's wish the Doxology (which used to be sung after the business of his lodge was done), was sung. The burial service was read by the Vicar, after which Mr. Chas. Tratchly, of the Hand and Heart Lodge (of which deceased was a member) read the last rites of the Lodge. A number of wreaths were sent by friends of the deceased. The ringers of Clay Cross church, as a last tribute to their fellow-ringer, placed a wreath on his grave. After the funeral a muffled 700 of Canterbury Pleasure was rung by J. Maycock, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; J. W. Goodge, 3; F. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5: J. Cook, 6. On Sunday morning, with the bells still muffled, several touches were rung, and at the surrounding churches belonging to the Association. Muffled peals were also rung as a last tribute to their late departed "Uncle" Green, a name he was known by for many years. "In the midst of life we are in death."

## Notices.

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**The Chester Diocesan Guild.** — **Wirral Branch.**—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held at Rock Ferry to-day, Saturday, June 11th, at 6 p.m. Leaders of towers are requested to let the Hon. Sec. know how many will attend. HENRY WOOLCOTT, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wells to-day, Saturday, June 11th. Dinner in the Gymnasium, in High Street, at 12.30 p.m. at 2s. each (1s. only to members). Business meeting to follow when the annual report will be presented and the election of officers take place. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Bath and Wells, president of the association, has kindly promised to attend the dinner and business meeting. At 2.15 p m. the Bishop will give a special address to the members in the Cathedral, after which they will attend the afternoon service there. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available after morning service and again after the afternoon service until 7 p.m.; St. Cuthbert's bells (8) also during the day (except at 11.30, when there is a service in the church), and St. John's, Glastonbury (8).
HENRY W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

**Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James's church, Birch-in-Rusholme, to-day, Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.
W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Staines to-day, Saturday, June 11th. Ringing to commence at 5 o'clock.
C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Huyton (six bells) to-day, Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 p.m. HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — A** meeting of this Association will be held at Cheddleton, on Saturday, June 18th. Members who intend to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Gilbert, Cheddleton.
REV. W. D. BRAGINTON, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will take place (not at Pershore as arranged on Easter Monday at the Annual Meeting), but by the kind permission of the vicar, the Rev. W. Stanley, at Bengeworth, Evesham, on Saturday, June 18th. A short service will be held in the church at 5.30. Business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. The tower and bells are at the disposal of members. The bells of the Evesham Campanile will also be at the disposal of members. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Old East Derbyshire Association.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at The Green Dragon inn, Dronfield on Saturday, June 25th, at 5 p.m. prompt. Agenda—Resignation of Hon. Secretary and other routine business. Peal of six bells; Midland Railway; church close to station.
E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—District Meeting at Aldenham on Saturday, June 25th. Further particulars next week.
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing on the Cathedral bells from two to four o'clock, after which the committee meeting will be held in the belfry. Short service at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's church. Tea at 5.30 at the Coffee House, to be followed by General Meeting. Tickets for tea sixpence each to those only who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling each. Numbers to be sent in not later than the 21st instant to
S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, *Bull Street, Westbromwich.*

**The Waterloo Society, London.** — There will be no practice at St. John's, Waterloo Road, during June in consequence of services.
HARRY BARTON, *Master.*

### YORK MINSTER.

There will be an opportunity for ringing visitors to York Gala on the 15th, 16th, and 17th of June at York Minster, when the bells will be rung at noon and at 5.30 after Evening Prayer, when they will be made welcome.
W. H. HOWARD.

### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD.—This peal was rung strictly non-conducted, not a word being spoken or a sign given from start to finish. The average age of the band is 25, on whom it reflects credit, as the majority has only called the peal once or twice before. It was also Mr. Barton's first attempt for the above composition. Mr. F. Perrin kindly acted as umpire, and ticked off each bob lead as it came up. It was rang at the first attempt.

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By F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

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### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Members of the above please note that the new address of A. W. Pike, assistant Hon. Secretary, is "Lanhydrock," St. Bartholomew's Road, Reading, to which place all communications respecting vouchers and certificates should be sent.

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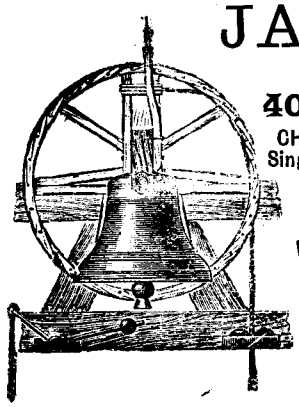

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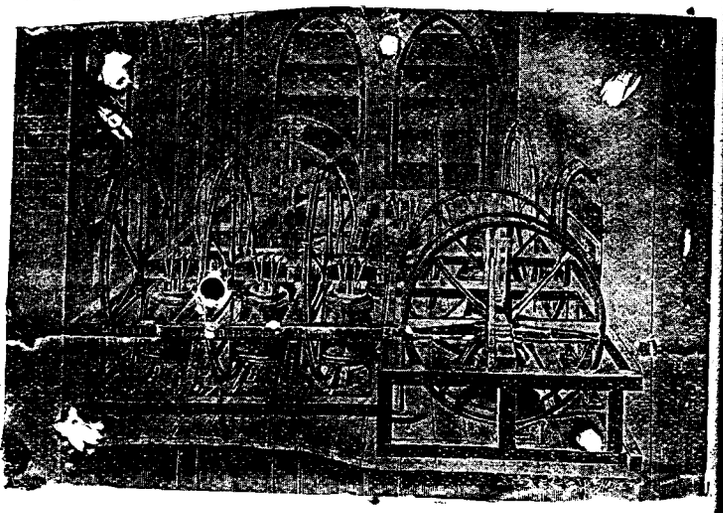

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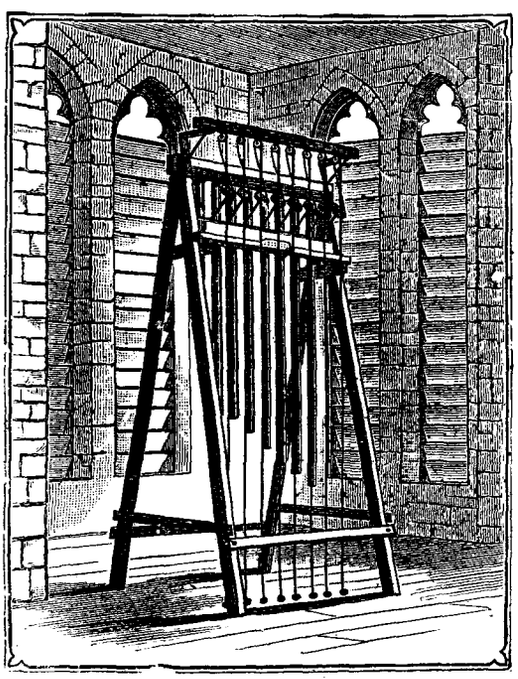

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(*Continued from page 5.*)

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PEAL VALUES.

The President said this report, as prepared by Mr. Attree, had already been published and, no doubt, perused. The work had been done with great care, and the thanks of the Council were due to Mr. Attree for the labour aud care he had expended on the matter.

Mr. Attree, in moving the adoption of the report, said it was not to be expected that the Committee would be unanimous upon the question of values; but their differenees had not been of great importance, or sufficient to justify an alteration of the schedule first devised. There was one point to be considered; viz., what points should be given for new methods. He thought Oxford Surprise should have 30 points; Gloucester and Westminster 25 each. There was a new method by Mr. James for which a value would be required. His own band were going to ring it, and would like to have a name tor the method.

The Rev. E. B. James thought the band to ring the first peal should have the privilege of conferring the name.

Mr. Attree said his band would gladly find a name for the method, which he thought came next in value of points to London. With respect to the question of points for Double Norwich Royal and Caters, if the Committee had to deal with the matter, he should recommend that either was equal to Double Norwich Bob Major.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. Trollope said he did not think that justice had been done to either Double Norwich Royal or Maximus, for to ring either you must learn it upon the number of bells for which it was designed. With Duffield it was different. That method was first introduced with the intention of furnishing a method that could be rung on ten and twelve bells by any one who had learnt it on eight. It was not so with Double Norwich Royal or Maximus. For Double Norwich Maximus 25 points were to be the value, while Stedman Triples were to have 24. There was only one band in England that could ring Double Norwich Maximus, whereas there were fifty bands that could ring Stedman Triples. He thought the value of points should be equal to those for tbe simpler Surprise methods.

Mr. Cockerill said while agreeing with Mr. Trollope, he should like to point out that Superlative was to have 25, Cambridge 40, and London 50. He thought there was too big a jump from Superlative to Cambridge, especially as there was only a difference of 10 between Cambridge and London. He thought there should be a greater difference as between Cambridge and London.

Mr. Wakley said if London was to have 50 points, he thought Superlative, Cambridge, and New Cumberland should be almost equal one with another. That was the opinion at Burton, where they considered that Cambridge was as easy to learn and as easy to ring as Superlative; therefore the conclusion arrived at was that if London was to have 50, each of the methods referred to should have 30 each. He would move accordingly.

Mr. Cockerill seconded.

The Rev. E. James asked if the Council was going to settle this question in a kind of haphazard way. Should it not be properly worked out on a mathematical system. He had himself worked out a portion, and had come very near to the points of value as given by Mr. Attree.

Mr. White said he was at once struck with the number of points given for Superlative and Cambridge. He had looked at them, and could not see why Cambridge should have 60 per cent. more than Superlative. He could not see where the difference was between the value of the two methods. If Cambridge was to have 40, then London ought to have 80. He thought that too large a proportion of points were given to Cambridge.

Mr. Pritchett objected to putting Cambridge on an equality with Superlative, and suggested that the former should have 35 points.

Mr. Snowdon agreed with Mr. Attree, who had given great attention to the matter.

Mr. Williams agreed with the remarks made by Mr. Cockerill. He thought the methods were about on an equal, but considered if any difference were made, that New Cumberland should come next to London, and that Cambridge should only have at the most five points above Superlative.

Mr. Attree said he was somewhat surprised at the remarks of the last speaker. It was more difficult to get a band for Cambridge than it was for Superlative. There were bands that were safe for Superlative but not for Cambridge. It was much more easy to get a band to ring Superlative than it was to get a band to ring Cambridge. Bands after ringing Superlative went on to Cambridge, and having rung that went on to London. So far as his own band were concerned, he considered them more safe in Superlative than in Cambridge. He should be pleased to make any alteration desired, and would if necessary again go through the work already done.

The President did not think it would be necessary to upset the whole of the schedule if the proposal was adopted.

Mr. Attree: Not at all.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried.

Mr. Trollope repeated his question as to the value of points for Double Norwich Maximus.

Mr. Attree said such a peal was beyond his depth, for there were no peals of twelve in his county. He had not therefore the opportunity of learning the method.

The President suggested that Mr. Trollope should communicate with the Committee.

Mr. Snowdon said he thought some consideration should be given for the weight of the metal. When a peal was rung upon bells with a tenor of say over 30 cwt., he thought it should have a greater number of points. He would suggest that the Committee should reconsider this part of the question. They had upon the Council the man who had performed the feat of England—he referred to the ringing of St. Paul's Cathedral tenor in a peal, which was a noble performance. If such a feat as this, or any peal on a really heavy ring of bells was not allotted extra points, it would tend to unfairly discourage these grand performances in which mental and physical endurance were both essentials. Four hours' hard work on a heavy ring of bells, which equally distressed mind and body, could not be compared with 3 hours on some of the lighter rings of to-day. A peal might occupy four hours on a heavy ring because of the slow "go" of the bells, which will take their time: where slow ringing was required it should be encouraged. His late brother in bis history of Treble Bob had laid special emphasis on the grand weight of metal that had been used when the two great London societies were honourably competing with one another; in other words neither society looked about for a light ring on which to try and beat the adversary. He would move that it be an instruction to the Committee to arrange some scheme of points that would take any weight of metal over a 30 cwt. tenor into account.

Mr. O'Meara seconded.

Mr. Attree in reply said the value of points was considered from a mental not physical standpoint. So soon as it was looked upon otherwise, the whole aspect of the question would be altered. He had not the advantage of practising upon a very heavy ring, but would venture to say that if some of those in the habit of ringing heavy bells attempted to ring some of their light rings, they find it much more difficult. One advantage the

ringer of a heavy bell had was he had the pleasure of listening to a greater volume of sound each blow that was struck, than the ringer of a light bell, and therefore enjoyed it more.

The motion was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Cockerill said when a peal was published under the name of two or more societies, Mr. Attree only took into account the name of the first. Sometimes when a peal was rung in the country, the name of the county or Diocesan Association stood first. It was to some extent a matter of choice. It was thought however that both societies should receive the points. Both societies booked the peal, and yet in the analysis only one got the points.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said this question was decided some time back, when it was resolved that only one society—that whose name stood first—should receive the points. It was also decided that only one name should be used in the publication of peals in "THE BELL NEWS."

The Hon. Secretary said a resolution as mentioned by the last speaker was adopted at Oxford in 1893.

Mr. Story said he thought the length of performance should be considered with the difficulty of the method rung, so as to give a long length of Surprise a greater number of points, in proportion, than was given to the same length of Treble Bob.

Mr. Attree said the Committee had done what they were requested to do. If they carried out the views of the last speaker, they would have to undo what they had already done.

The President said he considered the Committee had done their very best to meet the requirements of the Exercise. It would be impossible for them to do everything that would please everybody. It would be open for the Council from time to time to make alterations as required. New methods might come out requiring consideration. There was nothing to prevent them making alterations from year to year, if required, but at present there could not be any doubt that the best had been done that could be to meet the present requirements of the Exercise, reserving the right to the Council to bring forward at any time any fresh point. To attempt too much now might make it more complicated. He was himself surprised at the accuracy which had been achieved.

Mr. Attree said that now Cambridge, Superlative and New Cambridge were to have equal points he would propose that Westminster, Gloucester, Oxford and Norfolk should have the same number of points.

Mr. Williams seconded.

The proposal was adopted.

The President said it would be desirable for the committee to make a note of the expression of opinion by members of the Council, so that they could have something from which to refresh their memory upon the points which had been mentioned.

Mr. Trollope asked if it was necessary to move any resolution as to the points for Double Norwich Maximus.

The President said the Committee could deal with the question, and it would come up for confirmation.

The Rev. E. B. James asked what position as regards points would Cambridge Royal now have, as Cambridge Major had fallen.

Mr. Attree moved, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that Cambridge Royal should have forty points.

The Rev. E. B. James moved that no reduction be made. He considered it worth more points than forty. It was equal to London Surprise. It was the only method that could claim equality with London.

Mr. Ward seconded.

Mr. Attree said in Stedman Caters the addition of the two extra bells made it more easy. He could not see where the difficulty came in.

Mr. Pritchett said he considered that the question should be left in the hands of the Committee, who could look into the matter, and give what number of points they considered right.

The amendment was carried by a large majority, and the report of the Committee, with the alterations made at the meeting, were adopted.

Mr. Attree announced that in future the name of Mr. George Baker would appear in connection with his own. Mr. Baker had already greatly assisted him in the preparation of the analysis.

ORIGINAL COMPOSITION AND VARIATION.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in moving the adoption of the report of the Peal Collection Committee on Original Composition and Variation, which has already appeared in our columns, said the Committee had not attempted to lay down any hard and fast line upon either original composition or variation.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker seconded.

The President thought that the Committee had covered all the ground which it could be expected to cover.

The report was adopted.

*(To be continued.)*

## ELTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

The members of the Oundle First Deanery Association held their fourth annual meeting at Elton, for although the parish is out of tbe deanery and diocese, the Association was glad enough to have the use of the fine bells and to welcome the ringers. The fine bells hang in a noble tower, known and admired by all who go by train between Elton and Oundle stations, and they are by far the heaviest in the neighbourhood, the tenor being 14¾ cwt. in weight, and sounding the deep note E, one whole tone above the tenor at Oundle. Seven ringers were present Elton, four from Warmington, six from Benefield, five from Stoke Doyle, and one from Oundle and Cotterstock. The festival sermon was preached by the Rev. F. P. Flood, vicar of Warmington, and he showed those present how best they might carry out the objects for which they were banded together and become better ringers, better men, and better Churchmen. The rector presided at tea, and at the business meeting the toast of "Success to the Association" was given by Mr. Brawn, to which the Rev. G. M. Edmonds briefly replied, saying success bad attended their society, both from a business and pleasure point of view, for they had a substantial balance in hand, and had en(oyed their day, thanks to the good arrangements made, and the hearty welcome given by the people of Elton. Not much change-ringing was accomplished except by the Stoke Doyle band, who rang some 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

## WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

It has been recorded that the sound of a bell was well known at Whitby as far back as the year 680, but never before were the bells of St. Mary's Church heard to such advantage as on May 28th and two following days, when a band of ringers hailing from Middlesbro' and district, at the kind invitation of the Rector (Canon Austin) and his Churchwardens, took up their quarters at The Angel hotel for the week end.

The old peal of six, tenor 17 cwt., which are by Lester and Pack, were cast in 1762, and have recently had two trebles added to them through the generosity of Mr. Steavenson, one of Whitby's most respected townsmen, as a fitting and lasting jubilee memorial to our Lady Queen and Sovereign. The two new bells are quite in keeping with the firm's (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) reputation, and make up a lustric peal of eight. During the week end touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, including 1024 of the latter, also an unsuccessful attempt for a 5000, when the bells had to be set up after ringing one hour and twenty-five minutes. The ringers taking part were Thomas Clarke (Robin Hood's Bay), Rev. W. P. Wright (Stokesley), R. Haswell (Guisbro'), — Cotteril (Guisbro'), G. F. Alexander (late of Bungay now of Whitby), J. H. Blakiston, J. H. Jones, J. Carter, R. Fenwick, J. W. Passman, T. Metcalfe, A. McFarlane, R. Alcock (Middlesbro'), T. Stephenson, and W. Newton (Stockton).

The visitors wish to thank through this paper, all those who helped to make this outing so enjoyable, also the Rector and Churchwardens for their kindness and hospitality, not forgetting Mr. Corner, sen., who was so indefatigable in his efforts as to our comforts. B.

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## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### Annual Meeting at Northampton.

Northampton was again chosen as the place for the holding of the annual meeting of the above Association on Whit-Monday, and there was a good attendance. The bells of the churches of St. Giles (ten), St. Peter's (eight), St. Edmund's (eight), and All Saints' (eight), were placed at liberty for ringing during the day.

Ringing ceased at all the churches at 12.30, and the bells of St. Peter's were nicely chimed for Divine Service at one o'clock. There was a large congregation, the Rev. E. N. Tom, the esteemed rector of the parish, occupying a seat near the pulpit. The prayers were read by the Rev. A. Granger (curate of St. Peter's), the first lesson by the Rev. H. C. Holmes, and the second by the Rev. E. C. Channer. The organist of St. Peter's, Miss Risbee, and a number of the choir boys were present. This added much to the brightness and dignity of the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, Rector of Wilbye, who based an able and much appreciated discourse on the following text, taken from the 22nd and 23rd verses of the first chapter of the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians:—"And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the Church, Which is His body the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." The carefully selected hymns were sung most heartily, and the volume of sound arising from the voices of nearly 100 robust ringers will long be remembered. It gave much gratification to the clergy and organist.

Next followed a luncheon at The Peacock hotel. Tables were laid for 100, and with one or two exceptions the seats were filled. The chair was taken by the President of the Association, the Ven. R. P. Lightfoot, Archdeacon of Oakham and rector of Uppingham. At the conclusion of the dinner the Rev. J. Dun, the Hon. Treasurer, said he was pleased to state that the balance at the bank was £24 2s. 7d., so that the Association was shown to be in a thoroughly solvent condition and doing a good work.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Dennes), said the receipts for the year amounted to £15 11s. 7d., and the expenditure £15 0s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £1 11s. 1d. He reported with pleasure as to the work in connection with the bells which had been carried out at Finedon and Raunds, and was contemplated at Rushden and St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, especially noting the fact of the gift of clock chimes and carrillons to St. Matthew's church by Mr. Pickering Phipps. The report and statement of accounts were unanimously agreed to.

Six Honorary Members and twenty-eight Ringing Members were elected. It was decided to hold the next Quarterly Meeting at Raunds on August 27th.

Upon the proposition of the chairman thanks were accorded to the Incumbents and Churchwardens of the different parishes who had allowed them the use of the bells; the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell for his excellent sermon; and also to the ringers in the different belfries in Northampton. The vote was first replied to by the Rev. W. St. George Coldweli, and next by Alderman W. Tomes (ex-churchwarden of St. Edmunds), who some few years since gave a peal of bells for the belfry of that parish.

Votes of thanks to the Hon. Secretary and the chairman concluded the proceedings. The Archdeacon promised to be present next year. The members very much appreciate his kindness in coming such a distance year by year to preside at their meeting.

The impressive service in the most beautiful old Norman church of St. Peter, the excellent luncheon, the ample opportunity given to all to get a good turn at the ropes, the kindly consideration and general good feeling pervading, and the most enjoyable finish in that fine room at The Peacock hotel in the evening, all helped to render this meeting a complete success. Members were pleased to see their genial old friend, Mr. Barrow, of Long Eaton, once more, and also to make the acquaintance of Mr. Aldham, of long peal fame. This large gathering of Church Bell Ringers in Northampton has now become a recognised annual event. The number of members at present belonging to the Association makes the privilege of the use of several rings of bells very valuable, and the hearty welcome given by the local ringers and clergy, testifies that the arrangement is agreeable to them as well as to the benefit and advantage of the Central Northamptonshire Association.

Ere another Whitsuntide comes round the bells of the church of St. Sepulchre will doubtless have been rehung and increased to eight. They are in the hands of Mears and Stainbank, of London.

Those who had not previously seen St. Peter's church, were struck by the beauty of this the finest example, probably, of a pure Norman interior in England. The church was restored under the supervision of the late Sir Gilbert Scott. At the west end of the south aisle is a tablet to the memory of Dr. William Smith, the Father of English Geology.

## RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

In connection with the augmentation of bells at this place, reported last week, a writer in the *Southend Observer* says:—

"It was an interesting ceremony at Rayleigh church the other day, when the Archdeacon of Essex dedicated two bells to complete the octave. The bells had been presented in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee, and the service was a Masonic one. Archdeacon Stevens is a well-known member of the Craft; and Bro. W. H. Judd, the present W.M. of Trinity Lodge, which meets at Rayleigh, is an enthusiastic campanologist. The Archdeacon's sermon showed that the venerable preacher has more than a passing interest in bells and bell-ringing; and altogether it was one of the most impressive services it has been my lot to attend. The Archdeacon told several little anecdotes; and I was not surprised to hear him trot out the story of the man who sold his flock of sheep in order to purchase a bell for St. Albans abbey, and who, when he heard the vesper bell, used to say, "How sweetly my lambs are bleating!" That story has had a good round, and still stands telling again. I think everyone in Rayleigh Church on Thursday found the Archdeacon's sermon not only interesting, but mainly original in the way of illustration and anecdote."

## UPPINGHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

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

"A Loyal Subject" writes: "Next Monday will complete the 61st year of the Queen's reign; Wednesday will be the anniversary of the Jubilee. Most of your readers will doubtless agree with me that all ringers should make a special endeavour to celebrate one or other of these days by a touch in the early morning, or at some other time. I have however observed such a surprising neglect of Accession Day in many belfries that I venture to call your readers' attention to its near approach. It may be as well to add that Tuesday, 28th June, will be the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation."

Wollaston (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, May 17th, at St. James' church, 720 College Single. A. J. Skelding, 1; A. Roberts, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. A. J. Skelding (first in the method), 1; F. Brace (first in the method), 2; H. Dakin, 3; J. H. Parsons, 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6.

Finchley (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 17th, after Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles) in 21 mins. W. Russell, 1; T. W. Tubb, 2; E. W. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; W. Piekworth, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

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## OPENING OF JUBILEE BELLS AT FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

Tuesday, May 24th last, was a complete red-letter-day in the annals of this village. No more appropriate date could have been fixed for the dedication of the new bells—the Diamond Jubilee Memorial—than the birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. Divine Service was held at 5.30, and there was a full congregation, including among many other notable persons, the following clergy of the neighbouring parishes: Revs. B. Blake (Stoke), U. J. Easson (Stoke), C. A. Raymond (Bray), H. Archer (Dorney), J. B. Shackle (Dropmore), W. Francis (Langley), A. Fearon (Horton), T. Read Davies (Farnham), and A. Browne (Beaconsfield). The well-known hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," was sung as a processional, the choir and the following clergy entering at the west door: Rev. H. C. Wilder (Rector of Farnham), Rev. A. H. Wood (curate of Farnham), the Rev. the Provost of Eton, Rev. H. P. Eliot (Rector of Slough), Rev. T. W. Carr (Rector of Barming), Rev. A. H. Drummond (Vicar of All Saints, Maidenhead), and the Rev. R. P. Newhouse (curate of All Saints). With his accustomed ability, Mr. A. M. Slatter presided at the organ, and the singing was heartily rendered by the choir. Evensong to the third collect was read by the Rev. A. H. Wood, and Tallis's festal responses were sung. The first lesson was read by the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, and the second lesson by the Rev. A. H. Drummond. The psalms were sung to chants 257 and 262 (Cathedral Psalter). A short voluntary was played after the third collect, followed by an excellent sermon by the Rev. T. W. Carr, who took for his text Psalm cl. 5: "Praise Him upon the loud cymbals; Praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals."

After the sermon the clergy and choir proceeded to the tower entrance, where a special dedicatory service was held. Several responses were sung, also Psalm cl. (Grand Chant). The Rev. the Provost of Eton then offered prayer, after which psalm 122 was sung. Then as the bells were rung the procession returned to the chancel, and the hymn, "In Sinai's dreary waste," was sung to a tune composed by the organist. A collection in aid of the bells fund realised £3 7s. 8d. The Rector then pronounced the blessing; and the congregation as they left the church had the extreme gratification of hearing a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, rung by a mixed band. The choir and ringers, numbering altogether about 50, afterwards partook of tea at the rectory. Ringers (in addition to the local company) were in attendance from Beaconsfield, Fulmer, Stoke Poges, Slough, Windsor, Old Windsor, Maidenhead, Burnham, Marlow, Bray, Uxbridge, Ealing, and Hughenden.

After tea the Rector, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked the ringers for their attendance and support. They must all congratulate themselves upon having attained their long-wished-for peal of eight bells. The most interested person was, undoubtedly, Mr. Parker, and he had great pleasure in presenting him with a very interesting memento of the occasion, viz.: a volume entitled "The Church Bells of Bucks," in which was a suitable inscription, and the names of the subscribers—the Rector and eight ringers. The Rector also presented Mr. Allder of Burnham with a book on bells, in recognition of the successful manner in which the bells had been hung.

Mr. Parker expressed his acknowledgement of the gift, and said that he should value it very highly. Mr. Allder also felt very gratified at receiving such an unexpected present.

The ringers then returned to the tower and rung touches of Stedman, Oxford, Bob, and Grandsire Triples, and Treble Bob Major; and general satisfaction was expressed at the greatly-improved and augmented peal, the go of which leaves nothing to be desired.

The old original ring of six were cast at the Whitechapel foundry in 1752, the 3rd and 4th were recast at the same foundry in 1876, and now the old treble and 5th have been recast, and two trebles added to complete the octave, making a charming ring of eight, which reflect additional lustre upon the well-known firm of Mears and Stainbank.

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The 19th annual meeting of this association was held on Whit-Monday, at Lewisham. After the record last year at Canterbury, the attendance of members must have seemed rather small. The towers of Lewisham, Deptford (St. John's), and Woolwich, were open for ringing both morning and afternoon, and Greenwich and Lee in the afternoon.

The Central Committee met at 11 o'clock, but all except formal busines was postponed, partly owing to the usual lack of time available on these occasions, and partly to the absence of the Hon. Secretary (Rev. F. J. Helmore) through indisposition.

The annual service was held at 11.30 a.m. at St. Mary's, Lewisham, and was fairly attended. The Vicar (Rev. S. Bickersteth) preached. The offertory for the Association's belfry repairs fund amounted to £1 1s. 9d.

The dinner was served in the parish hall, the Vicar presiding. Besides the clergy and the organist, there were present Mr. E. C. Sinkler, churchwarden of Lewisham; Rev. C. E. Escreet, Rector of Woolwich; and members from all parts of the county to the number of 140, among whom were two lady members, Miss Airey, of Greenwich, and Miss Macalpine Leny.

The Secretary's report was read by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. The election of officers and committee was then proceeded with; a business soon disposed of by the re-election of those holding office last year. A proposal was made to add one or two more practising members to the Committee; but it was pointed out that the general meeting could only elect honorary members, but that the Committee had power to add to its number. Mr. Groombridge (Sevenoaks) proposed that the December meeting of the Committee should be held in each district in turn, but it was not carried, the general feeling being that the place of meeting was a matter for the Committee themselves to settle.

The company then adjourned, some to ring, others to look about the neighbourhood. Thanks are due to the incumbents of the several churches, but especially to the Vicar of Lewisham for his kind co-operation and welcome of the Association. No votes of thanks were passed, but all present would have joined heartily in one to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter for resuming for the occasion the office of Honorary Secretary, and ably performing the manifold duties falling upon that officer at the annual gathering.

## WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

The new ring of six bells recently hung in the tower of the church, Willington, by Mears and Stainbank, has just been dedicated. The day, unfortunately, was anything but spring-like. Showers fell incessantly, nevertheless the church was well filled when the dedicatory service commenced. There were many beautiful decorations in the chancel. The form of service was co-ordinate with that used in the Ely diocese at the dedication of church bells, the special anthems being based on Psalms cl. and cxxxii. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. W. A. Carroll, Rector of Bickley, Kent.

Members of the Bedfordshire Association received an invitation to officiate at the dedication, and attended from Bedford and Woburn. Ringing friends were also present from Roxby and Sandy; "friends," says our correspondent, "who ought to become members of the Association, considering the amount of instruction they have received from that body, free of expense; and the subscription is only one shilling per annum." After the service the following excellent 7oos were rung: Kent, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob; Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and Bob Singles.

## BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

On Saturday evening last, a friendly meeting was held at St. Michael's, upwards of 20 ringers from the neighbourhood being present. The bells were raised at 7.0, and Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples rung up till about 8.50, when the bells were lowered, everyone expressing their delight at having attended such a meeting. The conducting was shared between Messrs. N. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden) and H. J. Tucker (Bishops Stortford).

## Ringers' Outings.

THE HORNCASTLE SOCIETY.—On Whit-Monday, three members of the Horncastle branch of the North Lincolnshire Association rode over to Timberland to ring with the local band. After two hours' pedal-grinding against wind and rain, we arrived at our destination in a more or less comfortable condition. The bells were raised, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. G. Elkington, H. King, G. M. Morton, W. J. Taylor, F. Curtis, A. Howes (conductor). And a course of Oxford Treble Bob. After partaking of a hearty tea, most kindly provided by the local company, we rung some short touches, also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: A. Sharp, H. King, F. Cobb, A. West, A. Howes, G. Elkington (conductor). The visitors arrived home about midnight, all agreeing that despite the weather it was a most enjoyable and profitable outing.

THE ST. ALPHEGE (CANTERBURY) SOCIETY.—On Whit-Monday the members of this society had their annual outing, the place selected being Deal. Accompanied by the Rector the party left Canterbury in a pair-horse brake at 7.30, and arrived at the village of Ash at 9.0, where a stop was made for a pull on the bells, which were soon going in Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Proceeding, Deal was reached about 11 o'clock, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. by J. Fox, M. W. Pierce, P. H. Pierce, F. Brett, A. Saxby, F. Marriott. This is the first 700 of Oxford on the bells. Dinner was then partaken of at The Beach House hotel, after which the company walked to Walmer and attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, which came to an end after about 40 mins. ringing. Returning to Deal tea was served, the home journey being commenced at 7.30, Canterbury being reached at 11 o'clock, all having spent a very happy day.

BRADFORD PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.—Some of the members of this company had an outing on Whit-Monday to Bristol. Leaving Bradford at 12.35 a.m., and being accompanied by the handbells, some interesting courses of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung during the journey, which concluded about 8.30 a.m. The party were met at the station by Mr. J. Hinton, who at once conducted them to the ringers' quarters—The George hotel, where they partook of a substantial breakfast. After a good wash and brush up they proceeded with their guide to St. Stephen's church, where everything was in readiness for a pull. The following members at once took hold and rung a touch of Grandsire Triples: J. Hardcastle, G. Titterington, W. Knight, W. Cundall, J. Garnett, J. Wotton (conductor), J. Hinton, W. Bolton. And a touch of Treble Bob Major. They then left the church, and viewed the docks and various parts of the city, and having arrived at the church of St. Mary Redcliffe, the points of interest were descanted upon by Mr. Caine, who had everything ready for a ring. After a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples another short ramble through the city was had, the visitors noticing with delight the many churches which had bells. They then proceeded to head quarters to dinner, where they came across some members of the Central Council. After dinner some went to St. James's, but as arrangements had been made to see Clifton Downs and suspension bridge, and a pull at St. Andrew's, Clifton, time did not allow of any ringing there. A view of the bridge and Downs being had, part of the company went down the rocks to the river side, taking a view by the way of the old man-of-war, which was well worth the back-hander the old tar received for showing them over it. Then another ramble, and The George hotel was again reached, where tea was enjoyed by all. As the time was now getting short, the visitors had soon to bid good-bye to their friend Mr. Hinton, and take their homeward journey. Leaving Bristol at 8.50 p.m. they arrived in Bradford at 6.20 a.m., after having enjoyed a most pleasant day. They wish to thank the clergy for the use of their bells, and those Bristol ringers who welcomed them.

OUR LATEST GIFT.—We have received a very complimentary letter from Mr. George Chester, of Lincoln, relative to the clock awarded to him, as announced. Mr. Chester is surprised at the excellence of the article. We promised our readers that this eight-day timepiece should be of the best English make, and when it is said that the celebrated firm of Potts and Sons, of Leeds, were the makers, its superiority is assured.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at St. James's, Leyland, on Saturday, March 28th, members with a few friends being present from Blackrod, Chorley, Leyland (parish church), St. James (Leyland), Standish, Penwortham and Preston. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung. At 5.30 an adjournment was made to The Black Bull, where an excellent meat tea was partaken of by 44 members and friends. Afterwards a move was made to the schoolroom, where the business meeting was held, the President, Mr. James Banister, in the chair. The Secretary (Mr. James Higson) read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed. Mr. T. Walker, one of the Auditors, next read the accounts of the past year, which gave satisfaction to all present. The President then announced the names of the retiring officers, and it was unanimously agreed that they all be re-elected. Two new ringing members and two honorary members were then admitted, and it was unanimously agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at the parish church, Preston. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the school and bells, to the officers for their past services, and to the local company for their kindness to the visitors, brought the meeting to a close.

## DEDICATION OF JUBILEE CLOCK AT TWYWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Twywell is now supplied with its parish clock. After the festivities on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by the loyal people in this village, it was decided that the balance of funds which remained should be devoted to the provision of a clock to be erected in the tower of the parish church. That this was a wise decision everybody agreed, for a parish clock was much needed, and it is well that some permanent memorial should speak to future generations of the loyalty of the people on the occasion of the Jubilee of our illustrious and gracious Queen. As soon as the decision of the committee became known subscriptions began to be notified. Saturday last was the day fixed for the dedication, which took place at 3 o'clock, when there was a numerous congregation, and the festal evensong was bright, hearty and appropriate.

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| Gloucester Surprise Major ... | 3 | 3 |
| Kent Treble Bob Major ... | 8 | 5 |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal ... | 3 | 1 |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus ... | 1 | 1 |
| Double Norwich Major ... | 25 | 11 |
| Double Norwich Caters ... | 1 | 1 |
| Double Oxford Major ... | 1 | 1 |
| Duffield Major ... ... | 3 | |
| Bob Triples ... ... ... | 3 | 2 |
| Bob Major ... ... ... | 9 | 9 |
| Bob Royal ... ... ... | 1 | 1 |
| Bob Maximus... ... ... | 1 | 1 |
| Canterbury Pleasure Triples ... | 1 | |
| Canterbury Pleasure Major ... | 1 | 1 |
| Union Triples ... ... | 1 | |
| Stedman Triples ... ... | 21 | 4 |
| Stedman Caters ... ... | 7 | |
| Grandsire Triples ... ... | 27 | 18 |
| ,, ,,—In hand ... | 5 | 1 |
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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1898.


THE augmentation of the bells at Farnham Royal, a village near to Slough in Bucks., is a happy circumstance which certainly merits more passing allusion than the mere account of the opening ceremony, which will be found on another page. That restoration and augmentations of bells are happily becoming somewhat common is not to be denied, and their frequency may be thought to divest them of any special features worthy of notice. But long may such frequency continue.

The church of St. Mary at Farnham, a pretty edifice by the way, had a ring of six. Nothing peculiar in that. But we know that an addition of two bells to a ring of six is a great thing—a great thing to have them, and generally a great trouble to get them. And the trouble in the instance we are dealing with has been truly great. But it has been overcome solely through the instrumentality and hard work of MR. JOSEPH PARKER, who has, to use a familiar phrase, been "pegging away" for years, through

good and evil report, to get a ring of eight in the village of which he is such a respected inhabitant. His determination and perseverance in this matter is beyond all praise, and worthy of general imitation. As fast as difficulties beset his path, he pushed them on one side, only looking forward to the goal which he has succeeding in reaching. It ought also to be highly satisfactory to the present Rector of Farnham, in whose time this excellent work has been effected. We suppose the new bells possess an inscription of some sort, where is shown who was Rector at the period, and such a memorial of his occupation of the rectory will prove of more lasting record than anything else. This Farnham Royal augmentation is the second one in the neighbourhood of late; can the inhabitants of the neighbouring parish be induced to do anything in the way?

This week we commence prize coupons for no less than four peals of handbells: one of 15, one of 12, one of 10, and one of 8: gifts extraordinary, without a doubt. We shall be glad to receive any suggestions for improvement of the conditions under which these gifts are made. Each coupon will be numbered as before; and it is necessary that the holders of them have an equal number of each.

*** May we be permitted to draw attention to the want of care in writing out the reports of peals? It is impossible to ensure correctness unless care is taken. Names especially should be written as plain as possible.

## The Metropolis.

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| SAMUEL REEVES .. | ..*Treble.* | THOMAS HORTON .. .. | 5. |
| FREDERICK BYWATER .. | 2. | JAMES HALL .. .. .. | 6 |
| WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT . | 3. | WILLIAM R. SMALL .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. | 4. | REUBEN HALL .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Venerable Melville H. Scott, Archdeacon of Stafford and President of the above Society.

### SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, June 8, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| FRANK BENNETT .. | ..*Treble.* | HENRY JONES .. .. .. | 5. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. | 2. | ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. | 6. |
| JAMES N. FROSSELL.. .. | 3. | KEITH HART .. .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN T. GOLDSMITH .. | 4. | JOHN STEADMAN.. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by KEITH HART.

### WOODLESFORD, NEAR LEEDS.

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

*On Wednesday, June 8, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Exercise, City Delight, London Scholars, Violet, and Duke of York. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| THOMAS NICKOLLS .. | ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. .. | 4. |
| GEORGE STEEL .. .. .. | 2. | ALFRED CHAPMAN .. .. | 5. |
| WALTER CHAPMAN .. .. | 3. | J. M. CHADWICK .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect to the late James Haigh. See obituary notice elsewhere.

### ALDENHAM, HERTS.

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, June 8, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM | ..*Treble.* | CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. | 5. |
| FRANK A. SMITH* .. .. | 2. | *WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. | 6. |
| HERBERT MARTIN* .. .. | 3. | *WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. | 7. |
| CHARLES GEORGE* .. .. | 4. | ERNEST E. HUNTLEY | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal of Treble Bob; also first peal in the method on the bells.

### WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Wednesday, June 8, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| HENRY DAWKES .. | ..*Treble.* | ROBERT PICKERING .. .. | 5. |
| BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. | 2. | HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. | 6. |
| GEORGE BURROWS .. .. | 3. | AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. | 7. |
| HERBERT P. HARMAN .. | 4. | JAMES E. GROVES .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Edward Lisle, Esq., the donor of the bells.

### HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Thursday, June 9, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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| RICHARD FAUX .. .. | ..*Treble.* | *ALFRED SMITH .. .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM VERRY .. .. | 2. | THOMAS WESTWOOD.. .. | 6. |
| SAMUEL REEVES .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM COOPER, JUN. .. | 4. | WILLIAM PAINTER .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Ven. Melville H. Scott, Archdeacon of Stafford and President of the above society. *First peal with a bob bell.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, June 10, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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| J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. | *Treble.* | J. HUTCHBY | 5. |
| W. H. INGLESANT | 2. | W. A. MASTERS | 6. |
| E. READER | 3. | R. F. LANE | 7. |
| J. H. GRUNDY | 4. | G. DOUGHTY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

This peal is by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., Composition No. 6. First peal of Stedman by the ringers of the 4th, 5th, 6th and tenor.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

*On Saturday, June 11, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 360 each of Tulip, Primrose, College Trebles, College Exercise, London Scholars', Tanner's Pleasure, Killamarsh, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JOSEPH THACKRAY* | *Treble.* | JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM | 4. |
| HARRY GAYTHORPE | 2. | M. BROADBENT | 5. |
| J. W. T. HOLGATE | 3. | JOHN THACKRAY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOSEPH THACKRAY.

*First in fourteen methods as conductor. First 5040 in fourteen methods on the bells. First in fourteen methods by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 11, 1898, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM PALMER, JUN.* | *Treble.* | ROBERT J. DAWE | 5. |
| KEITH HART | 2. | EDWARD C. MERRITT | 6. |
| LIONEL SEARS† | 3. | WILLIAM PALMER, SEN. | 7. |
| FREDERICK DEARING | 4. | FREDERICK STEELE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 11, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES,** Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

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| JOHN J. MAWBY | *Treble.* | WILLIAM PETTITT | 5. |
| JAMES GARRATT | 2. | JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. | 6. |
| THOMAS R. HENSHER | 3. | WALTER PERKINS | 7. |
| WILLIAM V. NEWMAN | 4. | ANDERSON Y. TYLER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ANDERSON TYLER.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 11, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ROBERT SEWELL | *Treble.* | WILLIAM S. SMITH | 5. |
| JAMES D. DREWITT | 2. | ALBERT CALVER | 6. |
| JAMES A. LAMBERT | 3. | GEORGE WELLING | 7. |
| ERNEST LAMBERT | 4. | JOSEPH FAYERS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE WELLING.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung by an entirely local band.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 11, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT J. LINCOLN | *Treble.* | *EDGAR BAILEY | 5. |
| WILLIAM TAYLOR | 2. | GEORGE THOMPSON | 6. |
| HENRY J. BUTTON | 3. | FREDERICK WATLING | 7. |
| JOHN LARTER | 4. | GEORGE HARDY | *Tenor.* |

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by A. J. LINCOLN.

*First peal.

THEALE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, June 12, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720s. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| FREDERICK CLARK | *Treble.* | WILLIAM T. HORNE | 4. |
| JAMES ABERY | 2. | THOMAS T. HERRIDGE | 5. |
| WILLIAM CLARK | 3. | DENISON HAYWARD | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Hayward, of Great Yarmouth, who was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

*On Tuesday, June 14, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| T. WROE | *Treble.* | *S. BOOTH† | 5. |
| W. JAKEMAN | 2. | W. WOLSTENCROFT | 6. |
| J. BOOTH | 3. | *W. BOOTH | 7. |
| WALTER JAKEMAN | 4. | A. ADAMS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by S. BOOTH.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, June 14, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

BROOKS' VARIATION.

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| JOSIAH HARRIS* | *Treble.* | JOHN W. WHITING | 5. |
| JOHN HARPER* | 2. | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY | 6. |
| HENRY WHITE | 3. | †SERGT. A. PYE | 7. |
| E. NEWMAN* | 4. | GEORGE GRAFHAM | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by STAFF-SERGT. A. PYE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method on Church bells.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

*On Tuesday, June 14, 1898, 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.

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| FREDK. J. GLENNERSTER | *Treble.* | *WILLIAM NORRIS | 5. |
| WALTER NORRIS | 2. | CHARLES R. LILLEY | 6. |
| CHARLES GEORGE | 3. | HERBERT MARTIN | 7. |
| BERTRAM PREWITT | 4. | JAMES ALEXANDER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM NORRIS.

*First peal as conductor. This peal was rung as a compliment to the brothers Norris on their 21st birthday, their brother ringers wishing them many happy returns.

## Date Touches.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BOLTON BRANCH.

BOLTON.—On Saturday, April 16th, at the church of All Souls, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Markland, 2; R. Seddon, 3; R. Holden, 4; J. E. Markland, 5; J. Makinson, 6; E. Mason, 7; J. Molden, 8.

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY (Suffok).—On Monday, May 9th, a date touch of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 20 mins. S. Howell (age 13), 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. W. Howell, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Griggs, 5; H. Griggs, 5; G. Valentine, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Valentine, who attained his 24th year that day. This is his longest length in the method, also by S. Howell and H. Griggs.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRACT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, April 10th, at the parish church, a date touch of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Keen, 1; W. Jackson, 2; W. Pearson, 3; J. Carter, 4; C. Watts, 5; J. Jackson, 6; F. Moody (conductor), 7; F. Hargreaves, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Friday. April 8th, after evening service at the parish church, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Price, 4; G. Norman, 5; T. Robinson, 6; H. Turton, 7; C. Severn (conductor), 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled. Longest length on eight bells by Messrs. Hancock, Morton, and Norman. Bettison, Turton, and Severn belong to Killamarsh; the rest to the local company. On Sunday morning, April 24th, 720 College Pleasure. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Robinson, 6. On Wednesday, May 4th, 720 College Pleasure. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; G. Norman, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

### THE NORTH LINCONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, April 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Hilton, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; R. Masters, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. H. Clark, 6. First 720 by Messrs. Masters and Humberstone, who came from Hale. On Monday, April 24th, 350 Grandsire Triples. T. B. Woods, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; R. Masters, 3; F. Warrington, 4; J. H. Clark, 5; W. Dickinson, 6; E. Houldeny, 7; H. Nash, 8. First touch of Triples by Messrs. Woods and Masters who are from Hale.

GREAT HALE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. J. R. Green, 1; R. Masters, 2; C. Ward, 3; S. Humberstone, 4; T. B. Woods, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor by the local band, and the first called by the conductor.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRACT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, May 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. G. Spurr, 1; W. Jackson, 2; W. Pearson, 3; S. Brook, 4; C. Watts, 5; J. E. Keen, 6; F. Moody (conductor), 7; J. Carter, 8.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, April 17th, 720 Woodbine. H. Gowers, 1; G. R. Pye, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; E. Pye, 6. On Monday, April 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Gowers, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. Wightman (conductor), 3; H. F. Hull, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams, 6. First in the method by the 2nd and tenor men. On Sunday, April 24th, 720 London Surprise. H. Gowers, 1; W. Pye, 2; J. Mardell, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; E. Pye, 6. This is the first in the method on the bells.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—At the church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, April 17th, 720 London Surprise. T. H. Beams, 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Mardell, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; E. Pye, 6. This is the first in the method by the treble, 2nd and 3rd men, and he first on the bells. On Wednesday, April 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Gowers, 1; E. Wightman (conductor), 2; W. Miller, 3; J. Perkins, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams, 6. This is supposed to be the first in the method on the bells.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, April 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. A. Oakes, 1; E. Broome, 2; J. Noller, 3; E. Lincoln, 4; J. Bumpstead (conductor), 5; C. Palmer, 6.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 7th, 1120 Bob Major. E. Smith (conductor), 1; E. Lincoln, 2; C. Clarke, 3; J. Betts, 4; F. Munnings, 5; J. Botwright, 6; F. Borrett, 7; J. Souter, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. On handbells a course of Grandsire Caters. E. Lincoln, 1-2; E. Smith, 3-4; F. Borrett, 5-6; E. Poppy, 7-8; F. Smith, 9-10.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Norfolk).—On April 30th, at St. Mary's church, 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Moss, 1; W. H. Symonds, 2; E. H. Symonds, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; A. W. Symonds (conductor), 5. First 120 of Stedman by all. On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service, 120 in the same method, by the same, and 120 St. Simon's and New Doubles. E. Youngs, 1; W. H. Symonds, 2; J. Buckingham, 3; E. Buckingham, 4; A. W. Symons (conductor), 5.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—Recently at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, on handbells retained in hand, 504 Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; F. Bennett, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; F. P. Howcroft, 7-8. Also a course of Caters. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; F. P. Howcroft, 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; F. Bennett, 7-8; V. Scardifield, 9-10.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday, April 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; S. Horsfall, 2; H. Moston, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service, 720 each of Violet, Woodbine, Kent, and Duke of York, which were taken part in by J. Mainwaring, R. G. Lewis, H. Moston, T. Burrows, S. Horsfall, F. Spence (conductor), and J. W. Booth. On Saturday, April 16th, 720 Woodbine. F. T. Spence (conductor), 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; W. Brammer, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Messrs. Brammer and Edwardson belong to the St. Paul's company, Warrington, and this is their first 720 in the method. On Sunday, April 17th, 720 London. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Thursday, April 21st, 720 New London Pleasure. H. T. Moston, 1; S. Horsfall, 2; C. R. Greenall, 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6.

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. D. Warburton, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; S. Fernley (conductor), 4; S. Rutter, 5; A. Fernley, 6. On Thursday, April 7th, for practice, 360 Grandsire and 360 College Single in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley (conductor), 4; S. Rutter, 5; A. Fernley, 6. On Sunday, April 10th, for early service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; J. Dean, 4; S. Rutter, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. On Thursday, April 14th, for practice, 360 College Single and 360 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley, 4; S. Rutter, 5; A. Fernley, 6. On Sunday morning, April 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; S. Fernley (conductor), 6. This was Holt's Original 720, without any singles, and was rung at the first attempt. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; S. Fernley (conductor), 6. This is H. Johnson's 720, and contains thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles. On Thursday, April 21st, for practice, 240 each of Violet, New London, and Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley, 4; S. Rutter, 5; A. Fernley, 6. Also 360 each of Kent Treble Bob and College Single in 25 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley (conductor), 4; S. Rutter, 5; A. Fernley, 6. On Saturday, April 23rd, for practice, 240 each of Violet, New London, and Oxford 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. On Sunday morning, April 24th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single in 24 mins. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Fernley (conductor), 4; S. Rutter, 5; A. Fernley, 6. On Thursday, April 28th, for practice, 240 each of Violet, New London, and Oxford 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 360 each Grandsire and 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.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On April 6th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Symons, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; E. Newman, 6; J. Gould, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On April 18th, 504 in the same method. E. Reynolds, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Symons, 3: J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Harper, 5; A. Pye, 6; J. Gould, 7; C. H. Ingram, 8. On May 6th, with the bells muffled in memory of Mr. Whillier, for long time ringer and many years sexton of the parish, another 504. E. Reynolds, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Gould, 6; A. Pye, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. On May 15th, 400 Stedman Triples. B. Hannan, 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; E. Newman, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. On 17th, 400 Treble Bob Major. E. Newnham, 1; J. Harris, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; J. Symons, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; H. W. Brighton, 6; J. Gould, 7; F. S. Bayley, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. F. S. Bailey, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; A. Pye, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Groves, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On May 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; J. Gould, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; F. Bayley, 5; E. Reynolds, 6; E. Newman (conductor), 7; C. Ingram, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Saturday, April 24th, for morning service, 238 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 518 in the same method. H. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe (conductor), 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole, 6; F. Russen, 7; G. Saint, 8. On Tuesday, April 26th, for practice, 518 and 315 Grandsire Triples. W. Gifford, 1; R. W. White, 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; F. Russen, 5; J. Elcombe (conductor), 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 17th, after Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; —. Pickle, 5; —. Wade, 6. On Wednesday, April 20th, 360 Plain Bob. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; J. Cornell, 6. Also 360 in the same method. J. Cornell, 5; G. J. Miles, 6. Another 360 in the same method. W. Webb, 3; E. H. Tubb, 4. And 720 in the same method. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. Carroway, 5; G. J. Miles (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, April 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Webb, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 28th, for practice, 720 College Single. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob, W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; E. H. Tubb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; F. L. Sparks, 4; G. J. Miles, 5: F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

EDGWARE (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, May 4th, several of the Finchley ringers paid a visit to the parish church to have a pull. A start was made with 120 Plain Bob, Mr. J. Knight on the treble. Next a 240 of Oxford Bob, then a start for a 720 of Oxford Bob which was lost through the second rope breaking. Another rope having been put on an attempt was made for a 720 of Plain Bob but after ringing 600 changes it came to grief; this time the third rope broke. This having been repaired, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, in which Messrs. Jones, Rowley, and Knights took part; these belong to the local band. The Finchley ringers were Messrs. Tubb (2), Webb, Cornell, Sparks, Miles, and Carroway.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On April 17th, 395 Grandsire Caters. R. Glass, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Gazeley, 3; E. H. G. Tingey, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Keech, 6; F. Hull, 7; W. Barker, 8; C. Chasty, 9; J. Sear, 10. And 377 in the same method. At St. Mary's church, on April 17th, 720 College Pleasure. R. Glass, 1; C. Chasty, 2; E. Tingey, 3; W. Barker (conductor), 4; C. Clarke, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. And 720 Woodbine. C. Clarke (conductor), 1; J. Hills, 2; W. Gazeley, 3; W. Barker, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; W. Hall, 6. On April 20th, 1036 Grandsire Triples. E. Tingey, 1; C. A. Clarke (conductor), 2; T. Foote, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Barker, 5; H. Sharp, 6; H. Tysoe 7; H. Toll, 8. And 560 Bob Major. W. Gazeley, 1; E. Tingey, 2; H. Toll, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 6; H. Tysoe, 7; W. Barker, 8. And 345 Grandsire Caters. R. Glass, 1; W. Barker, 2; N. Toll, 3; W. Gazeley, 4; I. Hills, 5; E. Tingey, 6; H. Tysoe, 7; F. Keech, 8; F. Smith, 9; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 10. On April 24th, 395 Grandsire Caters. R. Glass, 1; S. Cullip, 2; W. Gazeley, 3; C. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Barker, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Chasty, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; J. Sear, 10. Also 305 Grandsire Caters. R. Glass, 1; S. Phillip, 2; W. Gazeley, 3; C. Chasty, 4; Tysoe, 5; F. Keech, 6; I. Hills, 7; W. Barker, 8; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 9; J. Sear, 10.

OLNEY (Bucks).—On April 23rd, 720 Double Court. W. Wright, 1: I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Toll, 4; W. Barker, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. W. Wright (conductor), 1; F. Hopper, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; S. Smith, 4; W. Jones, 5: R. Perkins, 6.

WESTON UNDERWOOD (Bucks).—On April 23rd, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Wright, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Barker, 4; H. Toll, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BOLTON BRANCH.

BOLTON.—Recently for Divine Service at the church of All Souls, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. W. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Fleetwood, 2; H. Siday, 3; S. Ashworth, 4; R. Seddon, 5; J. Makinson, 6; W. Penition, 7; R. Barlow, 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM (Berks).—On Sunday evening, April 17th, after Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 23 mins. H. Keal. 1; H. Richardson, 2; R. George. 3; J. Hatto, 4; F. Richardson (conductor), 5; W. Horne, 6. On Thursday, April 21st, 720 New London Pleasure. H. Keal, 1; H. Richardson, 2; R. George, 3; W. Horne, 4; J. Hatto, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, April 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 23 mins. Rung as a farewell to F. Richardson who has removed to Reading. On Sunday evening, May 1st, after Divine Service, 720 College Single in 23 mins. F. Wigmore, 1; J. Hatto, 2; R. George, 3; H. Richardson, 4; H. Keal, 5; W. Horne (conductor), 6. Rung as a farewell to R. George who has removed to London.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Tuesday, May 24th, as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Simmonds, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes). A. Newman, 1; T. Newman, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6; G. Essex, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. On Saturday, May 28th, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Simmonds, 1; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 2; J. W. Farrant, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman, 8. And 576 London Surprise. H. Simmonds, 1; R. T. Hibbert, 2; E. J. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. A. W. Pike.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, April 26th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Easton, 1; W. Sutton, 2: H. Pederick, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6; H. Kenten, 7; T. Everett, 8. On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins. A. Easton, 1; H. Pederick, 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6; H. Kenten, 7; T. Everett, 8. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. Moore, for twelve years churchwarden of the parish, who was interred at Epsom on the above date.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Easter Monday, at St. Mary's church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Howell, 1: W. Griggs, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; A. Symonds, 4; W. Bacon, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; G. Valentine, 8. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples. with H. Brackett, 8. And three courses of Grandsire Caters. A. Osborne (conductor), 1; W. Griggs, 2; S. Slater, 3; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 4; E. Ambrose, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; W. Rumsey, 7; A. Symonds, 8; C. Sillitoe, 9; G. Valentine, 10.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, April 30th, at All Saints' church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Howell, 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. Howell, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Griggs, 5; G. Valentine, 6; H. Griggs, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Also four courses of Stedman Triples. On Tuesday, May 3rd, 576 Kent Treble Bob and three courses of Stedman Triples. On Saturday, May 7th, 672 Bob Major. S. Howell, 1; G. Valentine, 2; W. Bacon, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Griggs, 5; H. Griggs, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; G. Gooch, 8.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, May 11th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1248 was rung. T. Cadge, 1; H. Duce, 2; F. Connell, 3; A. Ambrose, 4; C. Bixby, 5; E. Ambrose, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; S. Ford, 8.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, April 26th, at St Martin's church, six courses of Stedman Cinques. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; W. H.

Godden, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; W. A. Hancox, 4; W. R. Small, 5; S. Reeves, 6; C. Williams, 7; T. Westwood, 8; C. H. Watts, 9; W. Short, 10; W. H. Barber, 11; A. Walker, 12. On handbells, 661 Stedman Caters. C. H. Watts, 1-2; W. H. Barber (conductor), 3-4; W. Kent, 5-6; W. Sbort, 7-8; W. A. Hancox, 9-10.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire). — On Saturday, April 30th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, Thurstans' 4-part, which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. and 33 mins., through the 2nd rope breaking. F. Sumner, 1; T. Reynolds, 2; W. H. Barber (conductor), 3; W. H. Godden, 4; W. Short, 5; A. Walker, 6; J. George, 7; W. Painter, 8. These were rung as a farewell to W. H. Barber, who has since left for Bangor, North Wells.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Thursday, April 28th, 504 Stedman Triples. Rev. M. Kelly (conductor), 1; W. H. Godfrey, 2; L. Wilson, 3; S. H. Godfrey, 4; J. H Godfrey, 5; J. G. Baker, 6; A. E. Pike, 7; J. Lovering, 8. First 500 in the method by all except the conductor.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 8th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Clout (first 720), 1; H. Lambkin (first 720 in any method), 2; H. Shipp, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. Messrs. Clout and Lambkin hail from Hartlip. On Tuesday, May 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Jordan, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; G. Dennis, 3; A. Day, 4; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 5; H. Shipp, 6.

HARTLIP (Kent).—On Saturday, May 7th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Kitchingham (first 720), 1; J. Clont (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; A. J. Day, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; H. Lambkin, 5; W. J. Walker, 6.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, May 28th, at the church of St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 59 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; J. Lamb, 2; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 3; W. Foreman, 4; H. Flanders, 5; W. Berry, 6; H. Hoskins, 7; C. Withecomb, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, April 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Lane, 1; J. Broom, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Milhams, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Milhams, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 25th, 720 London Surprise. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; F. Hayes, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Broom, 1; *W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; M. Digby, 6. *First 720 in the method. On Monday, May 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Hayes (conductor), 1; H. Lingham, 2; R. Smith, 3; H. Simmons, 4; W. Harper, 5; M. Digby, 6. On Monday, May 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Lane, 1; *R. Smith, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; M. Digby, 6. *First in the method with a bob bell.

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COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Howell, jun., 1; W. Stannard (conductor), 2; W. Griggs, 3; J. Burch, 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; G. Valentine, 6; O. Garwood, 7; W. Burch, 8. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Bowers, 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; C. Clarke, 5; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 6. A 720 of Cambridge Surprise was unfortunately lost when near the end. A 360 of Bob Minor was also rung, the Rev. T. W. Eyre ringing the 2nd.

PENGE (Surrey).—On May 14th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles). E. Edwards, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; G. Wickens, 3; H. Edwards, 4; J. Town, 5; T. Brathon (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. W. W. Francis and Miss Ellen Lovell, of Beckenham. On May 15th 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles.) E. Edwards, 1; J. W. Bathron, 2; T. P. Richards (conductor), 3; H. Edwards, 4; J. Town, 5; G. Wickens, 6.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Roberts, 1; E. J. Dixon, 2; W. Hills, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; G. Sharp, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Roberts, 1; W. Hills, 2; R. Pain, 3; C. Young, 4; A. Hills, 5; E. J. Dixon (conductor), 6. On April 17th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. (twenty-two singles). R. Cook, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. J. Dixon (conductor), 5; T. Tabrett, 6. On April 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. R. Pain, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. On April 25th 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Hobbs, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Spice (conductor), 3; H. Goodwin, 4; E. Dixon, 5; T. Tabrett, 6 First 720 in the method as conductor. On May 1st, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Roberts, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; W. Hills, 3; E. Young, 4; E. J. Dixon (conductor), 5; T. Tabrett, 6. On Sunday, May 8th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Hobbs, 1; W. Hills, 2; R. Pain, 3; E. Young, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. On May 9th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. W. Hills, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; W. Spice, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; T. Tabrett, 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."

### A DOUBT.

SIR,—I should like to draw your attention to a peal that appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 7th, viz., a Real peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Irthlingborough, and conducted by Mr. J. Houghton, and was claimed to be the first Real peal of Norwich. On looking through Snowdon's book on Double Norwich, I find that it is not the case, for at St. Mary's, Woolwich, there is a tablet recording a Real peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung on November 16th, 1848, 5040 changes, composed and conducted by Mr. W. Banister. It was rung in excellent style, and is the first peal of Real Double Norwich ever rung with two bobs in one lead. I have not brought this forward before, as I quite expected to see some one take it up. If you kindly publish this for our brother-ringers to see, I think it would be a duty performed towards the Art of change-ringing. In the event of there being a difference in the compositions, perhaps a brother-ringer will explain to me and every interested ringer the difference. J. HUNT.

19, *Deepdene Road, Guildford.*

### A REQUEST.

SIR,—Seeing in your last week's issue the above heading, I beg leave to inform Mr. Gridley that we, the ringers of Chester Cathedral, will only be too glad to comply with his request, and feel sure that those in authority at the other towers in Chester and district will only be too pleased to do all that they can to make the visit of the High Court of Foresters in our old and ancient city a success. If practical, we will arrange for a peal on Saturday evening, July 30th, meeting at the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, trusting we shall see a gathering of ringers then and during the following week. T. J. BETHELL.

7, *Talbot Street, Chester.*

## Obituary.

### JAMES HAIGH.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of James Haigh, who died on Sunday, June 5th, in the 71st year of his age, at Woodlesford near Leeds, where he had been a member of the local company since the opening of the bells in 1870. He undertook the formation of a company of ringers, and has since been associated with the ringing there. Deceased was born at Royston, near Barnsley, where he early learnt the art of change-ringing. Leaving there about 1850 he came to reside in the village of Rothwell, joining the parish church old company. The younger members gathered round him, and ere long they were ringing the more intricate methods on six bells than had previously been the case. He remained here a member some years, after which he undertook the task of coaching a new band for the ring of eight at St. Mary's, Hunslet. This would be about the year 1865, as we find a peal of Bob Triples, conducted by him in 1866, in which his son Joseph took part, being then fourteen years old. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1875, the year of its foundation. We there find he has rung twelve Association peals. His remains were interred at Rothwell on the 8th of June. Six members of the Rothwell company commenced to ring a muffled peal on the Woodlesford bells shortly before the cortege left for interment at Rotbwell, this being the wish of the deceased. By his decease the Exercise has lost a good striker, he being a trustworthy man as both ringer and conductor, and also a friendly critic. W. A.

## 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.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — A meeting of this Association will be held at Cheddleton to-day, Saturday, June 18th. Members who intend to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Gilbert, Cheddleton.

REV. W. D. BRAGINTON, W. TWIGG, } *Hon. Secs.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association —The next committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will take place (not at Pershore as arranged on Easter Monday at the Annual Meeting), but by the kind permission of the vicar, the Rev. W. Stanley, at Bengeworth, Evesham, to-day, Saturday, June 18th. A short service will be held in the church at 5.30. Business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. The tower and bells are at the disposal of members. The bells of the Evesham Campanile will also be at the disposal of members. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at The Green Dragon inn, Dronfield on Saturday, June 25th, at 5 p.m. prompt. Agenda—Resignation of Hon. Secretary and other routine business. Peal of six bells; Midland Railway; church close to station.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association. — A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, June 25th, when the tower will be open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30, business meeting to follow. Members and visitors intending to be present are requested to inform me by Wednesday, June 22nd.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. —The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing on the Cathedral bells from two to four o'clock, after which the committee meeting will be held in the belfry. Short service at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's church. Tea at 5.30 at the Coffee House, to be followed by General Meeting. Tickets for tea sixpence each to those only who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling each. Numbers to be sent in not later than the 21st instant to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, *Bull Street, Westbromwich.*

Notice. — The Anniversary of Lavenham bells will be held on Tuesday, June 21st. Any ringing friends visiting the tower during the day will be made welcome. A. SYMONDS.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of six-bell ringers will be held at St. Mary's church, Hendon, on Saturday, the 25th instant, by kind permission of the Rev. Newton Mant. The bells will be raised at 5 p.m. All friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Thurleigh, on Saturday, June 25th.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society —The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell (8 bells) on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The White Swan hotel. A new set of twenty-five handbells will be at members or any ringer's disposal, by kind permission of the Rothwell company.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.–Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Margaret's, Rainham, on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held on June 25th, at Bury. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30.

J. H. BANKS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Saffron Walden Society. — This Society will hold its 275th anniversary on Monday, June 27th. Any friends who may find it convenient to attend will be warmly welcomed. Ringing commences at 9 a.m.

A. F. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Padiham, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.

T. REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merthyr on Saturday, July 2nd. This being the first meeting at Merthyr members are particularly requested to attend. The bells will be available for ringing all day. There will be a short service in the parish church at 2.30; meeting at the parish room at 3 o'clock. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, H. G. WHITE, } *Hon. Secs.*

### KENDAL, WESTMORELAND.

Mr. C. L. Routledge, of 8, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, would be glad if one of the ringers at Kendal would send his address to him, to arrange for a future event.

### A REQUEST.

Two friends, ringers, are desirous of spending their holiday (by the sea preferred) where they could arrange a peal or two in the district. Would like to hear from any favouring the above. Address, Holiday, care of Editor.

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

MR. GODDEN'S TESTIMONIAL FUND.

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| An admirer of W. H. G. .. .. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| J. Heatley .. .. .. .. | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| W. Jackson .. .. .. .. | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| J. Rowley .. .. .. .. | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| W. R. Small .. .. .. | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| F. E. Ward .. .. .. .. | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| W. Wakley .. .. .. .. | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| W. S. .. .. .. .. .. | 0 | 2 | 0 |

The Committee have decided to close the fund on Saturday, the 25th instant, and will feel obliged if intending subscribers will kindly forward before that date.

W. PAINTER, *Treasurer.*

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. TAYLOR.— Will you again look at the footnote to the peal? If your contention holds good, and you will please let us know, we will insert letter.

## Compositions.

### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL.

By W. BARKER, *Bedford.*

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### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By FREDERICK DENCH, *College Youths.*

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### A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By W. BUTLER, *North Wingfield.*

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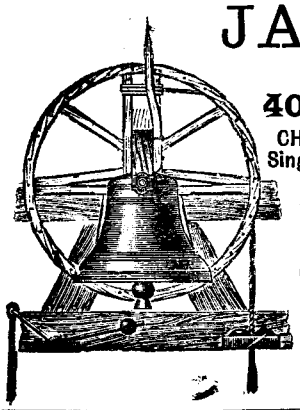

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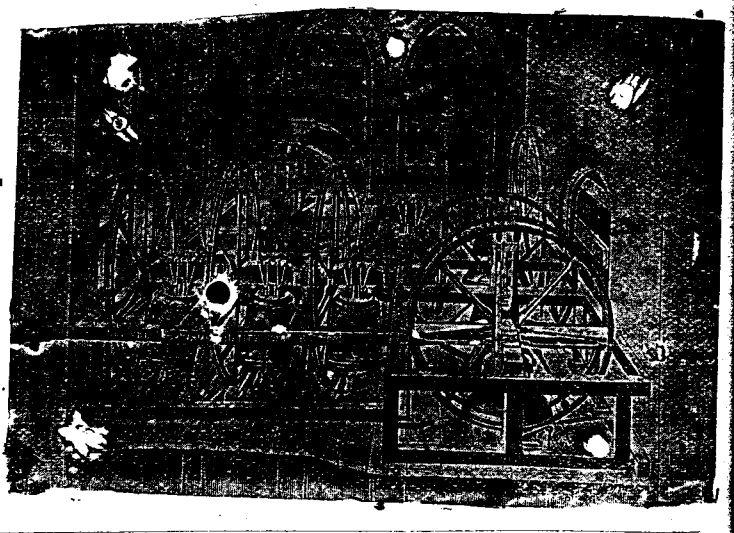

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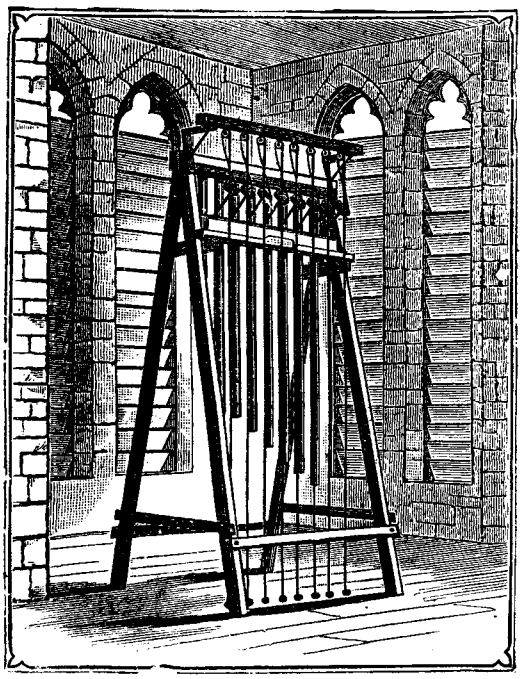

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(*Continued from page* 14.)

### DRAFT OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CHURCH BELLS.

The President in moving the adoption of the above, which has already appeared in these columns, said the object in bringing the matter before the Council was to see if there were any suggestions that would be of assistance. Although many suggestions had already been received by the Committee, not many of them were of much help. No doubt all were made with the best intentions, but the Committee had gone thoroughly into the whole question, and such correspondence as some that had appeared in "The Bell News" did not do much good. The suggestion that an effort should be made to prepare a guide to the belfries of England, such as Mr. Troyte brought out, and to include the names of the methods practised, might, if possible to carry it out, be useful: but to inquire if the steeplekeeper was a good sort of fellow or not, and such like personal matters, would be to set up the backs of the very individuals whom the Council wished to enlist as assistants in securing the necessary information. The Committee were requested to include "historic" rings of six. It was not proposed to ask the secretaries of societies to give these. If the present inquiry was successful, rings of five and six would follow. It was of course open to the Council to suggest any historic peals of six, such as Westminster, which the Committee would include, but he did not think there would be more than two or three other rings of six involved in the present inquiry.

Mr. Trollope asked if the whole of the rings in the Cathedrals would not be included regardless of number.

The President said they did not come in at present.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson suggested the ring of six at St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said Handel once ordered his carriage to stop in order that he might hear the music of these bells.

The President doubted if this were sufficient to make them historic.

The Rev. E. James suggested St. Benet's, Cambridge, upon which the first peal of Stedman was rung.

Mr. Thornton suggested the ring at Rochester Cathedral which were in bad order.

The President thought those suggested, with any others the Committee might decide to include, would be sufficient.

The Rev. H. C. Courtney moved the adoption of the draft scheme, which was agreed to.

### THURSTANS' COMPOSITIONS IN STEDMAN TRIPLES.

The President moved that Thurstans' well-known composition in Stedman Triples be designated as his "four-part," and his other compositions as his "five-part" and his "one-part" respectively.

The resolution was seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and adopted without discussion.

### SUNDAY PEAL-RINGING.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said the question as to the desirability of Sunday peal-ringing was brought forward at the last meeting of the Council, but there was not sufficient time to discuss it, and he promised to bring it forward at the present meeting. He felt very strongly that a resolution should be passed setting forth the opinion of the Council that, except on special and well defined occasions, peal-ringing should not be encouraged on Sundays. He based his objection to peal-ringing on Sundays from two points of view. First we should remember and help others also to remember that Sunday, although it is man's holiday, was God's holy day. It appeared to him that much of the sacred character of Sunday was being lost sight of. Men appear to forget that Sunday is intended as a day for rest and not for recreation, and the mere enjoyment of pleasure. The motives which prompted peal-ringing deserved consideration. What was it that led men to ring peals at any time? Was it the desire to promote the glory of God? or was it not rather the desire to score another peal and so give the society another place in Mr. Attree's list. A peal was rung for the ringer's enjoyment and for no other object. He submitted that ringers ought not to ring for enjoyment on Sunday. In Lancashire many churches were built in the midst of large populations, and the ringing of peals in such places destroyed the idea of the day of rest and peace. That was his second point. This might not be so much the case in some of the rural districts of the country, but it was only just to think of the people who lived in the neighbourhood. For bells to be ringing for three hours without a break must be very trying to those who seek rest. Englishmen delighted to regard Sunday as a quiet day and a day of rest, and it was hard to deprive any one of the enjoyment of rest. There might be exceptional cases where the ringing of a peal on Sunday would not be for the enjoyment of the ringer, but in connection with some celebration which took place on a Sunday, or a memorial peal rung in connection with a memorial service. He would move that in the opinion of the Council peal-ringing on Sundays is not advisable except on occasions when a special service in church would be equally appropriate.

Mr. Phillott seconded.

Mr. Attree said he was afraid if the Council passed such a resolution it would be treading upon very delicate ground. He thought the question was one which should be left to the clergy and churchwardens of the various churches and the ringers themselves. He had not himself rung a peal on Sunday, neither did he intend to do so. There were places where peal-ringing would not be heard by half-a-dozen people, and would not therefore do any harm to any one. Speaking as a churchwarden if his own ringers came to him they would know what would be the answer; the ringing would be heard by some 40,000 to 50,000 people, and it would therefore be out of place. He did not however see that there could be any harm done in country places.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said he had always thought that Sunday peal-ringing should be in connection with a service of the church. He would move that the last part of the resolution should read "except as an introduction to a church service."

The Rev. H. C. Courtney seconded.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said voluntaries were played both as an introduction to the service of the Church and at the close; in some churches there were organ recitals, why should they not also have the music of the bells? He had heard it said that the music of the bells was to be preferred to the voluntary at the close of the service, as the bells could be heard by the worshippers going home, whereas the sound of the organ was no longer heard after the worshipper had left the church doors. He did not think it well that the Council should interpose with some hard and fast line in this matter. It was so different in country places to what it was in towns. What could be more beautiful than to hear in a country district the ringing of the bells in the distance? Their sound leads us to think of heavenly things, where therefore could be the objection to hearing the bells ring. He could not see why a band should not be permitted to ring the bells in a peal as well as in a touch. At the same time he agreed that peal-ringing on Sundays in towns where it is an annoyance should not be allowed.

Mr. Rees said he thought it would be a great pity to dis-

courage the ringing of the bells at the greater festivals of the Church.

Mr. Pritchett moved the previous question. He thought the question was one which should be left to the good sense of the ringers, the clergy and churchwardens.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon seconded.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said there was no doubt that Sunday peal-ringing was sometimes done in places where it ought not to be, and in which it was not in any way connected with the services of the Church. He thought a resolution might strengthen the hands of a clergyman, where peal-ringing on Sundays had been carried on in a way that they themselves might not approve of.

The President having explained that if the previous question was carried, the question would stand postponed, said a discussion such as had taken place did a good deal of good, as it enabled them to know each other's views, and to modify their own upon tbe subject.

The previous question having been carried,

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies asked if the question stood postponed to a new Council, or could it be brought forward another year.

The President replied that the question could be reopened next year.

THE TRUE PERFORMANCE OF A PEAL.

The last item upon the agenda was "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."

The President said this was a question of vital importance. There was not a member of the Council present who would dare to move a resolution upon it even if they discussed it. He would ask Mr. Robinson to introduce the subject.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said he had had many years' experience of ringing, as long probably as any one with the exception of one gentleman in the room. During his forty years' experience he had seen great improvements effected. He thought the time had arrived when the Central Council might undertake to say how far a departure from a true peal should be permitted. In Triples a peal ran of course to the full possible extent; but on higher numbers than seven bells there were many more than the 5000 changes. He thought therefore that the case of Triples should be considered first. Suppose two bells were changing course, and the conductor was able to prevent it taking place, then the peal might go on. He remembered a conductor who used to say: "I don't trouble about the little bells so long as the big 'uns keep smartish" (laughter); while another would say, if there was a hitch, "Now then! have one good fire, then do what I tell you" (laughter); but these sort of things would not do in the present day. He thought the Council might confine its attention at first to Triples, which should be rung upon more rigid lines than many other peals.

Mr. Snowdon said he did not think a more difficult question could be taken in hand. What Mr. Robinson had said as to Triples was perfectly true, but if you permitted an error to creep into one peal why should you not permit it in another? If any slip or error was allowed in one peal it must be permitted in another. Of late years immense strides had been made in every direction, and he thought there were bold men coming forward everywhere, who did not think it a disgrace to admit that they had made a slip in the calling, and stop the peal. The same rule should apply in all peals.

Mr. Trollope said if the Council allowed a little slip, some ringers would take more. It would be a dangerous thing for tbe Council to allow any slip.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson pointed out that a true peal on any number of bells above seven might be rung, although there had been a slip in the calling. He would admit however, that it would not be the peal started for.

Mr. Attree said the proper way to look at the question was, can we trust one another to do that which is right; have we no confidence in our brother-ringers? He did not think there were many ringers who would publish a peal if it was not true. He did not think that the Council should pass any definite opinion, but leave the question to the honesty of the ringers and the conductor.

Mr. J. W. Taylor said no reference had been made to the question of better striking. There was no doubt that there had been a great improvement in the conducting of peals. This was his own experience in many towers. He had not come across any one who would not call "stand" if the ringing was wrong. He thought the question should be left to the ringers themselves; but that something should be done to secure better striking.

The Rev. E. B. James said it was impossible for two men to put anything right before the mistake had been made. It was a question how far the unhappy conductor should allow a mistake to go. The Council should say how long it was to go on. He thought they should not allow a mistake in a peal of Triples to go more than a lead before it was put right (laughter). The Council ought to come to some conclusion as to how many changes should be allowed to be rung before a mistake was corrected.

The President said when a man was conducting a peal his motives were excellent, so they were when he had got the peal; but when a man got in a fix, with (so to speak) a rope round his neck, there was no telling what he would not do. He had himself rung a great many peals, some in which things had happened, which, if he related them, would make their hair stand on end. It was now getting late in the day, and he did not think there was time to thoroughly discuss the question, and would therefore suggest that the matter should not be further gone into at that meeting; but he would ask them to consider the question carefully with a view to proposing some definite resolution at a future meeting.

THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The President said the Standing Committee had before them two places from which to select the next place of meeting. It would be but right that they should now go to the Eastern Counties, and he trusted that if they decided to do so, they might have as pleasant a time as they had had at Bristol. The places suggested were Cambridge and Norwich. The railway facilities for reaching Cambridge were much better than those for Norwich; but as the meeting would be during term time there might be a difficulty in getting the use of the bells at Cambridge, in fact it might be impossible to get them at all. Norwich was further away, but it was one of the old centres of ringing in England. The Council had already been to Oxford, therefore it might be as well to go to Cambridge. It appeared that Cambridge and Norwich were, all things considered, about equally balanced. The Standing Committee did not make any selection, but left it to the Council to decide.

Mr. Thornton proposed, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded, that the next meeting be at Norwich.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker seconded, that the next meeting be at Cambridge.

The question being put, Norwich was selected by a considerable majority.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the President and Hon. Secretary, moved by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and carried with applause.

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A social gathering of members and friends took place in the evening at St. Stephen's Restaurant, Baldwin Street. Selections and Change-Ringing upon handbells by the President, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. J. A. Trollope and others opened the proceedings. The veteran Charles Hounslow gave a whistling solo which was loudly applauded; and songs were contributed by Messrs. T. E. Ellis and F. W. Thornton, who also acted as accompanist. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Cockey for his admirable arrangements, and suitably acknowledged.

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OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday, May 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Illingworth, 1; H. Senior, 2; G. Crawshaw, 3; G. W. Wrigley, 4; G. Hunt, 5; G. Pickles, 6; D. Stephenson, 8. Rung to celebrate the birthday of G. W. Wrigley, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

We are not politicians, any of us, on the staff of this paper. That is to say we don't protrude, or intrude, our political opinions (when we have any) on our readers. This should always be understood when reference is made to any subject which trenches upon politics. This statement will prevent any of you accusing me of "party" feeling, as it is called, so far as politics are concerned. It will therefore not be necessary to again administer the caution. You will be sure to remember it (?). What my political belief is will not be drawn from me by wild horses.

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There is a bill before Parliament called, or as the parliamentary jargon is—"intituled," "The Benefices Bill." Let me just premise the information that when a measure is under consideration by our legislators it is called "A Bill," but when it has passed, and received the royal assent, it becomes "An Act." If some of you knew this before, you may have forgotten it, as the treachery of ringers' memory is proverbial. Well this Bill I am alluding to is causing quite a stir in the House. Party-religious-feeling—not the *odium theologicum* exactly—but a kind of partisanship is airing itself connected with ritual and non-ritual—I think that is the best way to put it. Putting aside for a moment whether an high ornate ritual in public worship is right or wrong, it is a great pity that it should be debated in Parliament, for no matter how sincere the debaters may be in what they say, the discussion is awfully out of place, irreverent, and to be greatly deplored.

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We have read lately of interruptions being made to acts of worship where excessive ritual (to put it mildly) has been practised. I condemn brawling or any sort of ill-conduct in church, for it is not the correct way to bring about a change. But if you would like to know my opinion upon these extra services, and all the paraphernalia which seems only in its place in a Roman Catholic church, I say I can't agree with any of it; to me there is a strong flavour of dishonesty about incense and its concomitants in a Church of England. I approve very much of good hearty congregational worship, with all the adjuncts of musical art, and so forth, but without any flummery. I object to the watering-down of the Prayer-Book, breaking the rubric by omitting any portion of the service, for I see no hardship whatever in spending two hours at church.

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I think that many of these young gentlemen who go in for very extreme ritual have made a wrong dodge. That is my idea. If all concerned would try and catch them as soon after they are ordained deacons as possible, and make ringers of them, perhaps they would not succumb to the unhealthy excitement of the fads and vagaries of extreme and excessive church ritual. It will require some tact, perhaps, to effect this, but it is worth having a try. If we can make these young gentlemen ringers, they will be better men. They will find the art of ringing and the study of composition much more wholesome and manly than bothering themselves about copes and chasubles. I believe that among our ringing clergy not one extreme ritualist is to be found.

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The following has been sent to me by a correspondent:—

"At Framsden, Suffolk, there is a ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt., considered the best in East Anglia for their weight. The vicar, the Rev. —. Stanforth, won't let any stranger ring a touch without going to his door and asking leave. I was over there last Sunday and could not ring a touch for evening service without going to his door and asking leave, and no out-villagers are allowed to attempt a peal without paying 6d. per bell. I have rung in nearly 100 towers in Suffolk and London, but never heard such nonsense before."

Nonsense is hardly the word. Perhaps my correspondent is misinformed, or has made a mistake. At any rate he is in error with regard to the name of the clergyman, and in this he is highly to blame. But I am told careless mistakes like this ringers often make.

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Here is a copy of an old peal-board in the tower of Costessey Church, Norfolk, sent by a worthy correspondent who is a great supporter of this paper:—

"June 4, 1766.
Twenty two peals rung of this Company
Many a time without setting up the Bells.
The names of the Peals as under.

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| Old Doubles, | Church doubles, |
| Grandsir, | The Dream, |
| Fortune, | The Nonesuch, |
| Hudibras, | Interlope, |
| Gog, | London doubles, |
| St. Simons doubles, | Jack of both sides, |
| Cambridge delight, | New doubles, |
| Reading doubles, | Stedmon, |
| Dunstan Do., | The mare-maid, |
| St. Clements Do., | The Exodus, |
| Westminster Do., | and Success. |

RINGERS NAMES

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| Thomas Smith ... ... ... ... ... | *Treble* |
| John Smith ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2nd |
| Robert French ... ... ... ... ... | 3rd |
| John Carr... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4th |
| Saml. Watson... ... ... ... ... ... | *Tenor* |

These are the ringers those Peals they did ring:
Success to old England, and God save the King"

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—A meeting of the above was held at St. James's Rusholme, on Saturday, the 11th instant. Members attended from Ashton, Manchester, Pendleton, Pendlebury and Worsley. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major were rang during the evening, the ringing being anything but good or pleasurable to those taking part therein, as the bells are going so very badly. At the business meeting held in the tower, the Rev. E. B. Ward, curate, briefly addressed the members present. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Worsley on Saturday, July 9th, when it is expected that the members and their friends will be permitted to visit the grounds of the Earl of Ellesmere, at Worsley New Hall. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. E. B. Ward and the churchwardens for the use of the bells, etc.

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OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, May 11th, for practice, 364 Grandsire Triples. R. Garner, 1; H. Baker, 2; C. Drake, 3; H. Burling, 4; E. Bridges (conductor), 5; E. Holladay, 6; W. Willis, 7; G. Pearson, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 6-8 covering. E. Bridges, 1; R. Garner, 2; H. Burling, 3; H. Baker (conductor), 4; W. Willis, 5; J. Austin, 6; C. Drake, 7; G. Pearson, 8.

OXFORD.—On Wednesday, May 11th, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; A. Fox, 2; J. Howes, 3; C. H. Exon, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; F. A. Castle, 6; W. J. Smith, 7; B. Stone, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Charles Tolley, who died on May 6th, aged forty-nine years.

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## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its annual festival at Wells, on Saturday, June 11tth. The gathering was by far the largest and most successful in the history of the Association. About 130 members, representing various towers in the diocese, assembled at 12.30 at The Gymnasium, High Street, to dinner. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese (President of the Association) occupied the chair, and among those present were the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Master), Rev. Prebendary Beresford, Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Rev. E. F. Felton, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Rev. J. U. Todd; Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower, F. N. Quantock-Shuldham, G. H. Harris (the Bishop's private secretary), and H. W. Tomkins (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

Dinner over, and the toast of "The Queen" heartily drank, the Hon. Secretary presented the annual report, which announced a successful year's work. There had been a steady increase in the number of members, both honorary (which had increased from 50 to 55) and performing members (which had increased from 350 to 380). Geographically the area of their work was extending, the following towers having joined the Association during the year: Milverton, Wellington, Barrington, Banwell, and St. Mark's, Bath. Scientifically too their progress had been satisfactory. Although only 13 peals had been recorded, as against 20 in the previous year, they were, as a whole, of a higher standard than in 1896. Their friends at Dunster and Minehead, in scoring five peals of Stedman Triples (as compared with two in 1896), had helped somewhat to take away the reproach of too great a fondness for the Grandsire method. The Taunton men had been successful in ringing the first peal of Bob Major for the Association, and the Norton Fitzwarren men had made good progress in several Treble Bob Minor methods. Financially the Association was in a flourishing condition, its balance having increased from £13 7s. 10d. to £20 17s. 7d., which was due to the increase of membership and other causes. Three successful meetings had been held during the year at South Petherton, Bath, and Leigh-on-Mendip. The inauguration of new rings of bells and the restoration of old ones were being actively pursued in many parts of the diocese, and their officers had personal knowledge of the fact that in several instances this satisfactory state of things was due to the existence of the steadily-growing influence of the diocesan association of change-ringers. They must again heartily thank the local secretaries for the energy they had shown, and for the help they had so kindly given to the Master and Hon. Secretary in carrying on the work of the Association. They desired to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered the Association by the past Master, Mr. C. D. Boutflower. The work so well commenced by the first Master of the Association, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, was energetically pursued by Mr. Boutflower, and the ability with which he filled the position for two years contributed to a very considerable degree to the satisfactory progress made by the Association during his term of office.

Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said the progress of the Association could very well be summed up in three words, numerically, scientifically, and financially. Looking at the Bath and Wells Association from those three different points of view, they found that during the past year their progress had been very good. It gave him the greatest pleasure to move the adoption of the report and balance-sheet. Mr. Quantock-Shuldham seconded the proposition.

The Bishop said it now became his duty to put the motion to them, but before doing so he should like to say a word or two if they would allow him. He had the important privilege of being the President of the Association, and though exceedingly pleased at occupying that position, he might tell them that he had never rung a bell in his life. If they would let him off his duties as Bishop he would undertake to learn his duties as bellringer. There was one thing more he had to say, and that was that the secretary in his report gave several reasons accounting for the success of the Association, but his modesty prevented him from giving the true reason; the real reason why the Association had been so great a success was because they had such an excellent secretary. He hoped they would long keep him, and also that he might live to do the work which he evidently had so much at heart, and which undoubtedly he did so thoroughly and well. The motion was crrried *nem. con.*

The names of Lord Hylton and Sir R. H. Paget were added to the list of vice-Presidents of the Association, who were all re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary proposed the re-election of the Rev. H. C. Courtney as Master of the Association. This, on being seconded, was carried unanimously.

The Rev. H. C. Courtney returned thanks on the election, and said during the year he had visited fifty-one towers, and hoped in the coming year to visit some more. He then proposed that Mr. H. W. Tomkins be re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. He said they all knew who lifted their Association out of the slough of despond into the flourishing state it was now in, and he was sure they could not do better than re-elect their old secretary. Mr. Boutflower in complimentary terms seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the company for electing him, and promised to do his best for the good of the Association.

In discussing the place for the next quarterly meeting to be held, Dunster and Weston-super-Mare were named. Voting being held, Dunster was the place decided on, but it was thought desirable to hold a meeting at Weston-super-Mare at an early date to give a stimulus to bellringing in that town. Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean of Wells, Rev. Preb. Beresford, and the Vicars of St. John's, Glastonbury and Westbury, for their kind permission to ring the bells at their churches. A vote of thanks to the Bishop brought the business to an end.

Subsequently, the members of the Association re-assembled in the nave of the Cathedral, where a brief service was held, which included the second collect for Good Friday. The Bishop in addressing the assembly, would only say a few words, but they would be words of encouragement in their special work, which he asked them to remember was work done for God. It was only the other day that muffled peals were ringing, not only throughout England but throughout the world, because of the departure from among them of the greatest statesman and one of the best Christian men that this century had known, and he doubted not that if they who were there took part in ringing in those peals they could not help thinking at the same time of the man whom God had made such a blessing to his fellow men, and in whose honour they were ringing. They had some distinct message to those who might hear the muffled peal, and surely they themselves would think somewhat of the lessons to be learned from that particular life, and they would, he hoped, strive to fulfil the lessons in their own lives. When they traversed the continent—and though he had never been there he had heard it was the same in Russia—they would hear the clanging of the bells all round them, but they would never hear a peal except those that might be rung by inhabitants of Great Britain, or those who had travelled afar from Great Britain. It was only our own people, in fact, who had learned to ring bells. They who rang bells had discovered that it was a manly exercise, that it in every way developed good qualities. It required steadiness of head, thoughtfulness of mind, strength and vigour of body, and it was above all things necessary to have perfect discipline.

On the grand ring of ten at the Cathedral several good touches of Caters were rung, and Grandsire Triples were also rung at St. Cuthbert's and St. John's, Glastonbury.

## BOB ROYAL IN A COUNTRY VILLAGE.

It is not every day that one reads of a handbell peal being rung in a village. It was suggested by one of the company, after ringing four peals of Major, to try Royal. On March 5th the first touch (1080) was rung, and on June it was arranged to attempt a peal of Major at Earl Soham, but five turning up instead of four, Royal was undertaken, but 3240 only was rung. The same company met on June 13 at Framlingham, but a late call upset this attempt in the last 1000. Another meeting at Earl Soham on June 16 brought a stand after ringing 3 courses, but not daunted they made another start at 7.40 p.m. After 3 courses had been rung the band settled down to some "rare hammering" (as E. Batram would say), and at 10.20 the welcome words "that's all" brought home the first peal of Bob Royal ever rung in a village on handbells. C,

## THE PEALS AT RINGMER AND CHAILEY, SUSSEX.

A very pleasant trip was the outcome of the arrangements made for two days in the country in the neighbourhood of Lewes, the county town of Sussex. The idea of the outing originated from the wish to ring a peal on the six bells at Chailey, and to make the programme more attractive it was decided to attempt a peal at Ringmer on the previous evening. Permission was obtained to start at Chailey on Sunday afternoon, June 19th, and on Saturday evening the use of the bells was obtained at Ringmer. The party for the latter place was made up of Messrs. Williams, Bennett and Dawe, of St. Peter's, Brighton, Gatland of Steyning, Pelling of Lewes, and three of the local band. Until recently the ringing-chamber was up close under the bells, and the noise was terrific. Through the efforts of the curate (the Rev. W. A. Errington), who takes an interest in the bells, the ropes have now been brought down to the ground. The circle is round the font, and the improvement is most marked, both in the lessening of the noise and the comfort in ringing, as the old chamber was very close and stuffy. A peal of Bob Major was attempted here and successfully brought round, and the visitors, after having knocked up the landlady of The Anchor for refreshments—the peal was not completed until a quarter of an hour after closing time, ten o'clock—returned to Lewes for the night. A quarter-peal was on the programme for Divine Service at Southover, Lewes, in the morning, but as a visitor was found at the belfry this was abandoned, and touches rung instead. A 153 Grandsire Triples was first brought round, followed by 504 in the same method by S. W. Shoesmith, A. S. Langridge, W. Tawney (Maidstone), F. Bennett, R. J. Dawe, A. J. Turner, J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), J. F. Stedman. A 384 Bob Major was then rung by S. Shoesmith, A. Langridge, F. Bennett, R. J. Dawe, W. Tawney, A. J. Turner, J. S. Goldsmith, G. Williams. After a stroll round the town a meat lunch was partaken of, and a start made for Chailey, a pretty village six-and-a-half miles north of Lewes. A waggonette was procured, and four of the band started in it, the remaining two being picked up on the way. Four hours and a half after leaving Lewes a peal in seven different methods had been completed. There is a tradition among the local ringers that seven 720s has been previously rung on the bells, but no one recollects it, nor is there a record of it. By the kindness of Mrs. Hepburn, of The Hook, the band were provided with tea after the peal, and the butler (Mr. Clarkson) thoughtfully brought the good things to the parish room adjoining the church, to save the walk of a good long mile each way to the house. Several 6-scores of Doubles were rung for evening service, with some of the local ringers, and to them the band return their heartiest thanks, as well as to the Rector for the use of the bells. They also thank Mrs. Hepburn and Mr. Clarkson for their kindness. The drive to Lewes, which is through beautiful country, was greatly enjoyed, and everyone agreed that the outing was in every way successful. G.

## PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

A small farm called Rooksie Farm, in the parish of Preston, Suffolk, has been bought by a gentleman, who, thinking the presence of a muddy pond objectionable close to the house, had the water pumped out and the mud (some nine to ten feet deep) taken out. Near the clay bottom was found a bell, with the date 1133 upon it; also a portion of a gold set of teeth and a broken pipe mounted with massive silver. It is said that many coins have been found bearing old dates, but however this may be, the bell undoubtedly bears the date mentioned. It would be curious to know if there is any account of a monastery having existed at Preston, and it anything has been found bearing so old a date in the county of Suffolk.

THE TESTIMONIAL TO MR. W. H. GODDEN.—The fund for this purpose is announced to be closed to-day (Saturday). Those who intend therefore to record their sense of the worth of the Hon. Secretary of the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, by subscribing to this fund, must do so at once. The movement wants no recommendation whatever—it is merely intended as an acknowledgment of the worth of a most esteemed and valuable member of the Exercise. The address of the secretary to the fund will be found on the notice-page.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE HORLEY SOCIETY (SURREY).—The Horley branch of the Sussex County Association had their annual outing on Monday, June 6th, Bolney in Sussex being the place chosen. Starting from The Six Bells inn at about 8.30 a.m. in a pair-horse brake, and driving through Crawley and Handcross, Bolney was reached about 11.30 a.m. The church was at once visited, and the bells were soon going in a 630 of Grandsire Triples, and afterwards a 336 in the same method. An adjournment was then made to The Eight Bells inn, where an excellent spread was provided, and which was soon brought into rounds. Then a tune, and 168 Grandsire Triples on the handbells, and the tower was again visited, when was rung a 350 and and a 910 of Court Bob Triples, and 504 of Grandsire Triples; the following taking part: E. Taylor, W. Edwards, A. Songhurst, S. Kenward, G. Staplehurst, E. Dewey, F. Wickens, F. Voice, T. Whitmore, T. Post, and G. Walder, jun. The bells were then lowered, and tea being had at The Eight Bells, the party were soon on the road homeward, all gratified with their day's enjoyment, and desire to thank, through the medium of this paper, the Vicar of Bolney for granting permission to ring, and Mr. Walder for having things in readiness.

A TRIP TO DUBLIN.—On Saturday, May 28th, Messrs. W. H. Barber and P. W. Davies (of Bangor, North Wales) started by the 3.30 p.m. boat express to Holyhead for Dublin, where at North Wall they were met by Mr. Lindoff, who was awaiting the arrival of the boat, "BELL NEWS" in hand, as arranged. There being a practice at St. George's (8 bells) not much time was lost in getting there, and very soon a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung. Further ringing on tower bells was prevented by the tenor-rope breaking, a short touch on handbells was then rung. A couple of hours were afterwards spent in a stroll round the town, where some most amusing scenes were witnessed. On Sunday morning, being joined early by Mr. Lindoff, a visit was paid to the renowned Phœnix Park, which soon made it time for ringing for the morning service at St. Patrick's, which was reached about 10-30. Arriving in the ringing-chamber, it was soon seen that no trouble or expense had been spared in making everything as comfortable as possible for the ringers, the room being very nicely furnished, and fitted up with every convenience. After a hurried look at the bells, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung for the service. At 2.45 p.m. another touch was rung for service; and arrangements having been made to meet at Bray to attempt a quarter-peal, it was found there was just time to reach Christ Church to have a pull with the ringers there for service on a very musical ring of ten, tenor 44 cwt. The ringing being over, a rush had to be made to catch the train for Bray, which was reached soon after 5 o'clock, and having some time to spare a very pleasant walk round Bray Head was much enjoyed. At 8.30 the band having met as arranged at the parish church, which possesses a very fine ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rung in 53 mins. The ringing, which was considered very good, was listened to by a number of people, a notice having been posted up in the porch before service which caused much amusement on being read by the ringers. On arriving in Dublin again our weary travellers, after having put in a very good day, were only to glad to get to rest. On Monday, an hour or so was spent at St. Patrick's, where several touches were rung on handbells. The rest of the day was taken up in sightseeing, under the guidance of Mr. Lindoff, Baldoyle being visited in the afternoon, where a race meeting was held. The time for starting home arriving all too soon, North Wall was again reached, and after bidding good-bye to Mr. Lindoff, and thanking him for the great pains he had taken in making the visit such a success, the "Cambria" was boarded, bound once more for Holyhead, Bangor being reached at 2.30 on Tuesday morning, a most enjoyable holiday having been spent.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1898.

ONE very satisfactory feature of the majority of ringing Associations is that they are not content to stand still, or repose on their laurels. In all public bodies, as in commercial life, want of progress is looked upon as equivalent to going backward, and therefore it is of the utmost importance that progression should be every one's aim. This is evidently the strong belief of the Executive of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, a body which, like good wine, materially improves with age. At every succeeding annual festival the energetic Honorary Secretary has to tell the members of progress of some sort, either of finances or additions to the roll, or both.

The report read at the annual meeting at Wells is an "advanced" document. We recollect the late Mr. ELLACOMBE writing to say there was no half-pull ringing below Bristol. What would he think now?

We must compliment MR. TOMKINS, the Secretary of the Association, and his colleagues, on the eminently satisfactory condition of the Association.

## The Metropolis.

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

*On Wednesday, June 15, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ROWLAND FENN, SEN., 139, FISHER STREET, BARKING,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CALEB FENN .. .. .. | 1-2. | THOMAS FAULKNER .. | 5-6. |
| ROWLAND FENN .. .. | 3-4. | YORK GREEN .. .. .. | 7-8. |

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

Umpire—Albert C. Hardy. First peal in the method on handbells by all.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, June 18, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.** Tenor 15 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM H. WEBBER | *Treble.* | HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN C. MITCHELL .. .. | 2. | FREDERICK DENCH .. .. | 6. |
| HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. | 7. |
| CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. | 4. | JOHN N. OXBORROW .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

*First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Dench and Ellis. The figures will be found on another page.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Monday, June 20, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ISAAC GEORGE SHADE | *Treble.* | FREDERICK A. NUNN .. | 5. |
| JOHN JAMES LAMB .. .. | 2. | WALTER INGHAM .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM BERRY .. .. | 3. | JOHN R. SHARMAN .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. | 4. | HARRY FLANDERS .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

Rung to celebrate the 61st anniversary of Her Majesty's accession; and as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Foreman on the completion of his 51st year.

## The Provinces.

### QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, June 11, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JESSE GILLETT .. .. | *Treble.* | ROBERT A. BARRETT .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM J. PEGLER .. | 2. | ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. | 6. |
| JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .. | 3. | HENRY MITCHELL .. .. | 7. |
| FRED G. MAY .. .. .. | 4. | ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by A. CRAVEN and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

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

*On Thursday, June 16, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| T. SHORT .. .. .. | *Treble.* | E. ALDWORTH .. .. .. | 5. |
| H. HOLIFIELD .. .. .. | 2. | J. BROWN .. .. .. .. | 6. |
| W. ADKINS .. .. .. .. | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. | 7. |
| REV. M. KELLY .. .. | 4. | H. HYDE .. .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

### EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, June 16, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE HOUSE OF W. G. CRICKMER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HORACE C. HOWLETT .. | 1-2. | WILLIAM FLORY .. .. | 5-6. |
| WILLIAM G. CRICKMER | 3-4. | WALTER LAST .. .. | 7-8. |
| JOHN O. NEILL .. | 9-10. | | |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

Umpire—Mr. A. Leggett. Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

### STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH).

*On Friday, June 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in F♯.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| R. F. LANE .. .. .. | *Treble.* | J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. .. | 5. |
| E. READER .. .. .. .. | 2. | W. A. MASTERS .. .. .. | 6. |
| W. H. INGLESANT .. .. | 3. | J. HUTCHBY .. .. .. .. | 7. |
| H. WHITTLE* .. .. .. | 4. | G. DOUGHTY .. .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, Bart., and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, and the first in the County of Nottingham. *First peal of Stedman.

### RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 18, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRED. GILBERT .. .. | *Treble.* | *FRANK KIRK .. .. .. | 5. |
| FRED. STUBBS* .. .. | 2. | JOHN WILLMOTT .. .. | 6. |
| WALTER GILBERT .. .. | 3. | HENRY STUBBS .. .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. | 4. | *WILLIAM T. ARCHER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by F. GILBERT and Conducted by HENRY STUBBS.

*First peal of Triples. This is the first peal rung on the bells since they have been rehung, and the two trebles added and the tenor recast.

### BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 18, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

SOTTANSTALL'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE | *Treble.* | CHARLES J. HYLAND .. | 5. |
| WALTER FRANKS .. .. | 2. | CHARLES R. CARTER .. | 6. |
| FREDERICK LOCK .. .. | 3. | HARRY WESTON .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM THOMAS .. .. | 4. | JOHN SINDEN .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

Mr. Weston for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Brighton. It is the quickest peal on the bells.

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

*On Saturday, June 18, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| EDWARD COTTRELL* | *Treble.* | *JOHN ABERY .. .. .. | 4. |
| JAMES ABERY .. .. .. | 2. | THOMAS T. HERRIDGE .. | 5. |
| GEORGE ABERY* .. .. | 3. | DENISON HAYWARD .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

First peal of Minor on the bells. *First peal.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 18, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM GAZELEY .. | ..*Treble.* | CHARLES CHASTY .. .. | 4. |
| THOMAS R. HENSHER .. | 2. | JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. | 5. |
| CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. | 3. | WM. JOHN BARKER .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal on the bells. First peal in seven methods by T. R. Hensher.

RUSHTON, NEAR KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 18, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

In the following four methods: Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| EDWARD CHAPMAN* .. | ..*Treble.* | ARTHUR ROBINSON .. .. | 4. |
| ERNEST UNDERWOOD .. | 2. | HERBERT J. JULIAN .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM ROUGHTON .. | 3. | WILLIAM R. HENSHER | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

*First peal.

CHARING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 18, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| RICKS PAINE .. .. | ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM SPICE .. .. .. | 4. |
| WILLIAM HILLS .. .. | 2. | HARRY GOODWIN .. .. | 5. |
| EDWARD DIXON .. .. .. | 3. | THOMAS TABRETT .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by THOMAS TABRETT.

First peal on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Saturday, June 18, 1898, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

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

J. E. GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HERBERT KNIGHT* .. | 1-2. | JAMES E. GROVES .. .. | 5-6. |
| GEORGE BURROWS* .. | 3-4. | *ROBERT PICKERING .. | 7-8. |

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee—Mr. Farrington Jones, who ticked off each call. First peal rung on handbells by this society. *First peal on handbells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Monday, June 20, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

N. J. PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HUGH J. BALCOMBE* | ..*Treble.* | JOHN JAGGAR .. .. .. | 5. |
| GEORGE BURROWS* .. .. | 2. | †AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. | 6. |
| ROBERT PICKERING* .. .. | 3. | JAMES E. GROVES .. .. | 7. |
| HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. | 4. | *ISAAC PURSER .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

This is the first peal of Stedman ever rung by the local company. First peal of Triples in the method on the bells, and rung to commemorate the 61st year of Her Majesty the Queen's reign. *First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 18, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLD TOWN,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES OSBORN .. .. | ..*Treble.* | THOMAS PRICE .. .. .. | 5. |
| GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. | 2. | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. | 6. |
| GEORGE PENFOLD .. .. | 3. | BENJAMIN HOBBS .. .. | 7. |
| ALFRED E. MIDMORE .. | 4. | JOHN NEWMAN .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 18, 1898, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR ROOKE* .. | ..*Treble.* | *HENRY JONES .. .. .. | 5. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. | 2. | GEORGE GATLAND .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM PELLING .. .. | 3. | CHARLES PAINTER .. .. | 7. |
| FRANK BENNETT .. .. | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Major. This composition, which has 4, 5, 6 the full combination in 5-6 without the 2nd being there at a course-end, is now rung for the first time. This is the first peal of Bob Major on the bells.

CHAILEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, June 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALFRED J. TURNER* | ..*Treble.* | *WILLIAM PELLING .. .. | 4. |
| GEORGE GATLAND .. .. | 2. | *JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. | 5. |
| FRANK BENNETT .. .. | 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal on six bells. This is the first recorded peal on the bells.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

*On Monday, June 20, 1898, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOSEPH WALLIS.. .. | ..*Treble.* | GEORGE EDWARDS .. .. | 4. |
| WALTER HUMPHREY .. | 2. | JAMES PALMER .. .. .. | 5. |
| HUGH R. THORPE .. .. | 3. | HARVEY CHILDS.. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by HUGH R. THORPE.

First peal by all.

HELMSHORE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, June 21, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| H. STEFF .. .. .. | ..*Treble.* | R. WALLWORK .. .. .. | 5. |
| T. P. BRANDWOOD .. .. | 2. | J. BANKS .. .. .. .. | 6. |
| J. H. ENTWISTLE .. .. | 3. | J. H. BANKS .. .. .. | 7. |
| T. WALLWORK .. .. .. | 4. | W. HASLAM .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, first by all the band, and by the above branch.

## Date Touches.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, May 10th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the

late John Harris, of Staveley, whose death the company deeply regret. G. Oates, 1; J. Atkin, 2; E. James, 3; T. Sarel, 4; A. Slater, 5; W. Biggin (conductor), 6; J. Allen, 7; G. Butcher, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, May 1st, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Preston, 1; D. Edwards, 2; J. Steddy, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Wallis, 5; T. Wallis, 6; R. Jenner, 7; J. Maylon, 8. On Sunday, May 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). J. Preston (conductor), 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Heasman, 3; R. Jenner, 4; J. Steddy, 5; T. Wallis, 6.

LIMPSFIELD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, May 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Preston, 1; G. Steer, 2; R. Jenner, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Steddy, 5; T. Wallis, 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, May 22nd, at St. Peter's church, 210 Oxford Bob Triples, 350 Grandsire Triples, 168 Stedman Triples, and 224 Double Norwich, by Messrs. Latter, Muggeridge, Pollard, Porter, Perkins, Ford, Welsh, Page, Tompsett, and Mankelow.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, June 5th, 1050 Grandsire Triples. J. Saxby, 1; W. Bond, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; E. Audsley, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; J. Turner, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; E. A. Barnett, 8.

### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON.—On May 1st, 720 Bob Minor. F. Warrington, 1; ——, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. H. Clark, 4; E. Houlden, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; H. Nash, 8. On May 8th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Hilton, 1; ——, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. T. Holmes, 4; E. Houldsworth, 5; J. H. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; H. Nash, 8.

HORNCASTLE (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday, May 4th, on handbells at Morton's Library, 168 and 350 Grandsire Triples. G. M. Morton, 1-2; W. J. Taylor, 3-4; A. Howes (conductor), 5-6; J. Gee, 7-8. Longest length of Triples by Messrs. Morton and Gee. On Friday, May 13th, 720 Bob Minor. G. M. Morton, 1-2; W. J. Taylor, 3-4; A. Howes (conductor), 5-6.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On May 9th, on the occasion of the annual visitation of the Archdeacon of Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. I. G. Shade (composer and conductor), 1; W. Foreman, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; H. Hoskins, 4; W. Berry, 5; F. W. Thornton, 6; H. Flanders, 6; E. Withecomb, 8.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, May 15th, for Divine Service, 350 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Matins, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earle (conductor), 5; F. Hollingworth, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; W. Parsons, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 49 mins. W. Malins, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 5; J. Warren, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; W. Earle, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. King, wife of the late Henry King, veterinary surgeon, of this place, who resided near the church for some forty years, and who was greatly respected. First quarter-peal by W. Malins, and first by G. Tomlin with a bob bell. On Sunday morning, May 22nd, for Divine Service, 420 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Malins, 1; L. Hollingworth, 2; G. Tomlin, 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earle, 5; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; W. Parsons, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 48 mins. W. Malins, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 5; J. Warren, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; W. Earle, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On May 1st, at 7 a.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Pearson, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall, 8; J. W. Bayley, 9; E. Williamson, 10. Composed by J. George and conducted by J. W. Bayley. For morning service 480 Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall, 8; J. W. Bayley, 9; T. Gordon, 10. For evening service 485 Grandsire Caters. T. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall, 8; J. W. Bayley, 9; J. Pearson, 10. On Monday, May 2nd, for practice, 336 Bob Major. T. Barber, 1; T. Jackson, 2; H. Meakin, 3; J. Barnes, 4; J. Hutchinson, 5; J. Pearson, 6; J. W. Bayley, 7; T. Marshall, 8. First touch of Major by all with the exception of the 4th, 7th and 8th ringers.

KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday, May 2nd, at the parish church, ringers from Witton rang a 720 of Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; R. Chantler, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6. Another 720 in the same method. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; W. Hammon, 4; J. Bell, 5; H. Johnson, 6. W. Hammon belongs to the local band, and it is his first 720 in any method. Also 180 with W. Hammon (conductor), 4.

NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Thursday, May 5th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6.

TARVIN (Cheshire).—On Saturday, May 7th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6. Also two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. This is the first change-ringing that has taken place on these bells since they were rehung two years ago by Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough. They are a very musical peal of six in A. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells.

### THE SALOP GUILD.

WELLINGTON (Salop).—On Tuesday, May 3rd, for practice at All Saints church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. with the tenor covering. J. Rowley, 1; E. Cooper, 2; R. Nicholls, 3; R. Rowley, 4; J. Evason, 5; T. Pritchard (conductor), 6; G. Moore, 8.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, May 8th, for Divine Service, 1260 Stedman Triples in 40 mins. E. J. Menday, 1; G. Essex, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; H. W. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman, 6; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 7; H. Simmons, 8. The conductor hails from Maidenhead; the remainder belong to Caversham.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Thursday, May 13th, an attempt fer Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 3248 changes in 2 hrs. W. Walker, 1; E. Harwood, Esq., 2; E. J. Menday, 3; F. Bissley, 4; F. Dentry, 5; W. E. Yates, 6; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Messrs. Menday and Simmonds bail from Caversham; Harwood from Old Windsor; Yates from Marlow; the rest are local men.

STOKE POGES (Bucks).—On Sunday, May 15th, 480 Grandsire Doubles. W. G. Harding, 1; L. A. Harding, 2; E. H. Hawkins, 3; C. Hartley, 4; G. H. Gutteridge, 5; E. Hilling, 6. This is the first change-ringing ever done by an entire local company without the assistance of a coach.

### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAERLEON (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, May 17th, at the church of St. Cadoc, 588 Stedman Triples. H. Millard, 1; F. Green, 2; R. Le Vesconte, 3; J. W. Jones, 4; E. Davies, 5; F. Atwell, 6; W. Davies (Liverpool, conductor), 7; G. Pippin, 8.

PONTYPOOL.—On Saturday, May 7th, at Trevethin church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. E. Trumper, 1; T. Jenkins, 2; S. Rogers, 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Luffman (conductor), 5; J. Evans, 6 First quarter-peal by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. On Thursday, May 5th, for practice, 520 in the same method. E. Trumper, 1; D. Pinney, 2; S. Rogers, 3; T. H. Jenkins, 4; J. Evans (longest length as (conductor), 5; W. Webb, 6. And 240. E. Trumper, 1; W. Webb, 2; D. Pinney, 3; T. H. Jenkins, 4; J. Evans (conductor), 5; S. Rogers, 6.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, May 4th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 54 mins. E. B. Shaw, 1; F. Crossland, 2; J. Priestly, 3; G. Hoyle (Rochdale), 4; J. Millett (Heywood), 5; S. Stott (conductor), 6; F. Cocks, 7; A. Sidebottom (Rochdale), 8; J. Siddall, 9; J. Wood, 10. Composed by C. Charge. These bells have recently been rehung in a new iron frame and fittings by Mears and Stainbank, and the ringers consider them to be satisfactory, and the "go" of the bells excellent.

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WILBURTON (Cambs).—Recently at St. Peter's church 720 Bob Minor. R. M. Croft, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Markwell, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble

Bob. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; A. Hazel, 3; H. Markwell, 4; H. Sharp, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Sharp, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. And 720 College Single. R. M. Croft, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; A. Hazel, 3; H. Sharp, 4; W. Smith (first attempt in the method), 5; J. Markwell, 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, April 17th, for afternoon service, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Duke of York, composed by N. Spindlow of Ducklington. H. Little, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, April 20th, for practice, 720 London Treble Bob (4th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. T. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 College Pleasure. T. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, April 27th, for practice, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (5th the observation), J. Luckey, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. Jordan, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, 720 Double Court Bob. H. Little, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts' fiftieth 720 Double Court Bob. And for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Barker (first 720 of Treble Bob), 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, May 4th, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure (4th the observation) J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. G. Barker hails from Ware, Hertford. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, June 12th, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Bassett, 1; T. Miles (conductor), 2; H. Pederick, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; H. Kenten, 7; T. Everett, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. B. Bradney Bockett, M.A., vicar of Epsom from 1838 to 1882, who died on June 2nd in his ninety-second year.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 31st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. G. Scowen, 1; H. Pederick, 2; C. Read, 3; S. Wilson, 4; H. Beams, 5; F. Groves, 6; W. Chantler (conductor), 7; T. Everett, 8.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRAXALL (Somersetshire).—On Whit-Sunday for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins., taken from Holt's ten-part. C. H. Horton (conductor), 1; A. Waters, 2; F. Winsor, 3; J. Bishop, 4; J. Harvey, 5; H. Chard, 6; J. Winsor, 7; W. Clark, 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEYDON (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, May 4th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Cotteril, 1; G. Neale, 2; J. Blackborn, 3; G. Moy, 4; J. Moy, 5; W. Rought (conductor), 6. Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich. G. Cotterill belongs to the local company; the remainder hail from Aylsham.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On a recent Saturday an attempted peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major had to stop after two hours, owing to serious illness near the church. This peal was attempted in commemoration of the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham on June 6th, 1892, viz., 16,608, in 10 hrs. and 32 mins. Ringers; David Collins, 1; William L. Catchpole, 2; Henry C. Gillingham, 3; John Howard, 4; William G. Crickmer, 5; James Motts (conductor), 6; William Motts, 7; Robert H. Brundle, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

## THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY, DUBLIN.

DUBLIN.—On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service in the morning at the Cathedral, 336 Grandsire Triples, 9-8-10 behind. T. Cunningham, 1; P. W. Davies, 2; H. Greene, 3; G. Lindoff, 4; C. Murray, 5; Robt. Greene, 6; W. H. Barber (conductor), 7; A. W. Coady, 8; R. R. Cherry, 9; R. Greene, 10. For afternoon service 336 in the same method. A. W. Coady, 1; W. H. Barber (conductor), 2; H. Greene, 3; G. Lindoff, 4; C. Murray, 5; Robt. Greene, 6; P. W. Davies, 7; J. Lambert, 8; R. R. Cherry, 9; R. Greene, 10. On Monday, May 29th, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Lindoff, 1-2; W. H. Barber (conductor), 3-4; P. W. Davies, 5; R. R. Cherry, 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman. G. Lindoff, 1-2; W. H. Barber, 3-4: R. R. Cherry, 5; P. W. Davies, 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob recorded in the country.

BRAY (Wicklow).—On Sunday evening, May 29th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins. H. Greene, 1; G. Lindoff (conductor), 2; P. W. Davies, 3; R. R. Cherry, 4; C. Murray, 5: Robt. Greene, 6; W. H. Barber, 7; R. Greene, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. This is the longest length by the Society.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADFORD (Wilts).—At Holy Trinity church, on Saturday, June 4th, an attempt for Holt's ten-part came to grief after 2 hrs. F. McCaffrey, 1; S. Hillier, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; W. McCaffrey, 4; A. P. Goddard, 5; T. Blackbourn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; F. Price, 8.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, June 22nd, at Christ Church on the back six, 720 Bob Minor. A. Glasscock, 1; A. J. Chidwick, 2; J. Miller, 3; H. W. Newby, 4; A. Miller, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, June 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. A. Glasscock, 1; S. Ansell, 2; S. Wade, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; J. Miller (conductor), 5; C. Bale, 6; J. Howard, 8. After evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. Composed by J. H. Barrett. A. Glasscock, 1; J. Miller, 2; S. Ansell (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 3; W. Pickworth, 4; S. Wade (first quarter-peal as conductor), 5; I. J. Attwater, 6; A. Miller, 7; C. Bale, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

## THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM. — On Sunday, May 22nd, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins. W. G. Ellis, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. Brook, 3; W. A. Hancox (conductor), 4; R. Hackley, 5; H. Middleton, 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. Sanigar, 8.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, 378 Double Norwich Caters, for practice. J. Price, 1; W. J. Hinton, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; W. Knight, 4; N. J. Wilkins, 5; H. Pring, 6; J. Matthews, 7; F. Ellis, 8; W. A. Cave, 9; J. Jones, 10. On Monday two short touches were rung in the same method, with J. Jones, 1; C. Millard, 5; W. Colston, 10; remainder as before. On Sunday, 504 Stedman Triples. C. H. Horton, J. Jones, C. Millard, W. J. Pickard, F. E. Ward (conductor), C. E. D. Boutflower, W. A. Cave, and W. Colston. On the following Sunday for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. H. Horton, R. Clark, W. A. Cave (conductor), A. E. Bawn, F. Ellis, T. Radford, F. Price, J. Jones. On Tuesday, 504 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. Tilney Bassett (longest touch), 1; F. Ellis, 2; C. Millard, 3; A. E. Bawn, 4; C. H. Gordon, 5; W. J. Pickard (conductor), 6; F. Price, 7; C. H. Horton, 8. On Saturday, May 28th, at St. Stephen's, muffled touches in various methods were rung as a mark of respect to the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone. T. Radford, C. Gordon, W. Knight, J. Waghorn, R. J. Wilkins, A. E. Bawn, F. Ellis, C. H. Horton, F. Price, E. A. Davies (Barking, Essex). On Sunday, for morning service, 732 Stedman Caters. W. J. Hinton, C. Millard, C. H. Horton, — Dean (Sutton), J. Waghorn, W. Knight, F. Ellis, E. P. O'Meara, F. Price, W. Colston. Messrs. Williams (Brighton), Trollope (Norwich) and other gentlemen on the Council also took part in the ringing. On Wednesday evening, as the last of the visitors were leaving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells. J. Austin (Gloucester), 1-2; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 3-4; F. Price, 5-6; S. Reeves (West Bromwich), 7-8.

## THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On May 24th, 1288 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Ough, 1; J. W. Driver, 2; H. Adams, 3; W. T. Elson (composer and conductor), 4; E. A. Arthurton, 5; E. H. Adams, 6: C. Charge, 7; S. How, 8.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, May 28th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters stopped at 2 hrs. 55 mins., rung with the bells half-muffled out of respect for the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone. On Wednesday, May 31st, at St. Peter's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. G. Hall, 1; G. Burrows, 2; H. Knight, 3; J. Jaggar (conductor), 4; H. P. Harman, 5; A. Griffiths, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; I. Perces, 8. On Sunday, June 4th, for evening service, bells half-muffled for Archdeacon Scott, 431 Stedman Caters. W. G. Hall, 1; G. Burrows, 2; R. Pickering, 3; H. Knight, 4; H. J. Bat-

combe, 5; J. Jaggar, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; A. Griffiths, 8; J. E. Groves (conductor, 9; F. Jones, 10.

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ADDINGHAM (Yorks).—On Sunday, May 15th, at St. Peter's church, 2520 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins., being 720 New London Pleasure, 720 Oxford, 720 Violet, and 360 Woodbine. C. Brown, 1; S. Tillotson, 2; J. Boddy (conductor), 3; W. Law, 4; J. Cottam, 5; J. Hill, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. J. Cottam belongs to the local company; the rest all hail from Kildwick. Longest length by J. Cottam.

BRISTOL.—Recently, at St. Michael's church, in honour of the silver wedding of the rector (the Rev. J. H. Clay), seven 6-scores of Plain Bob and seven of Grandsire were rung. A. Lea, 1; W. W. Lea, 2; F. Isaacs, 3; S. Thomas (conductor), 4; A. Isaacs, 5; E. Haubergh 6.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 1st, 720 Double Bob Minor. J. Bate, 1; J. Barber, 2; W. Shilvock, 3; H. Martin, 4; W. Short, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6. Also 360 Kent and 120 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. J. Bate, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; W. Shilvock, 3; H. Martin, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Friday, May 13th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. Harper (first quarter-peal), 1; S. Pitt, 2, T. Lowe, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. A. Brown (composer and conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6; E. Unitt, 7; W. Eyre, 8. On Sunday, May 15th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Mark, 1; T. Lowe, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Adams, 4; J. A. Brown (conductor), 5; E. Unitt, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Hamilton, 8. Composed by J. Barrett, and contains fourteen 4-6s, fourteen 7-4s, and fourteen 6-7s. Messrs. Harper, Brown, and Eyre belong to Bilston; Pitt and Adams to Willenhall; Hamilton to Walsall.

FORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, May 15th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles called differently. J. Evason, 1; E. Cooper, 2; F. Earp, 3; E. Childs, 4; T. Pritchard (conductor), 5; J. Rice, 6.

HALESOWEN (Worcestershire).—On Monday, May 16th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples, in 47 mins. A. Cockin, 1; W. Motteram, 2; W. Coley, 3; E. White, 4; H. Lea, 5; G. Cockin, 6; J. Brethen (conductor), 7; M. Hackett, 8. Rung after placing the diamond jubilee peal-board in the belfry.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Sunday, May 8th, at St. Leonard's church, 336 Bob Major. L. Finn, 1; P. W. Crunden, 2; A. R. Manning, 3; H. Cheesman, 4; S. Finn, 5; S. Cheesman (conductor), 6; F. Finn, 7; S. A. Gower, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. L. Finn, 1; P. W. Crunden, 2; T. Richards, 3; S. Finn, 4; H. Cheesman, 5; F. Finn, 6; S. Gower (conductor), 7; B. Baker, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples, with A. R. Manning (conductor), 5; S. Cheesman, 6; W. Fright, sen., 6.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, May 8th, after Divine Service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Dixon, 1; 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; W. Ward, 3; A. Miller, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hall, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. Dear, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; J. Dale, 6. On handbells, 720 Bob Minor. G. Cox, 1; G. Dear, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; J. Dale, 5-6. On Sunday, May 15th, 720 Woodbine. I. Dear, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. Pye, 4; E. Pye, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. And 720 Double Court. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; J. Dale, 5; E. Pye, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service, at St. Michael's Paddington, 503 Grandsire Triples. E. Bonfield, 1; W. Burrows, 2; J. Nixon, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. Griggs, 5; N. Alderman, (conductor), 6: W. Pickworth, 7; H. Elliss, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. On Sunday, May 22nd, at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. H. Ellis, 1: N. Alderman, 2; E. Bonfield, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; W. Nudds, 5; R. Bevan (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestersbire).—On Saturday, May 28th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in memory of the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, in 58 mins. J. Hardy, 1; W. A. Tyler, 2; S. Smith, 3; J. Grundy, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. A. Masters, 6; R. F. Lane (conductor), 7; T. Grundy, 8.

MARKET DEEPING (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, February 3rd, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor. —. Whitehead, 1; J. Thorpe, 2; G. Wells, 3; B. T. Shillaker, 4; G. Pearsons, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor by Messrs. Thorpe and Shillaker; and first as conductor by R. Brightman. On Sunday, February 20th, after service at St. Guthlac's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Palmer, 1: J. Thorpe, 2; J. Davis, 3; B. T. Shillaker, 4; G. Wells, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. First 720 by J. Davis. On Thursday, March 31st, 720 Bob Minor standing as above. On Easter Sunday after Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. T. Love, 5; the rest as before. On Thursday, April 14th, 720 Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled. T. Palmer, 1; G. Bunning, 2; J. Davis, 3; B. T. Shillaker, 4; T. Love, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the funeral of the Marquis of Exeter. First 720 by G. Bunning. On Sunday, May 1st, after Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. T. Palmer, 1; J. Thorpe, 2; J. Davis, 3; B. T. Shillaker, 4; T. Love, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 12th, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. P. Curtois, 1; J. Davis, 2; G. Wells, 3; B. T. Shillaker, 4; T. Love, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. On Ascension Day after Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. T. Palmer, 1; J. Thorpe, 2; G. Wells, 3; B. T. Shillaker, 4; T, Love, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 5th, two 720s of Bob Minor and a 720 of New London Pleasure. A. Symonds, 1; C Parker, 2; T. Levitt, 3; C. Green, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green, 6.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On May 14th, the local band had a pleasant drive to Rodmersham, where a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. F. Ockwell, 1; A. Champion, 2; H. Lampkin, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; J. H. Champion, 5; E. Dunster (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. F. Ockwell, 1; E. Dunster, 2; H. Lampkin, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; J. H. Champion, 5; W. J. Walker, 6.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Levitt, 1; J. Moore, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; C. Levitt, 5; W. Holllocks (conductor), 6. On Saturday, June 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1; C. Levitt, 2; W. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Hollocks, 5; T. Levitt (conductor), 6.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, April 21st, on handbells. 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; E. Wightman, 7-8. Wednesday, April 27, 2592 in the same method, with J. Dale, 7-8. On Wednesday, May 18th, 1952 in the same method, standing as before, conducted by G. R. Pye.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, May 14th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. F. Bowell, 1; R. Bowell, 2; W. Peirce, 3; R. Summersell, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Warnham Court, standing as before. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. K. Hart, 1; R. Dawes, 2; E. C. Merritt, 3; W. Denman, 4; F. Cripps, 5; F. W. Rice, 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. F. W. Rice (conductor), 1; E. C. Merritt, 2; R. Dawes, 3; W. Denman, 4; F. Cripps, 5; K. Hart, 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. M. R. Burrell, of Knepp Castle. On Sunday, May 15th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. F. Bowell, 1; R. Bowell, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Turrell, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6.

SEDBERGH (Yorks).—On Wednesday, May 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. W. Fisher, 1; T. Ibbotson, 2; F. S. J. Pile, 3; W. Pennington, 4; R. Atkinson, 5; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. First 720 on tower bells by all except Pile and Woodhouse, and first in the method on the bells.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 15th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering, in 27 mins. W. Tegg, 1; S. Wade, 2; S. Ansell, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; J. Miller, 5; C. Bale, 6; A. Miller (conductor), 7; J. Howard, 8.

WEST GRINSTEAD.—On Sunday, May 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor. F. W. Rice, 1; S. Woolgar, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Turrell, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6.

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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."

### A DOUBT.

SIR,—I think if Mr. Hunt will take the trouble to look at Snowdon's *Double Norwich* again he will see that the peal rung at Woolwich was not on the Real Double principle, as it is only at the first bob at 1 in each part where the bobs have to be made when the treble is behind, whereas in the peal rung at Irthlingborough there was as many bobs when the treble was behind as when she was in front, so I think we still have a right to claim it as the first peal of Real Double Norwich ever rung. Our peal was rung in excellent style, not a trip taking place from start to finish.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

*Church Lane, Irthlingborough, Northants.*

## Notices.

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The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at The Green Dragon inn, Dronfield to-day, Saturday, June 25th, at 5 p.m. prompt. Agenda—Resignation of Hon. Secretary and other routine business. Peal of six bells; Midland Railway; church close to station.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham to-day, Saturday, June 25th, when the tower will be open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30, business meeting to follow. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield to-day, Saturday, June 25th. Ringing on the Cathedral bells from 2 to 4 o'clock, after which the committee meeting will be held in the belfry. Short service at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's church. Tea at 5.30 at the Coffee House, to be followed by General Meeting. Tickets for tea sixpence each to those only who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling each. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, *Bull Street, Westbromwich.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of six-bell ringers will be held at St. Mary's church, Hendon, to-day, Saturday, the 25th instant, by kind permission of the Rev. Newton Mant. The bells will be raised at 5 p.m. All friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Thurleigh, to-day, Saturday, June 25th.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell (8 bells) to-day, Saturday, June 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The White Swan hotel. A new set of twenty-five handbells will be at members or any ringer's disposal, by kind permission of the Rothwell company.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.–Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Margaret's, Rainham to-day, Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Saturday, June 25, at Bury. Bells ready at 3 30. Business meeting at 6 30.

J. H. BANKS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Saffron Walden Society.—This Society will hold its 275th anniversary on Monday, June 27th. Any friends who may find it convenient to attend will be warmly welcomed. Ringing commences at 9 a.m.

A. F. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Padiham, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.

T. REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merthyr on Saturday, July 2nd. This being the first meeting at Merthyr members are particularly requested to attend. The bells will be available for ringing all day. Service at St. David's church at 2.30; meeting at the parish room at 3 o'clock. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, H. G. WHITE, } *Hon. Secs.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Bowden, Stockport, and Mottram Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held with the kind permission of the rector, Canon Whittington, at Northenden, Cheshire, on Saturday, July 2nd, at 4.30. H. LEIGH MALLORY.
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Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.—A brake will leave this tower for Warwick on Saturday, July 2nd, at 8.15. Any friend wishing to join the party should make early application. Return fare 3s. 6d. W. H. CARROD, *Hon. Sec.*
*82a, Potters Hill, Aston.*

The South Lincolnshire Association.—Quarterly Meeting at Witham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 2nd. Short service in the morning. Dinner at The Black Dog at 1 o'clock.

E. GALE, *Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Slinfold on Saturday, July 2nd. Members intending to be present are requested to write to J. W. G. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*
*Yapton, Arundel.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at York Town, Surrey, on Monday, July 4th. The London and South Western Railway will issue cheap tickets to Farnborough Station. Annual Meeting in the Drill Hall at 10 a.m. Service at 11.30 at St. Michael's Church, preacher—Rev. Canon Grant, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Guildford. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 12 45, only for those ordering beforehand. St. Michael's belfry will be open from 9 to 10 a.m. and during the afternoon. For other towers available see programme of arrangements.

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

Sheffield and District Society.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wortley (eight bells) on Saturday, July 9th. Wortley is about eight miles from Sheffield on the Great Central Railway. Trains at 2 45 and 4.30. Fare 1s. return. JOHN MULLIGAN, *Sec.*
113, *Fulton Road, Walkley, Sheffield.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Stoke on Saturday, July 9th (instead of July 2nd, as previously arranged). The belfry will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. Annual meeting in the church-room at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Divine Service at the parish church at 7.30, preacher the Rev. C. A. Simpkinson (Rector of Stoke). Members who intend to be present must give notice to Mr. H. Page, 25, Richmond Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Monday, July 4th.

REV. W. D. BRAGINTON, W. TWIGG, } *Hon. Secs.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Worsley, on Saturday, July 9th. It is anticipated that ringers and their friends may have the pleasure of visiting the grounds of Worsley New Hall, the country seat of the Earl of Ellesmere. Bells ready at 2 30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of St. James, Milnrow, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers invited.

E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Maidenhead on Monday, July 11th. Service in Boyne Hill church at 11.30. Preacher, Rev. R. Errington, Rector of Clewer. Business Meeting in the Girls' Schoolroom, Boyne Hill, at 12.30 Dinner at the Town Hall, Maidenhead, at 2 o'clock. Apply for tickets, with money, 2s., to Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, not later than July 4.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Billows has removed from 21, Primrose Hill, Skipton, to 8, Granville Street, Skipton.—Mr. John Jaggar has removed from 9, Redcross Street, to 56, Cambridge Street, Wolverhampton.

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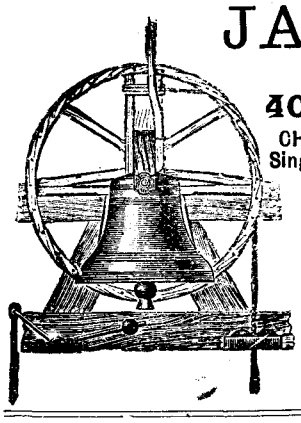

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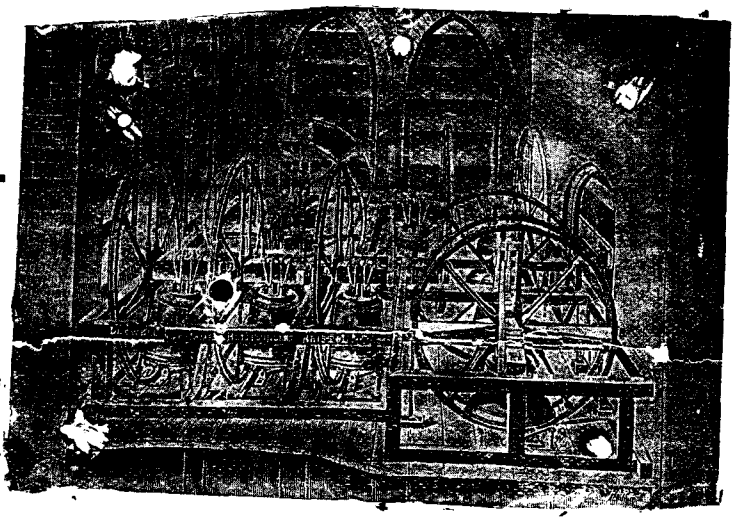

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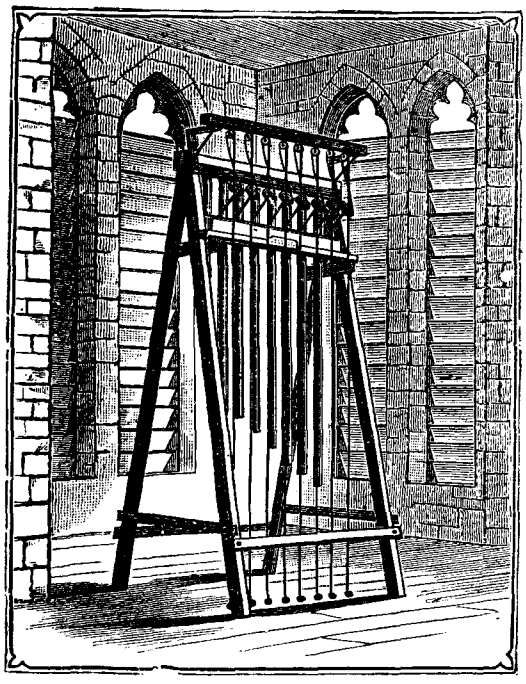

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# The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

No. 846.] SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1898. [Vol. XVII.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### Official Minutes.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Council was held in the Parish Hall of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on May 31st, the President, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart. in the chair. Of representative members forty-three were present out of eighty, representing twenty-three out of thirty-one societies: and of honorary members three out of eleven.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Attree, the retiring honorary members—Rev. A. H. Boughey, Mr. W. H. Thompson, and Mr. E. F. Strange were re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary read the statement of accounts showing a balance from the last year of £52 1s. 9½; receipts from subscriptions £10 2s. 6d.; sale of Appendix, 6d.; making a total of £62 4s. 9½. Expenditure:—Reporting and Postage, £1 6s. 9½d.; hire of room at the Church House, £1 5s. 1d.; leaving a balance of £59 13s. 1d. The accounts having been previously audited by the Standing Committee, were accepted and passed.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey made a report as to the position of the negotiations with the Railway Companies for securing cheap rail fares for ringers, and suggested the drawing up of a petition to be signed by members of the different Associations.

On the motion of Mr. Attree, seconded by Mr. Story, it was resolved that the Committee on Rail Fares should draw up a form of petition and circulate it amongst the various societies; and that the Committee be empowered to incur such expense as might be necessary for this purpose.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mr. Strange with reference to the work connected with the Bibliography.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and it was carried, that the Hon. Secretary do write to Mr. Strange asking him to furnish the Council with the portion of the work completed, and the materials he possessed for continuing it.

The Hon. Secretary read the Report of the Peal Collection Committee. A doubt having been expressed whether all the collectors were accepting compositions of more than the usual length, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved, Mr. Craven seconded, and it was resolved, that it be an instruction to the Committee to include compositions of all lengths above 5000 in the collection.

The Hon. Secretary read an *ad interim* report of the Committee on Technical Terms, with reference to the progress of the Glossary, to complete which satisfactorily, some expenditure was necessary. Mr. Rees moved, Mr. Dains seconded, and it was carried, that the Committee be empowered to incur the necessary expense of collecting *local* terms.

The Hon. Secretary moved, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded the addition to the definition of a true peal of the words "in all cases starting from, and ending with, rounds." The motion was carried.

Mr. Attree moved, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that the Report of the Peal Values Committee, as printed in "The Bell News" be adopted. Mr. Wakley proposed and Mr. Cockerill seconded as an amendment, that Superlative, New Cumberland, and Cambridge Surprise should be accorded 30 points each. The amendment was carried. Mr. Snowdon moved, and Mr. O'Meara seconded, that it be an instruction to the Committee to arrange the schedule of points so as to give an increased value to peals rung on rings having a tenor of over 30 cwt. The motion was carried. Mr. Attree moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and it was carried, that the following Surprise methods, Gloucester, Westminster, Norfolk and Oxford be added to those which should receive 30 points. Mr. Attree moved, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that the value of Cambridge Surprise Royal should be reduced, in proportion to Major, to forty points. The Rev. E. B. James moved, and Mr. Ward seconded, that no reduction be made; this amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Report of the Committee, with the alterations, was adopted.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved, and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker seconded the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Original Composition and Variation, as printed in "Bell News." The motion was carried.

The President moved the adoption of the "Scheme of Procedure of the Committee on the condition of bells," as printed in "Bell News"; the Rev. H. C. Courtney seconded.

The President invited the Council to suggest any rings of six, which might be considered of an historic character, for inclusion in the enquiry; and the following were mentioned: Westminster Abbey, Croyland Abbey, St. Mary the Great, Oxford, St. Benet's, Cambridge, and Rochester Cathedral. The question being put, the scheme was adopted.

The President moved, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded. and it was carried, that it is desirable that Thurstans' well-known composition in Stedman Triples should be designated his "four-part"; and his other compositions his "five-part" and "one-part" respectively.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee moved, and Mr. Phillott seconded, that in the opinion of the Council, peal-ringing on Sundays is not advisable except on occasions when a special service in church would be equally appropriate. Mr. Pritchett moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Rev. T. L. Papillon and carried.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson introduced the 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." After some discussion the President invited the Council to take the subject into careful consideration with a view to bringing forward some definite resolution at a future meeting.

The President announced that the Standing Committee had suggested Cambridge and Norwich for selection of one of the two as the place for the next meeting. On the motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Norwich was selected by a large majority.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed a vote of thanks to the President and Secretary, which was carried by acclamation.

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[The attendances of members of the Central Council will be found on another page.]

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Accident to Miss Alice White.—Our readers will regret to hear that this young lady has just met with an accident, which may have been more serious than it has proved. As she turned into Church Square, Basingstoke, on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., she was charged by a bullock that was being driven to a slaughter-house in the town. She was knocked up against a wall and received rather severe injuries to her face, and was also bruised very much. We are very pleased to hear that she is improving, and hopes are entertained that no permanent injury will result, in which hopes we with all our readers heartily join. Meantime all our sympathies are with the sufferer and the members of her family.

GRAVEDIGGER WANTED at Tottenham Cemetery; must have experience in mowing and clipping. Full particulars and forms of application to be obtained of The Superintendent, Tottenham Cemetery, Tottenham, Middlesex.—Wages commencing at 24s. per week.

## AN AUSTRALIAN LETTER.

190, Gipps Street, Abbotsford, Melbourne.

*May 5th*, 1898.

*To the Editor of* "THE BELL NEWS."

DEAR SIR,—Perhaps the following account of a trip to Sydney by three members of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, of Melbourne—Messrs. J. C. Nolan (President), A. Barnes and S. J. Hallissy (Secretary)—would be of interest to brother-ringers in the old country. We intended taking more men, but unfortunately obstacles stood in the way of others going with us. We left Melbourne by the steamship *Arawatta* on Thursday, April 7th, and after a passage of forty-two hours arrived in Sydney at two o'clock on Saturday, and were met on landing by Mr. C. W. Porter, of the St. Mark's Society, Darling Point, and Messrs. Corbett and Magner of the St. Mary's Society. On Easter Sunday morning we met at St. Mary's cathedral, Sydney, at five o'clock to ring in the Easter Day. Unfortunately a few years ago the tenor bell of this melodious peal of eight was cracked; but we are pleased to state tbat this will soon be restored, as the bells are to be installed in a new tower now building, and the new tenor is on its way out to replace the cracked bell. An attempt was made to ring a 720 of Grandsire Minor, but it came to grief after ringing about 400 changes. On Sunday evening we got a 360 of Grandsire Minor, conducted by C. W. Porter; also 120 Stedman Doubles, conducted by J. C. Nolan, this being the first Stedman on the bells. We had received an invitation to visit Maitland, a town 120 miles north of Sydney; so 11 o'clock on Sunday night saw us in company with a few Sydney ringers on board the steamship *Namoi*, bound for Newcastle, where we safely arrived at 5 o'clock the next morning. This city is situated on the largest coalfield in Australia, and has a very busy appearance; but at present its churches are not possessed of any peals of bells. After partaking of breakfast we took train for Maitland, and were heartily welcomed by the local men. We at once proceeded to the tower of St. Paul's church, and found there a peal of six steel bells hung in a new tower detached from the church. We were informed that these bells had been in Maitland for many years, strapped up to wooden beams under a kind of poppet head; but a few years ago Mr. Capper, one of the churchwardens, built the tower and had the bells hung. After inspecting the church and bells we stripped off and rang a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, to try the go of them. Being satisfied on that point we then started for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, which was successfully rang at the first attempt, in 25 mins., being the first 720 rung in Maitland, and was conducted by C. W. Porter (Sydney) and composed by A. Bames (Melbourne). T. Gallagher (Sydney), 1; S. J. Hallisy (Melbourne), 2; J. C. Nolan (Melbourne), 3; H. Davis (Sydney), 4; A. Bames (Melbourne), 5; C. W. Porter (Sydney), 6. The local men were greatly pleased with our success, and appeared very much interested in the method. They had battled for months with Plain Bob Doubles, their only instructor being Snowdon's "Rope-Sight," and their longest extent had been 40 changes. At their invitation we all adjourned to Mr. Nayland's refreshment rooms, where a real good spread awaited us, and a very hearty dinner was partaken of. After a little harmony we again visited the tower and spent the afternoon coaching some of the Maitland men through Plain Bob, and were eventually successful in getting two of them through a 6-score of Doubles. A second adjournment to Mr. Wayland's for tea followed, after which the visitors thanked the St. Paul's society for their kindness and hospitality. Another visit to the tower resulted in a 720 of Grandsire Doubles being rung with Mr. Lee, a local man, on the treble, being six 6-scores, each called differently, conducted by Mr. J. C. Nolan. We hope that our visit will be the means of stimulating the Maitland men to take up change-ringing in earnest, and Mr. Porter, of Sydney, has kindly offered to help them as much as possible. We left Maitland for Newcastle at half-past ten, with a rattling good send-off from the locals, and caught the boat leaving Newcastle at 12 o'clock, arriving in Sydney at 6 o'clock on Tuesday morning. After a much-needed sleep we turned up again at St. Mary's Cathedral at night and rang a muffled 720 of Grandsire Minor, conducted by Mr. Bames, in respect of a member of that society who died on Easter Saturday. Wednesday saw us *en route* to the Hawkesbury river, forty miles out. Arriving there we took steamer for a trip up the river, and even if we had not seen anything during our stay, the sight would have amply repaid us for our trouble. The sight of this magnificent river cannot be described; the only comparison we can make is that travellers say that it is far superior to the Rhine. After a journey of fifteen miles up the river we landed and took a short stroll through the bush, viewing the scenery from different points. We returned to Sydney at six o'clock, intending to ring at Christ Church, George Street (a peal of six by Taylor), but through some misunderstanding we did not get a band. Next morning we visited Parramatta, the oldest town in Australia, and went to All Saints' church, where there is a peal of six. Nothing was done here, the tenor going so badly that nobody could ring her. In the evening we were the guests of St. Mark's Society, Darling Point, and a very pleasant evening was spent with them in ringing touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire. On leaving the tower we adjourned for a convivial meeting, and were entertained by that Society, not separating till two o'clock. On Friday morning we visited the Sydney Post Office to see the largest bell in Australia, cast by Taylor, and weighing 5 tons. A trip to Manly, a favourite resort of pleasure seekers, wound up our sight-seeing, and we boarded the s.s. *Burrumteet* homeward bound at 5 p.m. We had a rough trip the first twenty-four hours, head winds, and shipping seas wholesale, but we eventually landed safe in Melbourne again at half-past two on Monday morning greatly pleased with our outing. We wish through your paper to express our thanks to St. Mary's and St. Mark's societies, Sydney, and St. Paul's society, West Maitland, for the generous hospitality extended to us during our visit, and we especially tender Mr. C. H. Porter our gratitude for the way he strove to make our trip as enjoyable as possible at no little inconvenience to himself, and it will always remain in our recollection that without him as a guide and friend, our visit would not have been the success it has.

Although to English ringers our achievements may seem small, it must be remembered that we had to travel 700 miles before we could associate with another change-ringing society, and we can only hope that the future of change-ringing in this country will progress faster than it has done in the past. No one but ourselves know the difficulties we have to contend with both in respect to bells and to ringers. In this colony alone we have seven peals of bells, and three of them are unringable, and one is closed, so that you see that our choice is very limited.

S. J. HALLISEY,

*Hon. Sec. St. Patrick's Cathedral Bellringers' Society, Melbourne, Victoria.*

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A meeting of this branch was held at Bury on Saturday, June 25th, but owing to unfavourable weather there was only a small attendance of visitors, though the local band, who are just receiving primary instruction, was well represented and a good opportunity was afforded them for practice, three of them getting their first touches, and a few others were steered through a 630 of Grandsire, this being their longest length.

By the kindness of the Rector an excellent tea was provided in the schoolroom, and as the appetites of the ringers were excellent also, the usual justice was done.

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. Stephen Evans presiding. Three new members were made from the local company, and Waterfoot was chosen for the next meeting. Votes of thanks to the Rector, waitresses, and chairman received special enthusiasm. A few courses on handbells were brought round after the meeting, and the tower bells were kept going until a late hour.

BRISTOL.—On Whit-Sunday, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, in 37 mins. A. Lea, 1; W. H. Thomas, 2; F. Isaacs, 3; S. Thomas (conductor), 4; A. Isaacs, 5; G. Thomas, 6.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Wednesday, May 11th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Dennison, 1; W. Tyson, 2; C. W. Graham, 3: J. Baxter, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; G. F. Woodhouse (Sedbergh, conductor), 6; J. Braithwaite, 7; J. Salmon, 8.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting of this society was held at Lichfield on June 25th. About sixty ringers were present from various parishes of the Archdeaconry, and the usual programme was carried out. The society has recently experienced a great loss by the lamented death of its President, the Venerable Archdeacon Scott. He was a man much beloved throughout his Archdeaconry, and his presence was always welcome at social gatherings of any kind, not least at the meetings of the Association. Last year illness prevented his being present at the annual meeting, but this year he had not only promised to preside, but had also undertaken to give the address at the service which was held in St. Mary's church. His place was taken by the Clerical Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Donald Jones, who took as the subject of his remarks the appointed lesson for the evening service, the first chapter of the First Epistle of St. John. This, said the preacher, brought before the members present two suitable and appropriate thoughts. The first, the influence which our contact with good men should bring to bear upon us. St. John wrote of the lessons he had learnt from contact with his Lord and Master. Many thousands had possessed considerable opportunities in the same way without caring to profit by them, but St. John had learnt so much by the sacred power of Christ's personal presence and influence. And a second great thought which appeared in the chapter considered, is the thought of "fellowship." A word full of meaning, but capable of gradual realisation through the exercise of the simplest principles of practical Christianity. "If we walk in the light as He is in the Light we have fellowship one with another." The late Archdeacon was a fine instance of the beauty of a true life in this respect. All men had a place in his heart, and most men who knew him found room for him in theirs. But beyond this thought of the fellowship of daily life, came the thought of the eternal fellowship which time could not destroy, and which is included in the wide embracing term, "the Communion (or Fellowship) of the Saints;" nor does it stop at human relations, but brings the soul of man into fellowship with God. "Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." This thought was illustrated by what was so manifest in the life and death, in the joys and sorrows, of a singularly happy and transparently honest life of which all present had known something. The application of the thought was obvious. There was room for truer fellowship in many a home. In many a belfry by aiming at preserving fellowship many a division would be avoided, and the soft answer that turneth away wrath was far better than the bitter retort, which often said more than was meant, and left a wound which was never healed up. Fellowship was a thing to be aimed at in such a society as theirs, but it was only possible so far as each member made the society's best interests his own. "If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with another."

The Vicar of St. Mary's, Prebendary Bolton, with the assistance of his organist and choir, did all he could to make the short service bright and hearty.

Subsequently the members sat down to tea at The Coffee House, after which the general meeting of the society was held. Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of King's Norton, took the chair, and most ably conducted the business of the meeting.

It was resolved to put on record the feeling of all present as to the loss sustained by the society and by the Church at large, through the death of the late Archdeacon Scott; and to communicate to his family a resolution of sympathy with them in their sorrow.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

A meeting of six bellringers in the above district was held at St. Mary's, Hendon, on Saturday the 25th June. The bells were raised about 5.30, and were kept going until close on nine o'clock, by ringers assembled from Barnet, Finchley, Hendon, Hornsey, Tottenham, and Walthamstow. In the course of the evening, the Rev. Newton Mant, Vicar of Hendon, came into the belfry and spoke a few words of welcome and encouragement, in the course of which he expressed a hope that, at no very distant period, it might be found possible to have the bells overhauled, and certain obvious defects remedied.

About sixteen ringers were present during the evening—a small gathering, but an efficient one, and quite as many as could be conveniently accommodated in the limited space of the little belfry. Touches were successfully brought round in various Minor methods, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

| Society. | Present. | Absent. |
|---|---|---|
| Ancient Society of College Youths ... | W. T. Cockerill ... ... | W. Burkin<br>H. R. Newton<br>W. D. Smith |
| Royal Cumberland Youths ... ... ... | H. Dains... ... ... ... | B. Foskett<br>A. Jacob<br>Jas. Parker |
| St. James' Society, London ... ... ... | E. P. O'Meara ... ... | W. Weatherstone |
| Bath and Wells Diocesan Association | Rev. H. C. Courtney... | C. E. D. Boutflower |
| Bedfordshire Association ... ... ... | Rev. W. W. C. Baker... | |
| Birmingham and Dist. Amal. Society | (unrepresented) ... ... | T. Collinson |
| Chester Diocesan Guild... ... ... ... | J. Dillon ... ... ... ... | |
| | W. Walmsley ... ... | |
| Devonshire Guild ... ... ... ... ... | Rev. M. Kelly ... ... | |
| | Ferris Shepherd ... ... | |
| Durham and Newcastle Association ... | R. S. Story ... ... ... | W. Holmes<br>T. Hudson |
| Essex Association ... ... ... ... ... | Rev. T. L. Papillon ... | F. G. Newman |
| | N. J. Pitstow... ... ... | W. Nevard |
| Gloucester and Bristol Association ... | Rev. H. A. Cockey ... | |
| | Rev. E. B. James... ... | |
| | G. H. Philpott ... ... | |
| Hereford Diocesan Guild ... ... ... | (unrepresented) ... ... | T. J. Bratton |
| Hertford County Association ... ... | " | E. P. Debenham |
| Kent County Association ... ... ... | F. W. Thornton ... ... | Rev. E. W. Carpenter<br>Rev. F. J. O. Helmore<br>W. Haigh |
| Lancashire Association ... ... ... ... | Rev. H. J. Elsee ... ... | Rev. C. A. Clements |
| | R. Ridyard ... ... ... | J. Eachus |
| Leeds and Dist. Amalgamated Society | (unrepresented) ... ... | R. Binns |
| Lincolnshire (North) Association ... | A. Craven ... ... ... | |
| | G. Chester ... ... ... | |
| Lincolnshire (South) Association ... | (unrepresented) ... ... | Rev. H. L. James |
| Liverpool Diocesan Guild ... ... ... | " | W. Bentham |
| Middlesex Association ... ... ... ... | J. Waghorn ... ... ... | W. H. L. Buckingham<br>J. Basden |
| Midland Counties Association ... ... | Sir A. Heywood, Bart. | |
| | J. Griffin ... ... ... | |
| | J. W. Taylor, Jun. ... | |
| | W. Wakley ... ... ... | |
| St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham ... | (unrepresented ... ... | H. Bastable |
| Norwich Diocesan Association ... ... | Rev. H. E. Bulwer ... | W. L. Catchpole |
| | J. Motts ... ... ... ... | |
| | J. A. Trollope ... ... | |
| Oxford Diocesan Guild ... ... ... ... | Rev. G. F. Coleridge ... | A. H. Cocks |
| | Rev. F. E. Robinson ... | J. W. Washbrook |
| Salisbury Diocesan Guild ... ... ... | (unrepresented) ... ... | T. Blackbourn<br>Rev. A. D. Hill<br>A. Smith |
| Stafford Archdeaconry Society ... ... | S. Reeves ... ... ... | R. Cartwright |
| Surrey Association ... ... ... ... ... | C. Dean ... ... ... ... | Dr. A. B. Carpenter |
| Sussex Association ... ... ... ... ... | G. F. Attree ... ... ... | |
| | Rev. C. D. P. Davies ... | |
| | S. Saker... ... ... ... | |
| | G. Williams ... ... ... | |
| Winchester Diocesan Guild... ... ... | Rev. R. C. Harvey ... | |
| | Rev. C. E. Matthews ... | |
| | H. White ... ... ... | |
| | J. W. Whiting ... ... | |
| Worcestershire Association... ... ... | J. S. Pritchett ... ... | |
| | R. E. Grove ... ... ... | |
| Yorkshire Association ... ... ... ... | W. Snowdon... ... ... | G. Bolland<br>G. Breed<br>C. H. Hattersley |
| Hon. Members ... ... ... ... ... ... | J. Carter... ... ... ... | Rev. A. H. Boughey |
| | F. W. J. Rees ... ... | F. E. Dawe |
| | F. E. Ward ... ... ... | T. Lockwood |
| | | J. C. Mitchell |
| | | J. Pettit |
| | | Rev. J. H. Pilkington |
| | | E. F. Strange |
| | | W. H. Thompson |

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| Societies represented ... ... ... ... ... | 23 |
| " unrepresented... ... ... ... ... | 8 |
| Representatives present ... ... ... ... | 43 |
| " absent ... ... ... ... ... | 37 |
| Hon. Members present ... ... ... ... ... | 3 |
| " absent ... ... ... ... ... | 8 |
| Total ... present ... ... | 46 |
| ... absent ... ... | 5 |

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, June 18th, at Bengeworth, members being present from Areley Kings, Birmingham, Badsey, Bengeworth, Bromsgrove, Clent, Comberton (Little), Dudley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Pershore, Stoke Prior, Tipton, Wollaston, and Worcester. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. W. Stanley, Vicar, after which the rev. gentleman presided at the business meeting which was held in the schoolroom. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting held at Stourbridge were read and confirmed; also by request the minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Dudley on Easter Monday, April 11th, when a question was asked why this meeting was not held at Pershore according to the resolution in those minutes. The Hon. Secretary stated in reply that he had written the Rev. J. Allen Bell, Vicar of Pershore, asking if he would kindly arrange a short service in the church, allow the use of the tower and bells, and preside over a meeting in the schoolroom upon Saturday, July 18th, who in reply stated that he had brought the letter before his ringers and consulted them upon the subject, and found it was not convenient to hold the meeting at Pershore upon that date. He wrote again offering Saturdays, July 2nd 9th, with the hope of carrying out the resolution, but regretted to say that the Rev. J. A. Bell had not sent a reply, which to say the least, was not gentlemanly on his part. Several members expressed their surprise that a Vicar could be found in Worcestershire who would refuse such a request.

The Rev. C. W. Bassano, Messrs. A. H. Bassano and H. W. Smith, of Old Hill, and W. H. Price, of Badsey, were elected honorary members; Messrs. W. Keen, C. Knight, J. Addis, W. Addis, G. Bell, and E. Knight, of Badsey, G. Lamphill, of Bengeworth, and Edward Watkins, of Worcester, performing members. Stoke Prior was fixed for the next quarterly meeting.

Other business having been transacted, a vote of thanks was unanimously carried to the Rev. W. Stanley for arranging at the last moment, as it were, to hold the meeting at his centre, for the service in the church, presiding over the meeting, the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells. The rev. gentleman in reply said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members of this Association to Bengeworth. It was the first time he bad had the pleasure of meeting such a body of Church-workers. He was sure they were doing a good work in the diocese, and hoped they would pay another visit to Bengeworth, when he should be pleased to see them, and be better prepared to offer to them his hospitality.

At intervals the bells at Bengeworth (six), and Evesham (eight) were rung in various methods by members of the Association, in which the Rev. Herbert Drake, a member of the Midland Counties Association, took part. In the belfry at Evesham a resolution was carried thanking the Rev. G. N. Whittingham, M.A., Vicar, for allowing the use of the campanile bells, which the Rev. Herbert Drake kindly undertook to convey to him. On Sunday morning, June 19th, for Divine Service at Little Comberton, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Price, 1; W. Micklewright, 2; J. W. Smith, 3; W. R. Small, 4; S. Spittle, 5; J. Smith, 6. In the afternoon another visit was made to Great Comberton, and a 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung. H. Price, 1; W. R. Small, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; S. Spittle, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. W. Smith, 6.

The above 720s are supposed to be the first in the methods ever rung on the bells of Great Comberton, and were conducted by W. Micklewright.

## A RINGERS' WEDDING.

A very quiet but interesting wedding was solemnized on Saturday, the 18th ult., at the parish church of St. Leonard, Heston, Middlesex, between Mr. Harry Chandler, one of the local band, and Miss Groves, of Hounslow. The bridegroom has been a ringer at Heston church for some years, and was a member of the old South and West District of the Middlesex County Association. The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. O. Sharp. On the same evening Messrs. J. Basden, C. Edwards, W. Foster, E. Gladman, G. Gladman, and A. H. Taber (members of the Middlesex Association to which Mr. Chandler belongs) met to ring a peal of seven 720s to wish happiness to the married pair. A start was made at 6 o'clock with Kent Treble Bob, which was rung (being the first 700 in the method on the bells), then two of Oxford Bob (called differently) and two of Bob Minor. Up to the end of the fifth 700 the striking had been excellent, but the light began to get bad. The gas fittings of the church were undergoing repair, and unfortunately after two courses of Canterbury Pleasure the attempt failed—1 hr. 56 mins. ringing. This is the longest length yet on the bells, and the first attempt for a 6-bell peal in the district.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday afternoon, June 25th, a quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Thurleigh, and considering the weather, was very well attended. At six o'clock twenty-four members sat down to an excellent meat tea in the club-room at The Lion, which was very nicely put on the tables by Mr. and Mrs. Russell. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Hon. Secretary of the Association, was in the chair. After doing justice to the good things provided, the business meeting was held, and the most pleasing part of that was the election of the whole of the Thurleigh ringers as members of the Association.

Mr. Constant proposed, and Mr. Hills seconded, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Luton, which was carried.

Mr. Chasty proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. B. Trapp for the use of the bells, which was seconded by the chairman, and carried with applause.

## Correspondence.

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

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

### THE FIRST PEAL AT RYE, SUSSEX.

SIR,—In looking over my back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS," I find it is very doubtful whether the Kent County Association rung the first peal on Rye bells on May 30th, 1898, for in the chronology of change-ringing by F. W. J. Rees, No. 110, vol. 3, May 10th, 1884, is recorded a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Rye, Sussex; and in No. 114, vol. 3, June 7th, 1884, the ringers of Benenden, Kent, rung a peal at Rye, Sussex. Now Sir, these are very scanty particulars of the first peal, but there was a good party of change-ringers at Benenden in 1820, and the Leeds (Kent) ringers broke down after ringing 4768 changes of New Oxford Treble Bob in three hours on Monday, August 7th, 1775. Perhaps Mr. Rees can give a few more particulars concerning these peals at Rye. PHILIP HODGKIN.

### A DOUBT.

SIR,—I don't quite see how Mr. Houghton can claim the first Real peal of Double Norwich. I will admit Mr. A. Knights' composition is an improvement on Mr. Banister's. I don't see why five bobs behind should not be Real Double Norwich just as much as sixty-five in the same position. I for one would like to see the first Real Peal of Double Norwich left to the credit of our earlier friends, as it must be in advance to ordinary Double Norwich. I should like to hear what the ringing Exercise think about the matter. With all due respect to Mr. Houghton and his band in their accomplishment of the peal.

19, *Dapdune Road, Guildford.* J. HUNT.

### A DISCLAIMER.

SIR,—My attention has been called to a paragraph in your issue of June 11th, in which you state that the Vicar of Evesham has hitherto kept the Evesham bell tower closed to visiting ringers. I cannot answer for what my predecessor may have done, but with the exception of the visit on Saturday, June 18th, of the Worcestershire Association, I have received one application, and that from the ringers of a neighbouring parish who wished to ring every week. I submitted the latter request to the leader of our band, who considered it unadvisable to grant permission for such frequent visits. At the present time the bells go so badly as to make change-ringing on them anything but a pleasure, but we hope that this may soon be remedied, and that our ringers may then be able to take their place in the Worcestershire Association. G. NAPIER WHITTINGHAM,

*June 20th*, 1898. *Vicar of Evesham.*

[This letter would have appeared earlier; but we did not know at first that it was intended for publication.—ED.]

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE TONG (YORKSHIRE) SOCIETY.—On Saturday, the 18th ult., this society took advantage of an half-day excursion train to visit Pateley Bridge, a small town prettily situated in the vale of the Nidd. The party were Messrs. G. Bolland, J. Cordingley, Haley, H. Oddy, F. Hargreaves, G. Sallaway, T. Maude, S. and E. Oddy from Tong, the brothers Thackray of Armley, T. Latimer and P. Cordingley of Pudsey, and another friend of Mr. Bolland's made fourteen. The church of St. Cuthbert possesses a ring of six bells, tenor 12½ cwt., and were the gift of W. Harker, Esq. and his wife in memory of their eldest son. Permission to ring had been previously obtained from the Vicar through Mr. Josh. Summersall, and on arrival this gentleman was quickly met with, and leaving his cleaver and steel in other hands, he accompanied the party to the church, when the bells were quickly raised. Being sufficient to form two bands the company divided, and whilst one band rang a 720 of Oxford the rest went for a stroll and to listen. On their return they rung 240 of Violet, and with the three local ringers (Messrs. S. Basnett, 1; Hague, 3; J. Summersall, 6) rang a course of Bob Minor. Some of the party having had quite sufficient of "Perspiration" Surprise, an adjournment was made for tea, which was followed by a stroll round the picturesque neighbourhood, and then calling for a rest at The Crown hotel, the handbells were brought out, and several tunes, and courses of Royal and Major, were rung. Some of the party called at the residence of Mr. Summersell and rang for his benefit "Caller Herrin," a course of Royal and one of Oxford, and he very kindly offered his hospitality if four could stay, but they regretfully had to decline as extra services next day at their own church claimed their return. Before parting with him a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Maude and seconded by Mr. G. Bolland, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Summersall for his kind attention, which he suitably acknowledged. Train time having now arrived, the handbell ringers crowded into one compartment (11 of them), leaving the other reserved for the three quieter-disposed members.

THE PEVENSEY (SUSSEX) SOCIETY.—The fifth annual outing of this Society was fixed for Whit-Tuesday. The party, which numbered eleven, assembled at the railway station and took train for Brighton *en route* for Shoreham at 8 a.m. Wind, water and steam were much in evidence but the latter efficiently carried the party to its destination, Shoreham being reached at 10 o'clock. Tracks were at once made for The Royal George, and right royal justice was done to an excellent lunch, the cucumbers—so suggestive of a sally—disappearing in a way known to none but ringers. A visit was then made to the Church, and on ascending the tower a tremendous climb ensued, some essaying this on all fours, and at length the bells were reached, the ringing-chamber being passed owing to the darkness. However an opportunity was afforded of going outside to see the country round and a magnificent view was displayed, one gentleman becoming so exhilarated by the prospect that he declared he saw a big hit out of the County Cricket Ground at Brighton. When the ringing-chamber was at length reached the bells were soon raised and touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire were rung. This peal of eight is a splendid one, the "go" being perfect. After an hour or so a little bell inside kept chiming dinner, so reluctantly leaving the big bells a move was made to head quarters, and as soon as "Go" was called there were no "changed courses," every one led from plate to mouth without dodging once. For a time it was a "silent peal," everybody knew exactly what to do without any "calls." Ultimately however the landlord called for "bobs" and was promptly supplied by the captain. After dinner train was taken to Upper Beeding, where an agreeable surprise was in store in the shape of Mr. Tyler, of Henfield, who had come over to see us. On returning to Shoreham, tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) was discussed, and after a tune or two on the handbells, the band was invited to stroll round the beautiful garden. Here our treble man saw some bee-hives, and being an enthusiastic bee-keeper he forthwith began a lecture, but had only got as far as "apis: a bee," when tenor shouted out "Here is a swarm in a tree." Preparations were at once made to hive the family, and "Sammy," duly togged out in veil and a contrivance that did not consume its own smoke, calmly brushed the bees into a hive and then overhauled them to find the queen. This was too much for our captain, he retreated to the other end of the garden in fear and trembling, but nobody experienced any ill effects. After a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of bells, the tea and the swarm, a start was made for the railway station. Soon after getting in the train, someone suggested a search of the bee taker, when out came several bees, and as the carriage was crammed a lively time ensued. However, the bees were safely disposed of without damage to the people, and nothing further happening, home was reached at 10 p.m., after a very enjoyable day.

THE BRIGHTON ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY.—On Saturday, June 18th, the above Society held their annual outing. Meeting at the ringing house, The Windmill, at 7.30 a.m., we were met by Messrs. Dearing and Seers from Shoreham and the brothers Steel from Portslade. A start was made by road, the place selected being Bolney. The weather was lovely, and the drive most enjoyable. When near Aldbourne a halt was made, and thanks to the forethought of our worthy captain Mr. W. Palmer, and Mr. Holloway, of The Windmill, a roadside lunch was much enjoyed. Going on we arrived at Bolney about 11 o'clock, where we were met by Mr. Walder, of the local band. A move was at once made to the church, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung, and a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A move was then made to The Eight Bells, where host Evans had promised an excellent dinner. This over we adjourned to a field and enjoyed a game of quoits, etc. About 3 o'clock another start was made on the road to Henfield, where we were met by our old friend Mr. Tyler. A short stay was made here, and several touches were rung, then once more on the road to Brighton, The Windmill being reached about 9 o'clock. The remainder of the evening was spent in songs and handbell ringing, and brought to close one of the most enjoyable outings ever spent by this society. F.

## THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4th, the quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Coningsby, when the towers of Boston, Butterwick, Frieston, Fishtoft, Kirton, and Spilsby were represented. The first to arrive were the Frieston and Butterwick companies, when a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung. Then a visit to Tattershall was made, where the Rev. H. Law James (Vicar of Surfleet), and the Kirton and Spilsby companies, were met with. A look around the grand old church, which is more like a cathedral than a village church, a stone floor and old-fashioned pulpit being the only garniture of the nave, and the chancel partitioned off for Divine Service, preceded the ringing of a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles conducted by Mr. James. The go of the bells was so bad that nothing more could be attempted, so that they were "turned" in peal and all went back to Coningsby, where a 700 of Bob Minor, conducted by the Rev. H. L. James, was rung.

An adjournment was then made to The White Bull for dinner and business meeting. The Rev. J. H. Cheales (of Friskney) presided. The usual business was transacted, one skilled member and six probationers being elected. The Rev. H. L. James spoke upon the amalgamation with the other county associations, and pointed out that they could all meet together once a year. This had always been the wish of the East Lincolnshire and especially of its president (Rev. H. J. Cheales).

A short service was held in the church, which all the ringers attended. After service the company were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. Canon Wright, and they take this opportunity of thanking him for his kind hospitality, and for giving permission to ring.

Train time arriving some had to go, but a 720 of Minor was attempted with the Rev. J. P. Cheales, conducted by J. M. Rylatt (of Boston), but it collapsed. A 6-score of Bob Doubles was then rung, and falling the bells in peal ended an enjoyable day.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1898.


WE print to-day the closing document relating to the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Central Council. It may be stated, in passing, that though this body has done plenty of work by which they have earned the thanks of the Exercise, greater and perhaps more important measures lie in the near future before it. The schemes recently broached of issuing valuable publications for the benefit of ringers do great honour to their proposers.

We cannot, in the limits of a short comment, deal with the various items of business which the Council had before it. The proposition of the President of the Lancashire Association (the Rev. H. J. ELSEE) with regard to Sunday peal-ringing, was worthy of respect. There is, of course, no more harm in peal-ringing on Sundays than in many other things which are done without the least objection being made. But the resolution was virtually for the due and proper reverence of the Sabbath. It appeals greatly to the feelings of those whose experience would

lead them to fear any inroad on the sanctity of the day. The secularization of the Sabbath is, sad to say, getting more common, and the "calm stillness of the hallowed morn" is painfully dying out. Any proposition, therefore, which has for its object the maintenance of the holiness and quiet of the Sabbath is worthy of support; even if it involves the postponement of peal-ringing until another day.

The consideration of the question relative to "the true performance of a peal" was somewhat amusing. The subject appears to us hardly one to palter with. If in Triples a change-course takes place, and the bells are put right within, say, the compass of a half-dozen changes, though the conductor's honesty would not be questioned if he kept the bells going, yet we think it would not do for the Council to say that such peal was true. Discussion on such a question cannot, we think, lead to any settlement, and it will be found better, perhaps, to continue to trust the majority of conductors.

## The Metropolis.

### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Monday, June 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

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| ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK* | *Treble.* | JOHN MILLER | 5. |
| SIDNEY WADE† | 2. | ISAAC J. ATTWATER | 6. |
| JOHN SUMPTER | 3. | ARTHUR MILLER | 7. |
| WILLIAM J. DELL | 4. | JOHN HOWARD | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, June 28, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| WILLIAM B. MANNING | *Treble.* | CHARLES T. HOPKINS | 6. |
| ROBERT J. MAYNARD | 2. | *JAMES CULLEN | 7. |
| GEORGE GRIMWADE | 3. | WILLIAM H. FREEMAN | 8. |
| CHARLES S. BURDEN | 4. | †FREDERICK A. NUNN | 9. |
| THOMAS MAYNARD | 5. | THOMAS WATSON | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN REEVES and Conducted by FREDK. A. NUNN.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal as conductor.

## The Provinces.

### WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, June 23, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| GEORGE R. PYE | *Treble.* | †EDWARD F. SLADE | 5. |
| ARTHUR EDWARDS | 2. | CHARLES H. HOWARD | 6. |
| HARRY J. COLLINS* | 3. | ERNEST PYE | 7. |
| WILLIAM J. PIPER | 4. | WILLIAM PYE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal and first attempt. †First peal of Treble Bob. Messrs. Collins, Slade and Howard, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Braintree. The composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths, and the 6th her extent in 5ths, and is now rung for the first time.

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

*On Friday, June 24, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-six and a ½ Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| HERBERT MARTIN | *Treble.* | *WILLIAM NORRIS | 5. |
| CHARLES GEORGE | 2. | ERNEST E. HUNTLEY | 6. |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY | 3. | W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM | 7. |
| FRANK A. SMITH | 4. | GEORGE N. PRICE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal of Major. This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 6ths place, and the 2nd never in 5ths place at a course-end.

### PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 25, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES,** Tenor 17 cwt.

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| WILLIAM BEDWELL* | *Treble.* | FREDERICK A. NUNN | 5. |
| WILLIAM H. DORAN | 2. | JOHN DALE | 6. |
| GEORGE R. PYE | 3. | *WILLIAM H. JUDD | 7. |
| ERNEST PYE | 4. | WILLIAM PYE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, also the longest.

### WORSLEY, LANCS.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH).

*On Saturday, June 25, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

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| HEBER DERBYSHIRE | *Treble.* | *JOSEPH GREEN | 5. |
| JOSEPH IRELAND | 2. | THOMAS DERBYSHIRE | 6. |
| PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE* | 3. | JAMES H. RIDYARD | 7. |
| JOHN WELSBY | 4. | JOSEPH RIDYARD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN THORP of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal by the conductor. *First peal in the method. Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

### THORNDON, SUFFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 25, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| SEDLEY COLLINS*‖ | *Treble.* | ALFRED W. GRIMES | 4. |
| JAMES G. RUMSEY | 2. | FREDERICK ALDERTON | 5. |
| WILLIAM J. GROOM | 3. | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

*First peal on six bells.

### LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, June 25, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| THOMAS CADGE* | *Treble.* | CHARLES BIXBY | 5. |
| CHARLES SILLITOE | 2. | ERNEST AMBROSE | 6. |
| ARTHUR SYMONDS | 3. | *GEORGE VALENTINE | 7. |
| AMOR AMBROSE | 4. | *SAMUEL FORD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

*First peal in the method.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 25, 1898, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

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

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

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| FREDERICK G. BURDEN | *Treble.* | WILLIAM SPICE | 5. |
| HARRY GOODWIN | 2. | ROBERT EDWARDS | 6. |
| ALFRED HINDS | 3. | GEORGE NEVE | 7. |
| GEORGE CRAMP | 4. | HENRY HOLDSTOCK | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

*On Saturday, June 25, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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| CHARLES BANCE | *Treble.* | ALFRED CLAYTON | 5. |
| CHARLES E. MALIM | 2. | JOSEPH FAYERS | 6. |
| WILLIAM BULPITT | 3. | WILLIAM S. SMITH | 7. |
| CHARLES DEAN | 4. | ALFRED TRAPPITT | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Alfred Clayton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 25, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

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| E. V. BEADLE* | *Treble.* | ‡CHARLES EDWARDS | 5. |
| FREDERICK GODDARD | 2. | ‡HENRY BROWNING | 6. |
| THOMAS BEADLE† | 3. | GEORGE A. RANSOM | 7. |
| JOHN BASDEN | 4. | *ALFRED SHEARD | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal of Grandsire.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, June 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JACK PRESTON | *Treble.* | THOMAS WALLIS | 5. |
| JAMES WALLIS | 2. | GEORGE A. KING | 6. |
| JAMES HEASMAN | 3. | KEITH HART | 7. |
| JOHN STEDDY | 4. | RICHARD JENNER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is the quickest peal on the bells.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, June 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s in the following methods:

Two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of New London, one of Double Court, and one of Plain Bob.

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| R. KEEBLE | *Treble.* | C. GREEN | 4. |
| C. PARKER | 2. | A. KEEBLE | 5. |
| T. LEVETT | 3. | W. GREEN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by A. KEEBLE.

First peal on the bells. First peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6, and first in five methods, by ringers of 3 and 5, and longest length as conductor.

## Date Touches.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

RAWTENSTALL.—On Tuesday, May 30th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1898 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. Rollerson, 1; J. Rollerson, 2; T. Collinge, 3; T. Rollerson, 4; G. H. Hargreaves, 5; H. H. Shaw, 6; J. Smith, 7; J. H. Nuttall, 8. Composed by R. Heaseman, of Edenbridge, and Conducted by T. Rollerson.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, May 19th, a date touch, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 458 Oxford Bob in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson (conductor), 4; W Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6.

## Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, April 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Coast, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 5; E. Day, 5; S. Beach, 8. On Sunday, April 10th, for early service, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). *H. Clift, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Coast, 1; H. Wood (conductor), 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; E. Day, 5; S. Beach, 6. For morning service 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sedge, 1; H. Coast, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; J. Grensted, 5; H. Wood, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and singles). E. Hollands, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; S. Beach, 4; J. Dixon, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; H. Wood, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; J. Grensted, 6. On Sunday, April 24th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sedge, 1; G. Coast, 2; H. Coast, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; W. Spice, 5; C. Millway, 6. On Sunday, May 22nd, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sedge, 1; W. Hollands, 2; H. Coast, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; J. Grensted, 6. On Sunday, May 29th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Clift, 1; W. Hollands, 2; H. Coast, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; J. Grensted, 5; S. Beach, 6.

CHARING (Kent).—On Sunday, April 10th, for early service, 720 Grandsire Minor. P. Edwards, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. Also two 120s of Stedman Doubles. H. Goodwin, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; P. Edwards, 6. For evening service 360 Grandsire Minor. P. Edwards, 1; J. Willis, 2; H. Ward, 3; E. Archer, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; W. Spice, 6. On Thursday, April 28th, 180 Bob Minor. T. Edwards, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 24th, in honour of Her Majesty's 79th birthday, 120 Plain Bob, and 360 Grandsire, T. Edwards, 1; J. Willis, 2; H. Ward, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6. The bells were also fired seventy-eight times in succession. On Saturday, May 28th, 720 Grandsire Doubles with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone. P. Edwards, 1; J. Edwards, 2; H. Ward, 3; E. Archer, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; J. Clifford, 6.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, May 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 29th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. King, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Surprise. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Harper, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Hayes (conductor), 1; W. Lane, 2; W. Martin, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper, 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; J. Broom, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 12th, 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Broom, 1; H. Milbams, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 3; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Monday, June 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Hayes (conductor), 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Ware, 5; W. Harper, 6. And 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Smith, 1; G. Hayes, 2; J. Cheesman, 3; F. J. Ring, 5; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES (Wilts).—On Wednesday, April 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Brown, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; W. Hollier, 3; C. H. Hampton, 4; C R. Hampton, 5; A. Dyer, 6; T. Hillier (conductor), 7; R. Phillips, 8. And 360 Stedman Doubles. W. H. Johnson, 1; C.

D. Heginbottom, 2; C. R. Hampton, 3; C. H. Hampton, 4; S. Hillier (conductor), 5; A. Draper, 6.

SEEND (Wilts).—On Saturday, May 7th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Hillier (conductor), 1; W. King, 2; C. H. Hampton 3; W. Hollier, 4; J. E. Willshire, 5; A. Draper, 6.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

LONGTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, April 19th, for practice at St. John's church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; J. Woods, 6; W. Twigg (conductor), 7; J. Beardman, 8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, April 5th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Rowlands, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs). J. Povall, 1; J. Walter, 2; G. Taylor, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox. 5; C. Rimmer, 6. On Tuesday, May 24th, 720 Canterbury (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Walter, 1; W. Duckers, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; J. Rowland, 4; J. Pownall, 5; W. Bennett, 6. Each 720 was conducted by W. Wilcox. Messrs. Rowlands and Pownall hail from West Kirby; Bennett, Duckers, and Taylor from Woodchurch.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, May 14th, on the occasion of the monthly meeting, 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Rowlands, 1; J. Pownall, 2; R. Voas, 3; J. Rutter, 4; W. Briscoe, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6. Messrs. Pownall, Rowlands, and Rutter hail from West Kirby; Briscoe from Neston; Voas from Wallasey.

WOODCHURCH (Cheshire).—On Monday, May 23rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen singles and three bobs). C. Taylor, 1; W. Duckers, 2; G. Taylor, 3; W. Williams, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; W. Bennett, 6.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Wednesday, April 27th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Philips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 1st, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. H. Lawrence, 4; A. Smith, 5; A. Phillips (first 360 as conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 4th, a course of Canterbury Pleasure standing as above. First in the method by A. Wright. On Sunday evening, May 8th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, May 15th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles each called differently. And for evening service 360 Bob Minor conducted by W. H. Lawrence. After service 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. H. Lawrence, 4; A. Smith, 5; A. Phillips (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, May 22nd, for Divine Service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 25th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Whitmore (first 120 on the treble), 1; H. Carter (first with a bob bell), 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith (conductor), 5; A. Livings, 6.

GREAT BERKHAMPSTEAD (Essex).—On May 24th, at St. Peter's church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 840 Grandsire Doubles. F. Norris, 1; F. Blunt, 2; A. B. Timson, 3; W. H. Newell, 4; W. Norris, 5; G. Wright, 6; J. Blunt, 7. On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service, 900 Grandsire Doubles. F. Norris, 1; F. Blunt, 2; A. B. Timson, 3; W. H. Newell, 4; W. Norris, 5; J. Blunt, 6; F. Saltmarsh, 7; W. Bates, 8. On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service, 1180 Grandsire Doubles, same as above. A quarter-peal was attempted but time would not allow. Longest touch by all except W. H. Newell who conducted the above.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (Herts).—On Friday, May 27th, for practice, 480 Bob Doubles. W. H. Newell, 1; W. Shephard, 2; H. Golding, 3; G. Harding, 4; C. Golding, 5; W. Charge, 6. On Whit-Sunday, after Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. C. Golding, 1; G. Harding, 2; J. Floyd, 3; W. Shephard, 4; H. Golding, 5; W. H. Newell, 6; W. Charge, jun., 7; W. Charge, sen., 8 On Sunday, June 5th, after Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor came to grief after ringing 670 changes. On Friday, June 10th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. C. Golding, 1; G. Harding, 2; J. Floyd, 3; W. Shephard, 4; H. Golding, 5; W. H. Newell, 6; W. Charge, jun., 7; G. Thoroughgood, 8. On Sunday, June 12th, for Divine Service in the evening, 360 Bob Minor, standing as above, conducted by W. H. Newell.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, April 14th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; E. Wachter, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; H. Collins (conductor, 5; F. Slade, 6. On Monday, April 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Wachter, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; W. Farrow, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; W. Webb (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. P. Holmes, 1; W. Farrow (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Grimwade, 3; E. Wachter, 4; H. Collins, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, May 1st, 720 Double Court Bob. C. H. Howard, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; E. Wachter (first in the method), 4; W. Grimwade, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; H. Collins, 4; H. Coote, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 2nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; E. Wachter, 3; W. Farrow, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Webb (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 8th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; H. Collins, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Wachter (first in the method), 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 15th, 720 New London Pleasure. W. Hammond, 1; W. Webb (first attempt in the method), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; E. Wachter (first in the method, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 16th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Wachter, 1; F. Slade, 2; W. Farrow, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Coote, 5; W. Webb (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; W. Webb (first in the method), 2; H. Collins, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 18th, 720 Double Court Bob. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, May 22nd, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Gladstone, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; E. Wachter, 2; F. Slade, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; W. Webb, 6. On Monday, May 23rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; W. Webb, 2; H. Collins, 3; W. Grimwade, 4, E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Saturday, May 28th, the day of the funeral of the late Mr. Gladstone, with the bells half-muffled, 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. W. Webb, 1; Edgar Chaplin, 2: Ernest Chaplin, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; F. Slade, 6. Conducted by F. Slade and H. E. Hammond respectively. For early celebration at 7.15 a.m. On Whit-Sunday, May 29th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; W. Hammond (first in the method), 4; W. Grimwade, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Whit-Monday, May 30th, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Association at Chelmsford, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Farrow (first attempt at Major), 1; E. Pye, 2; H. Collins, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; F. Slade, 5; C. H. Howard, 6; J. Strutt, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8.

BARKING Essex).—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 45 mins. T. Faulkner (conductor), 1; E. Lucas, 2; A. Carter (first quarter-peal in the method), 3; A. Hardy, 4; R. Fenn, 5; S. Hayes, 6; E. Andrews, 7; C. Fenn, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On April 3rd, 720 Plain Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; W. Timbrell (conductor), 6. On April 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Kenyon, 2; F. Timbrell, 3; T. Seed, 4; E. Timbrell (conductor), 5; W. Timbrell, 6. On April 13th, 720 College Exercise. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On April 17th, 720 Plain Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; F. Timbrell, 3; J. Kenyon, 4; T. Seed, 5; W. Timbrell (conductor), 6. On April 20th, 720 Oxford Single. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; F. Timbrell, 4; E. Timbrell, 5; W. Timbrell (conductor), 6. On handbells, 720 Plain Bob, 720 Canterbury, 720 Grandsire, 720 Canterbury, 720 Grandsire, 720 in the same method, 720 Canterbury, 720 in the same method, and 720 Plain Bob. F. Timbrell, 1-2; E. Timbrell, 3-4; W. Timbrell (conductor), 5-6.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—Recently, at the church of St. James, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Evans, 1; H. J. Poole, 2; A. Doble, 3; F. Millard, 4; W. Gillard, 5; E. Wyatt, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; E. E. Burgess, 8. On March, 17th, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. H. Yendall, 1; J. Maddock (conductor), 2; F. Millard, 3; H. J. Poole, 4; H. Pearce 5; E. E. Burgess, 6; W. Thorn, 7; F. Page, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. A. J. H. Iles, 1; J. Maddock (conductor), 2; H. Pearce, 3; W.

Thomas, 4; F. Millard, 5; E. E. Burgess, 6; A. Evans, 7; G. H. Yendall, 8. On April 24th, 336 Bob Major. W. Gillard, 1; H. Pearce, 2; F. Millard, 3; G. H. Yendall, 4; H. J. Poole, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6; A. Evans, 7; T. W. Radford, 8. On May 22nd 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Millard, 1; H. J. Poole, 2; H. Pearce, 3; A. Doble, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; E. E. Burgess, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; G. H. Yendall, 8. And 1152 in the same method. W. Gillard, 1; F. Millard, 2; H. Pearce, 3; H. J. Poole, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; E. E. Burgess, 6; J. Maddock (conductor, 7; G. H. Yendall, 8.

BATH.—On Thursday, May 5th, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Alexander, 1; J. Fussell, 2; E. Holder, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; H. E. Mills, 5; C. W. Bell (conductor), 6; J. Taylor, 7; J. Sage, 8. This is the first quarter-peal with a bob bell by E. Holder.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COLEORTON (Leicestershire).—On Whit-Monday, eight members of the above Association attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 1500 changes in 58 mins. J. Rawson, 1; J. A. Moult (conductor), 2; A. Whitmore, 3; S. W. West, 4; H. Partridge, 5; B. West, 6; L. Partridge, 7; F. Boam, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Whit-Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. R. Bourn, 1; J. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 College Exercise. J. Cheeseman, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 2nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. R. Bourn, 1; G. Backshall, 2; J. Gasson, 3; F. Streeter, 4: E. Streeter, 5; C. Holman (conductor), 6.

## THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Saturday, May 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's 10-part, at the church of St. Chad's, but came to grief after ringing 1500 changes. W. Stockdale, 1; F. M. Taylor, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; H. Jones, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; A. Harding, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; G. Harding, 8. On Sunday, May 15th for evening service, at the church of St. Alkmond, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; F. W. Taylor, 2; A. Bennett, 3; A. Jarvis, 4; A. Harding, 5; G. J. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. C. Burrows, 8. On Whit-Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, at the church of St. Chad, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. Scarratt, 1; H. Jones, 2; A. E. Tomlins, 3; G. J. Taylor, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; A. Fullick, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. Davies, 8. Rung on the back eight. Tenor 43 cwt. Also after evening service at the church of St. Mary, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Stockdale, 1; G. Tipton, 2; W. H. Esplay, 3; G. J. Taylor, 4; A. E. Tomlins, 5; A. Fullick, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; J. J. Wynn, 8. Rung on the front eight. Tenor 21 cwt. On Whit-Monday morning, May 30th, at the church of St. Alkmond, 420 Grandsire Triples. G. Scarratt, 1; W. Stockdale, 2; W. H. Owen, 3; H. Jones, 4; G. Byolin, 5; G. J. Taylor, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; H. W. Jones, 8. Tenor 13½ cwt. A. E. Tomlins hails from Gosport, H. P. Harman from Bromley, Kent.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, April 3rd, at St. Giles' church, 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; H. Smart, 8. On Sunday, April 10th, 1056 Bob Major. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. W. Higgs, 7; A. E. Reeves, 8. On Sunday, April 24th, 336 Bob Minor. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. H. Evans, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. W. Higgs, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Tuesday, May 3rd, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 8th, 720 Grandsire On Tuesday, May 10th, 720 Oxford Single. On Tuesday, May 24th, 720 Plain Bob. On Sunday, May 29th, 720 College Single, standing as above.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, May 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late W. E. Gladstone. H. Goodman, 1; C. Faulkes, 2; H. Faulkes, 3; J. Mills, 4; A. Spittle, 5; J. Fellows, 6; S. Spittle, 7; S. Hughes, 8; J. Goodman, 9; R. Cutler, 10.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 30th, eight members of the association attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 2268 in 1 hr. 2 mins. the conductor called stand owing to a change course. W. Wightman, 1; D. G. Wightman, 2; J. Durrant, 3; G. Wightman, 4; A. S. Wightman, 5; H. W. Baldry, 6; E. Wightman (conductor), 7; S. Wightman, 8.

HELMINGHAM.—On Monday, May 23rd, for practice, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Wightman, 1; G. Perry, 2; D. G. Wightman, 3; H. W. Baldry, 4; S. Wightman, 5; A. S. Wightman, 6; H. G. Wightman (conductor), 7; G. Thurlow, 8.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Saturday, May 28th, 720 Woodbine. J. Crawford, 1; J. Anderson, 2; W. Brown, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; F. Sheraton, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone. On Wednesday, June 8th, 720 Woodbine. J. Crawford, 1; J. Anderson, 2; W. Brown, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; F. Sheraton, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss King, who for over sixty years was a devout Church-worker, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

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HEENE (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 15th, at the church of St. Botolph, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Arwell, 1; T. Grinyer, 2; B. Bassett, 3; H. Evans, 4; J. Paice, 5; G. Norriss, 6; E. Lindup (conductor, 7; R. Standing, 8. Another 504. A. Arwell, 1; T. Grinyer, 2; H. Evans, 3; J. Paice, 4; G. Norriss, 5; E. Lindup, 6; B. Bassett (conductor), 7; F. Lindup, 8. Also on May 19th, two 504s of Grandsire Triples. W. Lindup, 1; A. Arwell, 2; W. Hillman, 3; E. Lindup, 4; H. Evans, 5; C. Norriss, 6; B. Bassett (conductor), 7; R. Standing, 8. R. Standing (first 504), 1; B. Bassett, 2; W. Hillman, 3; G. Norris, 4; J. Paice, 5; H. Evans, 6; E. Lindup (conductor), 7; A. Arwell, 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Right Hon; W. E. Gladstone.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—On April 16th, 360 and 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Tomsett, 1; E. Tomsett, 2; H. Tomsett, 3; W. Simmons, 4; A. Tomsett, 5; J. Tomsett, 6; M. Williams, 7; C. Featherstone, 8. On Sunday evening, April 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Tomsett, 1; E. Tomsett, 2; M. Williams, 3; W. Simmons, 4; A. Tomsett, 5; C. Featherstone, 6; H. Tomsett, 7; J. Tomsett, 8. On April 30th, for practice, three 720s and a 360 Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. Tomsett (longest length), 1; E. Tomsett, 2; M. Williams (longest length), 3; W. Simmons, 4; A. Tomsett, 5; J. Tomsett, 6; H. Tomsett, 7; G. Tomsett, 8. Longest length on the bells by a local band. On May 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Tomsett, 1; E. Tomsett, 2; H. Tomsett, 3; W. Simmons, 4; H. Stalham, 5; A. Tomsett, 6: J. Jay, jun., 7; J. Tomsett, 8. On Sunday, May 29th, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Tomsett, 1; G. F. Scott, 2; E. Tomsett, 3; W. Simmons, 4; M. Williams, 5; A. Tomsett, 6: H. Tomsett, 7; C. Featherstone, 8. All the above touches were conducted by A. Tomsett. On Sunday, June 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Tomsett, 1; H. Tomsett, 2; E. Tomsett, 3; A. Tomsett, 4; M. Williams, 5; W. Simmons, 6; G. Tomsett, 7; E. Patching, 8.

LONDON.—On Saturday, May 28th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, after meeting one short for a peal, 504 Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone. A. Lawrence, 1; H. Dains, 3; S. Wade, 4; A. Jacob, 5; A. Pittam, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. This was rung without a cover, the second being left out. A. Lawrence hails from Swindon; Williams from Brighton.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Willson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson (conductor), 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. On Sunday evening, May 15th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), conducted by F. W. Stout. On Monday, May 16th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs), standing as before, conducted by A. Oxley. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Willson, Oxley (2), and Stout. On Sunday morning, May 29th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Oxley, 1; J. Wilson, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; F. W. Stout, 5; W. Brammer (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson (conductor), 5; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

At last I have tumbled into what is known as "hot water:" one of the penalties, some would say, of rushing into print, only I haven't done that quite exactly. Without any more preliminary, I give the following letter addressed to the Editor by a reverend gentleman who thinks my remarks last week are out of place :—

"RITUAL AND RINGERS.—I was much pained to see the *odium theologicum* introduced into your pages last week for the first time. I allude to the two paragraphs ending "I believe that among our ringing clergy not one extreme ritualist is to be found." As to the facts stated in this sentence I may be allowed to bear testimony. I was treasurer of the Cambridge University Guild when in residence, and all of those members are now clergymen. With the exception of two, who I believe still are Evangelicals, and two others about whom I am doubtful, all of these clergymen, are what your contributor would call "extreme ritualists." At any rate they would not agree with his charitable insinuation that there is a strong flavour of dishonesty about incense, etc. Since leaving Cambridge, I have never been near enough to a band to get much serious ringing, but I have been in many different towers, and never failed to get a hearty welcome as a brother-ringer, from ringers of all varieties of church membership; nor have I even found such differences brought forward until your issue of last week. No doubt the great majority of ringers are Evangelicals; this is probably because bells are almost the only ornament that "Low" Churchmen allow themselves in church; whereas we have to spend money on what your contributor kindly and reverently calls "flummery;" and thus it takes a long time before they get so far as bells. But that is no reason why we should be bidden to "stand" when we get them.—H. DRAKE."

Mr. Drake I hope will believe me when I say that the word "dishonest" was not intended to carry the meaning he thinks it was. The word was unfortunate, but penned hurriedly, which I regret. Beyond this I cannot see that anything out of the way was written. I have no desire however to pursue the topic, in fact I regret having mentioned it. I shall allude to it no more; my object in these notes is not to say anything or allude to anything which may be unpleasant, or considered out of place.

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The "outings" are getting under weigh. That trip to Dublin was something like an "out." The plan of recognition by the visitors of the "local" was quite a novelty. Writing to Mr. Lindoff his intended visitors asked him, I suppose, by what means they should recognise him. And his reply was, I expect, something to this wise: "Look out for our trade-mark—'THE BELL NEWS.'" And they did so, and discovered their guide without trouble." Just such an outing as that would have suited my complaint uncommonly.

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The gifts are coming on again, and this time four peals of handbells are to be given away, free, gratuitous, gracious, and gratis, all for nothing! I am not a sporting man by any means, but I don't mind giving "a tip" to you who are going in for these things. Let me tell you that whoever sends up two hundred of the coupons, will be likely *not* to get any gift unless the most palpable evidence is given that the person sending them has bought the numbers from his agent for his own self. The local bookseller will have to certify that he has sold them to the individual concerned. Special means will be adopted to get the information.

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I hope that some of our worthy ringing-brethren who are not likely to ever afford the luxury there is in possessing a peal of handbells of their own, will be able to secure some of these gifts. Let them try, and they will see. The peal of eight to be given is my gift, *i.e.* given by me, and I shall perhaps give another peal if I see things going on all right.

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I have read the following from the *Building News* with interest :—

"A special service was held in the Collegiate Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, on the occasion of the unveiling of the stained-glass window in memory of the late Prince Consort, the starting of the new clock and chimes, and the unveiling of the memorial windows of Edward Alleyn and Elizabeth Newcomen by the Duke of Connaught, and the dedication of the pulpit and lectern by the Bishop of Rochester. The three windows were all designed by Mr. C. E. Kempe. That in memory of the late Prince Consort—the gift of Mr. Frederick L. Bevan—is in the north transept, and comprises four subjects—Gregory the Great, Ethelbert, Stephen Langton (Cardinal Archbishop of Canterbury), and William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester ("architect, statesman, and father of the public school system of this country. He was ordained acolyte, sub-deacon, and priest, 1362, in the Chapel of Winchester House, which adjoined the west end of this church.") The memorial window to Edward Alleyn, which is on the south aisle, was given by the governors and old scholars of Dulwich College, which he founded in 1619. Alleyn was also one of the Corporation of Wardens of St. Saviour's in 1610. The lowest panel of the window is a figure of Charity, and in the middle panel Alleyn is seen reading in the college chapel the charter and constitution of his foundation in the presence of Lord Chancellor Bacon, Lord Arundel, Inigo Jones, and others. His portrait occupies the head of the window. The Elizabeth Newcomen memorial window is in the south transept. In allusion to her name, St. Elizabeth occupies the base of the central light as the leading figure, above which is St. John the Baptist, supported by Elijah and Malachi. Elizabeth Newcomen was "a generous, educational, and charitable benefactress of the parish." She was buried in the church on November 20th, 1675. The new clock, which is the gift of Sir Frederick Wigan, has been designed and manufactured under the direction of Mr. H. Hardwicke Langton, A.R.I.B.A., at the works of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. It is constructed to show the time on four faces, each 9 ft. 6 in. in diameter, and the quarters are chimed on bells Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 11, the hours being struck upon the 12th, or tenor bell, which weighs 52 cwt., by a hammer weighing 96 lb. The pulpit is of carved oak, and the lectern is of bronze and over 6 ft. high: both are special gifts."

Perhaps we may hear something of the grand ring of twelve bells by-and-by; their restoration, I mean.

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Was John W. Taylor getting at any one, do you think, when at the Council meeting, he dwelt upon the great importance of having good striking? We have all heard at times that such and such a company were "awful strikers." There are in fact one or two towns which have a notoriety of this sort. Very often I think, defective striking accompanies bad form at the rope's-end. If you see a ringer therefore, whose education in ringing deportment has been neglected, the chances are that his striking is not of the best. *Ergo*—the best of deportment is the best.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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SEA TRIPS.—The favourite Belle Steamers are now running daily to the various resorts on the East Coast, and the management are to be congratulated on their ever-increasing popularity. Daily trips are made to Clacton and Southend, leaving Fresh Wharf at 9.30 a.m. Passengers can also proceed to Yarmouth, Felixstowe, Ipswich, and Harwich, changing at Clacton (daily except Fridays). Express steamers to Margate and Ramsgate leave Fresh Wharf at 10 a.m. every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday; calling at Tilbury for passengers by train from Fenchurch-street at 10 45. Various other excursions are also made by these splendid saloon boats, full particulars of which may be had from the offices of the Belle Steamers, 33, Walbrook, E.C.

## Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Padiham, to-day, Saturday, July 2. Bells ready at 3.30 p m. Meeting at 6 p.m.
T. REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merthyr to-day Saturday, July 2nd. This being the first meeting at Merthyr members are particularly requested to attend. The bells will be available for ringing all day. Service at St. David's church at 2.30; meeting at the parish room at 3 o'clock. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.
REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, H. G. WHITE, *Hon. Secs.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Bowden, Stockport, and Mottram Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held with the kind permission of the rector, Canon Whittington, at Northender, Cheshire to-day, Saturday, July 2nd, at 4.30. H. LEIGH MALLORY.
*Hobcroft House, Mobberley, Cheshire*

Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.—A brake will leave this tower for Warwick to-day, Saturday, July 2nd, at 8.15. Return fare 3s. 6d.
W. H. CARROD, *Hon. Sec.*
*82a, Potters Hill, Aston.*

The South Lincolnshire Association.—Quarterly Meeting at Witham-on-the-Hill today, Saturday, July 2nd. Short service in the morning. Dinner at The Black Dog at One o'clock. E. GALE, *Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held a Slinfold to-day, Saturday, July 2nd.
J. W. G. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*
*Yapton, Arundel.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at York Town, Surrey, on Monday, July 4th. The London and South Western Railway will issue cheap tickets to Farnborough Station. Annual Meeting in the Drill Hall at 10 a.m. Service at 11.30 at St. Michael's Church, preacher—Rev. Canon Grant, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Guildford. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 12 45, only for those ordering beforehand. St. Michael's belfry will be open from 9 to 10 a.m. and during the afternoon. For other towers available see programme of arrangements.
C. E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*
*Hursley, Winchester.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Bath Branch.—The Annual Meeting of this branch will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Monday next, July 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room at 8 o'clock.
J. FUSSELL, *Hon. Local Sec.*
9, *Cottage Place, Larkhall, Bath.*

Sheffield and District Society.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wortley (eight bells) on Saturday, July 9th. Wortley is about eight miles from Sheffield on the Great Central Railway. Trains at 2 45 and 4.30. Fare 1s. return. JOHN MULLIGAN, *Sec.*
113, *Fulton Road, Walkley, Sheffield.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Stoke on Saturday, July 9th (instead of July 2nd, as previously arranged). The belfry will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. Annual meeting in the church-room at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Divine Service at the parish church at 7.30, preacher the Rev. C. A. Simpkinson (Rector of Stoke). Members who intend to be present must give notice to Mr. H. Page, 25, Richmond Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Monday, July 4th.
REV. W. D. BRAGINTON, W. TWIGG, *Hon. Secs.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Worsley, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 2 0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. Members and friends desirous of visiting the grounds of Worsley New Hall must be at the front entrance gates not later than 3.0 p.m., all necessary arrangements have been made. Ringing will be resumed when the visitors leave the grounds. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of St. James, Milnrow, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers invited.
E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting in schoolroom at 6 p m.
HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Maidenhead on Monday, July 11th. Service in Boyne Hill church at 11 30. Preacher, Rev. R. Errington, Rector of Clewer. Business Meeting in the Girls' Schoolroom, Boyne Hill, at 12.30 Dinner at the Town Hall, Maidenhead, at 2 o'clock. Apply for tickets, with money, 2s., to Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, not later than July 4.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12th, at The Tamworth arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested.
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, *Roland Road, Handsworth.*

The Middlesex County Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Harrow, on Saturday, July 16th, by kind permission of the Rev. F. W. Joyce. The bells will be raised about 2.30 p.m. Further particulars will be duly announced, but in the meantime it is requested that members will take note of the date, and arrange, if possible, to be present. E. EDWARDS, ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Secs.*
18, *Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.*

### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT WORSLEY.—On Saturday, June 25th, the news was received in Worsley that Lady Beatrice Kemp, wife of Mr. George Kemp, M.P. for the Heywood Division of Lancashire, had been safely delivered of a daughter. Lady Kemp is a daughter of the Earl and Countess of Ellesmere, of Worsley Hall, and this is the first grandchild born to them. The peal in question was rung in honour of the auspicious event.

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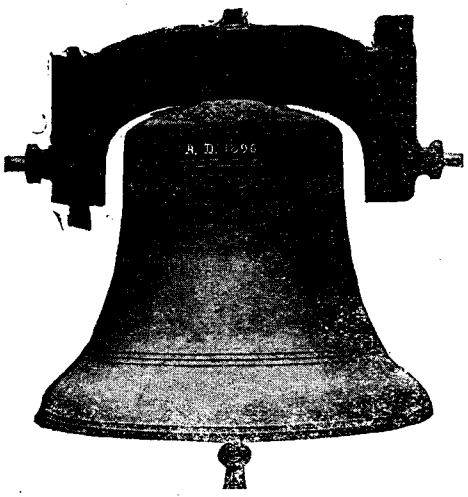

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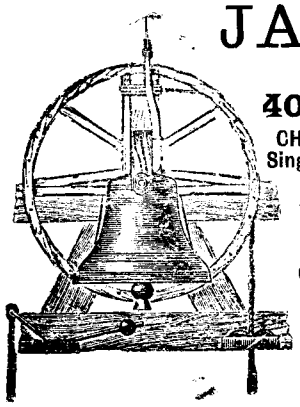

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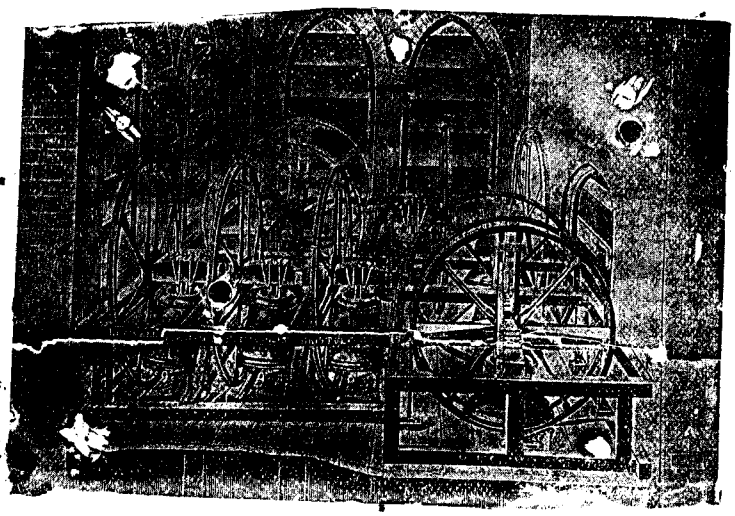

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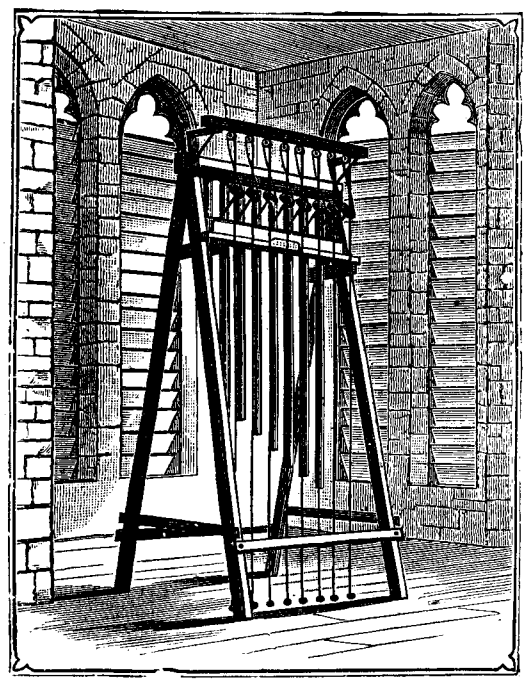

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## STOCKTON'S JUBILEE BELLS.—CELEBRATION OF THE ARRIVAL.

At noon on Monday, June 20th, the four new bells which are to increase the ring in the parish church, Stockton, to ten, as a permanent memorial of the sixty years' reign of Queen Victoria arrived in the town, and, surmounted with flags, were taken on three rolleys to the church. They were the source of much interest, and were followed by large crowds of people. The present peal consists of a light ring of six, made up in 1714 by the addition of four larger bells to the two bells cast in 1696. They are, for the principal church of a large town, inadequate both in number and weight of metal, and compare unfavourably in this respect with rings to be found in many smaller towns. In April of last year Mr. G. J. Clarkson, who is one of the most enthusiastic of the parish church ringers, being the founder of the Stockton Society, and the first secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, brought forward a scheme for the addition of four larger bells to make up a ring of ten, with a tenor of 30 cwt., at a total cost of £722, £113 of which was for fittings and £200 for alterations and extension of the bell-frame. To assist in promoting it he very generously offered to pay the cost of the 7th bell, upon the condition that the 8th was subscribed by the church officials. This the latter more than did, the ringers surrendering their usual salary for one year, amounting to £18, towards the £78 15s. required. This meeting of the church officials, which was held on May 21st, was followed by a large and representative meeting in the Town Hall on June 10th, at which a committee, having for its chairman Mr. W. C. Langley, J.P., hon. secretaries Mr. G. J. Clarkson and Mr. Thos. Parkinson, and treasurer Mr. F. Robson, was appointed to carry the scheme out. The Freemasons of the town also took the matter up, and the "Tees," "Philanthropy," "Fraternity" and "Whitwell" lodges more than subscribed the amount of the 9th bell, £110 5s., leaving the tenor, £157 10s. to be subscribed by the public, together with the cost of the fittings and alterations. So cordially has the scheme been taken up that now of the total sum of £722 over £500 has been subscribed. The four bells delivered June 20th were all appropriately inscribed, with medallions of the Queen occupying a prominent position upon them. On the delivery of the bells at the church, the Rev. H. Martin, M.A., Vicar of Stockton, read two special prayers, but the dedication service will not take place till the bells are hung. The bells were placed in the belfry. The following are the inscriptions on the bells: No. 7. "Fear God, honour the King. To the glory of God, and in commemoration of the 60th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, this bell is presented by George James Clarkson, founder of the Stockton Society of Change Ringers, and first Secretary of the Diocesan Association of Ringers for Durham and Northumberland." No. 8. "Day by day we magnify Thee. To the glory of God and in commemoration of the 6th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, this bell is presented by the clergy and officials of this church.—Henry Martin, vicar; Frederick Robson and George Hickson Wass, churchwardens." No. 9. "Charity never faileth. To the glory of the great Architect of the Universe, and in commemoration of the 60th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, this bell is presented by the Freemasons of this town.—Tees Lodge (No. 509), Fraternity (No. 1518), Philanthropy, with a representation of the square and compasses (No. 940), Whitwell (No. 2104)." No. 10. "Righteousness exalteth a nation. To the glory of God, and in commemoration of the 60th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, this bell is presented by public subscription.—William Charles Langley, chairman of committee; George James Clarkson, hon. secretary; Thomas Parkinson, hon. secretary: Frederick Robson, hon. treasurer. From my heart I thank my beloved people. May God bless them.—Victoria R. I., June 22nd, 1897." The weight of this bell is 27½ cwt., and total weight of the four bells 3 ton 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 24 lbs. The founders are Messrs. Llewellins and James of Bristol, who have followed the exact shape of the old bells, templates of which were most carefully taken.

### COMMEMORATIVE DINNER.

On the same night a dinner in commemoration of the delivery of the four new bells to the parish church, Stockton, was held at the Freemasons' Hall. It was fitting that they should have arrived and been delivered at the parish church on that day, which was the anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. The bells will be on the ground floor of the tower until the necessary £220 required for alterations to the tower and for erecting them has been subscribed. The original sum required for the cost of the bells, £500, has already been obtained by the Committee.

Mr. W. C. Langley, J.P., chairman of the committee, occupied the chair, and was supported by Col. Ropner, of Preston Hall; Rev. H. Martin, Vicar; Ald. Burn, Mr. G. J. Clarkson, Mr. John Trotter, J.P., and amongst those present were Mr. M. Pearson, Mr. J. Graham, Mr. Johnson, borough surveyor, Thornaby; Mr. Fred Robson, Major H. C. Smith, Mr. G. H. Wass, Mr. J. Holt, Mr. H. Coulson, Mr. T. Parkinson, Mr. Joseph Clarkson, Lieut. Tomkins, Mr. W. Rogers, Rev. J. A. Sharrock, Dr. Watson, medical officer of health, Thornaby: Rev. W. Lowe, Vicar of Elton; Mr. J. R. E. Hunton, Mr. R. J. Tallentire, Mr. J. A. Henderson, Mr. H. F. Wright, etc. There was a very large company present. Letters of apology were read from the Mayor of Stockton, Mr. Samuel, M.P., Mr. T. Wrightson, Mr. C. Arthur Head, Mr. Whitwell, Canon Carlisle, Rev. J. A. Clark, Ald. Hind, Mr. T. L. Kirk, Mr. Mathias Robinson, and Mr. C. J. Seaman.

The Chairman, in felicitous terms, gave the usual loyal toasts, which were heartily drank, and Mr. John Trotter proposed the Army, Navy, Navy and Reserve Forces, coupled with the name of Major H. C. Smith, who he said had just attained his majority. Talking of the volunteers, he said had it not been for Mr. Clarkson where would the memorial to the Queen's Jubilee have been in Stockton. That was purely a volunteer officer who had taken it up, carried it most persistently forward, and his efforts had been crowned with the very greatest success.

Major Smith replied.

Mr. F. Robson proposed the Bishop of the Diocese, the Clergy and ministers of all denominations, and said there was not a man in the county of Durham who was not proud of their Diocesan, who was a man of most catholic views. He coupled the toast with the name of the Vicar of Stockton.

The Rev. H. Martin, in reply, said they were not there only as churchmen, for this great effort headed by Mr. Clarkson, to whom they were all very much indebted, had elicited an interest on the part of Churchmen and Nonconformists alike in one great commemoration of their good Queen's reign. It had knit them together as it were, and he most heartily thanked them for this new offering which had been made to the town, which he hoped would give pleasure to them all for many years to come and to future generations.

Alderman Burn, replying on behalf of the Nonconformist ministers, said that they as Nonconformists had an interest in the matter, and that though the bells were confined to one particular building their harmony was by no means confined to that building. The Nonconformists wished the whole concern hearty success and a happy issue.

Col. Ropner, who was received with loud cheers, proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Jubilee Bells," and in doing so said when he was asked to come there that night he consented most readily, because he wished to show his personal appreciation and gratification at the manner in which Mr. Clarkson and the committee had done their work in providing

Stockton with these new and beautiful bells. But had he known that he would have been put down for the toast of the evening he thought he should have taken refuge, as he saw some other gentlemen had done, in excusing himself from being present. However, having had the duty allotted to him, he would endeavour to fulfil it. Of course they were all aware, as they had already been told by the Vicar of Stockton, that these bells were the only permanent memento of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in Stockton. They all knew what the Queen had been, and the good that had fallen to them from her beneficent reign, and he should, therefore, content himself by saying that history had never produced a monarch anything equal to Her Majesty the Queen of England. He could only hope that she would still be spared a few years to them to assist them in keeping this nation in the way in which it had been kept; and also that she would, as hitherto, make her influence felt throughout the European Courts. She had done very much by her influence to guard the peace of Europe, which she had been mainly instrumental in doing during the last twenty or thirty years. As to the bells themselves, seeing that they came from one of the best makers in England, he had not the slightest doubt that they would turn out good bells and do their duty as well as the Queen had done in her long reign. He hoped they also might have a long reign, and for that matter even a longer reign and equally as useful as Her Majesty the Queen. He could not help but think that in many respects there was a great similarity between the bells giving out their sweetness on the air, and assisting them, and the Queen who had done so much to help them, not only in England but throughout the world. The Vicar had already given words to a thought which also passed through his mind, and that was that the bells were their friends, accompanying them from their birth through the pilgrimage of life. They were rung frequentty at our birth, again at their baptism, and confirmation. They were rung to call them to the House of God on Sunday, and merrily, he hoped, when they were married. For many years after that he trusted that the bells would again lead them to the House of God, where they could only hope to be comforted as some of them required. Then the bells were rung again when the end of the journey came, and they went to that home which he hoped they might all reach safely, and to which safety no doubt and unquestionably the bells would contribute in a great manner to conduct them. There was a thought that came home to all of them, and that was that seeing that the bells of Stockton had been added to in the marvellous and wonderful manner they had just experienced, he hoped they would continue to be a source of pleasure as the others had been in the past. With regard to the contributions towards the bells, he was very pleased to observe how much had already been done. Mr. Clarkson, as they knew, himself had contributed by giving entirely one of the bells. Then again the Vicar and churchwarden and officials of the church had also done their duty by giving another bell. The third bell had been given by their friends the Freemasons, who were always ready to perform any good action. The fourth bell practically belonged to all of them, as it was contributed to by the inhabitants of the borough. He was glad to find that there was only a small matter of £230 still required to complete the installation. He had no doubt that a good many who had already contributed would do so again, and that his friend Mr. Clarkson would have the gratification of finding that within a comparatively short time, even within a few weeks, that the amount had been fully subscribed, and that the bells would have been put into position, so that when they were rung for the first time—bringing "Peace and goodwill to men"—the money would be ready to be handed over, and the bells would be rung free of debt for the first time, and they would to the full enjoy their sweet tone knowing this much. He felt how inadequately he had expressed that which he wished to say with regard to these beautiful bells, but they must take the will for the deed. It was a difficult matter to say something fresh on an occasion of that kind. The bells, he hoped, would guide the younger generations, and influence them with a love for the church and chapel. He coupled the toast with the names of the donors of the bells.

Before the toast was responded to Messrs. J. Clarkson, T. Burdon, T. Stephenson, G. J. Clarkson, and W. Newton gave a selection on the handbells, first on the six and then adding the four larger bells a course of Grandsire Caters, amidst the rapturous applause of the company.

Mr. G. J. Clarkson, who gave No. 7 bell, was heartily received. He expressed his gratification at seeing such a large and representative meeting there that evening, and also at the remarks of the speakers who had expressed their appreciation of the scheme which, in the first instance, emanated from himself. Bells, he said, had always been associated with the national and religious life of this country, and remarked that a bishop of the church of England has said, and very truly, that "Bells are in a very mysterious harmony with our mysterious nature; at one time they ring out some peal of joy, at other times they remind us that we too are mortal, and so, whether bells are heard in the marriage morn or after some solemn funeral, or for the more ordinary purpose of summoning Christ's people to worship there is something in harmony with the truest and deepest affections of our nature. They have a power, a secret and mysterious power, over some of our finest and most elevating sentiments." As an instance of this, he pointed out that not long ago they had muffled peals rung with regard to the death of Mr. Gladstone, a joyous peal in commemoration of the Queen's birthday, and on the Sunday the accustomed peaceful warning which belonged to the Christian Sabbath of this land. They had now the largest peal in the county of Durham. They had all heard the chimes in the Town Hall at Middlesbrough. If the old clock in the tower of the parish church of Stockton, which had been pointed out as being a ramshackle clock, could be replaced by a proper one, a better adition could be got out of this peal of ten bells than could be got on the quarter bells of Middlesbrough. In addition to that it would not be a very great cost to have illuminated dials on each of the four sides at the top of the tower, and it would be of immense public service to the town, and would, to some extent, put them on a footing of equality with their neighbours at Darlington and Middlesbrough. That, he believed, was more a matter for the Corporation, who had not charge of the present clock, which was totally unfit to lift the hammers required to strike the heavier bells with any degree of effect. He expressed his gratitude to the officials of the parish church, who so promptly met the offer he had made to them. He would like also to refer to his colleagues in the belfry, who, with the very slightest persuasion from him, so readily agreed to hand over a twelvemonth's salary in order to help the scheme forward. He should also like to express his gratitude to his brethren in Freemasonry, who came forward and subscribed considerably more than that particular bell cost, and also to the public at large for so generously supporting the movement, without distinction of creed or politics, and to an extent that one could hardly have expected.

Mr. G. H. Wass briefly replied for the clergy, churchwardens and officials of the parish church.

For the fraternity of Freemasons, who gave No. 9 bell, Mr. J. Holt replied on behalf of the Tees Lodge, and

Mr. C. F. Johnson, W.M., on behalf of the Philanthropy Lodge. In doing so he suggested that when the bells were rung there might, without overstepping the general celebration, be some Masonic dedication or festival in connection with the Freemasons' bell. He had put himself in communication with a Freemason known throughout the civilised world, and known to them in that part of the country—Rev. Canon Tristram—on the subject. His reply was that all the Colonial Bishops who had been in this country had left, and that so far as he knew the only Bishop at the present time at home who was a Freemason was the Bishop of Bath and Wells. If he could be prevailed upon to come, and he was quite sure that with the support which Mr. Clarkson had had at his back they might obtain the services of the Bishop of Bath and Wells at the dedication ceremony. He was sure that it would add something to the ceremony, and be the means of giving them a stronger claim upon the public.

At this stage a paper was sent round the room, on which subscriptions were promised amounting to £35 14s. 6d.

Mr. H. Coulton, W.M., replied on behalf of the Fraternity Lodge; and Mr. H. F. White on behalf of the Whitwell Lodge.

The Chairman, replying on behalf of "The Town," which gave No. 10 bell, reminded his hearers that one of the most celebrated bells of the present day came from their own imme-

diate neighbourhood—he alluded to a Big Ben, which was cast at Norton, close by there.

The last toast was the "Stockton Society of Ringers," proposed by Mr. Thomas Parkinson, who referred to the friendly feeling which appeared to exist between the ringers of different places, and expressed his appreciation of the generous interest in the scheme shown by the ringers of Middlesbro' and St. John's, Darlington, who had so handsomely subscribed. Mr. Joseph Clarkson responded.

In the course of the evening the company were treated to a capital selection on the handbells given by Mr. G. J. Clarkson and the parish church ringers, and songs were given by Mr. J. A. Henderson, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Linton, etc. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and as a commemorative gathering it was very enthusiastic and interesting.

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Flags were flown, and the bells of the parish church were rung in commemoration of the reception of the new bells, a 720 of Durham Surprise being rang as an appropriate welcome to the bells, which make the first peal of ten in the county of Durham.

The peal will be the only one of ten bells between York and Ripon to the south, and Newcastle to the north, and if the requisite alterations are made in the striking arrangements of the clock, a splendid edition of the Westminster chimes can be obtained on the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 9th bells, leaving the hour to be struck on the largest or tenor bell, which is five notes deeper than the existing hour bell, and three times its weight. The medallion, from which the Queen's portrait was moulded on the bells, was presented to the Committee by Mr. W. E. Harrison.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above was held on Saturday, July 2nd, at Merthyr Tydfil. Merthyr Tydfil is a large industrial centre in Glamorganshire, famous for its ironworks and coalpits, where thousands of toilers earn their daily bread. It is in the district affected just now by the unhappy colliers' strike which makes its baneful influence felt far and wide, and afflicts countless homes with distressful poverty and want. It was no doubt in consequeuce of the strike that the meeting was so very badly attended. All the towns in South Wales feel the effects of this protracted cessation of work, and the distress in Cardiff and other towns is as acute in the valleys where the coalpits are located. We cannot account in any other way for the absence of ringers who usually attend the meetings. Notwithstanding their absence we assembled at St. David's church for evensong, which was said by the Rector, the Rev. Daniel Lewis. After service the meeting took place in the adjoining schoolroom, under the presidency of the Rector. The chairman opened the proceedings in a very cordial speech of welcome to the Association to the parish of Merthyr. He then gave a brief and interesting sketch of the history of bells, more particularly in the Welsh churches. I can do no better than to quote at length his words. "Up to the time of the Reformation, there were but few parishes throughout the land without a peal of bells, but in the reign of Henry VIII. the King's Commissioners laid hands on the bells, and the vessels of the churches, and turned them into monetary account, so that there are but few bells now found dating earlier than about the beginning of the 16th century. But very soon after this spoliation, holy people were inspired to replace the lost bells in many a church tower, but there soon followed another evil period, when precisely a similar spoliation took place in the time of Cromwell, when his Commissioners also laid hands on, among others, the bells of Merthyr parish church, and sold them, as is quaintly recorded by the Rev. Nathaniel Jones, the then Rector, in a manuscript written with his own hand: 'They have sold the bells for sixpence a pound, when they were worth 14d. or 16d.' The present peal, which was dedicated about eighteen months ago, is probably the third peal of bells erected in the church. They were cast by Taylor, and are considered very good. What lends additional interest to them is the fact that they were presented by eight old Merthyr boys, namely, Sir William T. Lewis, Bart.; Colonel D. R. Lewis; Messrs. Herbert Kirkhouse; Edward P. Martin (Dowlais); William Thomas (Brynawel, Merthyr); William Jenkins (Consett); Edward Williams (Middlesbrough); Tom Morgan (Alliance, Ohio, U.S.A.)" The ringers who tried their hands on the bells after the meeting in touches of Grandsire fully bore out the statement of the Rector, that they were a splendid peal of pure sweet tone, and magnificently hung. May they long remain in the strongly-built tower of the lately-restored old parish church, which under the hand of the great architect, Pearson, has been grandly restored in Romanesque style, and escape for ever the hands of the spoiler. The Merthyr people are to be congratulated upon having such an excellent and valuable peal in their beautiful old church, a peal generously presented under such interesting circumstances.

"Treat them fairly in the steeple,
Let our bells ring on high;
There fulfil their daily mission,
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky."

The Merthyr band of ringers, on the proposition of Mr. Davies (Caerleon), seconded by Mr. T. Jenkins (Abersychan), were elected members of the Association. This is the fifteenth tower in the diocese affiliated to our comparatively young Association.

On the proposition of Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), seconded by Mr. Davies, it was decided to hold the next Quarterly Meeting at Magor, Monmouthshire, where there is a peal of six bells.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, allowing us the use of the church for service, schoolroom for meeting, and bells for ringing, and his interesting opening speech, brought the proceedings of a very small but interesting meeting to a termination. G.

## THE CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

It occurred to several ringers in this district that if the towers in the neighbourhood were united for practice, etc., a better state of things might be brought about than already existed. They accordingly called a preliminary meeting in the tower of St. Mary's church, Chepstow, on February 19th last, and discussed ways and means. The towers of Chepstow, Caldicot, Tidenham, etc., being represented. They decided to hold their first meeting on Easter-Monday, April 11th, in the church schools, kindly lent for that purpose by the Vicar.

The Rev. F. W. Clarke, Vicar of Caldicot, was elected President of the Association, and the Rev. E. J. Hensley, Vicar of Chepstow, Vice-president, and a form of rules for the Association was also proposed.

The meeting on Easter-Monday was rather disappointing, inasmuch as only two towers were represented, probably owing to the inclement weather. The Rev. E. J. Hensley presided, and said he was very pleased that they had decided to form an Association, as something of the kind was wanted to draw the ringers more together, and that he would be pleased to do all that he could to help them, and commenced by becoming an honorary member.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and adopted, members enrolled, and the rules discussed and adopted, it was decided that the next meeting should be held at Caldicot on June 25th. The ringers then adjourned to the tower for some ringing.

On June 25th the first meeting of the Association away from home was held at the schoolroom, Caldicot. The President, the Rev. F. W. Clarke, in the chair. The President said he was pleased to welcome the ringers to his church, and hoped that the Caldicot ringers would all become members of the Association. He also thanked them for the honour they had done him by electing him to be President of their Association.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed, and the other business of the meeting having been done and new members enrolled, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Magor, on September 17th.

The members and friends then adjourned to the tower, where some touches of Grandsire Triples and Minor were rung, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the time to return coming all too soon. After some refreshment, and wishing good-bye to their friends, the Chepstow contingent left for home, where they arrived about 11 p.m. P.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At the kind invitation of Miss Macalpine-Leny, the following fourteen members of the above society spent a most enjoyable day on Saturday, July 2nd, viz., Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Cockerill, Dawe, Haworth, Horrex, Hughes, McLaughlin, Newton, Pettit, Prime, Springall, Winney, Wise, and Wood. The meeting-time was 8.15 a.m. at Cannon Street, where all turned up in time to catch the 8.28 train, and in due course the party arrived safely at Tunbridge Wells. Here Miss Leny and her sister, Mrs. McKinnon, had been waiting over half-an-hour with a well-appointed four-horse brake, supplied by the Southborough, Tunbridge Wells and Districts Omnibus Company, in the charge ot Mr. Spittles and the inimitable Walter J. Clark. All safely mounted, Tunbridge Wells was left behind, and a lovely drive through Buckhurst Park, the seat of Earl De La Warr, with its rich masses of beech trees, brought the "youths" on their way to their rendezvous, ten miles distant, locally known as "Jack's Lap," a famous wooded height in north-east Sussex. Here with the aid of field-glasses fine views were obtained of the smiling country around, the tower of East Grinstead being specially prominent. Luncheon on "Jack's Lap" also occupied a considerable time, and then touches on the handbells and more admiration of the scenery provided from this vantage ground, were resorted to.

The Society's photographer, Mr. F. E. Dawe, by means of his camera, also endeavoured to preserve the appearance of the party for future inspection and pleasure. After another short drive "Jill's Lap," which much resembles the foregoing, was reached, and after a brief stay for a touch on the handbells, the return journey was commenced. Leaving Buckhurst Park on the right, the road led through the village of Withyham, where there is a church dedicated to St. Michael, with its famous Sackville Chapel, but time did not permit of a stay to visit this Early English building, which was terribly damaged by a terrible storm of lightning and thunder on June 16th, 1663. A halt was made at Groombridge Place for tea, to which the party had been invited by the Misses Saint. This picturesque house, built of brick, and surrounded by a moat, stands amidst lovely scenery, and in the centre of well-kept grounds and trim gardens. After the battle of Agincourt in 1415, Groombridge became historical as the place where the Duke of Orleans was detained a prisoner for twenty-five years by Sir Richard Waller, his captor in that battle, to whom he was yielded by King Henry V. An ancient wall supplied with massive buttresses, shows how recreation and exercise were procured 400 years ago in the shape of hand tennis, which gave birth to the modern game of "fives." Numbers of storks and peacocks roam about at will, and the loud cries of the latter gave evidence that something out of the ordinary routine had happened, but which were kindly construed by Miss Saint as their way of shewing welcome to their domains. Those members of the party who had not before visited Groombridge, were shown through the rooms, and general surprise and admiration were expressed at the fine oak panelling and pictures. Touches were rung on the handbells, photographs of the house and gardeu taken, and after thanking the Misses Saint for their kind hospitality, a move was made to Speldhurst Rectory, which was reached at 6.40. After a refreshing wash and brush up, the dinner bell gave notice of farther good things in the rectory dining-room, and dessert was partaken in the shape of strawberries and cream on the lawn, while the bells of the church of St. Mary, manipulated by Mr. A. E. Edwards, of the local band, and Messrs. Buckingham, McLaughlin, Pettit, Springall, Winney, Wise, and Wood, discoursed a 504 of Stedman Triples. Amongst the listeners was the Rector, the Rev. A. McKinnon, who showed himself to be an able critic on the quality of striking. The old church of Speldhurst was built by the Duke of Orleans, and was, on its destruction by a thunderstorm replaced by the present building in 1791. A stone inserted in the south porch bears the armorial bearings of the Duke, and was removed from the old porch.

Shortly after nine o'clock the brake was again brought into requisition to convey the party to Tunbridge Wells Station. Here sincere thanks were accorded Miss Leny and Mrs. McKinnon for their great kindness in arranging and providing everything for the day's enjoyment, which had been one of unalloyed pleasure throughout. Good-byes having been said, all were aboard a train "London only" at 10.20, and Cannon Street was reached at 11.40. Here the party dissolved, and looking over the names of the fourteen, and knowing where they reside, it may be truly said, that in a very short time they were scattered far and wide.

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

Through the generosity of Mr. Churchwarden Davies, the members of the above society had their first summer excursion on Saturday, June 25th, Westerham, Kent, being the place chosen. Mr. Churchwarden Weller, Mr. C. Faulkner, and Mr. R. Fenn, sen., accompanied the party. Leaving Barking at 12.53, Westerham was reached at 3 o'clock. The company was reinforced at London Bridge by Mr. Cockerill, Secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Mr. A. Whight, late of Barking. Arriving at Westerham a move was at once made for the parish church, and the bells—which by the way are a most splendid and melodious peal, tenor 23¾ cwt.—were soon going in Stedman Triples, Grandsire following, and a touch of Double Norwich, said to be the first ot the latter method on the bells. Tea was capitally served at The Fountain Coffee Tavern, and it might be here said that any band of ringers visiting Westerham, cannot do better than pay a visit to this tavern, that is if they feel hungry. Afterwards the party divided, some going for a country walk, others going to the church where a splendid five courses of Superlative Surprise (the first on the bells) was rung by A. Deards, 1; C. Fenn, 2; S. Hayes, 3; T. Faulkner (conductor), 4; R. Fenn, jun., 5; A. Hardy, 6; Y. Green, 7; W. T. Cockerill, 8. Other touches followed, which brought the hour of 8. A pleasant period was afterwards spent at The Railway hotel, songs being sung by Mr. R. Fenn, sen., Mr. J. H. Hopkins, and Mr. A. D. Mason.

Mr. T. Faulkner proposed, and Mr. A. Whight seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Davies, who in responding said it was a real pleasure to be at Westerham (where his boyhood was spent) with his ringers, and he hoped it would not be the last visit they should make there. He proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Vicar for granting permission to ring, and to the local ringers for their kindness in having everything in readiness; considerations like these for visitors always tended to make ringers' trips such a pleasure. The local men suitably responded, and it spoke well for the efficiency of the St. Margaret's company when their Westerham friends averred that they never had heard their bells rung so well before.

Mr. Hopkins proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by Messrs. Weller, Cockerill, Fenn, Faulkner, and Green. Then this visit like all sublunary things, came to a close, and the company reached home about midnight, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## CROYLAND ABBEY.

The Rev. T. H. Le Bœuf, the Rector of Croyland, states that Messrs. John Thompson and Son, of Peterborough, re-commenced work on the 1st inst. at the north wall of Croyland Abbey. He appeals for help towards raising the £1,380 which the work of underpinning the whole north aisle and re-building the bay next the tower will cost.

A new church is in course of erection in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen's, Accrington. It is intended to accommodate 530 persons, and will cost £7,800. At present it is proposed to proceed only with the chancel and eastern portion of the nave, and leave the tower, spire, and west extension for a subsequent effort. In 1891 a new school was erected adjoining the church site at a cost of £3,200.

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## A UNIQUE GATHERING.

On Tuesday, June 28th, the Lord Bishop of Exeter and Mrs. Bickersteth entertained at the palace some of the bellringers of the diocese. Invitations had been sent to the head ringer in each parish. About 450 accepted, and assembled in the palace gardens at 12.30 p.m. At 1.0 p.m. dinner was served in a marquee erected in the grounds, at which the Bishop presided. He was supported by the Bishop of Crediton, the Archdeacons of Exeter, Totnes, and Barnstaple, Canon Edmonds, the rural deans of the diocese, the Mayor and Sheriff of Exeter, and the President of the Devonshire Guild.

The Bishop, after asking his assembled guests to drink "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," on this the anniversary of her Coronation-day, addressed a few words of welcome to them. He said that when first he came into the diocese there were two things which particularly struck him: one was the 14th century screens which beautified so many of the churches; the other was the sweet-toned bells which rang out their welcome to him in a large majority of the parishes, and he was glad of this opportunity of thanking the ringers for the kindly greeting which they had so often given him on visiting their parishes. He could not impress upon them too strongly the sacredness of their office, and the power that had of sending forth GOD'S message to all within reach of the sound of the bells which they rung. He then announced the programme for the afternoon, and hoped all would enjoy themselves.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, in thanking the Bishop and Mrs. Bickersteth for their kind hospitality to the ringers, pointed out that the gathering was quite unique. He had never heard or read of 450 ringers being gathered together in one place before, either in this diocese or any other, and he would assure his lordship that though they fully appreciated his kindness in inviting them there that day, and treating them as he had done with such generous hospitality, there was something which they appreciated still more, and that was his recognition of them as a body of Churchworkers. In the past bellringers had been left too much to themselves, but now, in their diocese at all events, this could not any longer be said. The Bishop in his late charge had included bellringing in his enumeration of the different branches of Churchwork, and now in his invitation to the ringers to-day, he emphasised this thought still further. And his lordship might feel sure of this, that every ringer present to-day would go back to his parish with a deepened sense of the responsibility of his office, and would feel that the ringing of the Church bells should be, not only a pastime, still less a means of gain, but rather a sacred work which should be carried out to the honour and glory of GOD.

Mr. H. Martin, who had been a ringer for 65 years at Paignton parish church, endorsed these remarks. Three hearty cheers were then given for Dr. and Mrs. Bickersteth.

At 3.0 p.m. service was held in the Cathedral, at which special hymns and the Coronation Anthem (by Handel) were sung, and the Bishop gave a short address on Col. iii. 17.

After service, the grand ring of ten bells in the Cathedral were rung in rounds by the cathedral ringers (the bad go of the bells not admitting of any change-ringing being attempted), concluding with the eight in C minor, which was especially admired by the many who were listening from the palace garden.

At 5.0 p.m. tea was served, and after a photograph had been taken the party dispersed to their various homes with gratified hearts and pleasing memories of a most enjoyable day.

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

### THE PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—*Re* the peal of Real Double Norwich rung at Irthlingborough, of which Mr. Hunt seems to know so much. Perhaps he will be kind enough to inform us where he learnt Double Norwich. I question if Mr. Hunt could tell the difference between the two compositions if the figures were put in front of him. Certainly he has not been able to handle the string very long. By inserting this you would oblige ZUMMERZET.

### MORE DOUBTS.

SIR,—I had no intention of taking part in the discussion of Mr. J. Hunt's doubts respecting the first peal of Real Double Norwich (as I very much doubt if Mr. Hunt understands the subject he is writing about). He certainly cannot have studied the *Clavis* on this point, or I feel sure he would not have written as he has done respecting it. In his last letter Mr. Hunt admits that my composition is an improvement on Mr. Banister's. Now, Sir, I admit nothing of the sort, my peal of 5376 was made up for the Real Double method, and was the first rung and published with the same number of calls with the treble behind and before—this is (as everyone knows) what constitutes Real Double. Mr. Banister's is a five-part peal of ordinary Double Norwich (annexed), with the bob at 4 shunted to the first lead when the treble is behind. This bob wherever it is called simply moves the 6th place bell. Most probably any ordinary five-part peal could be treated in like manner, but it would not make it Real Double. Mr. Snowdon mentions in his work on Double Norwich, page 44, that "Mr. Johnson has a large number of Major compositions of Real Double in which the bobs are always made in pairs, viz., one when the treble is behind and another in the same lead when that bell is in front." I have tried to obtain a peal on this plan with the tenors together, but have failed, and I feel inclined to doubt whether it is possible to obtain a true peal on the plan. ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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### A PROTEST.

SIR,—May I say that your editorial comment in your issue of the 2nd inst. on the Sunday peal discussion at the Central Council, appears to me, and I doubt not to others than myself, somewhat misleading. Of Mr. Elsee's motion you say it was "virtually for the due and proper reverence of the Sabbath," but was it not really to obtain the assent of the Council to his view of what that due and proper reverence is? There are varying views on this point. This is not only a matter of common knowledge, but is displayed in your report of the discussion. In reality the dispute is not whether peal-ringing is or is not in conformity with the church's rule definitely laid down, but whether one particular view on a point the Church has left open is to be accepted to the exclusion of others. That Sunday is a Christian festival is of course universally admitted, but neither the New Testament nor the Prayer-Book lays down rules as to recreation, and all people take recreation in some form on Sunday if it is only by talking. It is obviously therefore a question of drawing lines in accordance with the dictates of the individual conscience. A ringer who thinks anything pleasurable to be wrong on Sunday, will of course abstain from Sunday peal-ringing—no one could respect him if he did not; but I fail to see that that is any reason why he should try to suppress the man who regards what is generally agreed to be suitable on the festival day of an earthly sovereign as *a fortiori* appropriate on the weekly festival of the King of Kings. In fact I protest against attempts, however guileless, to entangle the Council with a question which is really not one of ringing but of theology, with which I respectfully urge the Council is neither constituted nor fitted to deal, and on which its opinion would be of no more importance to churchwardens in general or ringers in particular than if it should pass resolutions on any other controversial Church questions, as, for instance, the desirability or otherwise of non-communicating attendance at Eucharistic celebrations, or as to how far the unauthorised services, about which we are now hearing so much, are in accordance with the spirit of the Prayer-Book. The Council on two occasions has declined to express any opinion on Sunday peal-ringing, and by so doing has beyond doubt faithfully interpreted the feelings of ringers as a body. R. A. DANIELL.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1898.

THE gathering of ringers in the grounds of the Bishop of Exeter's palace on the 28th ult., a report of which will be found elsewhere, is not inaptly described as "unique." It is certainly the very first instance of its kind. The Bishops of our church have often given appropriate addresses to bodies of ringers, and wished them prosperity in their work; his lordship of Exeter has done something more. It is to be hoped that such an example as has been set by Dr. BICKERSTETH will be followed by other members of the Right Reverend Bench. There are hopes it may; for their lordships appear to be much in sympathy with the extension and prosperity of ringing.

The Rev. MAITLAND KELLY'S remarks at the gathering were most pertinent, and we can well understand his earnestness and satisfaction on the occasion. Bellringers had been, he said, too much left to themselves in the past. That is the way we should expect a change-ringing clergyman to put it. Happily the past is gone, never to return; the Exeter gathering is a grand illustration of the fact that we are looked upon, not as outsiders, outcasts,

or persons to be avoided, but as a most influential section of Churchworkers, whose office is of great importance. This opinion is growing in strength hourly. The efforts of those clergy who are identified with ringing, and many others who are not, are approaching fruition. One result is the interest in bells and ringers which has caused the gathering at Exeter, an occurrence in which we all rejoice.

## The Provinces.

### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Wednesday, June 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST C. HUNT | ..*Treble.* | *JAMES REYNOLDS | 5. |
| RICHARD E. GROVE | 2. | JOHN BARBER | 6. |
| WILLIAM H. SMITH | 3. | THOMAS WAKEMAN | 7. |
| NOAH DAVIS | 4. | THOMAS J. SALTER | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

*First peal.

### LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, June 30, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| HARRY S. RICHOLD | ..*Treble.* | FRED. CORNELL | 5. |
| HENRY DUCE | 2. | *ERNEST AMBROSE | 6. |
| THOMAS CADGE | 3. | CHARLES G. BIXBY | 7. |
| AMOR AMBROSE | 4. | SAMUEL FORD | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by ERNEST AMBROSE.

*First peal as conductor.

### GUILDFORD, SURREY.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, June 30, 1898, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 23 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT E. BARROW | ..*Treble.* | JAMES HUNT | 5. |
| WILLIAM W. THORNE | 2. | SEPTIMUS RADFORD | 6. |
| JOHN J. JONES | 3. | ERNEST C. BONIFACE | 7. |
| CHARLES WILLSHIRE | 4. | *FRANK BLONDELL | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by F. BLONDELL.

*First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Otway-Maine, for many years organist, and a great benefactor to the above church, the interment taking place on that day.

### CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, June 30, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

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| FRANCIS J. LEWIS (age 17) | *Treble.* | ALBERT E. EDWARDS | 6. |
| FRED G. MAY | 2. | CHARLES E. BARTLEET | 7. |
| FRANCIS W. BOND | 3. | H. TOM GARDNER | 8. |
| JOHN AUSTIN | 4. | HENRY C. BOND | 9. |
| FRANK LL. EDWARDS† | 5. | HENRY CLUTTERBUCK | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by JAMES GEORGE and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal and first attempt by the treble man. †First peal of Caters. Rung as a farewell to the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, who is leaving to take up his residence in Gloucester; also in honour of the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. John Stewart Sinclair, M.A.

### BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 2, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.** Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE HAYWARD | ..*Treble.* | THOMAS J. SALTER | 5. |
| NOAH DAVIS | 2. | WILLIAM H. SMITH | 6. |
| FREDERICK CLAYTON | 3. | WILLIAM SHORT | 7. |
| WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT | 4. | JOHN BARBER | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and contains sixty courses with the 5th and 6th eighteen courses each way. First peal in the method on the bells.

### NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 2, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT E. PARSONS | ..*Treble.* | JOHN W. SMITH | 5. |
| WILLIAM BIRD | 2. | SAMUEL SPITTLE | 6. |
| WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT | 3. | ADOLPHUS ROBERTS | 7. |
| HARRY MASON | 4. | JOHN SMITH | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by W. MICKLEWRIGHT.

First peal in this method by all except A. E. Parsons; also the first in the method on the bells.

### NETTLEHAM, NEAR LINCOLN.

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

*On Saturday, July 2, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| THOMAS WHITWORTH | ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM LAMBERT | 4. |
| WALTER ALLWOOD | 2. | WILLIAM H. TURTON | 5. |
| SAM WALKER | 3. | WILLIAM BIGGIN | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. LAMBERT.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob rung on the bells.

### TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 2, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOSEPH MADDOCK | ..*Treble.* | ARTHUR DOBLE | 5. |
| WALTER GILLARD | 2. | EDGAR E. BURGESS | 6. |
| HENRY PEARCE | 3. | HENRY J. POOLE | 7. |
| FRANK MILLARD | 4. | GEORGE H. YENDALL | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

This peal was taken from the "Clavis." First peal of Treble Bob by all the band, and by the Association. First peal of Treble Bob ever rung west of Bristol by local men.

### STEYNING, SUSSEX.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 2, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART REVERSED.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | ..*Treble.* | ARTHUR GATLAND | 5. |
| JOHN SMART | 2. | KEITH HART | 6. |
| ALFRED LAWRENCE | 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 7. |
| GEORGE GATLAND | 4. | *E. TURRELL | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, July 2, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. in F♯.

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|---|---|---|---|
| E. W. MENDAY | *Treble.* | THOMAS NEWMAN | 5. |
| JOHN TUCKER | 2. | H. W. SMITH | 6. |
| JOSEPH HANDS | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON | 7. |
| GEORGE ESSEX | 4. | HARRY SIMMONDS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

*On Monday, July 4, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

T. YATES'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR BARRATT* | *Treble.* | JAMES BARRATT | 5. |
| PHILIP JACKSON | 2. | ERNEST JACKSON | 6. |
| THOMAS GRATTON | 3. | RICHARD RIDYARD | 7. |
| JOHN JACKSON | 4. | AMOS TRIPPIER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

First peal with a full Eccles band since 1867. *First peal, aged 16 years. First peal on eight bells with a bob bell by Thomas Gratton, aged 62 years.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, July 5, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.** Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs. n F♯.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY STUBBS | *Treble.* | JAMES GARRATT | 5. |
| WILLIAM PETTITT | 2. | THOMAS R. HENSHER | 6. |
| WILLIAM R. HENSHER | 3. | WALTER PERKINS | 7. |
| FRED. GILBERT | 4. | JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Benhilton on Saturday, the 25th June, should be credited to the Surrey Association.

## Date Touches.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 24th, a date touch of 1898 changes in the following methods: 720 New London Pleasure, 720 Kent, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 98 Plain Bob. E. Runter, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; E. Wright, 6. Longest length by all the band.

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

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, June 10th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Major, in 1 hr. 17 mins. C. Owens, 1; J. Grant, 2; J. Owens, 3; W. Hughes, 4; G. Newton (composer), 5; J. Evans, 6; J. Hughes, 7; J. Dillon (conductor), 8. This is the longest touch of Major rung on the bells, and also by the local band. J. Dillon hails from Bromborough.

GUISELEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, June 5th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. Robson, 1; J. Waite, 2; F. Mallinson, 3: S. Brown, 4; J. Sunderland, 5; J. Yeadon, 6; T. M. Thompson (conductor), 7; F. W. Dixon (composer), 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, and to the late Mr. Adam Earle, surveyor, of Guiseley.

Secure COUPONS for the Grand Handbell Prizes. Wonderful Gifts.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Thursday, May 5th, 720 New London Pleasure. A. Bradley (conductor), 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; E. Runter, 5; E. Wright, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Wright (conductor), 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; E Runter, 4; J. Tunbridge, 5; A. Bradley, 6. On Tuesday, May 17th, 720 New London Pleasure. A. Bradley (conductor), 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; E. Runter, 5; E. Wright, 6. On Thursday, May 19th, after evening service, 720 New London Pleasure. E. Wright (conductor), 1; A. Bradley, 6; the rest as before. On Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). C. Parsons, 1; A. Bradley (conductor), 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; E. Wright, 5; E. Runter, 6.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—At St. Peter's church, on May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes. J. Seagar, 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; T. Hammond, 5; H. Seagar) conductor), 6. This is the longest length byall except the conductor. On June 14th, 720 Plain Bob, being the first peal of Minor that has been rung by the local band on the bells. J. Seagar, 1; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 2: H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; W. Trowles, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by H. Brown and J. Seagar and first by W. Trowles with a bob bell.

BOREHAM (Essex).—On Saturday, April 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Whight, 1; W. Harris, 2; E. Runter, 3; E. Wright, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; H. Sharpington, 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. A. Whight, 1; M. Rolfe, 2; E. Runter, 3; A. Bradley, 4; H. Argent, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Whight, 1; A. Bradley, 2; J. Young, 3; E. Wright, 4; H. Argent (conductor), 5; H. Sharpington, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. A. Richel, 1; J. Young, 2; E. Runter, 3; L. Crow, 4; J. Young, 5; H. Argent (conductor), 6.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 44 mins. J. Tarbun, 1; G. W. Sorrell, 2; W. Pye, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; G. R. Pye (conductor), 5; A. Edwards, 6; E. Pye, 7; W. E. Emery, 8.

### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KEELE (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, May 14th, at the parish church, 720 College Exercise. J. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 2; D. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. Also 720 each of College Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, and Woodbine Treble Bob. Rung in an attempt to ring a 5040 in seven methods.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, May 17th, for practice at the church of St. Giles, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Clarkson, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; W. Twigg (conductor), 5; J. Beardmore, 6. Rung on the back six, and is the first 720 of Minor on the bells. The ringers all hail from Bucknall, and had intended to have a practice of Superlative Surprise, but meeting one short the above was rung instead.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, May 24th, on the occasion of the Queen's birthday, 384 Superlative Surprise Major. A. Shufflebottom, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; C. Preston, 3; D. Wheeldon, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; T. Mountford, 6; W. Twigg (conductor), 7; J. Beardmore, 8. Messrs. Shuffleton and Mountford belong to Stoke; the rest hail from Bucknall. This is the first touch in the method by all, and also the first in the method by members of the Association.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Whit-Sunday, May 29th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 240 each of Tulip, College Exercise, Armley Pleasure and 120 Woodbine. J. Heckingbottom, 1; J. Thackray, 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; J. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 240 each of London Scholars' Pleasure and City Delight, and 216 Oxford. J. Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; others as before.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHARING (Kent).—On May 7th, on the occasion of a meeting of the Ashford district, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hills, 1; M. Peirce (conductor), 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; C. Tribe, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice, 6. And 720 Plain Bob. H. Ward, 1; T. Hooker, 2; E. Dixon, 3; W. Spice, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. And two 120s of Stedman Doubles. M. Pierce, 1; J. Willis, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; C. Tribe, 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; W. Hadlow 6.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, June 5th, 336 Stedman Triples.

J. Steddy, 1; J. Edwards, 2; R. Jenner, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Preston (conductor), 5; T. Wallis, 6; J. Wallis, 7; J. Maylan, 8. A 504 Stedman Triples. J. Steddy, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Edwards, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Preston, 5; T. Wallis (conductor), 6; R. Jenner, 7; J. Maylan, 8. For morning service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. J. Edwards, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Preston (conductor), 3; J. Heasman, 4; T. Wallis, 5; J. Steddy, 6; R. Jenner, 7; J. Maylan, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. J. Wallis, 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Heasman, 3; J. Preston, (conductor), 4; J. Steddy, 5; T. Wallis, 6; R. Jenner, 7; J. Maylan, 8. On Sunday, June 12th, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Maylam, 1; J. Preston, 2; J. Steddy (conductor), 3; J. Edwards, 4; T. Wallis, 5; J. Heasman, 6; R. Jenner, 7; P. Smith, 8.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIGN.

### (The Worcester Guild.)

Worcester.—On Thursday, May 5th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lebbon (conductor), 1; A. Hill, 2; C. Jones, 3; W. Bright, 4; W. Page, 5; G. Checketts, 6. On Thursday, June 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Hill, 1; C. Jones, 2; W. Powell, 3; G. Checketts, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; W. Lebbon, 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Hill and Checketts. On Sunday, May 22nd, at St. Helen's church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Lebbon, 1; A. Hill, 2; W. Bright, 3; C. Jones, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; G. Checketts, 6; W. Page (conductor), 7; H. Wilkes, 8. On Monday, June 6th, at the Cathedral, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, 1; A Hill, 2; W. Powell, 3; C. Jones (conductor), 4; G. Hinton, 5; W. Page, 6; G. Checketts, 7; W. H. Johnson, 8; W. Lebbon, 9; T. Malin, 10. The above is the longest touch of Stedman by Messrs. A. Hill, Bright, and Checketts; and the first touch of Grandsire Caters as conductor by C. Jones.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Battle (Sussex).—On Tuesday, May 10th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. W. H. Eldridge, 1; C. Hill (St. Leonards), 2; †L. Stapley (Hastings), 3; *S. Saker (conductor), 4; W. Thomas, 5; C. J. Hyland, 6; W. Franks, 7; J. Sinden, 8. †First quarter-peal. *First quarter-peal as conductor. On Sunday morning, May 15th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples, conducted by C. R. Carter, being his first touch as conductor. In honour of the Queen's birthday the local band intended to ring a peal, but one turning up late a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung instead. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; W. Eastland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; C. J. Hyland, 7; J. Sinden, 8. On Whit-Sunday morning for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Sinden, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; W. Thomas, 3; F. Mathis, 4; C. R. Carter, 4; W. Eastland, 6; H. Elliott (Abinger, Surrey), 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. For afternoon service 350 Grandsire Minor. J. Sinden, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; W. Eastland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; H. Elliott, 6; W. H. Eldridge, 7; †A. Saunders (first touch). 8. On Tuesday, May 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Franks, 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. Hill, 4; W. Thomas, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; C. J. Hyland, 7; W. Eastland, 8. On Tuesday, June 7th, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; †H. Thorpe, 3; F. Lock, 4; J. Livermore, 5; F. Mathis, 6; W. Thomas, 7; J. Sinden, 8. †First 350. H. Thorpe hails from Rye. On Tuesday, June 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Sinden, 1; F. Lock, 2; H. Thorpe (longest length), 3; W. Thomas, 4; C. R. Carter, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; W. Eastland, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Sunday evening, June 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. H. Eldridge, 1; J. Mathis, 2; †H. Thorpe, 3; W. Eastland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; J. Sinden, 8. Composed by J. W. Washbrook. †First quarter-peal.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Devizes (Wilts).—On Thursday, June 9th, 910 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Hampton, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; W. Hollier, 3; C. D. Heginbottom, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; T. Raddon, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; R. Phillips, 8. On handbells, 360 Grandsire Doubles. C. D. Heginbottom, 1-2; S. Hillier, 3-4; R. Phillips, 5-6. First 360 on handbells by all.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Penn (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, June 5th, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. J. E. Groves (conductor), 1; H. J. Balcombe, 2; R. Pickering, 3; H. P. Harman, 4; H. Knight, 5; E. Graham, 6; G. Burrows, 7; H. Roden, 8.

Wolverhampton.—On Friday, June 10th, in St. Peter's belfry on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. H. Knight, 1-2; H. P. Harman, 3-4; J. E. Groves, 5-6; R. Pickering, 7-8. First quarter-peal on handbells by Messrs. Knight and Pickering.

Perry Barr.—At the church of St. John, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins., composed by the late Henry Johnson. J. Williams, 1; G. Williams, 2; G. Mitchison, 3; W. Cooper, jun, 4; F. Jones, 5; W. Cooper, sen., 6; C. Williams (conductor), 7; F. Williams, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Brown, the respected sexton of St. John's.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Thurleigh (Beds).—On Saturday, June 25th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting, the following touches were rung: A 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Foote, 1; W. Gazeley, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. Chasty, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Glass, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; S. Cullip, 5; W. Barker (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. F. Webb (aged 13 years), 1; T. Foote, 2; S. Constant, 3; I. Hills, 4; A. Robinson, 5; C. Chasty, 6. Also 360 Double Court. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. Chasty, 3; A. Robinson, 4; S. Cullip, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. The bells were then lowered in excellent style by the local ringers. J. Crosley, 1; I. Hills, 2; A. Farrar, 3; T. Asque, 4; F. Hart, 5; C. Lovell, 6.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### (Sudbury Branch.)

Long Melford (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, 464 Bob Major. J. Ambrose, jun., 1; F. Connell, 2; A. Papworth, 3; A. Ambrose, 4; G. Smith, 5; E. Ambrose, 6; O. Garwood, 7; S. Ford, 8. Conducted by E. Ambrose. Longest touch in the method by J. Ambrose, jun.

Sudbury (Suffolk).—On a recent Wednesday the All Saints' company met for practice and rang 588 Stedman Triples. S. Howell, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Griggs, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; G. Valentine, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Griggs, 8. Also 252 Stedman, H. Griggs ringing the 7th. On Sunday, June 26th, after evening service, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 672 changes. S. Howell, 1; W. Griggs, 2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Howell, 5; G. Valentine, 6; H. Griggs, 7; H. Brackett, 8.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

London.—On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 53 mins. W. E. Judd, 1; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 2; G. Brush, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; T. H. Taffender, 5; A. F. Harris, 6; A. W. Brighton, 7; W. Fox, 8; J. George, 9; J. Waghorn, jun., 10. Composed by James George, and contains the 6th twelve courses behind the 8th in the inverted tittum position. At the church of St. Barnabas, Pimlico, after service on Sunday, May 22nd, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major. C. F. Winney, 1; A. G. Ellis, 2; F. Buck, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; W. H. Pasmore (longest length in the method), 5; F. Dench, 6; C. T. P. Brice (conductor), 7; J. W. Oxborrow, 8.

## THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, LONDON.

Chelsea.—On Sunday morning, June 5th, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, 504 Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. H. G. Miles, 1; G. R. Fardon, 2; W. E. Moss, 3; W. H. Webber (conductor), 4; A. F. Harris, 5; H. W. Cotton, 6; T. E. Barber, 7; G. T. Chesterman, 8.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

Ordsall (Notts).—On Saturday, May 28th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 26 mins. with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone. J. Gilbert, 1; H. Merrills, 2; G. Holmes, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; M. Phillipson, 5; J. White, 6. On Sunday, May 29th, for early service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Gilbert, 1; H. Merrills, 2; G. Holmes, 3; H. Lambert, 4; M. Phillipson, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 31st, for practice, 720 College Single. J. Gilbert, 1: H. Merrills, 2; G. Holmes, 3; M. Phillipson, 4; J. White (conductor), 5; H. Blagg, 6. On Sunday, June 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Gilbert, 1; H. Merrills, 2; G. Holmes, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; M. Phillipson, 5; J. White, 6. For evening service 720 in the same method. J. Gilbert, 1; H. Merrills, 2; G. Holmes, 3; H. Lambert, 4; M. Phillipson, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, June 12th. 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Gilbert, 1; H. Merrills, 2; G. Holmes, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; M. Phillipson, 5; J. White, 6. On Tuesday, June 14th, for practice, 720 College Single. J. Gilbert, 1; H. Merrills, 2; G. Holmes, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; C. Crawford, 5; H. Blagg, 6. Crawford hails from East Markham.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Worsley (Lancashire).—On Saturday, June 25th, at the parish

church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks), in 42 mins. H. Derbyshire, 1; F. Derbyshire, 2; J. Welsby, 3; J. Ridyard, 4; J. Baguley, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; J. Ireland (conductor), 7; P. H. Derbyshire, 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, May 28th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 10 mins. S. Collins, 1; G. Perry, 2; W. Rumsey, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; A. W. Grimes, 5; J. Rumsey, 6; W. Bullock, 7; W. Grimes (conductor), 8. On June 16th, for practice, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Creasey, 1; W. Grimes, 2; S. Collins, 3; W. Groom, 4; A. W. Grimes, 5; W. Bullock, 6; J. Rumsey, 7; W. Rumsey, 8. Longest length in the method by the Debenham company. On Tuesday, May 3rd, for practice, 720 Double Court Minor. S. Collins, 1; W. Groom, 2; A. W. Grimes, 3; W. Rumsey, 4; G. Rowe, jun, 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 5th, for practice, 720 Double Court Minor. W. Groom, 1; S. Collins, 2; W. Grimes, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; A. W. Grimes, 5; W. Rumsey (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method with a bob bell by the ringer of the 2nd. On Sunday, May 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Collins, 1; W. Grimes (conductor), 2; W. Groom, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; A. W. Grimes, 7; H. W. Baldry, 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th. On Thursday, May 19th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Collins, 1; W. Grimes (conductor), 2; W. Groom, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; A. W. Grimes, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; W. Bullock, 7; J. Creasey, 8. On Sunday, May 22nd, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Collins, 1; A. W. Grimes, 2; J. Rumsey, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; N. Rumsey, 5; H. English, 6; W. Grimes (conductor), 7; G. Rowe, sen., 8. On Sunday, June 12th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Major. G. Rumsey, 1; W. Grimes (conductor), 2; A. W. Grimes, 3; J. Creasey, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; W. Bullock, 6; W. Groom, 7; G. Rowe, jun., 8. On Thursday, June 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Rumsey, 1; W. Groom (conductor), 2; A. W. Grimes, 3; J. Creasey, 4; W. Bullock, 5; W. Rumsey, 6.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 30th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing nearly 2 hrs. A. N. Grimes, 1; W. Groom, 2; W. Whiting, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; G. Perry, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; W. Bullock, 7; W. Grimes (conductor), 8.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Tuesday, March 29th, for practice at St. Augustine's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. O. W. Laynge (Swindon), 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Winnicombe, 6. On Saturday, April 29th, several touches of Minor and Doubles were rung by R. C. Balcombe, J. Vinnicombe, T. Nortbey, W. T. Northey, F. Bartlett, J. Jones, and D. Thomas, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Northey, eldest daughter of Mr. T. Northey, one of the members of the Penarth band, to M. E. Davis of Stutton, Cornwall. Afterwards the band adjourned to the home of the bride's father, where the health of the happy couple was drunk with the well wishes of the Penarth ringers. On Saturday, May 28th, 720 Plain Bob. W. T. Northey, 1; F. Barrett, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone. On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. W. T. Northey, 1; A. Spracklin (first with a bob bell), 2; D. Thomas, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. Sprackley and Cox hail from Bridgend.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On April 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Roberts, T. Heathcock, F. Brace, W. Newman, W. Whitehouse, J. Orford. On April 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Skelding, J. Orford, W. Newman, W. Whitehouse, T. Heathcock, A. Roberts. On Sunday, April 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Whitehouse, T. Heathcock, A. Roberts, W. Newman, J. Pagett, J. Orford. On April 28th, 720 Double Court. H. Spelding, T. Heathcock, W. Newman, F. Brace, W. Whitehouse, A. Roberts. On May 21st, 720 Plain Bob. H. Skelding, T. Heathcock, W. Newman, W. Whitehouse, F. Brace, J. Orford. On May 25th, 720 Grandsire. H. Skelding, T. Heathcock, W. Newman, W. Whitehouse, J. Orford. On Saturday, May 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Oxford Bob, with the bells half-muffled for Mr. Gladstone's funeral. T. Heathcock, W. Whitehouse, W. Newman, W. Fyre, F. Brace, A. Roberts, J. Orford.

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BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Sunday, June 12th, for morning service at St. Michael's church, 896 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; T. Newman, 3; G. Barker, 4; H. Champness, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, May 28th, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. A. Jones, 1; E. Williams, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson (conductor), 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Bye, 7; E. Lode, 8. On Monday, May 30th, 657 Grandsire Triples. A. Jones, 1; S. Hopton, 2; R. Hughes, 3; R. Thompson, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Prickett (conductor), 6; J. Morley 7; M. Close, 8. On Sunday, June 5th, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Jones, 1; S. Hopton, 2; R. Hughes, 3; J. Prickett, 4; W. Freestone, 5; R. Thompson, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; G. Hobson, 8. Also 168 in the same method. A. Jones, 1; J. Smith (first touch), 2; R. Hughes, 3; J. Prickett, 4; R. Thompson (conductor), 5; W. Freestone, 6; J. Morley, 7; G. Hobson, 8. On Sunday, June 12th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. R. Hughes, 1; S. Hopton, 2; P. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley (conductor), 6; B. Tamplin, 7; E. Lode, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Jones, 1; S. Hopton, 2; R. Hughes, 3; J. Prickett, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley, 6; R. Thompson (conductor), 7; M. Close, 8.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On a recent Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 576 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Collins, 1; W. Groom, 2; W. J. Thyng, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; G. Rowe, jun., 5; E. Diaper, 6; A. Grimes, 7; W. Grimes, 8.

ELY (Cambs).—On Tuesday, June 7th, at 5.30 a.m, on the occasion of the annual festival of the Ely Theological College, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), with the tenor covering. W. Sexton, 1; W. Sutherill, 2; J. Sutherill, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; A. Pilgrim (conductor), 5; A. Seymour, 6; R. Moden, 7. The Rev. A. L. Brine hails from Bearsted, Kent; the rest belong to the local company.

HOLLINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Saturday, April 30th, at All Saints' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Tabrett, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; W. Mannering, 3; T. Mannering, 4; P. Hodgkin, 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6. Tenor about 16 cwt.

OAKHAM (Rutlandshire).—On Saturday, June 4th, at All Saints' church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the back six. C. Dalby, 1; J. Sewell, 2; R. W. Baker, 3; E. J. Gale, 4; R. H. Bartram, 5; W. James, 6. And 480 Bob Doubles. *R. W. Baker, 1; C. Dalby, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; W. James, 4; R. H. Bartram, 5; *T. Briggs, 6. Also 120 Canterbury Pleasure Doubles standing as before with J. Sewell at the treble. Tenor 21 cwt. Conducted by R. H. Bartram. *First in the method. Messrs. Dalby, Gale, Bartram, and James hail from Melton Mowbray; Sewell and Baker from Langham; Briggs belongs to Oakham.

ROYDON (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 22nd, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; G. Barker, 3; A. Pearman, 4; J. Crabb, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 29th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Sewell 1; W. Marrable, 2; I. Cavill (conductor), 3; A. Pearman, 4; J. Crabb, 5; W. Littlechild (first 720 in the method), 6. And 600, standing as above. On Sunday, May 29th, after evening service, 720 in the same method. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; I. Cavill (conductor), 3; A. Pearman, 4; W. Cavill, 5; W. Littlechild, 6. On Saturday, June 11th, for practice, 1200 Grandsire Doubles, called differently. A. Pearman, 1; W. Marrable, 2; I. Cavill (conductor), 3; W. Littlechild, 4; H. Shuttlewood, 5; W. Pearman, 6.

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).—On Whit-Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. C. Fairfield, 1; J. Bragg, 2; S. Bragg, 3; G. A. Martineau, 4; F. Rowley (conductor), 5; W. Wall, 6; H. Haines, 7; J. Heaton, 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service at St. Hilda's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopper, sen., 1; J. Crawford, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; J. E. Keen (conductor), 4; G. Holmes, 5; G. W. Dix, 6; J. Hopper, 7; R. Hopper, jun., 8,

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Whit Monday an attempt was made for J. P. Burton's peal of 5056 Bob Major, which was unfortunately allowed to run round at half-way owing to the conductor having to give up. W. A. Pugh, 1; J. O. Bennett, 2; L. Prichard, 3; W. Fryer, 4; A. J. Shelding, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; J. Pagett (conductor), 7; H. Roberts, 8. On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob, on the back six. L. Prichard, 1; J. Pagett (conductor), 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; J. Shelding, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; A. Roberts, 6.

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FOR SALE.—A PEAL OF 110 HANDBELLS, C 29 to C 01 Chromatic Scale. 61 bells, with 37 bells as duplicates, C 22 to C 1 Chromatic Scale, and also a few triplicates; all in good condition. By Mears and Stainbank. For any further particulars, apply, John Millett, Egerton Street, Broadfield, Heywood.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE STOWMARKET SOCIETY.—On Tuesday, June 14th, the members of this company had their annual excursion, choosing this year the towns of Bury St. Edmunds and Mildenhall. Starting from The Fox hotel at 7.15 a.m. in a pair-horse brake, Bury St. Edmunds was reached about 9.15 a.m., and where the party were met by the Rev. G. M. Shallard, M.A. (late Curate of Stowmarket), who accompanied them to the tower of St. Mary's church, where the bells were soon going in Bob Major, of which method a capital 1008 was soon rung. Afterwards a short touch of Grandsire Triples in which G. Turner of Bury took part. The bells were then lowered, and at the kind invitation, given by the Rev. G. M. Shallard, the company adjourned to that gentleman's residence, where they found a capital cold meat luncheon awaiting them, to which full justice was done. A move was then made towards Mildenhall, the party being gratified at the determination of Mr. Shallard to accompany them. Mildenhall was reached between 1 and 2 o'clock, and a good dinner was found ready for hungry ringers at The Maid's Head inn, and was quickly disposed of. At the church the company were met by the Rev. H. B. Woolley, and after raising the bells several courses and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, in which that rev. gentleman took part. A splendid view was had from the summit of the tower of the surrounding country the Cathedral of Ely being seen in the distance. The return journey was made through Icklingham and Lackford, Bury being reached about 6.30. After partaking of some slight refreshments the tower of St. James's church was visited, but owing to the heavy go of the tenor nothing but courses could be rung, but the consoling feature was the pleasure felt at ringing such a grand peal of bells. Stowmarket was reached about 11.30. The weather had been fine but very cold, but the outing was much enjoyed. The ringers wish to thank all those in connection with the towers visited for their kindly help. The following comprised the party: Messrs. S. A. Turner, W. P. Rouse, C. J. Souter, W. Souter, J. Wade, W. Welham, E. Diaper, W. J. Thyng, C. Gosling, E. Buckle, S. Chapman.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.—On Saturday, June 25th, the members of this society had their annual outing. The part of England selected for this purpose was the district on the southern border of Kent, west of Tunbridge Wells, and a more ideally beautiful spot at which to have a days' excursion in the south-eastern corner of England it would be impossible to find. The country looked charming, heavy rains on the previous day having washed the dust from the trees and hedgerows, and everything in nature was to be seen at its best. The party consisting of Messrs. G. King, H. Weston, G. Baker, K. Hart, J. Jay, sen., H. Tugwell, R. Dawe, E. B. Merritt, and J. N. Frossell, left Brighton by train for Groombridge at seven o'clock in the morning, and were joined at Lewes by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. On arriving at Groombridge breakfast was at once partaken of at The Junction hotel, and as soon as this was over, the Master (Mr. G. F. Attree), and Mr. G. Smart, arrived on the scene, having had a drive of twelve miles from West Hoathley. Mr. R. S. Cherryman then joined the party, having come that morning from London, and the company was then complete. After having had a walk through the park at Groombridge to look at the ancient Manor House still surrounded by a moat, a well-apportioned pair-horse conveyance took the party to Speldhurst, where arrangements had been made through Mr. T. Card to ring. Two courses of Stedman were first tapped off, and then a bit of London, but the bells had evidently not been taught Superlative, for to this method they certainly objected, and the attempt was given up, as the time to depart had arrived. After taking a hurried look at a very old room at The George and Dragon, which contains beams of real old black oak of tremendous size and so low that one had to bend his back to get underneath, the drive was resumed, and in due course the quaint old village of Penshurst was reached. Here permission was only given to ring for half-an-hour. The bells were first inspected, and from the manner in which they were hung, it was expected that they would go like tops, an opinion which subsequent events more than verified. Stedman Triples, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise was rung here, and the bells were certainly the finest peal that were rung during the day. "Old Johnny" took part in the Stedman, and after the ringing was over he said it was the best touch which had been rung, and it went like "waxwork"—clockwork he meant. The party having been photographed by the Master, a move was made to Chiddingstone, and on arriving there many an aching void existed. Host Bavey, of The Castle inn, however had a splendid remedy for this, placing on the tables an excellent repast, which was punished to an extent that only hungry ringers know how. The tower was then visited, and the bells set going to the tune of New Cumberland and Westminster Surprise Major, Double Norwich and Stedman. After this the Chiding Stone was visited. This is a big rock, on which, so the legend goes, all those of the fairer sex, who misbehaved themselves, were punished. The drive was then resumed to Edenbridge, the route being through Hever, with its historic old castle in which Anne Boleyn was imprisoned. In the village there is a public-house which has a unique sign. On one side is what is supposed to be a full-face representation of Henry VIII., but on the other side, instead of a similar picture, is a back view of that worthy monarch. Edenbridge was reached just before half-past five, and as an appetiser for tea, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung. Mr. J. Steddy joined the party at tea, after which an adjournment was again made to the tower, and Stedman and London Surprise were rung. The ringing finished with a course of Superlative, in which Mr. J. Preston, one of the local band, took part, this being his first course of Major in a Surprise method. The bells here go badly for their weight, and would well repay the attention of a competent bell hanger. The return journey to Groombridge was commenced about 7.15, two of the company being left behind to attempt a peal the next morning. Groombridge was reached without event two hours later, after a lovely day's drive of nearly thirty miles. Train was then taken to Brighton, Mr. Attree and Mr. Smart being left to drive back to West Hoathly. The day was a most enjoyable one from start to finish, the weather although very threatening, being fine throughout. The band wish through the medium of this paper to thank very heartily Mr. T. Card, of Speldhurst, the Rev. Canon Maberley-Smith, of Penshurst, Mr. E. King, of Chiddingstone, and Mr. J. Steddy, of Edenbridge, for so kindly making such excellent arrangements.

THE ST. LAWRENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.—On Monday, June 27th, the annual outing of this society came off. A ringing-day round about Abingdon and Appleton being agreed to, the party left Reading by train at 7.45, and at Radley a brake was found to convey them on their journey. On the road to Appleton a halt was made at the ancient church of Cumnor, where through the kindness of the Vicar a few short touches of Bob Minor were rung. At Appleton the party was met by Mr. F. White, and the parish church of St. Lawrence, with its ring of ten bells (a rather unusual number for so small a village) was immediately visited, and Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, and Bob Royal rung. Dinner was the next item, which was served by a brother string, Mr. H. Tubb, at The Plough inn. This over, a look over Mr. White's bellhanging workshop was had, then a few touches on the handbells, and then an 8-mile drive to Drayton, where, as is well known, the Rev. F. E. Robinson is Vicar. Not being at home, he had kindly left permission, and Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major were pulled off. Then on to Abingdon, where tea was had, and at St. Helen's church (where some of the locals were found oiling the bells) touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung. At the church of St. Nicholas is a light ring of six in nice order, on which was had some short touches of Bob and Treble Bob. The homeward journey had now to be commenced, Reading being reached at 10.45, all voicing the day's enjoyment. The outers were Messrs. Newell, Hopgood, Osborne, Hern, Tucker, Sawyer, Watmore, Potter, F. Tubb, Goseltine, Reeves, and Bruce, who desire to thank the respective Vicars and ringing friends who so much contributed to their enjoyment, and promise them a hearty welcome if ever they should visit Reading.

GRAVEDIGGER WANTED at Tottenham Cemetery; must have experience in mowing and clipping. Full particulars and forms of application to be obtained of THE SUPERINTENDENT, Tottenham Cemetery, Tottenham, Middlesex.—Wages commencing at 24s. per week.

## Notices.

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**Sheffield and District Society.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Wortley (eight bells) to-day, Saturday, July 9. Wortley is about eight miles from Sheffield on the Great Central Railway. Trains at 2.45 and 4.30. Fare 1s. return. JOHN MULLIGAN, *Sec.*
113, *Fulton Road, Walkley, Sheffield.*

**The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Stoke to-day, Saturday, July 9 (instead of July 2, as previously arranged). The belfry will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. Annual meeting in the church-room at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Divine Service at the parish church at 7.30, preacher the Rev. C. A. Simpkinson (Rector of Stoke).
REV. W. D. BRAGINTON, W. TWIGG, } *Hon. Secs.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Worsley, to-day, Saturday, July 9. Bells ready at 2 0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. Members and friends desirous of visiting the grounds of Worsley New Hall must be at the front entrance gates not later than 3.0 p.m., all necessary arrangements have been made. Ringing will be resumed when the visitors leave the grounds. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the church of St. James, Milnrow, to-day, Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers invited.
E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halewood to day, Saturday, July 9. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting in schoolroom at 6 p.m.
HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.**—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Butchers' Arms, Armitage Bridge, to-day, Saturday, July 9th, at 5.30 p.m. Business important.
GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
*Triticine, Ltd., Knottingley.*

**Braintree, Essex.**—Notice.—On and after Monday, July 11th, this tower will be closed on account of the bells being re-hung by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Maidenhead on Monday, July 11th. Service in Boyne Hill church at 11.30. Preacher, Rev. R. Errington, Rector of Clewer. Business Meeting in the Girls' Schoolroom, Boyne Hill, at 12.30 Dinner at the Town Hall, Maidenhead, at 2 o'clock.

**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested.
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, *Roland Road, Handsworth.*

**The Middlesex County Association.**—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Harrow on Saturday, July 16th. The bells will be raised at 2.30 p.m. There will be a service at 6 p.m., at which all ringers present are requested to attend. A meat tea will be provided (1s. 6d. each) at 7 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting, at The Crown and Anchor hotel. All members and their friends are cordially invited, and the Hon. Secretaries will be glad to have the names beforehand, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.
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**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The Godden Presentation will take place at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19th, when it is hoped that all members with their wives and friends will be present. A musical evening.
W. PAINTER, *Treasurer.*
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**The Sussex County Association (Central).**—Quarterly meeting at Upper Beeding (Bramber station) on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open from 4 p.m.; tea at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know at once. GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*
2, *Grove Street, Brighton.*

**The Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, July 23rd. Divine Service at the Parish Church at 3.30, with an address by the Vicar. Meat Tea at The Swan, half-price to members sending notice to Mr. F. K. Howell, the Hon. Local Secretary, at Thornbury, before Wednesday, July 20th. The Master, the Rev. E. Bankes James (appointed at the last annual meeting) having resigned through pressure of work, arrangements must be made to temporarily fill the vacancy. Conveyances will meet the last trains to Gloucester and Bristol at Yate. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
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**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, July 30th. Tea at the Church Room (opposite the church) at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Representatives must send the secretary notice of the number of their company likely to be present at tea, not later than the Thursday previous, otherwise tea will not be provided for them. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
5, *Manor Parade, High Street, Sutton.*

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch. Particulars of arrangements will be announced in due course.
BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

CORRECTIONS. — Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree, writes: "The 720 Bob Minor containing sixteen bobs and fourteen singles published in "THE BELL NEWS," June 18th, as the composition of W. Butler, North Wingfield, was composed by Samuel Hammond, Braintree, October 25th, 1885, and has been called by myself and a great many others during the last ten years."—The compositions of Mr. King, published last week should have been headed "Major," not "Minor."

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. John Carter has removed from Aston Park Road to 16, Whateley Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Secretary of the Surrey Association, has removed to 5, Manor Parade, High Street, Sutton.

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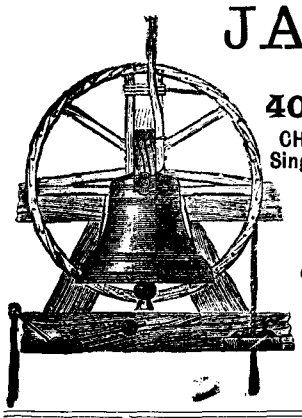

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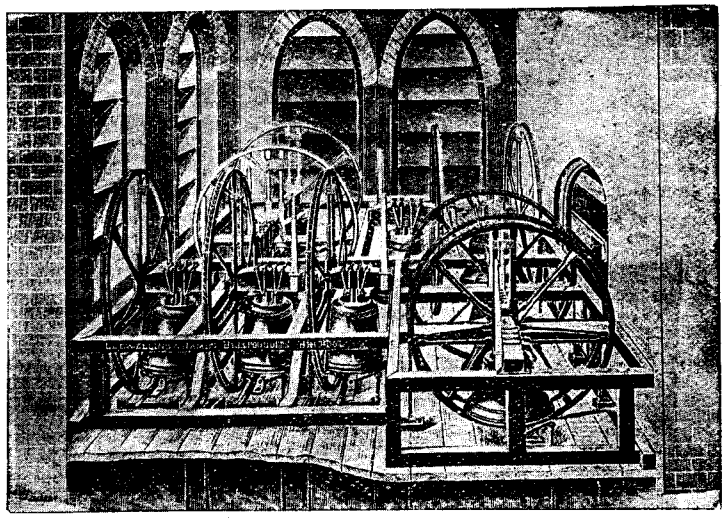

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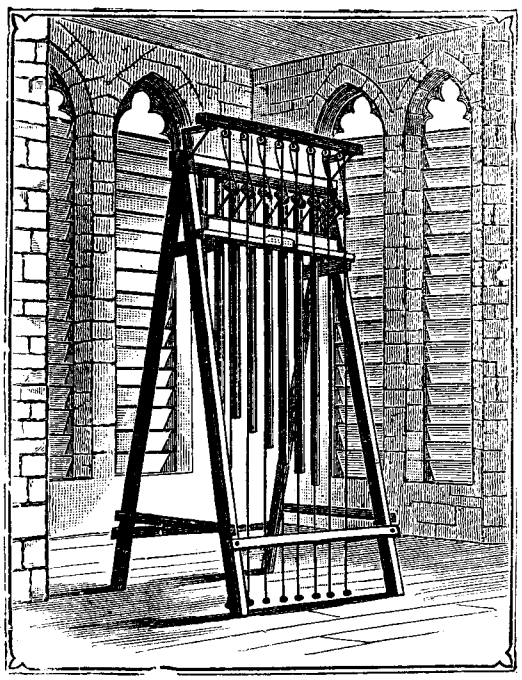

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

By Cabourn Pocklington.

The following interesting article, which has appeared in *The Boston Independent*, is sent by a correspondent with the hope that his ringing brethren will experience such a pleasure by its perusal as he did:—

Bells were introduced into the Christian Church in the fifth century. Prior to that date trumpets were used as a summons to prayer and praise. Bells were known to the Saxon Church, and the art of bellfounding must have been well understood by the Normans, as the law of Curfew could not have been carried out without them.

Bells were frequently cast near where they were required. The composition of bell metal is about one portion of tin to three of copper; that silver was used is an error. Pious persons during the casting used to throw in articles of silver, which accounts for a trace of that metal being found in some bells. Old Tom of Lincoln was cast in the Cathedral yard in 1610.

The consecration of bells is of great antiquity. After the bell was cast, it was set apart for its future use by a solemn ceremonial, and by the recitation of an office, termed the Benediction Consecration, or Baptism. When the mediæval form of benediction was done away with at the Reformation, no other form was substituted for it until recent times, and the Church now receives bells within her towers with a dedication service which is joyous and reverent in tone, and in accordance with the uses to which they are intended to be put, instead of the indecorous conviviality similar to that described by White, of Selborne, who tells us that when bells were brought to the parish in 1735 the event was celebrated by filling one with punch.

The decay of Gothic art following the Reformation introduced many changes in connection with bells. The stately Gothic capital and the quaint small black letter in their inscriptions gave way to clumsy Roman letters; the beautiful initial crosses disappeared, figures of saints or angels were discarded, ancient pious inscriptions gave place to doggrel rhyme, or lists of vicars and churchwardens, who sought popularity thereby, and this was the case in Boston church, seven of the bells being inscribed with the names of churchwardens, vicars, etc., the 5th bell only having the inscription: "Glory be to God on High! 1657." The inscriptions on the old bells are generally in Latin.

The earliest ringers' rhymes are painted in red and black letters on the south wall of the tower over the belfry door at Scotter, Lincolnshire. In the second year of Edward vi. a commission was issued to enquire into the quantity and value of church furniture and ornaments, when it was found that in Lincolnshire, excluding the wapentake of Kirton-in-Holland, there were 1754 great bells and 475 Sanctus bells. A commission was also issued in 1553 to cause to be sold to the King's use all parcels or pieces of metal except that of the great bell and saunse bells. The church bells were not confiscated as intended by the commission, but an inventory was drawn up by them for the Public Record Office, and a duplicate left with the vicar and churchwardens. That relating to Boston witnesseth that the commissioners had delivered to the churchwardens "fyve great belles in the steple there, with one sanctus belle."

The sale and removal of bell-metal in Lincolnshire in 1554, amounted to nearly 32,000 lbs. in weight, delivered at Grimsby and of the value of £46,124. That from Boston was returned: "Those at Boston ix belles waying 117 9 vii." Upwards of 400 large bells must have been lost to Lincolnshire since Edward vi., many of them being cracked through the reckless manner in which they were used, whilst ordinary and unavoidable wear necessitated the removal of others. The Rev. Mr. Hollier, of Preston, near Bath, discovered some old machinery in the tower of his church, which proved to have been used for chiming the bells, and having been restored, the sexton is enabled to chime the full peal by himself—and similar machinery is used to ring the bells at Skirbeck.

In 1553 there were five great bells in Boston steeple and a Sanctus in the bell-gable at the east end of the nave. A sixth was added previous to 1709, and in that year a faculty was obtained to recast the immense old bell, and of the metal was made three small ones, two added to the peal, and the third took the place of the immense old bell which weighed 35½ cwt. for the clock to strike on. The old bell Stukeley describes as a prodigious clock bell which could be heard six or seven miles around, with many old verses around it. The second of the six old bells, being cracked, was recast in 1709 and the sixth in 1758. The eight bells were first chimed in 1710. An old dish or saucer bell was cast by Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, in B♭, the tone of which is said to have been very deep and wild, and inscribed—

We take no note of time but from its loss.

Two rough bells, probably cast in the town, made partly from the market bell, which the Corporation gave, were added in 1777, and two odd figures, a man and a woman, struck the quarters of the hour upon them. These were sold in 1853.

Change-ringing was introduced in the 17th century, when ringing increased in popularity, Previously rounds, or a slight advance upon that, call-changes, that is, the bells were rung in one position for some time, and changed by signal to a variation to another. Change-ringing is very difficult; here a change is made at each stroke, the bells being never sounded twice in the same order; and this is continued till the end of the peal, when the bells are brought home to their regular places, which requires much practice and study, and our joyous peals have since added to the temperament of "Merry England." Chiming was not possible in a few churches, as the bells were not in musical sequence.

Chimes in St. Botolph's church, Boston, are mentioned in the Corporation Records in 1614. Latterly they struck on the eight bells, but being out of order they ceased in 1832, and about 1865 a new set of chimes, consisting of 36 carillon bells, were ordered from A. L. I. Van Aerschodt, of Loraine, and the treble bell was sent to Loraine to secure accuracy in the tone of them and of the new tenor. The weight of the carillons varied from 2 cwt. 2 qrs. 13¾ lbs. to 17¾ lbs. The excellent machinery for the carillons was made by Messrs. Gillett and Bland (now Gillett and Johnston) of Croydon, and had four musical barrels constructed to play 28 tunes on 44 bells.

Andre S. I. Van Aerschodt has a brother, Severin Van Aerschodt, who made the drawings and plan for the bells, and it is said that it was unfortunate in the choice of Andre for the casting of them. Severin said: "My brother had my designs, but he could not cast my bells." He retains much of the artistic feeling and genuine pride in his bells so distinctive of the old founder.

Five of the carillons had scriptural inscriptions. The carillons however proved a failure. Several of them were two small for the great height at which were placed, the tone not reaching so far, and only the stroke being heard, and there were too many of them, causing a jangle. They were for many years disused, and are now removed.

In the early part of this century the nave of the church was discovered to be on fire about two o'clock p.m., when the chimes were playing "O dear! what can the matter be?"

Previous to the removal of the ringing-chamber at Boston, to open out the tower for the stone groining, I remember that two boards were there with an account of the ringing of two Grandsire Triples by the Boston ringers, one of which was rung at the declaration of peace. In Boston, in consequence of the death of Mr. Williamson and several other of the ringers, the bells were jangled together—chiming so called—by the verger, sexton, and

Blue boys, from the floor of the tower. About 50 years ago an amateur ringing society, having about 30 members, was established, who rang the bells for every service on Sundays and Saints' days, but it broke up through some unpleasantness with the then Vicar, but for many years past now ringing for the Sunday services has been revived.

Sir Gilbert Scott was of opinion that the bells were originally rung from the stone galleries which run round the interior of the second story of the tower. They might be chimed, but no ringer would care to ring a raised bell from that position, as, in case of a stay breaking or other accident, he might be thrown to the floor, a distance of scores of feet.

In pre-Reformation times Matins or Morning Prayer was said in all parish churches before breakfast as a preparation for Mass. The first peal was a call to Matins, the second peal to tierce and mass. Custom is very tenacious, for after 300 years, though the early Matins is dispensed with, the ringing of the bells, as at Boston at 8 o'clock on the morning of Sundays, is still adhered to. Sir Thomas More said: "Some of us layemen think it a payne once a week to ryse so soon fro' sleepe, and some to tarye so longe fasting, as on the Sunday to com' and heare out theyr matins." The tenor is rung after the chiming, to notify a sermon is to be preached, and is called the sermon bell. The passing bell is enjoined by the Royal Injunctions of 1559, and in 1564 it was still usual to toll it while the person was believed to be dying, but not dead, "that where any Christian body be passing that the bell be tolled, and that the Curate be specially called to comfort the sick person;" and it is enjoined by the canon, notifying the passing of a soul out of this life, and was the custom until 1755.

The inscription on a bell at West Keal is—

"To speak a parting soul is given to me,
Be trimmed thy lamp as if I tolled for thee."

The bell is now used after death, and the sex and age is denoted at Boston by certain strokes of the bell, viz., three for a female child, and for a male, six for a single woman, seven for a bachelor, nine for a married woman, and twelve for a married man. The nine tolls for a man are called "tellers," and the saying nine tailors make a man is a corruption of "tellers." The canon enjoined that one short peal should be rung after death for the people to give God thanks for deliverance out of this vale of misery, but now in disuse, excepting a dumb peal in the case of ringers. Ringing burial peals was an ancient custom but now obsolete, though at South Kelsey a peal was rung for Ann Johnson, in 1848. She was ninety-six years old, and requested that she might be chimed to church, as old people were when she was a girl, and her wish was put into rhyme of which the following are the two last verses:—

"Chime me to church, and let the cheerful peal
Make homely music in the air;
No cause for sorrow, I but gently steal
Away into a dawn more fair.

Chime me to church, to sleep near its grey wall,
Lulled by the evening song to rest;
Till summoned by the white-robed Angels' call,
To the bright morning of the blest."

(From "Autumn Leaves.")

There is a legend of the bells at Forrabury, near Boscastle. The Lord of ——— had presented the village with a peal of bells which were brought by ship from London. The captain scoffed at the pilot for thanking God for a safe voyage; thanks were due to the good ship and her stout, well-seasoned mast. But when they had all but reached the land, a terrific storm arose; the ship was dashed to fragments on the rocks, the bells and every soul on board except the pilot, sank, and to this day when a storm is approaching, it is believed the Forrabury bells can be heard in warning from beneath the Atlantic waves.

In some villages in some parts of France the bells are rung to frighten away the demons of the storm. The parish church of Orlonhac was struck by lightning while the sacristan's daughter, surrounded by a group of friends, was tolling a bell to frighten away the demons. All the young people were more or less injured, and one remained totally deaf. As the belfry of the church was the only edifice struck, and the victims would have thus enjoyed immunity everywhere else in the village, faith in the power of the bells ought to be shaken at Orlonhac.

The sound of bells was supposed to drive away evil spirits, warn off thunder, and calm storms and tempests. It is said there was a special endowment to Old St. Paul's for ringing the "hallowed belle in great tempestes and lightenings," but Whitgift wrote they were then a sign of good, being rung to sermons and other godly actions.

When the priest came to the Sanctus in the mass the bell was tolled, so that those at home as well as those in the church could join in the song of adoration. It was usually hung in the bell-cote on the gable of the chancel-roof, but at Boston in the gable of the nave. The dinner-bell at The Red Lion hotel, Boston, is said to have been the Sanctus bell of Butterwick church.

The Sacring Bell was a small handbell, used in the church at the elevation of the host in the Eucharist. Amongst the plate which was sold by the Boston Corporation in the reign of Edward VI. was a "sylver belle" weighing 18 ounces, doubtless a sacring-bell.

Handbells were used on Rogation Days in processions when the bounds of the parish were beat or viewed, when the host was carried to the sick and a variety of other purposes in the mediæval Church. At the obit or year-mind, the anniversary of the death of William Reede, merchant, of Boston, the bellman and the sacristan of the Guild were to receive fourpence for proclaiming: "Ye shall pray for the souls of William Reede, of Boston, and Alice, Margaret, and Annie, that were his wives, and brothers and sisters in Corpus Christi Guild."

When William "introduced" the rule that, at the sounding of the curfew all fires and lights were to be extinguished, and no person was to stir abroad, he had an eye to the Saxon beer clubs, where he had every reason to anticipate the hatching of treason. It is said that its ringing at Carfax, in Oxford, was instituted by Alfred the Great. Alfred is also said to have presented Ripon with a horn, which was blown in the streets at the same time as the curfew bell rang; or rather the careful people of Ripon kept Alfred's horn in a safe place, and blew a less distinguished one in the streets. These Alfred stories are probably untrue, but they point to a curfew institution older than the Conqueror.

In 1103 the compulsory curfew was abolished, but it lingered on as a custom almost everywhere, and it is really surprising to find in how many places it still exists, or at any rate was existing at some time during the latter half of the present century. In some counties, such as Cheshire and Oxfordshire, the number of curfew bells recorded as still or until lately existing is quite startling. In the Scottish Lowlands, again, it is far from uncommon, and a rather touching case is that of many American towns, especially in the New England States, which have retained it as a legacy from their pilgrim founders.

WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—*Handbell Ringing.*—Recently by junior members of the belfry 960 Grandsire Doubles. A. Jackson, 1; G. M. Ette, 2; O. W. Bayes, 3; W. H. Ette, jun., 4; F. J. Tompkins (conductor), 5. Also a 720 with W. J. Horne ringing the treble.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, June 16th, 1680 Bob Major in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Ambrose, jun. (aged 16 years), 1; H. Duce, 2; T. Cadge, 3; A. Ambrose, 4; F. Connell, 5; E. Ambrose, 6; C. G. Bixby (conductor), 7; S. Ford, 8. Longest touch in the method by J. Ambrose, jun.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, June 9th, 336 Stedman Triples, M. Whalley, 1; W. G. Granger, 2; G. Steer, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; J. Heath, 5; H. J. Selby, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; J. Charman, 8. On Thursday, June 23rd, 420 Stedman Triples. T. Groombrige, 1; S. A. Wright, 2; G. Steer, 3; W. G. Granger, 4; H. J. Ford, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone, 7; J. Charman, 8. Also 560 Bob Major. R. Stone, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; H. J. Ford, 4; J. Heath (longest length), 5; G. Steer, 6; H. J. Selby, 7; T. Groombridge (conductor), 8. And 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Granger, 1; H. J. Selby (conductor), 2; D. Wright, 3; J. Charman, 4; T. Groombridge, 5; J. Heath, 6; R. Stone, 7; G. Steer, 8.

GRAVEDIGGER WANTED at Tottenham Cemetery; must have experience in mowing and clipping. Full particulars and forms of application to be obtained of THE SUPERINTENDENT, Tottenham Cemetery, Tottenham, Middlesex.—Wages commencing at 24s. per week.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Aldeburgh on Saturday, the 9th instant, when there was a good attendance of members, representing the towers of Leiston, Aldeburgh, Saxmundham, Benhall, Peasenhall, Halesworth, and Southwold. The bells of the parish church were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going at frequent intervals during the afternoon and evening, in various methods.

The business meeting was held at the parish room at 5.30. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. F. Cooper was voted to the chair. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. J. Button, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed and signed, and the usual matters of business disposed of. The Rev. E. Berwick, of Aldeburgh, was enrolled as an honorary and performing member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Saxmundham in October.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar. the Rev. H. Thompson, for the use of the bells and parish room, on the proposition of Mr. A. J. Lincoln, seconded by Mr. R. Wells; also to Mr. C. Smith, the Master of the local company, for having all in readiness; and to the Hon. Secretary for his services, which concluded a successful and encouraging meeting.

A very pleasing announcement was made at this meeting: that the restoration and augmentation of the ring of five at Peasenhall is in hand, and that the work is expected to be completed by the end of August.

## CHEVELEY, NEAR NEWMARKET.

A large clock, with two dials, chiming the quarters and striking the hours, has just been erected in the church here by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

THE ONLY REAL SAFETY MATCHES.—On more than one occasion allusion has been made in this paper to the variety of form and manufacture which such an article of domestic economy as the lucifer match displays. We have invariably advocated in these, as in everything else, the use of matches only which are of *bona fide* British production, and further, we have hitherto recommended the "Safeties" of Messrs. Bryant and May over all others. The manufactory of this firm is of considerable area, and it is a mere truism to say that more matches are made therein than all over Great Britain beside. The ingredients comprised in the manufacture of their "Safety" match is perfectly innocuous both to the maker and the user. If it is considered to what a number of uses matches are now applied, the idea arises whether it would not be a good thing to prevent the manufacture and importation of any other than "Safety" matches. Persistent, if uncharitable, efforts have recently been made to bring into opprobrium the manufacture of a cheaper kind of match, but if these youthful statesmen would direct their efforts to prevent by legislation the sale or use of any but "Safety" matches, they would establish the genuineness of their action on behalf of the worker. The public would also be protected from that noxious, and somewhat poisonous, compound which is used in matches that are imported. At the present time, the "Safety" matches made by Bryant and May are still at the top of the tree—as the sayin' is—and there they are likely to remain. We do not err in saying that they are the best, and—one great recommendation—they are manufactured in England.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, June 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. J. Rawson, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; L. Partridge, 4; J. Curtis, 5; J. H. Dunmore, 6; J. A. Moult (conductor), 7; H. Smith, 8. Messrs. Moult, Partridge, Whitmore, and Rawson hail from Whitwick; the rest belong to the local company.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A RECORD of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 6d.; cloth do., 9d.—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."

SUPERLATIVE.

SIR,—My friend Mr. Dench is under a wrong impression with regard to his 5280 Superlative published on the 25th ult. Three parts with both 4th and 6th the extent have been rung containing but 5088 changes, and tenors not parted. I am under the impression that he himself has taken part in the performance of at least one of them. I should be pleased if composers would kindly forward me their compositions in this method as early as possible, so that I may be able to hand in my collection. G. LINDOFF.

2, *Mount Brown, Dublin.*

*Real* DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—Mr. Hunt certainly deserves the thanks of the Exercise for the persistency with which he has been attempting to arrive at the truth as to the first peal of Real Double Norwich. I hope that Mr. Knights will forgive my being unable to accept his definition of Real Double. To my mind a peal of Real Double Norwich means a peal in which every lead is a double lead, otherwise it conveys no meaning to me at all. I enclose the extent with the tenors together on this plan. The peal can be reduced to 5040 by substituting a bob for the calls braced in the last three parts. E. BANKES JAMES.

A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

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Each part to be twice repeated, substituting a B for the last S in the third and sixth parts. The S as well as the B is made double.

*July* 12, 1898. E. BANKES JAMES.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Will you allow me to correct an error in my letter appearing in your last issue? In the last sentence but one the word "Churchwardens" appears, I meant "Churchmen." R. A. DANIELL.

20, *Bucklersbury, London, E.C.*

## Obituary.

G. H. WHITE.

The ringers of Christ Church, Bacup, have suffered loss by the sudden death of one of their members, G. H. White, which took place on Tuesday, June 24th, after only one day's illness. The deceased was a most enthusiastic ringer, his leisure time being chiefly devoted to ringing and gardening. He was only twenty-one years of age. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, June 28th, and in addition to relatives and friends was attended by the ringers from Christ Church. Among other floral tributes was a floral bell—"In loving memory, from his brother-ringers at Christ Church." After the funeral a muffled 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Oxford Treble Bob was the last 720 the deceased took part in.

FOR SALE.—A PEAL OF 110 HANDBELLS, C 29 to C 01 Chromatic Scale. 61 bells, with 37 bells as duplicates, C 22 to C 1 Chromatic Scale, and also a few triplicates; all in good condition. By Mears and Stainbank. For any further particulars, apply, John Millett, Egerton Street, Broadfield, Heywood.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Branch of the above was held at Halewood on Saturday last, July 9th, when representatives from different parts of the diocese were present. The meeting at this pretty little village is annually looked forward to with more than ordinary interest, not only on account of the hearty welcome of the Rector (Rev. H. Gibson Smith) but to see the roses for which the village is justly noted: at this period of the year they are perfection. The roses are trained up the walls of the church, and the flowers are so prolific that the church on all sides seems a mass of colour, which gives a most pleasing effect.

The church tower, containing a pretty little ring of eight bells in capital going order, tenor 11¾ cwt., was opened about 5 o'clock, and the bells were rung to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Triples until 6 o'clock, when a move was made to the schoolroom adjoining. The business meeting was held here, the Rector in the chair, the Rev. C. A. Clements of Southport also being present. After a few kind words of welcome from the Rector, the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. Warrington was chosen as the next place of meeting. After the business was finished an adjournment was made to the Refreshment Rooms where, by the kindness of the Rector, a substantial meat tea was provided. The Rector presided, and was supported by the Rev. C. A. Clements and the veterans Mr. S. Gough (Garston), and Mr. R. Hill (Southport). The Rector repeated his kind words of welcome, and said how pleased he was to see the ringers, and how much they in Halewood enjoyed the sound of the bells. The Rector, who is an enthusiastic cyclist, also said how pleased he was to see that their ranks were being recruited from the ringers. After relating an amusing anecdote of paterfamilias and the decline of the piano trade in consequence of young ladies taking to cycling, he wound up by renewing his invitation to the ringers to visit Halewood next year, and to come when the roses were in bloom. Mr. R. Hill in feeling terms, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his sumptuous hospitality, and stated that it was a great encouragement to ringers to find the clergy taking a practical interest in their work. Mr. S. Gough briefly seconded. Needless to say that the proposition was carried with great acclamation. The Rector in replying thanked the members for the kind way in which his name had been received, and wound up by inviting the ringers to walk with him through the rectory grounds and gardens. After viewing the beautiful flowers, the handbells were brought into use, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung for the Rector and Mrs. Gibson Smith by Wm. Davies, 1-2; Rev. C. A. Clements (Southport), 3-4; Thomas Hammond (Liverpool), 5-6; William James (Liverpool), 7-8; Richard Hill, 9-10. The next move was to the church tower, where touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The time being now 8.30, we wended our way to the railway station, and arrived safely home after spending a most enjoyable afternoon, marred only by the fact that a number of our members were unavoidably absent. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also Mr. Joseph Grace for having everything in readiness. W. J.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON, STOCKPORT AND MOTTRAM BRANCHES.)

A meeting of these branches of the above Guild was held at Northenden, on Saturday, the 2nd inst. Nine towers were represented, twenty-five members were present in church, and thirty sat down to tea. Canon Whittington gave the Guild a most cordial welcome, and testified to his great interest in the Society's work. The next meeting was arranged to take place at Cheadle, Cheshire, the date to be arranged by the Secretary.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Monday, June 20th, being the Queen's accession day, 360 Grandsire Doubles was rung at 5 a.m. At night 1440 in the same method. W. Collis, 1; C. Edwards, 2; J. Clarke, 3; N. Spindlow (conductor), 4; E. Hudson, 5; W. Gould, 6. On Monday, June 27th, for practice, 120 Grandsire Minor, being the first by all the band except the conductor. W. Collis, 1; C. Edwards, 2; J. Clarke, 3; E. Hudson, 4; A. Collis, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE TREVETHIN (PONTYPOOL) BRANCH OF THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Seven of the members of this branch of the Association had their annual outing on Monday, June 27th. They started from Clarence station about 9 o'clock, in about an hour arriving at Blackhood. From thence a pleasant walk of about three miles brought them to Bedwelty, where is a grand old church dedicated to St. Sannan, and a splendid ring of six, tenor 18 cwt. A 720 of Grandsire Doubles was attempted, but lost at 580 changes. Then 1260 was rung in 40 mins., by Messrs. E. Trumper, D. Pinney, S. Rogers (conductor), W. Williams, J. Jenkins, J. Evans. Luncheon was then partaken of, and a 360 was rung. Then the bells were lowered, and the party were soon after on the road for home, all feeling gratified with their day's enjoyment. They desire through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar for granting permission to ring.

THE GOSPEL OAK (MIDDLESEX) SOCIETY.—On Saturday afternoon, June 25th, six members of this society journeyed by train from King's Cross station *en route* for Hertingfordbury. On arrival there we wended our way to the house of our conductor's parents, Mr. J. Smith, where we found tea waiting for us. No time was lost ere the changes were being merrily rung on the good repast provided. In the evening we strolled into Hertford town, where we met Mr. Knight and some of his brother-strings at St. Andrew's church. Here several touches of Grandsire and one of Stedman Triples were rung. Sunday morning again found us at St. Andrew's at 10 a.m., when for Divine Service touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Those taking part were E. Bonfield, J. Nixon, R. Bevan, G. Smith, W. Pickworth, H. Ellis (of London), Barker (Ware), Knight and Harveys (2) (Hertford). Our conductor then showed us round the ancient town of Hertford, and in the afternoon a stroll was taken through Panshanger Park, where we saw Panshanger House, the fine country residence of Earl Cowper; and also the big Panshanger oak. In the evening for Divine Service at St. Mary's, Hertingfordbury, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung. The party from London then took their leave for town, which was reached at 9.43 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves from start to finish. We desire to thank the Rectors of the churches visited for granting permission; Mr. Knight, who so kindly met us; and Mr. J. G. Crawley (of Hertingfordbury) for getting all things ready. We must not however forget our conductor's parents for the kind way in which they entertained us, and all those who assisted in making our outing a success. P.

THE LAVENHAM COMPANY.—On Saturday, July 2nd, this company, took advantage of a half-day's outing to Boxford, Suffolk, starting from The Black Lion hotel at 2.10 and driving through the woodland villages of Brentleigh, Milden and Gorton, the last named being a well-known place of meeting by a large number of gentlemen of the Essex and Suffolk Fox Hunt. After refreshing the inner man at The Fox inn another start was made for the destination, where the company arrived safely at 3.10. As the ringers were wending their way to the church the bells were being got ready by one of the local company—Mr. Elmer—who on the 31st of June invited the company to visit Boxford. After a firm grip of the hand a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, but not satisfactory, as the trebles are not heard inside the ringing chamber. The Rev. F. W. Davis, of Glairgourie, Perthshire, kindly invited the company to tea at The Swan, to which ample justice was done. Tea over Mr. Elmer piloted them over the rectory grounds, which were in first-class order. Another visit was paid to the tower, and a 504 Grandsire Triples was rung. Six of the Sudbury All Saints' company and two of Holy Trinity, Long Melford, having arrived, a short stay was made with them, but time swinging away too quickly we were sorry to leave our well-known friends behind us. The company were Messrs. Boby, Fisk, Jarvis, Parker, Smith, Symonds, King and W. Moore. The company wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. F. W. Davis and churchwardens for a splendid repast; also Mr. Elmer for making their visit such an enjoyable one. A. S.

Secure COUPONS for the Grand Handbell Prizes. Wonderful Gifts.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

There has been a lot of good things done before now in the way of bell-restoration and augmentation (long words these), but the concern at Stockton, in my opinion, takes the bun. There is no need to recapitulate any of the account which appeared last week, but we must as ringers think highly of one of the local company—Mr. Clarkson, who proposed the movement, and has been its very life and soul. And then his princely donation; one of the new bells—the 7th, no trifling cost, when it is considered that copper and tin correctly proportioned becomes *one* of the precious metals. Very precious to us certainly; we should like to see a little more of it here and there. At Waltham Abbey for instance; and hundreds of other places.

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Stockton has hitherto only had six bells, as you know. If the scheme for increase had been limited to two trebles to make eight it would not have been bad, but the suggestion of adding four larger bells to the six to make ten was a breather. Nothing like going the whole hog while you are about it. The company of ringers gave their "screw," £18, towards the extension, I find. It is a thousand pities there is not some agency by which the action of Mr. Clarkson and his company cannot be publicly recorded and transmitted to ringing posterity.

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I have the following newspaper cutting sent me concerning this affair:—

"There is apparently great interest taken in bells in Stockton, where the public can scarcely be likened unto the Turks of old, who had a great aversion to these metal vessels, and prohibited Christians the use of them in Constantinople, pretending that the sound of them would be troublesome to the souls of the departed. In truth, if the enthusiasm which attended the celebration of the arrival of the memorial bells be a sign of the times, the interest is great indeed. At the meeting under note several of the speeches were characteristic of fresh intelligence anent the subject, but the chairman succeeded in "bearing the bell." At least he gave that impression when he announced it as a historical fact that Big Ben of Westminster was cast at the now dismantled ironworks at Norton. He did not tell us, however, that the bell to which he referred was never hung in Westminster, but that under very singular and unlucky circumstances it fell and was broken to pieces while it was being conveyed to London. Quite true, Mr. Langley's history on bells, upon this point, is a little shallow, but one cannot be expected to be up in everything nowadays. Suffice it, nevertheless, that Norton can claim distinction in bell construction."

The writer of this wrote without his book, rather. But as Mr. Toots would say—"It's of no consequence." I hope to hear soon that the bells are hung ready for the ringers, and if the large-hearted Stocktonites like to engage me to call the first touch on the opening day, they will find I shall be in the humour to oblige. As I can byke the whole way there will be no travelling expenses to pay.

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It seems that we are about to be treated (or otherwise) to a display of opinions upon the true definition of "Real Double." Not "Double Gloucester" or "Double X," be it understood. The celebrated Shipway, if I recollect rightly, adjudicated upon this something after the style of the showman at the fair, viz.: "You pays your money, and you takes your choice." This however will not satisfy latter-day enquiries after truth and correctness, and therefore it appears advisable, in order to prevent those awful complications which a long correspondence frequently begets, that some definite rule is laid down without delay. To your humble servant the settlement of the matter seems very plain, but my intrusion is not wanted, I fear. I am accused now and then of being backward in coming forward. Well, that is a good fault, as the Irishman said. You know it is the best policy to take the lowest seat and then be asked to take one higher, and it some people I know acted in accordance therewith, they would save a lot of indignation, and themselves no small amount of hostile comment.

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The "Ancient Britons" are coming along. I mean the Welshmen of the Diocese of Llandaff. That was a very interesting meeting at Merthyr, though the attendance was not good. The writer of the report points to the fact of the great dislocation of trade just now through a strike as being the cause. It may be so. We shall all rejoice to hear of better relations between the parties concerned—the employers and employed. I am not acquainted with the particulars of this South Wales strike; but it has generally occurred to me that if large employers could be content with a little less profit, things would go on comfortably. I refrain saying more, from fear of getting into hot water again.

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I have been told on the most competent authority that it is not good form for a common ignoramus like me to allude to a previous editorial comment. But our old and dear friend "Free Lance" used to do so. I grant you that he was the flower of "THE BELL NEWS" writers. Then there was the "Old Contributor," whose "musings" were as greedily devoured (I hope that's a correct term) as those of "Free Lance." This gentleman was the Nelson of the "B.N." inasmuch as he had a roving commission, *i.e.* to write what he pleased, but I am afraid we must look upon him as a reticent contributor. We all hope he may appear again, even if he makes another joke at my expense. By the way, when shall we hear more of both of these? They with our lively friend "Jingle" have left me (*pro tem.* of course) to sustain the weight of this page. That's not the cheese, my old friends, you promised and vowed three things—where am I drifting to? "Come back to Erin," I mean to your old love, and wield your pens for the edification and amusement of your ringing brethren.

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Looking over the last paragraph again before I entrust it into Mr. Printer's hands, I cannot help saying it brings to memory many fond memories and aspirations. "Ah! memory paints the past." (I am getting adrift again I fear). The staff of that wonderful publication known as *Punch*, always meet every Wednesday around the festive board; plainly speaking, they dine together. And they eat and drink from the very table which has been in use from the commencement. I am not in the know positively, but I have heard that many of the names of the staff are to be found on different parts of this table, cut by the owners of such names. What an historical piece of furniture. Jerrold, Thackeray, Dickens, Leech, Lemon; the wits of the day. I think of suggesfing a similar sort of thing in connection with the "B.N." If it comes off, perhaps some good-natured individual will present us with a beautiful table to begin with, and I'll be the first to carve my name on it. Then some one who is charitably inclined may put by so much—in consols, railway or motor-car shares, or exchequer bills, or instruct the Governor of the Bank of England, or the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to defray the cost of the weekly repast. What a grand thing this would be. We literary people could invite ringers visting London on a Friday, say, and what value the Exercise would gain by the publication of the post-prandial interchange of ideas. I may revert to this again. In the meantime all of you think it over carefully.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1898.


A NUMBER of peal-records arriving late, we are unable to indulge in the usual weekly comment. We take this opportunity to announce that our next photograph will be that of Mr. SALTER, of Kidderminster.

## The Metropolis.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 9, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT O. D. ABRAHAMS | *Treble.* | *WALLACE ABRAHAMS | 5. |
| FRED. A. NUNN .. .. | 2. | RICHARD ELLIOTT .. .. | 6 |
| FRED. W. J. BUTLER .. | 3. | GEORGE B. LUCAS .. .. | 7. |
| THOMAS H. BEAMS .. .. | 4. | ARTHUR T. KING .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by G. B. LUCAS.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. T. H. Beams was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

## The Provinces.

### LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, July 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN AMBROSE, JUN.* | *Treble.* | FRED. CONNELL | 5. |
| HENRY DUCE | 2. | ERNEST AMBROSE | 6. |
| THOMAS CADGE | 3. | CHARLES BIXBY | 7. |
| AMOR AMBROSE | 4. | SAMUEL FORD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by CHARLES BIXBY.

*First peal, aged 15, and was his first attempt, the treble being rung very creditably by him.

### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, July 7, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRANK BENNETT | *Treble.* | HENRY STALHAM | 5. |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS | 2. | PHILIP ALLFREY | 6. |
| ALFRED LAWRENCE | 3. | WILLIAM ALLFREY | 7. |
| KEITH HART | 4. | FREDERICK HILL | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM ALLFREY.

Rang as a birthday compliment to A. Lawrence, who hails from Swindon, and who received the usual congratulations after the peal.

### HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 9, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 9 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE HAYWARD | *Treble.* | THOMAS J. SALTER | 5. |
| WILLIAM H. SMITH | 2. | *FREDERICK CLAYTON | 6. |
| NOAH DAVIS | 3. | JOHN BARBER | 7. |
| ERNEST C. HUNT | 4. | WILLIAM SHORT | *Tenor.* |

Composed by H. W. WILDE and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method.

### NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS

*On Saturday, July 9, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY | *Treble.* | JOHN HOLMAN | 5. |
| WILLIAM BURGAR | 2. | ARTHUR BREARLEY | 6. |
| THOMAS SAREL | 3. | WILLIAM BIGGIN | 7. |
| THOMAS HATTERSLEY | 4. | JOHN ALLEN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

### DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 9, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOSEPH MADDOCK | *Treble.* | ALEXANDER EVANS | 5. |
| ARTHUR DOBLE | 2. | HENRY J. POOLE | 6. |
| HENRY PEARCE | 3. | EDGAR E. BURGESS | 7. |
| FRANK MILLARD | 4. | GEORGE H. YENDALL | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

All the above hail from St. James's, Taunton. They take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Rev. H. C. Courtney and Mr. J. Grabham for having everything in readiness. Also special thanks to Mr. Grabham for providing an excellent tea. First peal of Major on the bells.

### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 9, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM PALMER | *Treble.* | KEITH HART | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 2. | *WILLIAM ROUGHTON | 7. |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 8. |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY* | 4. | JAMES N. FROSSELL | 9. |
| RICHARD HOATHER* | 5. | RICHARD FENTIMAN | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition has the 6th twenty-four courses behind the 9th in the tittums, and twenty-four courses behind the 8th in the 8-7-9 position. W. Roughton, who hails from Kettering, was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

### WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 9, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 9¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| RONALD GORDON GLASS | *Treble.* | *JAMES AUSTIN SMITH | 4. |
| CHARLES CHASTY | 2. | HARRY TOLL | 5. |
| CHARLES WM. CLARKE | 3. | WILLIAM JOHN BARKER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal; also first peal by the ringer of the treble, aged 15 years.

### BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, July 11, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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|---|---|---|---|
| J. W. WILKINS | *Treble.* | F. DENTRY | 5. |
| T. H. TAFFENDER | 2. | A. W. HIGGS | 6. |
| W. E. YATES | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON | 7. |
| F. HOPGOOD | 4. | H. GILDING | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the Annual Festival of the Guild.

### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, July 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM GRIMES | *Treble.* | JAMES RUMSEY | 5. |
| WILLIAM RUMSEY | 2. | EDWARD DIAPER | 6. |
| WILLIAM THYNG | 3. | ALFRED W. GRIMES | 7. |
| WILLIAM GROOM | 4. | GEORGE ROWE, JUN. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

First peal in the method by E. Diaper.

### SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, July 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ALFRED J. TURNER | *Treble.* | GEORGE A. KING | 5. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE | 2. | KEITH HART | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 7. |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 4. | JAMES N. FROSSELL | *Tenor.* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by KEITH HART.

This was R. J. Dawe's 50th peal, and rung in celebration of his birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns on its completion.

## Date Touches.

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

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, June 23rd, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Minor in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 360 each of Double Bob, College Single, Oxford Single, Canterbury, and Plain Bob; and 98 of Grandsire. C. Owens, 1; J. L. Grant, 2; J. Owens, 3; W. Hughes, 4; G. R. Newton, 5; J. Hughes (conductor). 6. Rung on the front six. First date touch of Minor by all the band.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, June 1st, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Watson, 1; H. Collins, 2; W. Farrow, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, June 5th, 720 New London Pleasure. F. Slade, 1; W. Webb, 2; H. Collins, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; H. Collins, 4; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Monday, June 6th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; W. Farrow, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Slade, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Webb (conductor), 6. Also on handbells 720 Woodbine (twenty-one bobs). W. Hammond, 1; W. Webb, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; F. Slade, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; H. Collins, 6. On Wednesday, June 8th, on the occasion of the Agricultural Society holding their annual show in the town, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; E. Wachter, 3; F. Slade, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; W. Webb, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; S. Bingham, 2; E. Runter, 3; E. Radley, 4; E. Wachter, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Willshire, 1; J. T. Barker, 2; H. T. Pye, 3; C. Rogers, 4; E. Runter, 5; D. Elliott, 6. And 720 Woodbine. W. Hammond, 1; E. Runter (first in the method), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; E. Wachter, 4; H. Collins, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court Bob. W. Root, 1; A. Saunders, 2; W. Burst, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 6. And 720 New London Pleasure. H. C. Pye, 1; E. Runter, 2; W. Burst, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 5; E. Beckwith, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Brazier, 1; P. Holmes, 2; W. Ladhams, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Webb (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; G. R. Pye (conductor), 4; C. H. Howard, 5; F. Slade, 6. Also 720 Kent. E. Hynds, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Collins, 3; F. Slade, 4; E. Claydon, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Monday, June 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; E. Wachter, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. E. Wachter, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; H. Coote, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, June 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; E. Wachter, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Wachter, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; F. Slade, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Sunday morning, June 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. P. Holmes, 1; F. Slade, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Webb (conduetor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; W. Webb, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Farrow, 4; H. Collins, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Monday, June 20th, at 6 a.m. on the occasion ot Her Majesty's sixty-first Accession Day, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; H. Collins, 4; H. Coote, 5; F. Slade, 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; W. Hammond (first attempt), 4; W. Grimwade, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. The bells were also fired, and the National Anthem tapped upon the tower bells by F. Slade. On Wednesday, June 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Howard, 1; W. Farrow (first attempt), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, June 26th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. On Sunday, July 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. *W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; *H. Pilcher, 4; H. E. Hammond, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. *First in the method. On Tuesday, July 5th, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Howard, 1; T. Stubbs, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Farrow, 4; H. Collins, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. Messrs. Elliott and Beckwith hail from Coggeshall; Runter from Broomfield; Willshire from Feering; Barker, Claydon, and Hynds from Stebbing; H. T. Pye from Kelvedon; Rogers and Ridgewell from Colne; Root, Saunders, and Burst from Greenstead Green; Brazier from Galleywood; Ladhams from Great Tey; Nevard from Great Bentley; G. R. Pye from Chadwell Heath; Chaplin from Stisted; Stubbs from Raunds, Northants.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, June 26th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 New London Pleasure. W. G. Melbourne, 1; H. Collins, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, June 28th, for practice at St. Laurence's church, 798 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Horne (first touch in the method), 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; F. Hopgood (conductor), 3; F. Tubb, 4; J. E. Hern, 5; A. Watmore, 6; J. Tucker, 7; A. Osborne, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Sunday, May 29th, 630 Grandsire Triples. E. T. Druce, 1; H. Bond, 2; C. Packer, 3; W. Shirley, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; T. Bond, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; G. Parker, 8. On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service, 504 of Triples. E. T. Druce, 1; H. Bond, 2; W. Shirley, 3; C. Packer, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; T. Bond, 7; G. Parker, 8. On Sunday, June 12th, for Divine Service, 720 of Minor. E. T. Druce, 1; C. Packer, 2; H. Bond, 3; T. E. Glanville, 4; W. Shirley, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 19th, for Divine Service, 630 of Triples. E. T. Druce, 1; H. Bond, 2; C. Packer, 3; W. Shirley, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; T. Bond, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; G. Parker, 8. On Sunday, June 26th, for Divine Service, 360 of Minor. E. T. Druce, 1; J. Collett, 2; C. Packer, 3; T. E. Glanville, 4; W. Shirley, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6. On Friday, July 1st, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. T. Druce, 1; H. Bond, 2; J. Collett, 3; C. Packer, 4; W. Large (conductor), 5; W. Shirley, 6; T. Bond, 7; G. Parker, 8. On Sunday morning, July 3rd, for Divine Service, 350 of Triples. E. T. Druce, 1; J. Collett, 2; W. Large (conductor), 3; C. Packer, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; T. Bond, 6; W. Shirley, 7; G. Parker, 8. For evening service 1008 of Triples. E. T. Druce, 1; H. Bond, 2; J. Collet, 3; C. Packer, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; W. Shirley, 7; G. Parker, 8.

LEAFIELD (Oxon).—On Sunday afternoon, June 26th, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Collet, 1; H. Bond, 2; W. Shirley, 3; T. Bond, 4; C. Hadland, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6. Messrs. Large, Bond (2), and Shirley hail from Burford; the rest are local men.

GREAT BARRINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, July 2nd, 720 of Minor. E. T. Druce, 1; H. Bond, 2; W. Shirley, 3; T. E. Glanville, 4; T. Bond, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6. Another 720 of Minor. E. T. Druce, 1; H. Bond, 2; T. E. Glanville, 3; T. Bond, 4; W. Shirley, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6. All the above hail from Burford.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURNLEY.—On Sunday, May 15th, for morning service at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartle, 2; F. Towns, 3; T. Redman, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service 576 Kent. D. Heys, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. On Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service, 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; F. Towns, 3; T. Redman, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 29th, 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; D. Heys (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Hartley, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; D. Heys (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; F. Towns, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Hartley, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 12th, for morning service, 576 Kent. T. Knowles, 2; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth, (conductor), 8. For evening service 576 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; N. Townend, 2; F. Towns, 3; D. Heys, 4; R. Hartley, 5; T. Redman, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. On Saturday, June 18th, 360 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; W. Walton, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday June 19th, for morning service, 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Redman, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—Recently, 720 Kent. H. F. Moston, 1; T. Bush, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; S. Spence (conductor), 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. Bush hails from Davenham, and it is his first 720 in the method. On May 8th, 720 each of College Treble and Westminster. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. T. Moston, 2; T. Burrows (first in the method), 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. On May 15th, 720 Arnold's Victory. J. Mannering, 1; H.

T. Moston, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On May 17th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise. J. Mainwaring, 1; T. Burrows (first in the method), 3; R. G. Lewis, 6; the rest as before. On May 22nd, 720 each of London and Braintree. H. T. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On May 24th, 720 Cambridge. R. G. Lewis, 1; H. T. Moston, 2; J. W. Booth (first in the method and first attempt), 6; the rest as before. On May 29th, 720 each of Violet and City Delight. J. Mannering, 1; S. Horsfall, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. G. Lewis, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On May 31st, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. T. Moston, 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On June 4th 720 each of Oxford and College Single. R G. Lewis, 1: S. Horsfall, 2; T. Burrows, 3; H. T. Moston, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On June 5th, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. On June 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. S. Spence, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; H. T. Moston, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On June 13th, 720 Wells Surprise. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. T. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. First in the method by all the band. On June 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. R. G. Lewis, 3; J. W. Booth, 6; the rest as before. On June 26th, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Manwaring, 1; H. T. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. On June 27th. 720 Bristol Surprise, first in the method by all the band, and rang at the first attempt, standing as before.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestersbire).—On Sunday, July 3rd, on handbells at St. Mary's church, 5118 Grandsire Triples. J. Pagett (conductor), 1-2; T. J. Salter, 3-4; W. Page (Worcester), 5-6; E. C. Hunt, 7-8.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TREVETHIN (Pontypool).—On Monday, May 23rd, 480 Grandsire Doubles. S. Rogers, 1; E. Trumper, 2; D. Pinney, 3; W. Williams, 4; T. Jenkins (conductor), 5; T. H. Jenkins, 6. Longest touch by E. Trumper. On June 14th, for a Confirmation, 740 Doubles. E. Trumper, 1; D. Pinney, 2; S. Rogers, 3; W. Williams, 4; T. Jenkins (conductor), 5; J. Evans, 6. Also 360 Doubles. E. Trumper, 1; D Pinney, 2; S. Rogers (conductor), 3; T. Jenkins, 4; J. Evans, 5; W. Price, 6. On Thursday, June 9, 1680 Doubles, in 1 hr. E. Trumper, 1; D. Pinney, 2; S. Rogers, 3; W. Williams, 4; T. Jenkins (conductor), 5; J. Evans, 6. On Sunday, June 19th, 240 Doubles. E. Trumper, 1; D. Pinney, 2; S. Rogers (conductor), 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Luffman, 5; J. Evans, 6.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 26th, at St. Mary's church, 910 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Naylor, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; E. Harris, 4; W. Foster, 5; H. Browning, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; H. Stemp, 8.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, June 19th, for Divine Service at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major in 54 mins. T. H. Taffender (conductor), 1; F. Symonds, 2; W. Berry, 3; W. Truss, 4; F. C. Newman, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; E. S. Poll, 7; H. Flanders, 8.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Monday, June 20th, being the 61st anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the Throne, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original). G. Turnell, 1; W. Wood, 2; F. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette, 7; T. Craddock, 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On June 21st, at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on the front eight, in 50 mins. G. Read, 1; R. D. Tooley, 2; R. Christian, 3; G. Offord, 4; T. Tooley, 5; W. Secret, 6; J. Matthews, 7; H. Wright, sen., 8.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday morning, June 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. R. M. Pick, 1; J. W. Parker (St. Ignatius the Martyr), 2; T. Metcalf (Middlesbrough), 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor) 4; T. Hudson, jun., 5; R. W. Langton, 6. First 6-score by J. W. Parker.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORPLESDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, June 2nd, six members of the St. Nicolas society, Guildford, paid a visit to this place to have a pull on the fine ring of six, tenor 19 cwt. "Go" was called for Kent Treble Bob Minor, and after ringing 30 mins. the first 720 was rung on the bells. F. Blondell, 1; J. J. Jones, 2; C. Willshire (conductor), 3; S. Radford, 4; J. Hunt, 5; W. W. Thorne, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. F. Blondell, 1; J. Hunt, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 5; C. Willshire, 6.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, June 22nd, for practice at St. Michael's church, 504 Stedman Triples. Dora White, 1; Alice White, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; E. Sutton, 4; H. Lawe, 5; F. Wilson, 6; H. White (conductor). 7; G. Martin, 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Knight, 1; Alice White, 2; H. Lawes (conductor), 3; C. Holdaway, 4; F. Wilson, 5; E. Sutton, 6; H. White, 7; F. Redgate, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, June 30th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. S. Perkins, 1; B. Wadmore, Esq., 2; E. Mankelow, 3: G. Smithers, 4; F. Harrington, 5; H. Porter, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. This is B. Wadmore's first quarter-peal in the method, and hails from Tonbridge.

DEAL (Kent).—On Saturday, June 18th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. J. Axon, 1; A. Denne, 2; H. Denne, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; E. Newman, 6. On Sunday morning, July 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 23½ mins. E. Newman, 1; A. Denne, 2; H. Denne, 3; G. Denne, 4; H. Castle, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G H. Wood hails from London. On Tuesday, June 28th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 24½ mins. J. Axon, 1; E. Potter, 2; S. Mockett, 3; H. Sone, 4; H. Denne, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; A. Denne, 2; E. Potter, 3; G. Denne, 4; H. Castle, 5; E. Newman, 6. E. Potter hails from Dover.

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CHIRK (North Wales). — On Tuesday, June 21st, 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Jones, 1; H. Phillips, 2; M. Roberts, 3; J. W. Davies, 4: T. Jones, 5; G. Stokes, 6. Rung with the bells muffled immediately after the funeral of Charles Halman, a late member of this Society, who met with a terrible accident down a coal pit, which robbed the ringers of an earnest co-worker, and the village of a young man beloved by everyone.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday, June 19th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. S. Sharp, 1; F. Hopper (Olney), 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Lett, 4; W. Freeman (conductor), 5. On Monday, June 20th, six 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. H. Lett, 1; J. Lett, 2; W. Mynard, 3; W. Freeman (conductor), 4; J. Lovell, 5. Also four 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles. J. Lett, 1: W. Freeman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Lovell (conductor), 4; H. Lett, 5. On Monday, July 4th, three 6-scores of Plain Bob. J. Lett, 1; W. Freeman, 2; H. Lett, 3; J. Lovell, 4; F. Hopper (conductor), 5. And four 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. Freeman, 1; J. Lett, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Lovell, 4; H. Lett, 5.

FINEDON (Northants).—On Tuesday, June 8th, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Victoria, the bells were rung at 5.15 in the morning, 420 of Bob Triples being the first touch. J. Packwood, 1: A. Smeather, 2; A. Leonard, 3; J. T. Tompkins, 4: P. J. Manning, 5; T. Abbott, 6; W. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Seth, 8. In the evening 504 in the same method. W. Perkins, 1; A. Smeather, 2; J. Pettit, 3; P. J. Manning, 4; G. Lines, 5; T. Abbott, 6; J. T. Tompkins (conductor), 7; J. Seth, 8. And 336. Packwood, 1; Abbot, 2; Leonard, 3; Pettit, 4; Lines, 5; Manning, 6; Perkins (conductor), 7; Tompkins, 8. Another 336. Packwood, 1: Smeathers, 2; Pettit, 3; Perkins, 4; Line, 5; Abbott, 6; Tompkins (conductor), 7; Seth, 8.

GUILDFORD Surrey).—Recently at the church of St. Nicolas for Divine Service, 1000 Bob Royal. A. E. Barrow, 1; W. W. Thorne, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; J. Hunt, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; W. T. Elson, 6; C. Willshire, 7; S. Radford, 8: J. Aldridge, 9; F. Blondell (conductor), 10. Composed by J. Heathorn, of Guildford. Also a course of Stedman Caters. Messrs. Aldridge and Elson hail from Fulham.

PENGE (Surrey).—At the church of St. John the Evangelist, for a Confirmation, 720 Bob Minor. E. Edwards, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Town, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 3rd, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. E Edwards, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Town, 4; W. J. Battson (conductor), 5; G. Durling, 6.

## Compositions.

### A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5040.

| 1 | 5 | 23456 | 4 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 43652 | – | |
| – | – | 52364 | – | – |
| – | – | 64235 | – | – |
| – | – | 35426 | – | – |
| – | | 45623 | – | |
| – | – | 23564 | – | – |
| – | – | 64352 | – | – |
| – | – | 52436 | – | – |
| – | | 42635 | – | |
| – | | 62534 | – | |
| – | – | 34256 | – | – |

Twice repeated; single for bob at 6 in the last course of the 3rd part produces—

| | | 43256 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| – | – | 56324 | – | – |
| – | – | 24635 | – | – |
| – | | 64532 | – | |
| – | – | 32456 | – | – |

Twice repeated; single for bob at 6 in the last course of the 3rd part. If the first part is five times repeated, the peal will be 7392. The 5040 was first rung at Irthlingborough on June 11th, 1898, in 2 hrs. 48 mins., conducted by Anderson Y. Tyler.

### A PEAL OF OXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR.

By F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

5024.

| 23456 | M | B | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 46253 | – | | | | – |
| 62453 | | | | | – |
| 24653 | | | | | – |
| 62534 | – | | | – | – |
| 25634 | | | | | – |
| 53624 | | x | – | | – |
| 36524 | | | | | – |
| 63254 | | | | – | – |
| 32654 | | | | | – |
| 64352 | – | | | | – |
| 43652 | | | | | – |
| 36452 | | | | | – |
| 42356 | – | | | | – |
| 24536 | | | | – | – |
| 45236 | | | | | – |
| 54326 | | | | – | – |
| 43526 | | | | | – |
| 35426 | | | | | – |
| 25346 | | | | – | |
| 52436 | | | | – | – |
| 32546 | | | | – | |
| 23456 | | | | – | – |

### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL.

By ARTHUR T. KING, *Barnet.*

5040.

| 23456 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 63254 | | – | |
| 43652 | | – | |
| 35426 | | – | – |
| 42563 | – | – | – |
| 32465 | | – | |
| 52364 | | – | |
| 26543 | | – | – |
| 36245 | | – | |
| 56342 | | – | |
| 64523 | | – | – |
| 52436 | – | – | – |
| 62534 | | – | |
| 42635 | | – | |
| 32456 | | – | s |

Repeated.

### THREE PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS.

By ARTHUR T. KING, *Barnet.*

5016.

| 23456 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34256 | | – | |
| 42356 | | – | |
| 35426 | | – | – |
| 52364 | – | | – |
| 23564 | | – | |
| 26435 | – | – | – |
| 63425 | | | – |

Twice repeated; omitting in one part the bracketted bobs.

5016.

| 23456 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54236 | | – | s |
| 45632 | – | – | |
| 56432 | | – | |
| 43562 | | – | – |
| 65324 | s | s | s |

Four times repeated; omitting in three parts the bracketted bobs, say, in the 1st, 3rd, and 5th parts.

5280.

| 23456 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34256 | | – | |
| 45362 | – | | – |
| 56423 | – | | – |
| 52364 | – | – | – |

Four times repeated.

### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By G. R. NEWTON, *Oxton, Cheshire.*

5184.

| 23456 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26435 | | – | – | |
| 36524 | – | – | | – |
| 65324 | | | | – |
| 53624 | | | | – |
| 26354 | – | | | –* |
| 63254 | | | | – |
| 52364 | – | | | – |
| 23564 | | | | – |

Five times repeated, with s for B where marked * in the 2nd and 5th parts. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th only in 6ths place at a course-end.

### PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR.

By E. GALE, *Melton Mowbray.*

5056.

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| 45326 | | – | – | |
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| 65423 | | | | – |
| 56423 | – | – | – | |
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| 64325 | – | – | – | |
| 34526 | | | | – |
| 43526 | – | – | – | |
| 53624 | | | | – |
| 63425 | | | | – |
| 36425 | – | – | – | |
| 46523 | | | | – |
| 64523 | – | – | – | |
| 54326 | | | | – |
| 34625 | | | | – |
| 43625 | – | – | – | |
| 63524 | | | | – |

Three times repeated.

### A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By A. SPITTLE, *Dudley.*

1259.

32456978 7th in and out at 3 and s
4325 9th in 3.
3524 8th in 3.
5423 8th in 3.
2543 9th in 3.
5342 8th in 3.
4532 9th in 3.
5234 8th in 3.
3524 9th in 3.
2354 9th in 3.
3452 8th in 3.
63425879 9th in and out at 2.
4236 9th in 3 with s.
3426 8th in 3.

Round at hand the lead before the last course-end given.

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By JAMES PAGETT.

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| Slow Eight. | 12 3456 78 | |
| | 21 3546 87 | |
| | 12 5364 78 | |
| | 21 5634 87 | |
| | 12 6543 78 | EXAMPLE OF BOB. |
| | 21 6453 87 | |
| | 12 4635 78 | 21645387 |
| | 21 4365 87 | 12463578 |
| | | 21436587 |
| Quick Eight. | 24 1638 57 | |
| | 42 6183 75 | 24163578 |
| | 24 6813 57 | 42615387 |
| | 42 8631 75 | 24651378 |
| | 24 8361 57 | |
| | 42 3816 75 | |
| | 24 3186 57 | |
| | 42 1368 75 | |
| | 41 2637 85 | |

### A PEAL OF KIDDERMINSTER MAJOR.

5120.

By JAMES PAGETT.

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| 54213 | | – |
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| 42513 | | – |
| 14523 | | – |
| 21435 | – | – |
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| 53124 | | – |
| 25341 | – | – |
| 42351 | | – |
| 54321 | | – |
| 25413 | – | – |
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Repeated.

### KIDDERMINSTER MINOR.

PLAIN COURSE.

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| Slow four | 213465 |
| | 124356 |
| | 214365 |
| | 241635 |
| Quick four | 426153 |
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| | 421653 |
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| | 356124 |
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**The Middlesex County Association.**—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Harrow to-day, Saturday, July 16th. The bells will be raised at 2 30 p.m. There will be a service at 6 p.m., at which all ringers present are requested to attend. A meat tea will be provided (1s. 6d. each) at 7 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting, at The Crown and Anchor hotel. All members and their friends are cordially invited.

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**The North Notts. Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill to-day, Saturday, July 16th. Tea at 5 p.m.

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**The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.**—The Godden Presentation will take place at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19th, when it is hoped that all members with their wives and friends will be present. A musical evening.

W. PAINTER, *Treasurer.*

25, *Lee Crescent, Edgbaston, Birmingham.*

**The Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival (by kind permission of the Rector and Churchwardens) will be held at Ludlow, on Wednesday, July 20th. Service in the parish church at 11.15 a.m., preacher, Rev. G. Whitehouse of Knowbury. Business meeting in the Assembly Rooms at 12.15. Dinner (2/6) at The George hotel at 1 p.m., J. G. Buchanan, Esq., the Master, in the chair. Brakes, free of charge, to Bromfield tower. The private grounds of Oakley Park and Ludlow Castle open to members attending. Tea at The George hotel, by the kind invitation of Robert Marston, Esq. Members intending to be present and to dine, will kindly inform the Hon. Sec., or Mr. A. Chester, 2, Dinham, Ludlow, by the 16th instant. Parties of eight ringers can travel at a fare and a quarter by previous application to the Hon. Secretary, or to their Station Master. A. C. LEE, *Hon. Sec.*

*Lugwardine Vicarage, Hereford.*

**The Sussex County Association (Central)**—Quarterly meeting at Upper Beeding (Bramber station) on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open from 4 p.m.; tea at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know at once. GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, *Grove Street, Brighton.*

**The Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, July 23rd. Divine Service at the Parish Church at 3 30, with an address by the Vicar. Meat Tea at The Swan, half-price to members sending notice to Mr. F. K. Howell, the Hon. Local Secretary, at Thornbury, before Wednesday, July 20th. The Master, the Rev. E. Bankes James (appointed at the last annual meeting) having resigned through pressure of work, arrangements must be made to temporarily fill the vacancy. Conveyances will meet the last trains to Gloucester and Bristol at Yate. C. E. D BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

30, *Broad Street, Bristol.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, July 30th. Tea at the Church Room (opposite the church) at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Representatives must send the secretary notice of the number of their company likely to be present at tea, not later than the Thursday previous, otherwise tea will not be provided for them. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. CHAS DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*

5, *Manor Parade, High Street, Sutton.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The next quarterly meeting of this society will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7.

SAMUEL BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Peter's Society, Wolverhampton.** This society will hold a social gathering and smoking concert on Saturday, July 30th, at The Lamb inn, Wulfruna Street, at 7.30 p.m, to which ringers of any society will be heartily welcome. The bells of St. Peter's (ten bells), and St. Luke's (eight bells), will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

FARRINGTON JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

9, *Duke Street, Wolverhampton.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Beeston on Saturday, July 30th. The peal of eight at the parish church open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 15; tea (1s. per head) at 4.45, both in the Church Schoolrooms, Brown Lane. Members and friends who intend being present at tea are requested to write to Mr. W. Clifford, sen., Hamburgh Villas, Wollaton Road, Beeston, not later than Wednesday, July 27th. 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 Yorkshire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch. Particulars of arrangements will be announced in due course.

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

A REQUEST.—Will Mr. F. Perrin kindly communicate with Mr. W. A. Cave, Hon. Secretary of the St. Stephen's Guild, Chatterton Square, Redcliffe, Bristol.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, MARGATE.

On Thursday evening, June 30th, after the seven o'clock service, a belfry screen at the west end was formally dedicated at the above church.

The new screen has been erected under the tower arch by relatives and friends in memory of the late Mr. Edwin Thorne, who was greatly respected in the parish. It is executed in teak, is a very massive and solid looking erection, one which will occupy its present position for centuries to come, unless at some future time the screen should be removed. It consists of a central archway, with an arrangement of traceried work on either side, forming three divisions. The head is a massive piece of timber in one length, the carving on which consists of thornes and bells—the former suggestive of the name of the deceased in whose memory it is erected, and the latter suggestive of the position the screen occupies. The top is surmounted by battlements, cut in the solid. This handsome addition to the fittings of the church stands well above the floor of the aisle, and although only 7ft. 6in. in height, it will completely screen the ringers from the congregation. It bears the inscription, in chiselled lettering, on the plinth:—"In memory of Edwin Thorne, A.D. 1898." The work has been exceuted by Messrs. Harry Hems and Son, "The Lucky Horse Shoe Ecclesiastical Works," Exeter, from designs by Mr. R. Dalby Reeve, architect, of Margate, who also designed the new doorway in the choir vestry which has been recently erected. The style of architecture of the screen is what is known as Perpendicular, and is in thorough keeping with the other fittings in this church, which have also been erected by Messrs. Hems, from designs by the same architect.

On Sunday, July 3rd, was dedicated a new font cover, which is a very fine specimen of workmanship. This has also been carried out by the same firm, from designs by Mr. R. Dalby Reeve. The cover is rather flat in shape, and purposely so, in order not to obstruct the view of the worshippers at the west end of the church. On the top is carved a large cross, entwined with which are lilies of large size, emblematical of purity. The whole is richly moulded, and a border of conventionalized lilies runs round the same. This is an exceptionally fine piece of work, the carving of the lilies being especially beautiful. It has been subscribed for by the children of the congregation attending the afternoon services in the church.

## MR. FRANCIS E. WARD.

To-day, Saturday, this gentleman, one of the most respected ringers in the western counties, and we take leave to add, one of our oldest friends in that part of England, will be married to Miss Fanny Elizabeth Dickens, of Cheltenham. Our readers, especially those who are acquainted with Mr. Ward, will join with us in wishing himself and his bride every happiness.

ECTON (Northants.)—On Saturday, July 2nd, a mixed company of ringers accomplished an exceedingly well-struck 720 of Grandsire Doubles on Ecton bells, in 25 mins. F. Tompkins (conductor), 1; O. W. Bayes, 2, W. Wood, 3; F. Wood, 4; T. Bayes, 5; E Tarry, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. F. Tompkins and the brothers Wood belong to Wellingborough, the others are local men. Mr. T. Bayes, the senior ringer at Ecton, states that this was the first 720 of Doubles on those bells.

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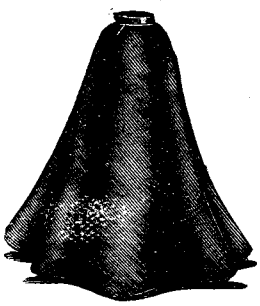

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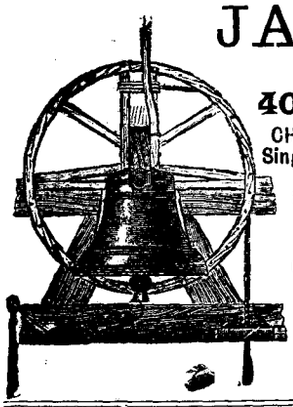

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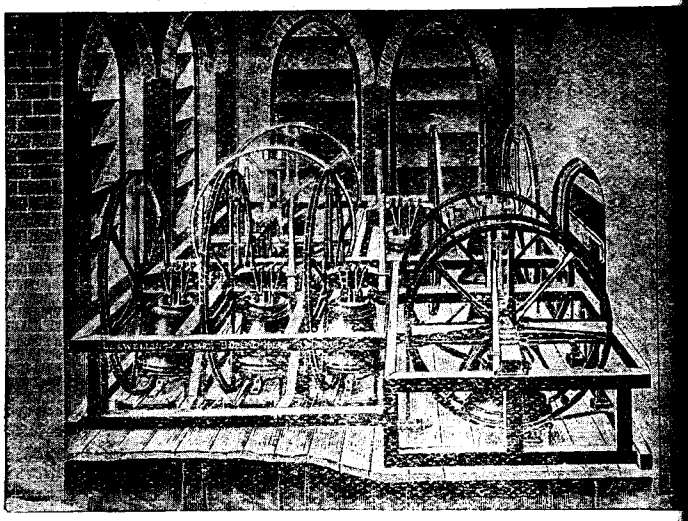

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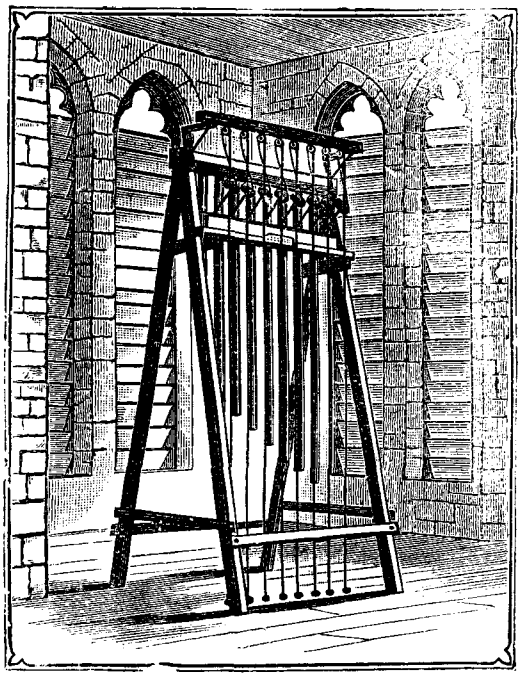

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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Maidenhead on Monday, July 11th, and was a large and successful gathering, about 170 lay and clerical members being present. The day was ushered in by a peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints' Church, the usual record of which has already appeared. At the service which followed the peal, an excellent and practical address was given by the Rev. R. Errington, Rector of Clewer. He said: "We are met this morning as members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers for a religious service. I am asked to address you, with a view of emphasizing the religious side of your duties as ringers. Let me try to put before you some of the elementary, but fundamental, facts about the Church to which you belong, and remind you of certain responsibilities which membership involves. You have just recited The Creed, and declared your belief in the Holy Catholic Church. This is an article of your faith. You believe in the Church. Here then is the first elementary fact. (1) You are *in* the Church. We may think of the Church as a society, a kingdom, a household, a system. You, by virtue of your Baptism, are in that society, kingdom, or household, probably through no conscious act of your own. But here you are to-day, knowing what the Church is, knowing something of her history, and more of her life. You are *in* the Church. But more important still, you are not only *in* her, (2) you are *of* the Church, of her, members of her, part of the Church as a limb is part of a body, or a branch part of a tree. Now it is possible to be *in* a society and not *of* it; to take no part or interest in its work. Christ teaches us that we must be *in* the world, but not be *of* the world. But a Christian must be not only *in*, but *of* the Church; and one who is not actively participating in her life, in her work—a man who neglects Public Prayer, and the Sacraments—may be in, but is not of the Church. I need scarce press this point. Do you realise your membership? Do you take an active interest in the Church's work? Do you bear your share of her burdens, and use the privileges she offers? This is to be *of* the Church. One other point, not the least important: You are not only *in* and of the Church, (3) you are *for* the Church. Here we come to the great law of service, a law binding on you both as citizens and as churchmen. The Church suffers not merely from viciousness among her professing members, but also from the sloth and neglect of churchmen. They don't realise the obligation to take part in the work of the Church. You are officers of the Church, subordinate, but holding an office of no mean import. I would ask, how do you carry out the duties of your office? How do you view those duties? Service may be perfunctory and mechanical; no heart, no life in it, sometimes to be done, got through, anyhow. A good workman is one who puts his conscience into his work. Do you take a high view of your duties? Do you try to raise the standard of your office, and not only on Sundays, but every day live as, and be a Christian? You are *in* the Church then, *of* the Church, and *for* the Church. Not only *in* the Church; not, that is, Christians by accident of birth, but by conviction. Interest yourselves in her work; sympathise with her trials; use your gifts and powers in her service. Fight for her; if need be, suffer. Help to make her one great Brotherhood, not only in name, but in influence, in power, and in fact."

The usual business meeting was held after the service in the Girls' Schoolroom, the Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, in the chair. The officers were unanimously re-elected, with some few changes. A grant of three guineas was made in aid of two additional bells at a church near Newbury. A letter of thanks to the Master and the Guild for the gift of two new bells to the peal of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and for the improvement of the belfry-chamber, from Canon Bright, sub-dean, as representing the chapter, was read, and ordered to be carefully preserved. A motion, brought forward by the Rev. A. H. Drummond, seconded by the Rev. R. P. Newhouse—"That it be an instruction to the Committee to take into consideration the working of the latter part of rule xv." (the Guild will only contribute towards instruction where there is no member of the belfry capable of teaching the method required) was lost by a very large majority. Henley was chosen as the place for the autumn meeting, and High Wycombe for the festival in 1899. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge and the Master reported on the doings of the Central Council. The Hon. Secretary announced that Caversham, Shiplake, Goring, and Henley had agreed to the formation of a Henley Deanery branch, which would be inaugurated at the coming autumn meeting. He also read a letter from the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, thanking the Guild for a subscription of £5 made at the last annual festival to belfry improvements at Kidlington.

Shortly before two o'clock the ringers assembled in the town hall, where a substantial dinner was much enjoyed. The total number who sat down was 152. The Mayor of Maidenhead (C. W. Cox, Esq., J.P.) presided, supported by the Master of the Guild, the Hon. Secretary, the Revs. A. H. Drummond, R. P. Newhouse, E. Broome, F. L. Nash, J. L. Challis, R. C. Hunt, R. T. Hildyard, H. C. Wilder, S. M. Winter, W. W. N. Barker, Canon Blagden, and G. F. Coleridge; and Messrs. A. H. Cocks, T. E. Harwood, W. P. Routh, the Churchwardens of All Saints, Maidenhead, etc. A great number of representatives of the various branches of the Guild were also present.

The meal over, and Grace having been said by the Rev. A. H. Drummond, the Mayor gave "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." He felt that they would loyally receive that toast, because as ringers they had something to do in connection with Her Majesty, by ringing peals not only to celebrate the 50th year of her reign, but on the occasion when they celebrated the longest reign of any monarch who had sat on the English throne. The toast was loyally received.

The Mayor then announced that those present could enjoy the fragrant weed.

The Master of the Guild said that he had a most pleasant duty to perform, and it was to move a vote of thanks to the Vicar of All Saints (the Rev. A. H. Drummond) for kindly allowing them the use of his church and for having provided them with such a good service. What was especially noticeable about the service was the complete way in which the arrangements had been made, for they were presented with printed hymns and forms of service, which he considered was an important feature of the occasion. He desired also to thank the Rev. R. Errington for the very clear and able sermon he had delivered unto them. The rev. Master's remarks were received with much applause.

The Rev. A. H. Drummond, on rising to respond, was met with vociferous cheers. He said that he felt it to be a great pleasure that the Guild had at last met in that particular place—Maidenhead. They had long hoped for and looked forward to the time when the Guild would find its way to Maidenhead; they were grateful that day that such a good number of members had come together, although the attendance was not so large as they expected. He hoped that now they had visited Maidenhead they would carry away good recollectious of the place and the service that had been held, which was a pleasure to provide.

The Rev. R. Errington, who had a hearty reception, said that he must thank the Master for his welcome and very kind words in proposing a vote of thanks to him for the few words he had addressed to them. There was one thing that they must give him credit for in connection with his address, and that was that he had evaded a pitfall, as he had said nothing about bellringing.

He had addressed himself to church-work, and he could assure them that it had given him pleasure to speak to them.

The Mayor said that he had not the slightest doubt that the next toast he had to submit to them would be met with hearty applause, and he would tell them at once that it was "The Oxford Diocesan Guild." He was very pleased that there was such interest taken in the healthy work of pulling the ropes of the bells of the churches in their midst, and he hoped that the interest would continue for a great many years to come. He must say that he was in an unenviable position that day, because he knew nothing of bell-ringing, but if he had been younger he might possibly have gone in for bell-ringing after that day. He might say that he was not unacquainted with bell-ringers, for he recognised several at the tables whom he had known for several years. He had met them in the belfry at Boyne Hill, and some at the parish church at Bray. He was sure it was a great encouragement to the ringers to observe the help and keen interest their reverend friends took in the ringing, and they had shown their interest in the work by putting in an appearance that day. From the report which he had had placed in his hand, he found that the Guild was going on grandly. They were not standing still; that was a great thing in an institution such as theirs, and he sincerely hoped that the progress they had made would be increased year by year. Of course, they were increasing in numbers, which was very gratifying, especially when they knew that their membership this year was larger than it had been in previous years. In this department also he hoped progress would be made, and his advice to those who were learning to ring was to go on and become proficient. In conclusion he sincerely hoped that the Guild would prosper and do good work. There was nothing so objectionable, he thought, as to hear bells when they were being rung badly, but at Boyne Hill and Bray he happened to know that the bells were rung as they ought to be, and he had not the slightest doubt but that the churches represented there that day had men who knew how to ring bells well and in a proper manner. He would not detain them any longer, as many of them were anxious to get away to ring peals in neighbouring churches. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in replying to the toast, said that he would take that opportunity of thanking them for having elected him as Master of the Guild for the seventeenth time. He could assure them that so long as they continued to elect him to that position, and so long as he had health and strength, he would do the work. With reference to the position of the Guild, he was glad to say that it was holding its own very well, and as to the finances they had a very respectable balance in hand, whilst the membership was increasing. One of the most notable events of the year was the augmentation of the Cathedral bells from ten to twelve. Good work had been done by the Guild, and progress made by the various branches. He wished to especially mention the support which had been given by the clergy in so many parishes, and it was most encouraging to know that good subscriptions had been received from the various belfries. Indeed, very respectable subscriptions had been sent. As to the future of the Guild, the Master said that he thought they could count on making further progress. He would only say to them "The Guild expects every man to do his duty," and he sincerely hoped they would do theirs. If they did not think at any time that he did his duty as Master, he hoped they would tell him so, and he would do his best to do so. In conclusion he expressed a hope that the Guild would increase in usefulness and prosper; at all events he would do his very best to make it do so.

The popular secretary (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis), whose rising was the signal for loud applause, said that it was with a great deal of pleasure that he rose to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor of Maidenhead for his presence in the chair that day. And by his worship's presence he felt that the Town Council of Maidenhead welcomed them there. It was in that part of the diocese that most support came, wherein the Diocesan Guild was formed. At that time a large number of change-ringers joined the Guild and gave it a great impetus. He was sorry that there was not a larger attendance, but he supposed that they must consider that it was a good muster seeing that there were now so many opportunities given them of enjoying themselves in the open air. He thought that in future they must not expect to get such large attendances as they had had in the past. He felt that they were glad that they had been under the presidency of the Mayor; at the same time he regretted the absence of Captain Young, the Member for East Berkshire, who was that day attending the funeral of Mr. Murdoch, late Member for Reading. By the death of Mr. Murdoch he had lost a friend; although he did not work with him politically, he had worked with him in connection with Friendly and other Societies. He had always found Mr. Murdoch a most courteous and kind gentleman. He would take that opportunity of thanking Mr. Drummond, Mr. Newhouse, Mr. Cocks (of Marlow), Mr. F. Smith and Mr. Bissley (of Maidenhead), for assisting him to carry out the necessary arrangements for that day. Without the help of these gentlemen they would certainly not have done so well. In 1897, 52 peals were successfully rung by the Guild, and up to the present time in this year they had rung 45. He could only re-echo the words of the Mayor, that the Guild was going on grandly. In conclusion, he hoped that when the time came round for the Guild to again visit Maidenhead the Mayor would be found willing to take the chair again. The toast was warmly received.

The Mayor said that he thanked them very much for having drunk his health. He could assure them that before he was asked to take the chair it was his intention to be present, and he had sent an intimation to this effect to Mr. Drummond. He was very pleased to know that in Maidenhead this Guild found its birthplace. He did not know that until he saw it mentioned in their report. Well, all he could say was that he was exceedingly pleased to know that if Maidenhead had done other good things it had done a good thing in becoming the birthplace of this Guild.

The Rev. A. H. Drummond said that before they parted he thought they should return their sincere thanks to the secretary of the Guild (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis) who had given so much time and trouble to the work of his office. As they knew, their secretary was so exceedingly modest and shy that he was positively rejoicing to see that his name was not down to respond to a toast—but he felt they could not allow that gathering to break up without proposing a hearty vote of thanks to him. They as members of the Guild wished to sincerely thank him for the good work he had done and was doing, and he hoped that he would have health and strength to remain in office as secretary.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, in acknowledging the compliment, said that he was congratulating himself that he was not responding to a toast; in fact, he had lighted a cigar when this vote of thanks was passed to him. He was much obliged to Mr. Drummond for his kind words. He could assure them that he should continue to do his best to carry on the work of the Guild. He wished to acknowledge the services which Mr. A. W. Pike (assistant hon. secretary), had rendered him.

This concluded the toast-list, and the company separated.

In the afternoon and evening some of the party visited Bray, Burnham, Farnham, and other belfries, where very successful ringing was done.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of this Association wae held at Harrow on Saturday, July 16th. Those who came early were met by a deputation of the local ringers, who are not at present members of the Association, by who had responded to an invitation to take part in the proceedings of the day. Ringing continued at intervals in the standard methods until 6 p.m, when evensong was said by the President, the Rev. H. G. Bird, and an eloquent and impressive address was delivered to the assembled ringers by the Rev. Newton Mant, vicar of Hendon. The rev. gentleman took for his text Zach. xix. 20; "In that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses, holiness to the Lord." Speaking of the use of the silver trumpets in the Jewish church to call the congregation together, he reminded his hearers that the introduction of bells in the Christian church took the same position. Bells were also rung to mark the progress in the Christian life. They were rung at Holy Baptism when a child is brought into the family of God and made a member of Christ's body; at Confirmation when the Holy Spirit is given to strengthen; at Holy Matrimony when the

Church blesses those who come together to be made one, even as Christ and his Church are one; and at the last the bell is tolled solemnly when the soul is passing away to its resting-place. He also spoke of the inscriptions on bells, which might be held to constitute the lesson to be rung out when the bells sounded forth their call to the services of the church, and he emphasised the fact that the inscription on the bells in the text, "Holiness to the Lord," was one which might oftener be adopted as not only sending forth a message of deep spirilual meaning to the people, but as calculated to set before every ringer the proper standard of his duty while engaged in his sacred occupation. He concluded by pointing out the importance of all realising their position as Church workers, and by a good example out of the belfry as well as in it, becoming the means of doing in a humble way, a vast amount of good for God and His Church. Mr. J. A. Dart, of Tottenham, ably presided at the organ.

After the adjournment there was a general move to The Crown and Anchor hotel, where admirable arrangements had been made by the proprietor for the accomodation of the party. On the tables being cleared, the business meeting was held, the President occupying the chair. The report congratulated the members upon a year of distinct progress in numbers, in efficiency, and in enthusiasm, and stress was laid upon the fact that in most of the nineteen peals rung during the year, many had either accomplished their "first peal," or their "first peal in the method." A significant and welcome fact in the year s work was the appearance of new conductors, some of whom had already given proof of their skill, by that most difficult in young conductors of calling Holt's Original. In order to strengthen the ranks of efficient conductors, it was urged as a matter of paramount importance that those who were in the habit of calling touches, as captains of their respective bands, should occasionally stand aside and let the younger goneration be encouraged in this most important branch of an accomplished ringers' art.

As regards the London Societies, it was a course of satisfaction that not a few members had joined the County Association. There was room, however, for many more, and it was felt that without lessening in the least their loyalty to their own organisations, they might in greater numbers spare a little help to the younger organisation, to enable it to take its proper place among the ringing counties of England.

The report concluded by an earnest call to the members not to value the work of the Association by the mere ability to ring peals, but to endeavour as a body to realise the high purpose which they proposed to fulfil, however humbly, in the work of the Church.

All the present officers of the Association were re-elected, viz.: President—Rev. H. G. Bird; Master—J. Basden; Hon. Treasurer—F. Milne; Joint Hon. Secretaries—C. Edwards and Arthur King.

A good deal of discussion ensued as to the date of the next annual meeting, which was ultimately fixed for the second Saturday in September. The absence of so many ringers who had been confidently expected to attend, was held to be due to the counter attractisns of summer outings, and it was thought that by fixing a later date, when beanfeaster's attractions elsewhere are sobering towards autumn, a larger attendance could be reckoned on in future. As a heaithy sign of the progress of the Association, it may be mentioned that upwards of fifty members were enrolled during the year, and that twelve additional members were elected at the present meeting.

At the close of the meeting a design for the future certificate of membership was handed round for inspection, and it was stated that Mr. King, one of the Hon. Secretaries, was desirous of presenting it to the Association in the event of its meeting with general acoeptance.

The Secretaries were directed to convey a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. F. Joyce for so kindly permitting the meeting to be held at Harrow. There were upwards of forty members present, among whom was noticed Messrs. M. A. Wood, W. H. L. Buckingham, J. George, and F. G. Perrin. Many too had had long journeys to come and go, thus giving ample evidence of their own interest in the work of the Association, and serving to remind others that there are occasions when duty can be combined with pleasure.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Harthill on Saturday, July 16th. The Harthill bells are heavy, and the "go" of them is far from good, and as Harthill is also on the extreme verge of the district, this is not a popular place of meeting with the members of the Association, and the offer of a free tea and the run of tho rectory gardens on the part of the rector, was not inducement sufficient to overcome other drawbacks. There was consequently but a small attendance of members at 2.30 p.m. when ringing commenced, nor were the attempts very successful, the great heat of the day added to the weight of the bells and difficulty in ringing them, frustrating several endeavours to bring round a 720 of Bob Minor, the only touch successfully accomplished before tea being a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. Tea was partaken of at 5 p.m in the clubroom adjoining the church, when only eighteen members put in an appearance, the rector of Harthill, who is Secretary of the Association, presiding. The usual business meeting was held after tea, when it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Anston on Saturday, October 8th. After tea ringing was continued by the few remaining members until after eight o'clock with indifferent success, the only touches being brought round during the afternoon being a 360 of Kent in 14 mins. J. Bilham, 1; T. Smith, 2; Rev. B. Darley, 3; C. Crawford, 4; H. Stenton, 5; C. F. Fowler (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford in 27 mins. R. Smith, 1; J. Guest, 2: H. Stenton, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury (conductor), 5; C. F. Fowler, 6.

## PEALS BY THE LATE JAMES BARHAM, OF LEEDS, KENT.

I have come across a MS. list of peals rung by James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, from 1744 to 1813, and as there are some long lengths recorded, I thought a copy might interest your readers. They are as follows:—

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| 91 | peals of | 5000. |
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| 1 | ,, | 8100. |
| 3 | ,, | 10080. |
| 1 | ,, | 13440. |
| 1 | ,, | 14500. |
| 1 | ,, | 20160. |
| 1 | ,, | 24000. |

And on the 27th and 28th days of April, 1767, the whole peal of 40320 on eight bells. It also says he rang peals of Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples, Plain and Double Bob Major, New and Double Treble Bob, Morning Exercise, London, Norwich and Oxford Major, Caters and Royal. He was 87 years of age when he rang his last peal; and at the end of this list appears the following:—

A CONTRAST.

| At Chester on October 25th, 1809, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 55 mins., by | | | At Leeds, Kent, on January 1st, 1810, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins., by | | |
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| 1. Geo. Kitchen | Aged | 18. | 1. James Barham | Aged | 84. |
| 2. Richard Williams | ,, | 20. | 2. Thomas Bigg | ,, | 55. |
| 3. John Boyle | ,, | 17. | 3. William Tilley | ,, | 73. |
| 4. Edward Jones | ,, | 18. | 4. James Boldin | ,, | 59. |
| 5. George Sinclair | ,, | 18. | 5. William Sincetlove | ,, | 59. |
| 6. William Doyle | ,, | 18. | 6. T. Bootle or Booth | ,, | 51. |
| 7. John Andrews | ,, | 19. | 7. Thomas Austin | ,, | 74. |
| 8. George Wooding | ,, | 20. | 8. George Tilley | ,, | 62. |
| Total ages | | 149. | Total ages | | 517. |

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## RINGING ANNIVERSARY AT SAFFRON WALDEN.

Monday, June 27th, witnessed the 275th anniversary (or great ringing-day as it is known), in connection with the St. Mary's Company at Saffron Walden, a most successful gathering being the outcome. There was a more than usually large number of of visitors in the town.

The customary service took place at the parish church at half-past twelve, the Rev. J. Steele, vicar of the parish, officiating. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, rector of Drayton, Berks., and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who selected his text from the two portions of Scripture as follows:—"What woman, having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it," St. Luke xv. 8. and "He shall sit as a purifier and refiner of silver, etc.," Malachi iii. 3. The preacher remarked that the bellringer might be compared to the lost piece of silver, for many years ago things were very different for him than at the present time. Bellringing appeared to be an ancient institution in that town, and they had proof that the bellringer was not altogether uncared for. They were thankful to God for what had been done for bellringers, and for the formation of such societies and guilds by which they were surrounded, and by which the lost pieces of silver had been recovered. He was a church officer, and as such it was his duty to be in the belfry as well as in the church. A clergyman once told him that he looked upon bellringers as his best friends. It was clear that the lost pieces had been recovered. Everything should be done perfectly and in order. They should always aim at leading a new life—a better, a purer, and a holier life. No matter how old they were, they needed proper assistance. Bellringers should realise their position in the Church, and endeavour to be what they should be. God had given them the gift, and by that gift they could do what others could not do. The thing was that they should be as nearly as possible perfect; let it be an offering to God in righteousness. That occasion was one peculiar to bellringers. Might Christ purify them; He wanted their willing co-operation. It was one of their belfry rules that the ringing was done in the name of Jesus Christ. There were two points for their consideration:—(1) That they should observe the right principle in all that they did, that their services might be acceptable to God. (2) To do all they could to keep their souls in living union with Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the service at the church, the ringers adjourned to headquarters at The King's Arms, where about thirty sat down to a bountiful spread, served in excellent style by Mr. and Mrs. Perry. Mr. Edward Taylor, F.L.S., presided, and Mr. F. Pitstow occupied the vice-chair. There were also present:—the Deputy Mayor (Mr. J. Gilling)), Rev. J. Steele (vicar), Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. H. Mahon, N. J. Pitstow, E. Pitstow, J. F. Penning, A. F. James, J. Freeman, C. Freeman, L. Taylor, A. Pitstow, F. Pitstow, jun., and W. Parish, of the Saffron Walden company; W. G. Watts, Jordan, W. Prior, and J. Luckey (Stansted, Essex), S. Slater (Glemsford), A. Papworth (Stansted, Suffolk), F. W. Rees (Nayland), H. J. Tucker (Bishops Stortford), and J. Barry (Royal Cumberland Youths, London).

The Chairman first submitted "The Queen," remarking that they were reminded in church of what had happened regarding bell ringing during the past fifty years. It was clear that what had been referred to had taken place in Her Majesty's reign, and he was sure that she would rejoice to know that there had been an improvement in bell-ringing in that period. In the present day matters were conducted very differently in belfries than fifty years ago. They recognised that they were working in the House of God, and he hoped they would continue to do so. He was sure Her Majesty had no more loyal subjects than bell ringers. A verse of the National Anthem was sung.

Mr. F. W. Rees, in proposing "Success to the St. Mary's Company of Change-Ringers," remarked that the Saffron Walden company stood unique, having been formed 275 years ago, and was the oldest company, the College Youths not being formulated till 1637. It was a long time to look back, and imagine the "changes" that had taken place in that time. The company had a grand record, and at the commencement of the present century Saffron Walden had taken a high position in the ringing world. The Walden company was one of the very few who (in 1817) rang a peal of Double Norwich Court. It was almost needless for him to go further on and draw their attention to the ability of a son of the most distinguished member of the scienbe and art. It was a great pleasure for him, and he was sure it was for other members, to be present at their annual meeting. He desired to couple with the toast the name of the Master of the company.

Mr. Edward Taylor, in responding, said he desired on behalf of the company, to thank Mr. Rees for his kind remarks. He had said the company was distinguished for its antiquity. To him it was a source of pride to know that he was Master of one of the oldest companies in the kingdom, and he believed every member was proud of the company. He would remind them of the fact that being a member entailed responsibility, and as one of the oldest companies they had a reputation to keep up. Their motto had always been "Onward," and they must remember that even to that day much of their reputation lay in the fact that among their members they had composers. Even now they were on the verge of ringing a peal of London Surprise. He was asked what they were going to do when they had done that, and he replied, "To do better." They might then say "We are at the top of the tree"; but someone else might step in and say "Oh, no, you are not; there are two more bells to be added." It was possible that they might have ten bells in the tower. He thought it should not be forgotten that some of them were getting hoary-headed, and that their ringing days were passing away, therefore it was essential that they should take in young members, and he hoped that they might have the pleasure of ringing ten bells. It was necessary that young men should be trained to it. He wished many more could have been present to have heard what they were told in church that morning. They had seen what was taking place that day. He thought their best thanks were due to Mr. Robinson for his services, and when he listened to his remarks he felt keenly his responsibilities as Master of the Company. He hoped all would assist him in carrying out the work of bellringing as it should be carried out, and they would have the satisfaction of knowing that they had done their duty for the cause. He thanked all their friends for coming to the town, and hoped it would not be their last visit.

Mr. N. J. Pitstow proposed "Success to the borough of Saffron Walden," referring to its old institutions. He coupled therewith the name of the Deputy Mayor, Mr. J. Gilling.

Mr. Gilling, in returning thanks, regretted that the Mayor was unable to be present. He wished them all a most pleasant afternoon.

Mr. J. F. Penning proposed "The Visitors," and said he was pleased to see so many ringers present, and he hoped they would continue to come among them on future occasions. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in reply, said he was very pleased to find himself at Saffron Walden to meet gentlemen whom he esteemed among his ringing friends. He loved to be in the belfry to keep all things right. He did his best to keep his own bell right, and always helped others to do the same. He hoped the wishes of their good Master to secure the ten bells would be realised.

During the day some excellent touches of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, and Superlative Surprise were rung, in which Mr. Robinson took part; also touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, etc., were brought round. In the evening the ringers met at The King's Arms, where a most enjoyable hour was spent in conviviality and handbell ringing.

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A MISSIONARY EXPEDITION.

On Thursday, July 14th, a party of seventeen members of the Essex Association, including the Hon. Secretary (Rev. T. L. Papillon) and the Assistant Secretary (Rev. H. T. W. Eyre), and organised by Mr. C. H. Howard of Braintree, started from Braintree in a brake, to visit certain village towers in a part of Essex little accessible to railways, and for the most part as yet innocent of change-ringing. Starting at two p.m., with ringers from Braintree and Stisted, and picking up a contingent from Bocking by the roadside, we reached Shalford (five miles from Braintree) where there is a good ring of five, rehung and the tenor recast in 1887, but hardly ever rung; a chiming apparatus having been put up at the same time, which unfortunately superseded the necessity of finding ringers. Such an apparatus is undoubtedly convenient; but it ought to supplement, not supersede, the proper use of the bells. After a pull here, we drove on two miles to Wethersfield, a good-sized parish, with a church surmounted by a short spire sheathed in copper, like so many Swiss towers, and containing six bells, rung, as at Shalford, from the floor, but not in a good circle. The bells are weak in sound, and as they are only rung in rounds or call-changes, are not kept in particularly good order. From Wethersfield, another two miles brought us to Finchingfield, a picturesque village with a fine old church containing eight bells, and a band of ringers who attempt no change-ringing. Not long ago some £40 was spent on putting these bells in order (?) by a local man, which (as might have been expected) has done little good. The bells are a good toned peal, and with new bearings and sundry other repairs by a professional bell-hanger could easily be put in good ringing order. Not much ringing worth speaking of was done here, partly because many of the party were only accustomed to six bell ringing, partly because first the third, and then the seventh rope broke, interrupting touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. The Rector, the Rev. A. Burgoyne, hospitably entertained the whole party to tea in the schoolroom, and seemed interested to hear what we had to say about the bells and about ringing; and our visit may, we hope, be productive of some result. Leaving Finchingfield at 7 p.m., we began our return journey by a different route, halting on the way at Great Bardfield, once a market town with gas, but now a village nine miles from any railway. Here we found a beautiful church with a ring of six bells in thoroughly good order; and a well-struck 720 of New London Pleasure was rung in the hearing of the local ringers, who we hope may be stimulated to something better than call-changes. In these remote places the difficulty is to get instructors, even now that bicycles do so much to annihilate distance. But those that think that Essex roads are all flat and easy for the cyclist would be much undeceived if they followed our route to this point. From Bardfield our way home lay over nine miles of a better and easier road; and starting at about 8.50, we reached Braintree in an hour and a half, beguiling the journey through the pleasant cool of the evening with songs and handbells. If nothing else comes of the expedition, we have made known the existence of our Association, and the possibilities of change-ringing, in some very out-of-the-way places, and that is at least a beginning.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—On Monday, June 13th, at the parish church, several plain courses of Kent Treble Bob. E. Beal, 1; A. Gower, 2; G. Penfold, 3; E. Brant, 4; G. Howse, 5; G. Head, 6. This is the first touch of Treble Bob on the bells, and the first attempt by Messrs. Beal, Gower, Penfold, and Brant. Messrs. Gower, Howse, and Head hail from Christ Church, Eastbourne. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. E. Brant, 1; G. Penfold, 2; E. Beal, 3; G. Howse, 4; G. Head, 5; G. Bray, 6.

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THE ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.—This society held their annual outing on Saturday, July 9th. Portsmouth having been decided upon, advantage was taken of a cheap trip, and soon after 7.0 a.m. Messrs. A. E. Barrow, F. Blondell, W. Freakes, J. Hunt, J. J. Jones, S. Radford, W. W Thomas, C. Willshire, together with Mr. F. Attwell of Chiddingfold, a number of better-halves, and a few ringers in embryo, were soon *en route*. On the way down a course of Grandsire Caters, and 168 of Grandsire Triples, were rung double-handed, and a good start made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by eight of the party, but with a whistle and a roar the train went into a long tunnel through the South Downs. As there was no light in the carriage, the attempt ended in failure, although the tenor nobly did its best to keep in the slow. Upon arrival at the ancient seaport, the party separated, some going over the brave old "Victory," others over the modern battle-ship "Trafalgar," with its four 67-ton guns, its quick-firers, torpedoes, and other terrible weapons of offence and destruction. Upon seeing the wonderful electric and hydraulic appliances, the speaking tubes from the conning tower, the shot and shell, and last but not least, the wonderful order and cleanliness pervading every part of the gigantic ship, the visitors left, impressed with the power and majesty of Britain's naval monsters. The dockyard, with its many marvels, was visited by others of the party, and in accordance with the programme, Gosport was reached at 12, for a pull in "the chimney." Here disappointment befel them—illness near the church. A move was made for the launch, and back again to the harbour. The mud-larks, with their plaintive song, were passed, but one persistent youngster offering to stand on his nose for a ha'penny the amount was subscribed, and he duly performed the feat in the roadway. After dinner, the ladies and children were safely seen to the famous beach at Southsea, and the "mere men" granted three hours' leave of absence for a pull at St. Mary's, Portsea. The noble pile was reverently inspected, and then a start made for the top of the tower. After a long and trying climb—the writer is not sure of the number of steps within a few hundred—the top was reached, and the view amply repaid the exertion. Upon descending to the ringing chamber, with its 65-ft. pull, the band were welcomed by Mr. J. Harper, the veteran Mr. Hewitt, Messrs. Gould, J. Symons, Reynolds and others of the local band. After ringing 504 Stedman Triples, 280 Bob Major, 288 Treble Bob Major, and 160 Grandsire Triples, a move was made for "sunny Southsea" and tea. The evening passed all too quickly, and 9 o'clock saw the wanderers on the platform ready for the train, which, alas, was not ready for them. Finally, ten minutes after it should have left, the train steamed cheerfully up to the wrong platform, and the next few minutes were passed going in quick. However Guildford was safely reached shortly after 11 p.m., and the unanimous verdict was that the outing had been very enjoyable, the weather especially having been simply perfect. The band wish to sincerely thank Mr. J. Harper and the Portsea band for their courtesy. J.

THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, BRIGHTON.—On Saturday, July 16th, the members of this Guild had their annual outing. Leaving Brighton by the 7.10 train the party, numbering about twenty-five, arrived at Chichester at 8.20, when breakfast was had. The bells being heard a move was made for the belfry, and a capital 168 of Grandsire Triples was the first touch. The captain of the local ringers (Mr. Walters), arriving, a well struck 400 odd was rung; and a good touch of about 700 from Holt's Original, conducted by Mr. W. Allfrey. A move was next made for dinner at The King's Head, where the host had provided a good spread, the hon. treasurer being at the head, and the captain in the vice-chair. This being over, and the trap being at the door, a drive was had though Westhampness, Maudling, Stedderden, Hanaker, Waterbeach to Goodwood. As permission could not be obtained to view the house the stables were visited and a ramble through the park enjoyed. As time was getting on we mounted, and on our journey went through Woodcut, on our way to Chichester, where after a good tea, tempered with strawberries, some courses of Triples were rung on the handbells, and on the church bells a 672 was rung. The ringers wish to thank all concerned for making the outing enjoyable,

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1898.

THIS number possesses, we think, one or two features of interest which are worthy of notice beyond their bare reports First an allusion may be made to the meeting of the Oxford Guild, which gave pleasure to many of its members on account of its being held at the town which is looked upon as its birthplace. The Vicar of All Saints, Maidenhead—the Rev. A. H. DRUMMOND— is an old and worthy member of the Guild. Many ringers recollect with pleasure the examples they have experienced of his hospitality; we are among the number in fact. He has always been come-at-able (to use a homely term) with regard to anything in connection with ringing; and he is pleased at all times to grant permission for a peal. We are glad to think that the happy circumstances which accompanied the assembling of the Guild at Maidenhead, must have been a great pleasure to Mr. DRUMMOND. Certainly the meeting is another of the Guild's successes.

Another topic of interest is the festival at Saffron

Walden, The Master of the Oxford Guild was *en evidence*, and his sermon to the congregation of ringers and others assembled in the grand old church was peculiarly well-timed and appropriate. The rev. gentleman would appear to be gifted with the buoyancy of youth, and like some old and cherished vintage, to improve with years. The wonder is that he did not score a peal at Walden on the occasion. The suggestion of increasing the ring at Saffron Walden to ten is an excellent one. The church is one of the most favoured in the county from other points of view beside architectural; the bells are of the weight and tone most appropriate for augmentation; and the aspects of ringing, under the present talented company, warrant the belief that some grand performances would be achieved upon an increased number of bells. We commend the proposal to the good folk of Saffron Walden; the cost will not be great, and such an action on their part would become immortal, as far as anything on earth can be. They will, when such an addition is made, be able to boast that their Church has the very best ring of ten in Essex.

The "Missionary Expedition," by the Rev. T. L. PAPILLON and party, is a feature which is well worthy of imitation. We have repeatedly counselled such attempts to make change-ringing popular and its advantages fully known, not only by such instances as the one we are dealing with, but we have endeavored to impress upon those having the selection of places for periodical Association Meetings, to select those which afford a new field for ringing operations. We could astonish our readers very much by what has recently come under our own observation with regard to the neglected condition of bells, and the dearth of ringers.

## The Metropolis.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 16, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| J. MOULE | *Treble.* | F. A. NUNN | 5. |
| H. GOWERS | 2. | J. MARDELL | 6. |
| W. MILLER | 3. | E. WIGHTMAN | 7. |
| F. C. PERRIN | 4. | T. H. BEAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by T. H. BEAMS.

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### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, July 11, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

**Being two 720s each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.**

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| F. POTTER | *Treble.* | *J. BUCKINGHAM | 4. |
| G. MOSS* | 2. | F. CULLUM | 5. |
| T. DAVEY | 3. | G. CATTERMOLE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by F. CULLUM.

*First peal.

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*On Thursday, July 14, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

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Tenor 11¼ cwt.

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| WILLIAM LAMBERT | *Treble.* | THOMAS SADLER | 4. |
| S. WALKER | 2. | W. J. NICHOLSON | 5. |
| THOMAS WHITWORTH | 3. | *WALTER ALLWOOD | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.

*First peal on the tenor. This peal was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Walter Baxter, of Treeton, who was married on July 14th, 1848, at Old Mounklan church, Lanarkshire; it is the first golden wedding peal rung on the bells.

### DRAYTON, BERKS.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Friday, July 15, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| G. E BLAY | *Treble.* | E. ALDWORTH | 5. |
| T. SHORT | 2. | A. W. HIGGS | 6. |
| W. ADKIN | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON | 7. |
| H. HOLIFIELD | 4. | W. HORNE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

### NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 16, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

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| JOSEPH FAULKNER | *Treble.* | WILLIAM BIRD | 5. |
| JOHN W. SMITH | 2. | ADOLPHUS ROBERTS | 6. |
| ALBERT E. PARSONS | 3. | JOHN SMITH | 7. |
| WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT | 4. | *CHARLES ROBINSON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

*First peal. Rung on the 68th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

### WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, July 16, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 17¼ cwt.

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| ARTHUR W. HIGGS* | *Treble.* | CHARLES GILES | 5. |
| JOHN TUCKER* | 2. | *HENRY TUCKER | 6. |
| ALFRED E. REEVES* | 3. | *AMBROSE OSBORNE | 7. |
| JOHNSON E. HERN* | 4. | FRANK HOPGOOD | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The number of changes in the peal of Double Oxford published last week was 5008, not 5088.

## Date Touches.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Monday, July 4th, at St. George's, Heaviley, a date touch of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 16 mins. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; H. Meakin 5; J. Mottershead, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; J. Pearson, 8; J. W. Bailey, 9; E. Williamson, 10. Composed by A. Knights and Conducted by J. W. Bailey. Longest length by J. Mottershead. Rung as a birth

day compliment to T. Marshall, one of the instructors to the above company, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD (Herefordshire). — On Monday last, at St. Lawrence's church, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late —. Morgan, Esq. (who was buried in the afternoon), 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Wilkes, 1; C. Davis, 2; G. Wilks, 3; C. S. Sadler, 4; B. Jeffreys, 5; G. Reading, 6. Also the whole pull and stand, indicating the age of the deceased.

MONMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evensong at the church of The Ever Blessed Virgin, several well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples, by A. Birch, C. Davis, G. Davis, W. Davis, C. L. Sadler, W. Phillips, F. Voyce, B. Vaughan, J. G. Wall, and J. Watts. All the above hail from Ross.

STAUNTON (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, July 3rd, after evensong at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. B. Vaughan, 1; J. G. Wall, 2; A. Bird, 3; C. L. Sadler, 4; F. Voyce, 5; W. Vaughan, 6. This is believed to be the first change-ringing done on the bells (excepting plain courses) for the last seven years. W. Vaughan belongs to the local company, the others hail from Ross-on-Wye.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, June 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. W. Bond, 1; A. C. Harmer, 2; F. Gardner, 3; A. E. Edwards, 4; C. E. Bartlett, 5; T. Gardner, 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Clatterbuck, 8.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Lawrence, 512 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. Stone, 1: A. E. Reeves, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; H. Tucker, 4; C. Giles, 5; F. Hopgood (conductor), 6; A. Osborne, 7; J. Tucker, 8. On Saturday, June 11th, 396 Grandsire Caters. J. Tucker, 1; G. Foxell, 2; H. Tucker, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; C. Giles, 5; E. Hopgood (conductor), 6; A. Watmore, 7; W. Newell, 8; A. Osborne, 9; R. Sawyer, 10. Also 557 in the same method. J. Tucker, 1; G. Foxell, 2; H. Tucker, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; C. Giles (conductor), 5; A. Watmore, 6; W. P. Routh, Esq., 7; W. Newell, 8; A. Osborne, 9; R. Sawyer, 10. And a touch of Stedman Caters. A. E. Reeves, 1; G. Foxell, 2; H. Tucker, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; C. Giles, 5; F. Hopgood (conductor), 6; A. Watmore, 7; W. Newell, 8; A. Osborne, 9; E. Bruce, 10. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the opening of a new wing to the Extension College, Reading. Tenor 24 cwt. And 360 Bob Minor. G. L. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; H. Dibley, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. And 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; A. H. Evans, 2; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 3; H. Coffee, 4; W. P. Routh, Esq., 5; G. L. Boddington, 6; A. W. Reeves, 7; C. Howse, 8. Also 360 Bob Minor. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee. 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; H. Dibley, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. G. L. Boddington, 2; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. A 504 of Stedman Triples. G. L. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; W. P. Routh, Esq., 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On Wednesday, June 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; A. H. Evans, 7; H. Dibley, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. G. L. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. H. Evans, 3; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; H. Smart, 8. On Sunday, July 3rd, 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Dibley, 8. And 360 Grandsire Triples. A. H. Evans, 1; G. L. Boddington, 2; A. J. Mayo, 3; H. Coffee, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; H. Dibley, 6; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On Sunday, July 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; W. P. Routh, Esq., 5; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 6; A. W. Higgs, 7; W. Coldry, 8.

MORTIMER (Berks).—On Thursday, April 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Austin, 1; H. Cox, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; W. Jerrom, 5; F. Eatwell, 6; K. Mason (conductor), 7; W. Ford, 8. On Sunday, April 17th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Austin, 1; H. Cox, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; W. Jerrom, 5; F. Eatwell, 6; K. Mason (conductor), 7; J. Mason, 8. On Saturday, April 30th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Austin, 1; H. Cox, 2; W. Jerrom, 3; T. Neville, 4; J. Mason, 5; T. Eatwell, 6; W. Ballard (first touch as conductor), 7; W. Ford, 8. On Tuesday, May 10th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Ford, 1; F. Eatwell, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4; H. Austin, 5; W. Jerrom, 6; K. Mason (conductor), 7. Rung without a covering bell. On Sunday, May 22nd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Steel (first touch on eight bells), 1: H. Cox, 2; W. Ballard, 3; T. Neville, 4: H. Austin, 5; W. Jerrom, 6; K. Mason (conductor), 7; W. Ford, 8. On Friday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a birthday compliment to the Right Hon. Sir J. R. Mowbray, Bart., M.P. H. Steel, 1; T. Neville, 2; W. Ballard, 3; W. Jerrom, 4; H. Austin, 5; F. Eatwell, 6; K. Mason (conductor), 7; W. Ford, 8. On Sunday, June 12th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Steel, 1; T. Neville, 2; W. Ballard, 3; W. Jerrom, 4; H. Burton, 5; F. Eatwell, 6; K. Mason (conductor), 7; W. Ford, 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Thursday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 44 mins. F. Webb, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Basden, 3; G. Gutteridge, 4; J. Elderfield, 5; J. Parker, 6; C. Clarke, 7; J. Bovington, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. C. Wilder, rector of Farnham Royal.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Monday, July 11th, on the occasion of the Annual Festival of the above Guild, touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung during the day. In the evening previous to lowering the bells, a well-struck 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. H. Gilding, 1; F. Richardson, 2; F. Biggs, 3; J. S. Hawkins, 4; W. Horne, 5; J. Richardson, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; T. Goodchild, sen., 8.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Saturday, June 25th, on handbells at the residence of Mr. Pasmore, 1008 Bob Major. H. R. Pasmore, 1-2; W. H. Pasmore, 3-4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8. Also 480 in the same method by the same band.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUNDRIDGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, June 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Stevens (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; H. J. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; H. J. Ford, 5; G. Steer, 5; T. Groombridge (conductor), 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. A. Parry, an hon. member of the above Association. And 720 Plain Bob. R. Stone, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; D. Wright, 4; J. Stevens (first 720 as conductor), 5; T. Groombridge, 6.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Monday, June 19th, at All Saints' church, 395 Grandsire Caters. A. Gasson, 1; A. Palmer, 2; A. Woolley, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; W. Mannering, 5; S. Jeffery, 6; G. Pawley, 7; T. Mannering (conductor), 8; A. Tawney, 9; E. Elliott, 10. First touch of Caters by S. Jeffery.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Saturday, June 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. R. Brewis, 1; F. Lowe, 2; J. Anderson, 3; F. Sheraton, 4; W. Brewis, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. Also an attempt was made for a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, but owing to time "stand" had to be called. F. Lowe, 1; J. Anderson, 2; F. Sheraton, 3; T. Brewis, 4; W. Brewis, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. Messrs. Brewis and Lowe belong to Tanfield; the rest are local men.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, June 28th, for practice at the church of St. John the Baptist, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Freeman, 1; E. Wightman (conductor), 2; E. Bacon, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clarke, 7; W. Pye, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. E. Wightman, 1; F. Freeman, 2; E. Bacon (conductor), 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Pye, 7; W. Clark, 8. On Tuesday, July 5th, 400 Double Norwich. J. Moule, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. Bacon, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; E. Wightman, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Freeman, 1; H. Gowers, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Moule, 4; E. Bacon, (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6; E. Wightman, 7; F. Withers, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

### THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY, DUBLIN.

DUBLIN.—Gn Friday, June 17th, for practice at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. W. Coady, 1; G. Lindoff (conductor), 2; H. Greene, 3; R. R. Cherry, 4; C. Murray, 5; R. T. Greene, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. This is the first 720 in the method by the society.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONY OF STAFFORD.

PERRY BAR.—On Saturday, June 18th, on the occasion of a Confirmation, 1008 Grandsire Triples, composed by the late Henry Johnson, was rung. After service 672 in the same method. On Sunday, June 9th, for 8 o'clock Communion, 700 in the same method; for the 11 o'clock service, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 39 mins. G. S. Vaughan, 1; W. Cooper, jun., 2; G. Mitchison, 3; G. H. Williams, 4; W. Cooper, sen., 5; F. Jones, 6; C. Williams (conductor), 7; F. Williams, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Wednesday, June 29th (Accession Day), 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. C. Best, 1; T. Stroud, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; F. Trussler, 5; J. Lee, 6.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins. G. Browning, 1; H. Scrivens, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; S. Baker, 5; J. Poole, 6; W. Bateman, 7: A. Hanks, 8. On Thursday, May 26th, 504 in the same method, with T. Peters, 2; H. Scrivens, 6. On Whit-Sunday morning, May 29th, for Divine Service, a 448, with W. Mills, 3; the rest as before. On Thursday, June 2nd, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples, standing the same as in the quarter-peal. On Thursday, June 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples on the front eight. G. Browning, 1; T. Peters, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Hale, 4; H. Scrivens, 5; J. Poole, 6: W. Bateman, 7; A. Hanks, 8.

BISLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, June 12th, a mixed band from Stroud and Painswick, including Mr. Edwards, from Bath, visited this place and rung 518 Grandsire Triples. —Edwards, 1; W. Hutchings, 2; A. Wright, 3; G. Dickinson, 4; W. Hale, 5; S. Baker, 6; E. Paul, 7; W. White, 8. All the above were conducted by W. Hale.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, July 12, at St. Stephen's church, 865 Stedman Caters. C. H. Horton, 1; C. Millard, 2; — Saker, 3; R. Clark, 4; H. Howell, 5; W. Knight, 6; W. A. Cave (conductor), 7; C. H. Gordon, 8; J. Matthews, 9; W. Colston, 10. Mr. Saker hails from Hastings.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MAGNA HALE.—On June 5th, for morning service at the church of St. John the Baptist, 620 Grandsire Minor. J. Green, 1; R. Masters, 2; C. Ward, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; T. B. Woods, 5; T. Taylor (conductor), 6.

HECKINGTON.—At the church of St. Andrew, on Sunday morning, June 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. Wm. Dickinson (conductor), 1; T. B. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. Clarke, 4; J. T. Holmes, 5; E. Houlden, 6. In the afternoon 168 Grandsire Triples A. Sharp, 1; H. King, 2; J. T. Holmes, 3; J. Clark, 4; F. Cobb, 5; G. Elkington, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; H. Nash, 8. The ringers of 1 2 5 6 belong to Timberland, and it was their first attempt at Triples. On Tuesday, June 21st, in commemoration of the 61st year's reign of Her Majesty the Queen, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. B. Woods, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. R. Masters, 3; W. Dickinson, 4; J. Hilton, 5; J. Clark (conductor), 6; E. Houlden, 7; H. Nash, 8. Woods and Masters belong to Hale.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, July 10th, for evening service at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. J. Bonney, 1; W. Truss, 2; J. Scholes, 3; E. Wallage, 4; S. Parminter, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; E. Hall, 7; G. Barrell, 8.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BILDESTONE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, July 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins., tenor 18 cwt. T. Levett (conductor), 1; C. Parker, 2; A. Long, 3; J. Taylor, 4; W. Green, 5; A. Keeble, 6. Levett hails from Hitcham, Parker, Green and Keeble from Monks Eleigh, the rest are local men.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, May 15th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. After service a 710 of Kent Treble Bob E. H. Tubb, 1; *W. Webb, 2; F. L. Sparks, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method; also the conductor's 500th 720. Also 240 in the same method. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. On Wednesday, June 22nd, for a wedding, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Tubb, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 7th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor on the bells by a local band.

SOUTH MIMMS (Herts).—On Wednesday, July 13th, at St. Giles' a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Harris, 1; R. Potter, 2; R. Jones, 3; J. Howard, 4; W. Pickworth (conductor), 5: J. Arnold, 6. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—At the church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Monday evening, June 13th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. Rev. C. E. Matthews, 1; J. Harper, 2; F. Hill, 3; Rev. W. H. Gordon, 4; G. Grafham, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; H. Dicker, 8.

SHALFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday, July 5th, at St. Mary's church, 360 Bob Minor with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late vicar, the Rev. H. Huleatt. P. Worsfold, G. Elston, T. Streeter, E. Lucas, C. Willshire (conductor), and J. Smithers.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Thursday, June 30th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. F. Pannell, 1; C. Jackson, 2; F. Moulson, 3; G. Marshall, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; D. W. Brown (conductor), 6; G. T. Miller, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect for the late A. Thames.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—Recently at the parish church, 1120 London Surprise Major. J. Mulligan, 1; W. Burgar, 2; W. Lomas, 3; J. Holman, 4; G. Holmes, 5; C. H. Hattersley (conductor), 6; T. Hattersley, 7; A. Brearley, 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, June 19th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. T. Davey, 1; E. Alderton, 2; F. Cullum, 3; E. Youngs (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; J. Rose, 5; W. Rumsey (conductor), 6.

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ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, July 10th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 240 each of City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Violet. Jos. Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 120 and 360 of St. Matthias, Treble Bob, and 192 Duke of York J. Guy, 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Heckingbottom (first touch of St. Matthias), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 6.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, July 9th, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples H. Grice, 1; A. Tawney, 2; W. Wilson, 3; W. Mannering, 4; R. J. Dawe, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; T. Manneriog (conductor), 7; G. Pawley, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Alfred Tucker, one of the local ringers, who was buried on the 4th. R. J. Dawe belongs to Brighton, Leonard to Malling; Tawney, Mannings and Pawley to Maidstone; the rest to the local band.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service at Luke's church, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 52 mins. W. J. Barber, 1; H. Langdon, sen., 2; H. R. Fardon (conductor), 3; W. S. Langdon, 4; W. E. Moss, 5; W. H. Webber, 6; W. Dean (first quarter-peal), 7; T. Langdon, 8; C. F. Winney, 9; G. Chesterman, 10.

FARNWORTH (Lancashire).—On June 18th, 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and College Single. J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob. Ringers as before. Conducted by W. Brammer. On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. Ringers as before. Conducted by F. W. Stout (his 200th 720).

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, July 4th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. E. Rinsey, 1; J. Horrex, 2; W. Rinsey (conductor), 3; H. Gladwell, 4; H. Horrex, 5; R. Wilding, 6. This is the first 720 on these bells by a local band. This band only started in January last.

GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 20th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, 1; E. Younger, 2; E. Bonfield, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; G. S. Smith (conductor), 6.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—The Witton ringers had a pleasant

drive to Grappenhall on Saturday, July 2nd; in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. R. Greenall, Mr. F. T. Spence kindly granting the use of the bells. A 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6. Also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Sutton, 1; S. Johnson, 2; S. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6. The ringers wish to tender their very best thanks to Mr. Spence, leader of the Grappenhall ringers, for providing a substantial tea at The Ram's Head hotel.

HILLINGDON (Middlesex).—On Saturday, July 9th, at St. Andrew's church, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. H. Powell, 1; H. W. Cotton, 2; G. Brush, 3; R. A. Daniell Esq., 4; H. G. Miles, 5; A. F. Harris, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7; W. Fox, 8.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—Recently at the parish church, 720 Double Court. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. R. Pye (conductor), 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Dale, 5; W. Watson, 6. Also 720 in the same method. A. J. Perkins, conductor, the rest as before. And on Saturday, July 9th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Haydon, 1; G. Pearl, 2; G. Dear, 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Moles, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. I. Dear, 1; G. Pearl, 2; W. H. Doran, 3; J. Dale, 4; J. Moles, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).—On June 18th, an attempt was made for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, but failed two leads from the end.

LEIGH-ON-SEA (Essex).—On Saturday, July 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Halls, 1; W. Dudley, 2; J. Smith, 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Perry, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. Also 720 in the same method. W. Hunt, 1; W. Dudley, 2; C. Collins, 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in F. The ringers wish, throug the medium of this paper, to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also their Prittlewell friends for so kindly meeting them.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. S. Davie (first quarter-peal), 1; G. Brush, 2; A. Bradley, 3; W. E. Judd (first quarter-peal as conductor), 4; J. George, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; W. Fox, 7; H. Wilson, 8. And on Sunday, July 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 52 mins. G. Brush, 1; W. E. Judd, 2; W. E. Garrard (conductor) 3; H. W. Cotton, 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; A. Harris, 6; A. Bradley, 7; W. Fox, 8; J. George, 9; H. Wilson, 10.

MOBBERLEY (Cheshire).—On June 18th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6. Also 180, with W. Hammond on the 4th, the rest as before.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Sunday afternoon, June 5th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty bobs and fourteen singles). E. Edwards, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Town, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Conn, 1; H. Edwards, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; J. Town, 5; W. J. Battson (conductor), 6.

PRIVETT (Hants.)—On Sunday evening, July 17th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Trimmer, 1, F. G. Ayling, 2; W. G. Withers, 3; A. Baker, 4; W. Read, 5; H. E. Withers, 6; H. Sutton (conductor) 7; J. Baker, 8. W. G. Withers from London, H. E. Withers from Alton, the rest belong to the local band.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—At St. Paul's Church, on June 6th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. Ringers as before. A. Oxley, conductor.

WITTON, NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On June 11th, 784 Plain 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. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Forster, 1; S. Johnson, 2; R. Chantler, 3; G. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6.

WORTLEY (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, July 9, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Bettison, 1; T. McKegg, 2; R. Harrison, 3; W. Collier, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; S. Thomas, 6. Also 896 of Kent Treble Bob Major. T. McKegg, 1; S. Thomas, 2; T. Robbins, 3; T. Bettison, 4; R. Harrison, 5; W. Collier, 6; G. Marsden, 7; C. Severn (conductor), 8. Messrs. Thomas, Collier and Harrison hail from Sheffield, Bettison and Severn from Killamarsh, Marsden from Eckington, and the rest are locals.

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## Correspondence.

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

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

### THE FIRST PEAL AT RYE, SUSSEX.

SIR,—I see in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 2nd, that Mr. Hodgkin is very doubtful whether the Kent County Association rang the first peal on Rye bells, and he says that two peals were rung in 1884, and goes on to say that 4768 changes were rung in 1775. Now, Sir, I can assure Mr. Hodgkin that no peal was rung on Rye bells in 1884. First, because the bells were not pealable, and secondly, that there was no band of change-ringers at Benenden, Kent, in 1884. If they rang a peal it must have been "Stoney"; and 4768 changes is no peal. The Kent County Association therefore claims the first peal on Rye bells.

ROBERT EDWARDS.

### SOMETHING LIKE AN OUTING.

SIR,—Now that the time is near at hand for the Bank Holiday outings, I am pleased to inform you that the members of the Worcester Cathedral Guild intend carrying out their last year's proposition by again making Douglas, Isle of Man, the place for their annual outing. They intend starting on Saturday, July 30th, and staying four or five days. As there were one or two ringing friends who intimated they would liked to have joined them, I may say that our members would be pleased with the company of those who would care to accompany them.

W. H. JOHNSON.

### THE REAL NORWICH QUESTION.

SIR,—I fail to see what "Zummerset's" letter has to do with this question; and I consider it most uncalled for. Evidently he knows nothing about the point in dispute, or he would in preference have imparted his knowledge to the Exercise at large; for Mr. Hunt plainly did not attempt to pose as an authority on the method, but simply quoted from Snowdon's "Double Norwich." It is pretty certain that Double Norwich is not rung much, if at all, in "Zummerset." At any rate, if I could not help to elucidate the point, I certainly would not make a personal attack on one who is trying to do so. But perhaps it is a case of "Jack is as good as his master."

FAIR PLAY.

### AN OLD-FASHIONED LETTER.

SIR,—It appears, according to a recent issue of "THE BELL NEWS," that a long peal was rang at a place called "Debenham," somewhere down south. Excuse full details, as I cannot find the number just now, but it was performed on June 2nd, 1896, and lasted 10½ hours. A peal was attempted in memory of it recently at the same place, which had to stop after an hour's ringing on account of illness near the church. Now, Mr. Editor, will you kindly inform me and my brother-ringers through your next issue if these long peals are rang without any stopping at half or quarter-way. I myself hold that they do not stop until completed, but some of our fellows think it an impossible task in many ways, such as refreshment, rest, and so on. Now I think it a pity for it to be taken in that light if it is the contrary. Besides I don't take as it would be legible or practical.

GRANDSIRE.

[Our correspondent's opinion is the correct one, of course.—ED.]

### REPLY TO MR. LINDOFF.

SIR,—I hope Mr. Lindoff will pardon me in asking him to point out where the peals of Superlative with the 6th twelve leads at the wrong, in three equal parts, have been published. I have never seen or heard of one till my 5280. I know there are peals where the 6th is brought home with a bob B in each part, but only nine wrong leads are obtained in this, which I think is the most musical lead-end in any method.

F. DENCH.

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ROYAL.

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4231658709
4326185079
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4362185079
3426810597
4328601957
3482069175
4382601957
3428069175
3240896715
2304987651
3204896715
2340987651
2439078561
4293705816
2493078561
4239705816
4327950186
3472591068
4372950186
3427591068
4325719608
3452176980
4352719608
3425176980
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3241657890
2314568709
2134657890
1243568709
2134567890
1243658709
1426385079

MINOR.

123456

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423156
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346251
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342651
432561
345216
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324156
231465
324165
231456
213465
124356
213456
124365
142635

142356 B

The calling for 720 is the same as Oxford and Kent and all peals of Treble Bob Royal will run true to Westminster Surprise Royal and Maximus, as there are no false changes in either.

### A ¼-PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By W. PAGE, *Worcester.*

1260.

| | W | H | *Continued*— | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 42356 | | – | | | |
| 34256 | | – | 53246 | | – |
| 25346 | – | – | 45236 | – | – |
| 32546 | | – | 23456 | – | – |

## Compositions.

### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL.

By JAMES PAGETT, *Kidderminster.*

5040.

| 23456 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34256 | – | | |
| 25346 | – | | – |
| 53246 | – | | |
| 24536 | – | | – |
| 45236 | – | | |
| 52436 | – | | |
| 43265 | – | – | – |
| 32465 | – | | |
| 46325 | – | | – |
| 63425 | – | | |
| 42635 | – | | – |
| 26435 | – | | |
| 64235 | – | | |
| 32456 | – | – | s |

Repeated. Has the 5th and 6th in sixth's place throughout.

### A PEAL OF OXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR.

By F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

5024.

| 23456 | M | B | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 32546 | | | | – | – |
| 25346 | | | | | – |
| 52436 | | | | – | – |
| 24536 | | | | | – |
| 45236 | | | | | – |
| 26435 | – | | | | – |
| 63425 | | x | – | | – |
| 34625 | | | | | – |
| 63254 | – | | | – | – |
| 32654 | | | | | – |
| 26354 | | | | | – |
| 62534 | | | | – | – |
| 25634 | | | | | – |
| 56234 | | | | | – |
| 65324 | | | | – | – |
| 53624 | | | | | – |
| 36524 | | | | | – |
| 53246 | – | | | – | – |
| 43526 | | | | – | |
| 34256 | | | | – | – |
| 42356 | | | | | – |
| 23456 | | | | | – |

### A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

By E. GALE, *Melton Mowbray.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | 23564 | 1 |
| s | 63452 | 2 |
| | 35246 | 2 |
| | 35462 | 1 |
| s | 42356 | 4 |

Five times repeated. Bob instead of single at middle and end.

### TWO PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By JOHN HOWES, *Kingston-on-Thames.*

5040.

| 23456 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 65324 | – | – | |
| 52364 | – | | |
| 63254 | – | | – |
| 35264 | – | | |
| 56234 | – | | |
| 32654 | – | | – |
| 25634 | – | | |
| 53624 | – | | |
| 26354 | – | | – |
| 56423 | – | – | – |
| 62453 | – | | |
| 25463 | – | | |
| 36524 | – | – | |
| 62534 | – | | |
| 23564 | – | | |

5040.

| 23456 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 35426 | – | | |
| 52436 | – | | |
| 34256 | – | | – |
| 45236 | – | | |
| 53246 | – | | |
| 42356 | – | | – |
| 25346 | – | | |
| 54326 | – | | |
| 62453 | – | – | |
| 25463 | – | | |
| 56423 | – | | |
| 32654 | – | – | |
| 25634 | – | | |
| 43526 | – | – | |
| 23645 | – | – | – |

Both twice repeated.

Both peals contain the in-course extent of 4, 5 and 6 in 6ths, the 2nd never being in that position at the course-ends.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By FRANK HOPGOOD, *Reading.*

5056.

| 23456 | W | B | M | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 52364 | – | – | | – |
| 35264 | | | | – |
| 23564 | | | | – |
| 45236 | – | | – | – |
| 24536 | | | | – |
| 24365 | | – | | – |
| 32465 | | | | – |
| 43265 | | | | – |
| 52436 | – | | – | – |
| 43526 | – | | | – |
| 54326 | | | | – |

Three times repeated. Single midway and end. Has the 6th twenty times right and her extent wrong.

## 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 Sussex County Association (Central)**—Quarterly meeting at Upper Beeding (Bramber station) to-day, Saturday, July 23. Tower open from 4 p.m.; tea at 6 p.m.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*
2, *Grove Street, Brighton.*

**The Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, to-day, Saturday, July 23rd. Divine Service in the parish church at 3 30, with an address by the Vicar. Meat tea at the Swan. The Master, the Rev. E. Bankes James (appointed at the last annual meeting) having resigned through pressure of work, arrangements must be made to temporarily fill the vacancy. Conveyances will meet the last trains to Gloucester and Bristol at Yate.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, *Broad Street, Bristol.*

**The St. James's Society, London.**—Members are specially requested to attend the meeting at St. Clement Danes on Monday evening next (St. James's Day), and afterwards at the meeting house for the annual business meeting R. A. DANIELL, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Surrey Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, July 30th. Tea at the Church Room (opposite the church) at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Representatives must send the secretary notice of the number of their company likely to be present at tea, not later than the Thursday previous, otherwise tea will not be provided for them. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. The bells of St. Martin's, Epsom (8), will also be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
5, *Manor Parade, High Street, Sutton.*

**The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.**—The next quarterly meeting of this society will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7.

SAMUEL BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The St. Peter's Society, Wolverhampton.** This society will hold a social gathering and smoking concert on Saturday, July 30th, at The Lamb inn, Wulfruna Street, at 7.30 p.m, to which ringers of any society will be heartily welcome. The bells of St. Peter's (ten bells), and St. Luke's (eight bells), will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

FARRINGTON JONES, *Hon. Sec.*
9, *Duke Street, Wolverhampton.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The usual monthly meeting of this society will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8 bells), on Saturday, July 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The Woodman inn. Handbells provided. Trams direct from City Square, every few minutes

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.*

**The Midland Counties Association.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Beeston on Saturday, July 30th. The peal of eight at the parish church open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15; tea (1s. per head) at 4.45, both in the Church Schoolrooms, Brown Lane. Members and friends who intend being present at tea are requested to write to Mr. W. Clifford, sen., Hamburgh Villas, Wollaton Road, Beeston, not later than Wednesday, July 27th. 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 Hertfordshire Association**—On the invitation of the Rector, it is proposed to hold a district meeting at Little Munden on Bank Holiday, August 1st, provided eight or more members signify to me on or before Thursday, July 28th, their intention to be present. It is suggested that unless those who will go can start early in the morning, the members resident in Mid and West Herts. should meet at The Town Hall, St. Albans, not later than 2.15 p.m., and travel by brake (free of cost) direct to Little Munden, whilst those on the North side of the county could join the party at Welwyn. The brake will leave Little Munden in time to catch the trains from St. Albans.
*St. Albans.* E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Southwold District.—A meeting will be held at Southwold on Bank Holiday, August 1st. The bells will be available all day.

A. J. NAUNTON, *District Sec.*

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch. Particulars of arrangements will be announced in due course.

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

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT DRAYTON.—Messrs. Higgs and Horne hail from Reading, for whom this peal was arranged. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. F. E. and Mrs. Robinson for kindly providing tea, also the Abingdon men who walked to Drayton for the attempt. Leaving Drayton at ten o'clock resulted in a midnight ride to Reading, which was safely reached at 1.15 a.m., having covered fifty-two miles on bicycles and taken part in a peal of Stedman.

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

On Saturday, July 30th, the St. Stephen's Westminster branch of the College Youths will pay a visit to Norfolk. If any ringers and friends in the neighbourhood would care to meet them the following will be the programme:—

*Saturday.*—An attempt for Stedman Triples at Alburgh, 11 a.m.; cricket in afternoon at headquarters, The Swan hotel, Homersfield; musical evening.

*Sunday*—Attempt for London Surprise at Pulham St. Mary, 3 30 p.m.

*Monday.*—Attempt for Cambridge Surprise at Redenhall, 9 a.m.; a drive to Diss in the afternoon, where some touches will be rung upon the bells; musical evening at Homersfield.

Return to London Tuesday afternoon.

### Marriage.

WAGHORN—WEBSTER—June 30th, at Hethersett church, by the Rev. Canon Collett, Joseph, eldest son of Joseph Waghorn, of Tottenham, to Emma Jane, only daughter of James Webster, of Hethersett.

## A RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Sunday, June 12th, the marriage of Mr. Charles Preston, a member of the St. Mary's Society, Bucknall, and Miss Sarah Boardmore, took place about 12.30, after which interesting ceremony the bells rung out a merry peal. On Thursday, June 30th, Mr. and Mrs. C. Preston kindly invited the ringers of Bucknall to a hot supper, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Supper over Mr. William Twigg presented the newly wedded couple with a set of carvers, which be said was a small token of the respect in which Mr. Preston was held by his brother-strings of Bucknall, and he sincerely hoped that they (Mr. and Mrs. Preston) would always be able to find the set of carvers something on which they may be employed. This was ably seconded by Mr. Joseph Beardmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston then suitably responded, thanking the ringers of Bucknall very much for such a useful gift, and also for their good wishes. A "free and easy" followed, after which all dispersed for the night, all having enjoyed themselves very much.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. SHARPLES.—Your letter only just to hand. In default of a knowledge of your address, we sent to your Vicar.

W. WAKEMAN.—We sent to Mr. Salter; if any more please send again with date of performance.

S. J. W. (*an Advertiser*).—Send us a stamped addressed envelope.

YOUNG HISTORIAN.—You should read up these matters; we have previously answered some of the queries. 1. Sir John Moore and Sir Charles Napier among generals; Lord Cochrane among naval men. 2. The title of the Viscount is from the Derbyshire town of the name.

FALSE PEAL.—In the figures of a peal of Stedman Caters, 6696 changes, by George Astbury, Flixton, a bob at 16 was in the coming-home course accidentally omitted. Our friend John R. Pritchard, now of Salford, intimates to us, however, that this peal is false.

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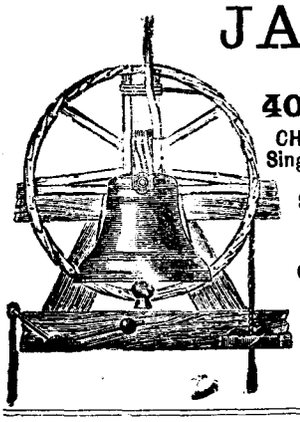

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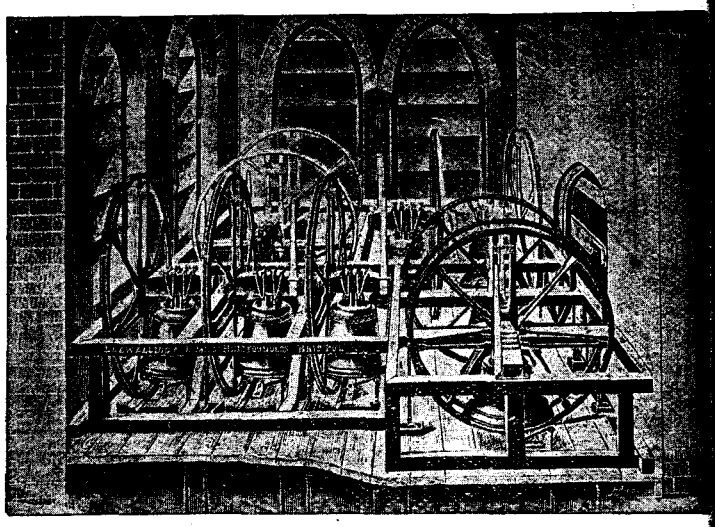

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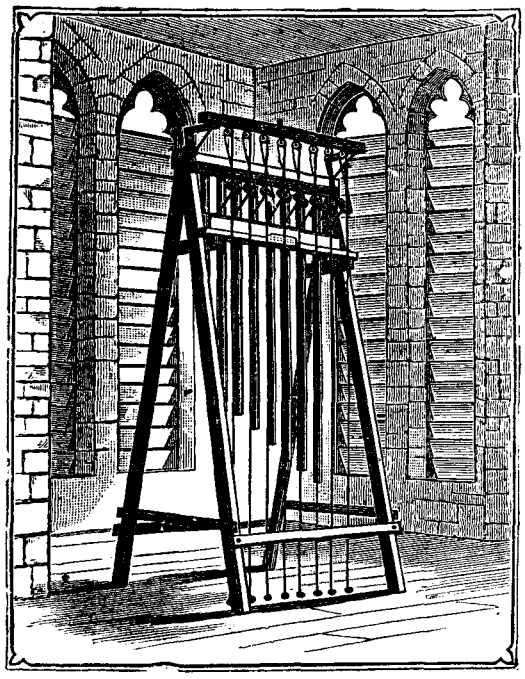

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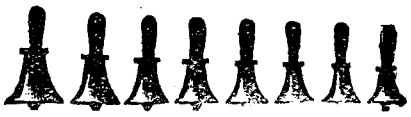

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# The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### Annual Meeting at York Town, Surrey.

This Guild held its Annual Festival at the above place on Monday, July 11th. The weather was most propitious, and ringers from all parts of the diocese showed their appreciation of the London and South Western Railway company's issue of cheap tickets, by attending in force. The Committee had drawn up a programme of arrangements, and matters subsequently proved that the great majority of members had no desire to see this annual programme discarded.

Ringing commenced soon after 9 a.m. at St. Michael's church, and various touches were rung before 10 o'clock, the hour fixed for the annual meeting. This took place in the Drill Hall. The President, J. P. Stilwell, Esq., of Yateley, presided, some 130 members being present. It was gratifying to see the number of clergy present; besides the Master, the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, and the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the following honorary or performing members attended the meeting: Rev. W. E. Medlicott (Swanmore), Rev. F. G. Hume (Oakley), Rev. R. A. Sidebottom (Romsey), Rev. W. M. Roberts (Hawley), Rev. H. Wheat (Titchfield), Rev. Canon Grant (Guildford), and the Rev. A. B. Hargrave (Hawley).

On taking the chair, the President called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting, which were duly passed, and the minutes of the last annual meeting were read again.

According to the usual custom, the officers of the Guild then retired, and pending the election of a President Canon Grant presided. Needless to say, J. P. Stilwell, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, on the motion of Mr. J. W. Whiting, seconded by Mr. G. E. Chappell; and recorded his appreciation of the honour. Then followed the election of the other officers in regular rotation, all being reinstated in their several positions. The Master and Hon. Secretary having expressed their thanks to the meeting for their re-election, the Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith was elected a member of the Standing Committee in the room of Mr. F. J. Rogers, on the proposition of Mr. H. White, seconded by Mr. M. Steer.

The next matter was the election of new members. Twelve names were submitted as hon. subscribers, amongst them were those of Miss Gladstone of Swanmore, and Miss Turnor of Kings Worthy, and the names of six clergy.

One compounding member was added to the list, viz.: the Rev. F. Knight, of Ottery St. Mary. Twenty-six performers were duly declared to be members, and attached to the following towers: Ryde, Leatherhead, Basingstoke, Chiddingfold, Privett, Shedfield, Hursley, Titchfield, Swanmore, and Portsea.

The Hon. Secretary then read the balance-sheet, which had been audited and found correct by Mr. H. White, to whom were tendered the thanks of the meeting for his services. The balance-sheet showed a decrease in hon. members' subscriptions to the amount of about £4, and the total receipts for the year were less by about £1 10s. than during the preceding twelve months. There was a balance in band of £20 17s. 7d., which was largely due to the abolition of the booking of peals, and to the careful economy of the district secretaries. During the twelve months ending December 31st, 1897, the expenses of district secretaries did not reach the sum of £1. On the motion of Mr. M. Steer, seconded by Mr. G. E. Chappell, the balance-sheet was adopted.

A discussion upon "The Programme at the Annual Festival," which had been referred to this meeting by a quarterly meeting at Andover, was then opened by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Master. He said that the programme prepared for the last annual meeting at Romsey had not been adhered to by certain bands; and the question arose, was this programme to be useful on such an occasion or not? They must remember that they appointed a committee to draw it up, this committee met, and spent several hours in endeavouring to make the best arrangements they could for the benefit and pleasure of members. They applied for the use of towers in the neighbourhood, steeple-keepers and clergy made things ready for visitors, and it was giving needless trouble to these who thus kindly assisted, if they never went near these towers, but went off to the seaside, or to a cricket-match. These programmes were meant to promote combined practice; but he would not state his own views on the matter, it was one which should be left entirely to them to decide; did they wish this programme retained in the future or not?

Mr. H. White (Basingstoke) remarked that it would be a great pity to abandon the programme. He had been a member of this committee, and he considered it a hard afternoon's work to draw up the various excursions, etc. It was rather a slight to those who gave up their time to utterly disregard these arrangements.

The Rev. F. G. Hume (Oakley) as a new member of the Guild hoped that the programme would be retained. It was of the greatest importance to young ringers to meet older ones, and on these occasions they learnt a good deal by opportunities of practice with other ringers.

Mr. A. Grist (Bournemouth), who arrived after the discussion commenced, said he thought that they would be very sorry to see the programme abandoned. Until this meeting he had no idea that there was any idea to give it up. He and his band had always looked forward to its arrangements, and they had always gone where they were sent, and would continue to do so.

One or two others having spoken on the subject.

The Master rose and proposed—"That the programme be maintained as in the past." This was seconded by Mr. Grist, and carried *nem. con.* The President reminded members that they constituted a ringing guild, and if they gave up the ringing programme, one of the main objects of their annual festival would disappear. He was very glad that they had decided to abide by the old custom, and urged all to be loyal to the ruling of the majority.

The Hon. Secretary called the attention of the meeting to the approaching issue of the Glossary of Terms by the Central Council. As soon as it was published he would be prepared to send copies to members at cost price.

Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford) moved that a copy of this pamphlet be sent gratis to every tower. This proposition however was not seconded. Mr. White suggested it should be given gratis to every member, but the Master thought this could not be done. Nothing was decided on the subject.

The Master, at the invitation of the Hon. Secretary, then spoke about the attendance of the Guild's representatives at the Central Council's meeting next year at Norwich, which was some distance off. It doubtless had been noticed that all their representatives has attended the two last meetings. It would entail considerable expense if all four representatives went next year to Norwich. Under the circumstances unless there was some matter of interest to the Guild on the agenda only two representatives would attend.

Attention was called by the Hon. Secretary to the publication of touches in "The Bell News" which were not rung by members of the Guild. At Winchester Cathedral, Christchurch, Portsea, and Ryde, gentlemen had taken part in short performances who had not been previously elected members of the Guild. He hoped that local secretaries of bands would remember rule xiv.

Notice was also given of the approaching issue of the first 300 peals rung by the Guild, and a small committee was appointed

to assist the Hon. Secretary, consisting of the Master, Messrs. J. J. Jones, H. White and J. Hewett. An application from the Rev. M. E. Hoets for assistance towards the addition of two trebles at Twyford was read, and on the motion of the Rev. H. Wheat, seconded by Mr. H. White, the sum of one guinea was voted for the purpose. The place of the next quarterly meeting was then determined, Mr. Grist proposing, and Mr. J. J. Jones seconding, Ringwood, Hants. Portsea was chosen as the place of the next annual meeting, to be held in Hants. This place received forty-six votes against twenty-seven for Bournemouth. Mr. J. Harper assured the meeting that the Rev. C. Lang (Vicar of Portsea) would give the Guild a very hearty welcome. A vote of thanks was then proposed by the President and carried with acclamation, to the Vicar and churchwardens of York Town for their reception of the Guild. Mr. T. W. Fairey (churchwarden) on behalf of the Vicar, the Rev. C. P. Berryman, Mr. Webb (churchwarden), and himself acknowledged the compliment, and the meeting then terminated.

The annual service was held at 11.45 at St. Michael's church. The usual form of service was used and was fully choral. Mr. H. Steele presided at the organ, whilst the choir was strengthened by a number of ringers who were also members of their choirs. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. C. P. Berryman, and the Master read the proper lesson. The old familiar hymns were sung to well known tunes. Canon Grant (Rector of Guildford) preached a helpful and instructive sermon from St. John i. 23. He pointed out that the Baptist had a special work to do, and that was to bring people to Christ. He was the voice that led people to our Lord. The work of the ringers was something similar. What, he asked, did the bells say? They had no articulate message. But what they purported to say was, "Here is the house of prayer, and worship of God and the pledged presence of Christ; here God's people meet together for service." The bells were beautiful with their different tones or voices, but they were not so much things of beauty as of use. It was not so much the skill of the ringer as his purpose. It must not be supposed that he omitted the one because he emphasised the other. There was much to be remembered when they heard good change-ringing on a good peal of bells. They remembered that those who rang the bells must first of all come to church themselves. The ringers were not giving a message they did not hear; they were not calling people to services in which they themselves did not join. They came to the church themselves first, and invited others to join them in the House prayer. The position of bell-ringing had considerably changed during the past few years, but it had changed just because the bell-ringers themselves had changed, and this was because they recognised surely that their work was the work of God.

The annual dinner then followed in the Drill Hall. J. P. Stilwell, Esq., presided, being supported by the clergy named above, as well as by the churchwardens. Seventy-eight in all sat down to dinner. There was, as usual, no toast list, but the Hon. Secretary expressed the thanks of all present to the Rev. Canon Grant for his sermon.

The Rev. C. P. Berryman, in suitable terms, acknowledged the vote of thanks accorded to him and the churchwardens at the meeting, and paid a high tribute to the way in which Mr. Fairey had worked to secure the success of the gathering. Nothing, he added, was so inspiring to the clergy as to see such a band of church-workers as was there that day.

After dinner the various bands dispersed, and some drove in brakes, while others went by train to ring at towers in the neighbourhood.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### (Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.)

On Monday evening, July 18th, the Vicar of Charlbury (Rev. A. C. Smith) invited the Master of the Guild and the President of the above branch, together with a few ringers, to be present at the reopening of the bells at Chadlington, after some slight alterations to the framework and the circle for the ropes. It may be mentioned that Chadlington is a village some three miles from Charlbury, and is in the gift with that living. Chadlington has a light ring of six in fair going order, but there are other things necessary to be carried out before they can be said to be perfect. The proceedings opened with a short service, conducted by the Vicar of Charlbury, after which the bells were raised in peal, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was tapped off in 25 mins. This was followed by a very pleasant surprise, as the Vicar had arranged to entertain his visitors to a substantial meal in the schoolroom, to which about 20 sat down. After Grace the Vicar of Charlbury rose to propose a vote of thanks to the Master, to the President of the branch, and to those ringers who had taken part in the ringing, and in doing so spoke of the great work which the Master had done to raise the Guild to the high position it now holds in the ringing world.

Both gentlemen responded, and the Master, as is his wont, said how pleased he had been to be present at such a gathering, as it gave him an opportunity to say a few words of encouragement to those who were interested in the work of the Guild. The President of the branch said how glad he was to be present at the meeting, and hoped it might be the means of bringing the Chadlington ringers into union.

The Hon. Secretary of the branch suggested that it was a very opportune moment to take the names of the ringers who could become probationary members; and it is pleasing to state that seven names were at once given, and also the names of five gentlemen as honorary members.

After a vote of thanks to the vicar of Charlbury for so kindly and hospitably entertaining those present, to which the rev. gentleman replied, a little more ringing followed, thus bringing to a close a very enjoyable and successful meeting. The names of those who took part in the ringing are W. Gibbs, 1; J. F. Barlow, 2; O. Harris, 3; A. Turner, 4; G. Bartlett, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Northwich Branch.—On Saturday, July 23rd, the members of this branch held a meeting at the pretty village of Hartford, the first since the local band joined the Guild. The meeting was a success in every way. Every tower in the branch was represented, twenty-five ringers in all being present. Tea was partaken of in the schools at 5 p.m, at the invitation of the vicar, the Rev. E. Eddowes. After tea a business meeting was held under the presidency of the chairman of the branch, H. Hatt Cook, Esq., who resides in Hartford. The Vicar, as one who is fond of bells and change-ringing, gave the members a hearty welcome to Hartford. The chairman. on behalf of the members present, thanked the rev. gentleman for the kind and hearty manner in which he had welcomed the members, and also for his hospitality in providing tea. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening on the fine Jubilee peal of six bells cast by Taylor, of Loughborough, last year, until about eight o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the residence of the chairman, where, the inner man being refreshed, a move was made for home.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Rochdale Branch.—On Saturday, July 2nd, a meeting of this branch was held at Milnrow, and was well attended by ringers from Stockport, Oldham, Newhey, Milnrow, Heywood, Rochdale parish church, St. Albans, and Hamer, when touches in the four standard methods were rung. A short meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. S. Brierley, when four performing members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Todmorden, where there is a new peal of eight by Taylor. After the usual votes of thanks, ringing was again the order until about 9 p.m.

## BARROW, SUFFOLK.

Death of an Old Ringer.—One of the oldest church bell-ringers in the parish of Barrow, Suffolk, in the person of Mr. H. Pryke Talbot, recently passed away. Deceased had been in failing health for some time. His funeral, which took place on the 7th inst., was attended by members of the "Marquess of Bristol" Lodge, L.O.A. Shepherd, and some of the ringers; and on Sunday morning a muffled peal was rung by his old comrades before morning service. The ringers were C. Rosbrook, D. Fordham, E. Fordham, O. Talbot, and C. Sale.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT LUDLOW.

The eleventh Annual Festival of this Guild was held on Wednesday, July 20th, by permission of the Rector and churchwardens of Ludlow, in the parish church of St. Lawrence in that town. At 10.30 a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, and at 11.15 a choral service was held. The lesson was read by the Rev. A. C. Lee, M.A., Vicar of Lugwardine, and Hon. Secretary of the Guild; and the sermon was preached by the Rev. George Whitehouse, of Knowbury (a change-ringer), from Joel ii. 15-16. At the close of the service an offertory was taken in aid of the funds of the Guild, when £1 6s. 4d. was collected.

At noon, the general business meeting was held in the Assembly Room, under the presidency of Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Clun), Master of the Guild. The following towers were represented: Clifford, Clun, Colwall, Coddington, Cradley, Eastnor, Leominster, Hereford, Knighton, Ledbury, Lugwardine, Ludlow, Mathon, Tenbury, and Upton Bishop. According to the Guild rules, sanctioned at the Ross festival last year, the officers and committee were submitted for election. It was resolved that the officers of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer be continued, and that the Rev. A. C. Lee be appointed to such offices; and that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. W. Hebb for his services as Hon. Treasurer since the formation of the Guild. The Committee, with one or two alterations, were re-elected.

It was decided to hold next year's festival on or about June 20th. Several places were suggested, but no decision being arrived at, the selection was left until the winter meeting of the Guild.

Great satisfaction was felt at the flourishing condition of the Guild, both as regards its number of members and towers in union, but yet it would be to the mutual advantage of both if several of the towers which are not in union could see their way to join. Financially it is also in a sound condition, having a balance of £18 14s. 9d. on the right side, after a sum of £28 odd has been paid for instruction during the year, being two-thirds of its whole income. The report for 1897 says that our Guild has now been twelve years in existence; and we may assuredly claim for it that it has facilitated co-operation between the clergy and ringers, and proved an immense stimulant to change-ringing. Of course little can be done in a belfry to help the ringers to realise their position as church officers by simply joining the Guild, but the Guild does give the clergy, we maintain, an opportunity of bringing their influence to bear upon the men in this direction, which otherwise they would not have in too many instances. More peals have been rung during 1897 than probably in the whole course of the Guild's existence, and these by its own "sons;" who are to be congratulated. The past year, being the Diamond Jubilee year of Queen Victoria, has seen considerable bell-restoration within the diocese, viz.: at Clifford (augmented from five to eight), Chirbury, Churchstoke, Montgomery, Madley, Berrington, Bridstow, Old Radnor, and Ledbury. Not that all these towers belong to the Guild, but we hope that the four which do not, may soon join. Five fresh towers have joined during the past year, and two have withdrawn, but one we trust only temporarily.

An excellent luncheon was provided at The George Hotel, about 100 members being present. The Master of the Guild presided. The loyal and complimentary toasts usual upon such occasions were given and responded to.

After luncheon the members dispersed, some visiting Ludlow church tower, where some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung; others paying a visit to St. Mary's, Broomfield, who rang some 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Some found their way to the fine old castle ruins and grounds, which were thrown open to the members free of charge, who also had the privilege of viewing the private pleasure grounds of Lord Windsor, Oakley Park, and also the old castle gardens.

At 5 p.m. Mr. Robert Marston kindly entertained the members to tea at The George. On their departure the members expressed their pleasure in visiting for the third time the ancient and historic borough of Ludlow.

Excellent arrangements had been made by the Ludlow members for the reception of the visitors, no pains being spared to make the festival a grand success. M.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above was held at Stoke on Saturday, July 9th, at which there was a poor attendance of members, only about thirty being present, the following towers being represented, viz.: Stoke, Longton, Hanley, Bucknall, Tunstall, and Kidsgrove. In the absence of the Ven. Archdeacon Lane (President), the Rev. C. H. Simpkinson (Rector of Stoke) presided. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Lay Secretary (Mr. W. Twigg) presented the balance-sheet, which after paying all accounts showed a balance of £17 3s. 4d. to the credit of the Association, being an increase of £1 2s. 5½d. for the year. The annual report of the committee was read by the secretary and adopted.

The election of officers then took place, the Ven. Archdeacon Lane being re-elected president, and Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., W. Vernon, Esq., Rev. E. Phillips (Checkley), and Rev. C. H. Simpkinson (Stoke), were re-elected vice-Presidents. The Rev. G. T. Birch (Rector of Bucknall) was elected Hon. Clerical Secretary and Treasurer in place of the Rev. W. D. Braginton, who has left the district; Mr. W. Twigg being re-elected Hon. Lay Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. C. Preston, seconded by Mr. W. Wheeldon, a committee, consisisting of the Secretary and six members, was appointed to revise the rules and have them reprinted.

After the meeting the members partook of a substantial tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector of Stoke, afterwards attending Divine Service at the Parish Church when an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rector. The members then made for the belfry, when a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by S. Churton (Stoke), W. Wheeldon (Bucknall), A. Clewes (Stoke), T. Mountford (Stoke), J. Beardmore (Bucknall), W. Twigg (Bucknall), H. Page (Stoke, conductor), J. Simester (Stoke).

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the churchroom in which the meeting was held, for his kindness in providing tea and for the use of the bells.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at St. Peter's, Upper Beeding, on Saturday last, July 23rd, but a very poor muster put in an appearance at the tea, which was held at The King's Head inn, at 6 o'clock. The usual short business meeting followed, Mr. E. C. Merritt being voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read by the secretary, Mr. G. Williams, nine active and two new honorary members were elected. These included members of the local band, with the Vicar, the Rev. H. D. Merrick, and G. A. Flowers, Esq., Churchwarden.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and to Mr. F. Searle for making arrangements, concluded the business of the meeting.

Short touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Bob Major, were rung before and after the tea, on the recently augmented ring of eight bells, but which (the bells) we are sorry to add are still far from being in perfect tune.

Among those that attended the meeting were Messrs. J. and C. Smart, G. Gatland, A. Gatland, J. Matthews and E. Turrell (Steyning), Sears, sen. and jun. (Shoreham), Butler and W. Palmer, jun. (St. Nicolas, Brighton), E. C. Merritt and G. Williams (St. Peter's, Brighton), T. Searle (Upper Beeding).

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.—The New Palace Steamers, Lim., announce that having brought all their arrangements, as nearly as possible, to suit the public convenience, there is no need to make any alterations during the holidays, and the "Royal Sovereign," "Koh-i-noor," "La Marguerite," and "La Belgique" will, therefore, run as usual to Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, Boulogne and Ostend. The popularity of these fine steamers has now been fully established by the fact that each season has brought a larger compliment of passengers, and the Continental trips have proved highly successful.

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

### Presentation to the Secretary.

[*From our own Representative.*]

Our readers will have gathered from the notice columns that arrangements had been made for the presentation of a testimonial to the Honorary Secretary of this Guild on the evening of Tuesday, the 19th inst., and as witnesses of the interesting proceedings we cannot help congratulating the Committee having the matter in hand on the admirable manner in which the function was arranged and conducted.

As a musical evening, affording members from a distance as well as the immediate neighbourhood an opportunity of meeting their fellow-members, female relatives, and other friends, the attendance was almost unique in the experience of the St. Martin's Guild, and judging from appreciation, we are prepared to recommend a more frequent invitation of lady friends to the social gatherings of ringers.

The chair was taken by J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., B.L., Vice-President of the Guild, and shortly after eight o'clock the musical proceedings were introduced by Mrs. Painter with a selection on the piano. Then followed some excellent singing by Messrs. Manton, Proctor, Shenton, and Evans, after which the particular subject of the meeting was introduced by the Chairman reading extracts from the letters of many of the subscribers at a distance, notably from Sir A. Percival Heywood, the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Master of the Bath and Wells Association), W. S. Pritchett, Esq. (one of the King's Norton churchwardens), the Rev. J. R. Keble, of Bishopstone, Yorks., Mr. W. Griffin, of Walsall, W. Snowdon, Esq., of Leeds, and others, all of whom spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Godden's services. One in particular we noted, and as it seemed to form the key-note of the esteem in which Mr. Godden is held by his fellow-members, we give it at length:—

"I was very glad indeed when the movement was set on foot, as I think no compliment was ever better deserved. Mr. Godden's unfailing courtesy, his consistent geniality, his devotion to his duties, and the marked care and attention he has always shewn for the comfort and convenience of the St. Martin's Guild and their visitors, have endeared him to all who have the privilege of knowing him. He is always the same, and ever true."

The Chairman then proceeded to describe the objects of the gathering, expressing the pleasure it gave him to preside thereat, and how highly he felt the honour conferred upon him in being privileged to do so. Passing a high eulogium on the conduct of Mr. Godden as Secretary to the Guild during the many years he had known him, he then called upon the veteran Presiding Ringing-Master of the Guild—Mr. John Day—to make the presentation, reminding his audience that the gift they were about to make Mr. Godden was in no sense to be considered as an equivalent for invaluable services rendered by that gentleman to the Guild and the ringing Exercise generally, but rather as a token of esteem and love his fellow-members had for him.

Mr. Day, in presenting the testimonial, which consisted of an illuminated address containing the names of the subscribers, and a handsome gold watch and chain, although evidently somewhat affected by the position he occupied, did so in a most graceful and kindly manner. More particularly addressing the recipient, he referred to the long connection of over fifty years with the Exercise he (Mr. Day) had enjoyed, and alluding to some of the more interesting gatherings he had attended, affirmed that in no one had he felt a greater pleasure than in the present. Looking back and seeing the great progress that had been made in the status of ringers and ringing during the time he had been connected with them, and recognising how much their Secretary desired and worked for that object, he wished as one of the best blessings he possibly could that he might long live to look upon the gifts they were presenting, and that during his lifetime he might see an equal progress in the Exercise to that he (Mr. Day) had already seen in his. He then handed Mr. Godden the address, and fastened the chain and watch upon him.

The address, which is very neatly illuminated, is as follows:—

"To William Henry Godden.

"We, the undersigned members of the St. Martin's Guild of Change-Ringers, desire to tender our hearty thanks for the services you have so ably and willingly rendered during the past twelve years as Secretary of our Society, and to give expression to the very sincere esteem in which you are held by us. Your cheerfulness and general amiability have endeared you to us all, and we ask you to accept this address, together with the accompanying gold watch and chain, as a token of our appreciation of your kindness, and we trust you may continue 'one of us' for many years to come."

Here follow the names of eighty subscribers.

The watch and massive but neat chain, which were generally much admired, were—so the Chairman stated—supplied by Mr. Councillor (City) Green, who had kindly consented to do so free of his usual profit.

Mr. Godden, in thanking his fellow-members for that mark of their esteem and regard, claimed their indulgence, inasmuch as he was not sufficiently master of his feelings to express to them all that he would like to say. He could say and say it faithfully, that from the time he first became connected with them in an official position, he had always found members of the Guild and the Exercise generally, treat him with the utmost kindness and cordiality—in fact to place him on terms of a personal friendship which he could hardly look to have acquired otherwise. He should always value their munificent gifts, not only for their considerable intrinsic value, but as a tangible memento of the friendship and goodwill of every member of their Guild.

The more formal proceedings being concluded, the musical portion of the programme was again proceeded with, and a course of Stedman Cinques in hand was rendered by C. H. Watts, 1-2; W. A. Hancox, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; W. Kent, 7-8; B. Witchell, 9-10; W. Short, 11-12.

Alluding to the presence of their lady visitors that evening, the Chairman in a racy and humorous speech, which we could not hitherto ever have imagined him capable of assuming, gave the toast of "The Ladies," and the manner in which it was received bore ample testimony to his success in that line.

Mr. Day gave the toast of "Success to Bell News," combined with "The Health of the Editor," explaining how much they were indebted to them generally, and especially for the assistance rendered to their Committee, willingly and freely, in giving publicity to the cause of the testimonial. This was enthusiastically received, and afterwards Mr. James George in a few remarks still further emphasised the indebtedness of the Exercise to the ringers' organ—"The Bell News."

Interspersed with vocal harmony and a musical *pot pourri* on the handbells, arranged by Mr. T. Miller and rendered by Messrs. W. A. Hancox, C. H. Watts, and T. Miller, were the toasts of "Our Chairman" by Mr. F. Smith, and suitably responded to; "The Testimonial Committee," by Mr. Small, seconded by Mr. R. Hunt, and suitably responded to by the Secretary of that Committee, Mr. Painter—who mentioned in passing that since the list of subscribers in "Bell News" had been closed, he had received subscriptions from Messrs. G. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk, and from "An Admirer of Mr. Godden"—and "The health of Mr. Day, their presiding Ringing-Master," duly responded to.

The musical programme throughout was of a high-class order, the various artists, evidently well-known friends of the company, vieing with each other in the spirit and skill of their performances, and the proceedings closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Painter, who had so admirably presided at the piano during the evening, and the other artistes.

Altogether we can say that we never remember to have attended a more successfully-organised and pleasant gathering.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

The Oxford Guild has "been at it agen." This quotation is a very old one, and many of you know its origin. When John Carter was a gay young spark; soon after that morning when, like Lord Byron, he woke up and found himself famous, these words found vent. In those days whenever John had done anything—and he did one or two good things—he was frequently accosted by this salute, verbally and by letter: "Hullo! you've been at it agen." And so has the Guild above-named. No doubt the executive feels obliged to the Editor for giving them nearly two pages of report; and it is worth it, being quite as interesting reading as that new threepenny magazine which has lately made such a commotion in the publishing trade.

I would speak first of the address of the Rector of Clewer. A wide-awake man is the Rector. How the company must have laughed, and cheered him when, at the dinner, he responded to a vote of thanks for his sermon. "There was one thing," he said, "that they must give him credit for in connection with his address, and that was that he had avoided a pitfall, as he had said nothing about bellringing." Capital! But I must point out to the Rector that there is one thing needful in connection with his membership of the Guild. He must become a ringer in toto. He is just the sort of clergyman that ringers want among them. Let me humbly, but most pertinaciously, beg of him not to disregard this hint. If he sees the "instruction" difficulty ahead I shall be pleased to remove it for him.

At the dinner the Mayor of Maidenhead was in the chair. He must be a grand mayor. He actually announced to the company that they could smoke their pipes and cigars *ad libitum*. I never heard of a mayor doing such a thing before. You may guarantee that his worship is a patron of the fragrant weed. The whole company present (almost) at once had their "three draws" or more. We read that the Hon. Secretary lighted a cigar, and I hope he enjoyed it, as he is sure to have done. As I am getting mixed a bit, I'll try another paragraph.

It is to the speeches of the Mayor I want to *draw* your attention. They were really nobby, or as a St. Martin's Guildman would, say, "clinking." It was the nice homely way the Mayor appeared to have had with him that made his remarks so taking. He was evidently so full of admiration at the proceedings that he actually regretted he was not youthful enough to become a bellringer. I tell his worship he is mistaken. If he reads these lines—as he is sure to do, because every sensible Mayor in the three kingdoms reads this paper weekly—let me beg of him to begin at once, and put himself under the instruction of the Maidenhead company of ringers. I feel sure the end of it will be that he will look upon this suggestion as having been the means of conferring upon him pleasures untold.

Much more could be written upon this meeting if space allowed, but I want a look-in elsewhere. "The Middlesex" annual meeting appears to have "went" off with *eclat*, and concerning this we had about a column and a quarter of very satisfactory reading. I at one time had some doubts of the policy of the amalgamation of the two Middlesex Associations, and it is consoling to find, therefore, that such forebodings have not been realised. But that most indefatigable gentleman, the Hon. Secretary, was then in embryo, so to speak. Very few, if any one, knew of his powers of organization and management. To him, it will ever be remembered, is due the high position "The Middlesex" has reached; and to him also will be due that prominence among ringing societies to which it will eventually attain. With such a Secretary as Mr. King, and his clerical assistants; with such a practical ringer as the Rev. H. C. Bird as President; and with such an enthusiastic (if somewhat militant) Master as my old friend John Basden, the Middlesex County Association will be *the* success of the present decade, I verily believe.

Shall we have the pleasure of hearing in the near future that the best ring of ten in Essex is to be found at Saffron Walden? I hope we may. But the notion is more than a week old. I think I heard something about it nearly two years ago. Has any steps been taken to bring the job off? I speak in this way because we have had a boat-load of promises recently, aye, and assurances of certainties. My friends of Walden, put your shoulders to the wheel; see what you can do to get the money required. Why not begin with a public entertainment, with fancy prices of admission. I don't mean a magic lantern, or anything of that sort, but something out of the common. You are on the spot and know best what to do, I have no doubt, and perhaps you are doing the very best. Well, may success attend you.

Good people of Bournemouth, somebody has called for you. Read the following letter carefully, but don't get hysterical over it. I admit that it's a trifle heavy:—

"To PLAIN SPEAKER.—Dear Sir,—I have sent you a letter that was sent to a local Bournemouth paper. I dare say you know that the Bournemouth band are supposed to be change-ringers, with a band of ten, but as a matter of fact five of those are treble and tenor ringers only, and at least two of these will boast they have been ringers there for the last five-and-twenty years, and one can only take the treble and the other the tenor. There is hardly ever a full band for practice, very rarely more than four or six on Sunday mornings. But paid days every one, to a man, will come. They belong to the Winchester Guild (which I consider they are a disgrace to). Alfred Grist is the Foreman or Captain, the five-and-twenty year ringer and treble ringer only. Their ringing-chamber is the very best I was ever in, they are treated extraordinary well by the Vicar and Churchwardens, they also have the silent practice apparatus with the small bells down in their ringing-chamber, in fact everything that any bell-chamber could wish. They are a band that deserves a good showing-up or I would not have sent you this."

Messrs. Grist and Company, what have you to say to this? If it is all gospel truth, admit it, and promise better things in future. Else an appeal will be made unto Cæsar. Beneath is the letter the correspondent alludes to:—

"A PLEA FOR S. PETER'S BELLS.—Sir,—Bournemouth is a charming place, unique in itself. As one saunters along its well-kept winding roads, the eye is for ever being charmed by the sight of its elegant and attractive houses, built among the pines, with their well laid-out gardens, to say nothing of the beautiful bay with the white chalk cliffs of the Isle of Wight in the near distance. It has beautiful churches and excellent choirs, and people throng to listen to Mr. Godfrey's well-appointed orchestra, showing that there is a love for good music in the place. But there is one thing that sadly jars on my ears, and that is, the monotonous ring of St. Peter's bells. With such beautiful bells, how is it that the ringers do not adopt change-ringing, instead of being satisfied with ringing the gamut over and over again, with slight variation, until one feels inclined almost to shut one's ears? There surely is a bellringers' association in this county to which they might belong, and from which they could easily obtain an instructor if there is no local man who understands the art. I sincerely hope that the next time I visit Bournemouth, St. Peter's will have wiped out this blot.—Faithfully yours,—VISITOR."

Ah me! But I have said enough for this week; my measure is full.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1898.

IT has ever been the aim of this journal to strengthen as much as possible every effort in the direction of new ringing organizations, at any rate where there is a fair field for them. There is an instance of the kind now before us. Among our correspondence will be found a letter from Mr. DAVIES, of Bangor, urging the foundation of a ringing Guild for that diocese. We have a pleasing recollection of Llandaff Guild's first days, and the share we took in upholding the movement. The present is a similar case, and therefore we wish it all the success it deserves.

The promoters of the Bangor and St. Asaph Guild will do well to confine its relationship to the Church. Our sympathies are with ringing bodies so connected by name and in reality, officered by her leading clergy. Every tradition worthy of regard encourages this idea. We shall be pleased therefore to hear that the clergy of the above-named dioceses have joined the movement in its initial stage, and given encouragement to Mr. DAVIES and his friends in their commendable work.

## The Provinces.

### NORTHAMPTON.

### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, July 21, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ALFRED P. HENSMAN* | *Treble.* | ARTHUR MOORE | 5. |
| HERBERT RAINBOW* | 2. | WILLIAM FAREY | 6. |
| THOMAS HARRES* | 3. | †ARTHUR O. STEWART | 7. |
| EDGAR H. HAXLEY | 4. | ABRAHAM G. SMITH | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ARTHUR O. STEWART.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

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

*On Saturday, July 23, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs.

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| RICHARD JENNER* | *Treble.* | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 5. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE | 2. | GEORGE A. KING | 6. |
| WILLIAM BURKIN | 3. | *JACK PRESTON | 7. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 4. | KEITH HART | *Tenor.* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

### HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, July 23, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| RALPH H. BIGGS | *Treble.* | CHARLES GREEN | 5. |
| F. RICHARDSON | 2. | F. K. BIGGS | 6. |
| HARRY STRATFORD | 3. | W. E. Beggs Yates | 7. |
| J. S. HAWKINS | 4. | ARTHUR G. JANES | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. E. YATES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. S. Hawkins.

### STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, July 23, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Being 720 of Grandsire Minor, and two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ROBERT DUCKWORTH | *Treble.* | JOSEPH POTTER | 4. |
| THOMAS PEERS | 2. | JOHN POTTER | 5. |
| ALFRED POTTER | 3. | TITUS BARLOW | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal of Minor by Messrs. Duckworth, Peers, and Barlow.

### OSWALDTWISTLE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, July 23, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being two 720s of College Single, two of Oxford Single, two of Canterbury Pleasure and one of Plain Bob.

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| RUFUS SHARPLES | *Treble.* | THOMAS HOLDEN | 4. |
| JOHN BENTLEY | 2. | CHARLES SHARPLES | 5. |
| JOHN JAMES HAWORTH | 3. | ROBERT PARKINSON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

First peal by R. Sharples. First peal as conductor by C. Sharples, and first attempt.

### SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 23, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| HARRY GOODMAN | *Treble.* | SAMUEL SPITTLE | 5. |
| SAMUEL HUGHES | 2. | JOHN GOODMAN | 6. |
| WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT | 3. | JOHN SMITH | 7. |
| WILLIAM MILLS | 4. | BENJAMIN FULLWOOD | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

W. Mills and B. Fullwood, who were proposed as members of this Association before starting for the peal, belong to Sedgley; John Smith to Netherton; the others are from Dudley. The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to Robert Scolefield and James Screen, late members of the Sedgley Society.

### FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 23, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| RICHARD WHITE | *Treble.* | THOMAS RICKETTS | 5. |
| ERNEST BISHOP | 2. | FREDERICK WHITE | 6. |
| ALFRED LAWRENCE | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON | 7. |
| HENRY ROBERTS | 4. | STEDMAN WHITE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

### FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

*On Saturday, July 23, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

*Being 720 each of the following;*

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

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| J. J. WILSON | *Treble.* | E. EDWARDSON | 4. |
| WALTER OXLEY | 2. | W. BRAMMER | 5. |
| ALBERT OXLEY | 3. | F. W. STOUT | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by F. W. STOUT.

This is the first 5040 by the above ringers as a band, and the first on the bells. It was rung at Farnworth in consequence of the bells at St. Paul's, Warrington, badly requiring rehanging.

### HAWLEY, HANTS.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, July 23, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

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| MAURICE STEER | *Treble.* | *ALFRED E. COUSINS | 5. |
| ALFRED E. REEVES† | 2. | *WILLIAM T. HORNE | 6. |
| HENRY TUCKER | 3. | CHARLES GILES | 7. |
| BARZILLAI HAWKINS | 4. | JOHN TUCKER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal in the method.

### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, July 25, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| KEITH HART | *Treble.* | HENRY STALHAM | 5. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 2. | PHILIP ALLFREY | 6. |
| JOHN MULLIGAN | 3. | WILLIAM ALLFREY | 7. |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS | 4. | GEORGE HILL | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM ALLFREY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of John Julian Bennett Lyttleton Dalby, Esq., to Mary Jex, which took place on the above date at this church. Mr. J. Mulligan, who hails from Sheffield, was elected a member before starting for the peal.

## Date Touches.

### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants)—On Tuesday, June 21st, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 18 mins. F. Gilbert, 1; *F. Kirk, 2; *R. Pendered, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; *H. Sharman, 5; *F. Stubbs, 6; *W. Gilbert, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield, and Conducted by F. Gilbert. Rung on the occasion of coming of age of Miss M. Kingsmith, daughter of J. Kingsmith, J.P., Westfields, donor of the two new trebles. *Longest length in the method.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STANMORE (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, July 24th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 600 Grandsire Doubles. H. Moxon, 1; E. Heading, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; G. Moxon, 4; S. Wade (conductor), 5; G. Langley, 6.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, July 17th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. R. Glasscock, 1; A. Miller, 1; C. R. Lilley, 3; A. J. Chidwick, 4; S. Wade (conductor), 5; W. Pickworth, 6; J. Miller, 7; H. Balaam, 8. C. R. Lilley hails from Watford.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DARRINGTON, NEAR PONTEFRACT (Yorks).—On Sunday afternoon, July 17th, a party of ringers from Pontefract visited St. Luke's church and attempted a 720 of College Pleasure which came to grief after ringing 300 changes. B. Watkinson, 1; W. Brook, 2; G. Wilcock, 3; T. Pease, 4; J. Heckingbottom (Armley, conductor), 5; A. Strangward, 6. After which 720 of Woodbine was rung. W. Pearson, 1; W. Brook, 2; G. Wilcock, 3; B. Watkinson, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Keene (conductor), 6.

### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Sunday evening, July 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Gilbert, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; H. Sharman, 3; W. Gilbert, 4: J. B. Martin (conductor), 5; F. Stubbs, 6; A. H. Martin, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. On Thursday, July 8th, 736 Bob Major. R. Gilbert (longest length), 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; F. Kirk, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; F. Stubbs, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; F. Gilbert (conductor), 8. Also three courses of Double Norwich. *R. Gilbert, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; *F. Stubbs, 3; F. Gilbert (conductor), 4; *W. Gilbert, 5; J. Houghton, sen., 7; H. Stubbs, 8. *Longest touch of Double Norwich. On Sunday evening, July 17th, for Divine Service, 616 Bob Triples. H. Stubbs, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; H. Sharman, 3; R. Pendered, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; W. Gilbert, 6; F. Kirk, 7; A. Kirk (longest length), 8.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Sunday afternoon, June 17th, 432 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Warner, 1; W. V. Newman, 2; W. Hall, 3; A. Y. Tyler (conductor), 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Seamark, 6; A. H. Martin, 7; J. B. Martin, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. J. Mawby, 1; W. V. Newman, 2; J. Garratt, 3; W. Pettit, 4; W. Hall, 5; J. Seamark, 6; A. H. Martin, 7; A. Y. Tyler (conductor), 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 47 mins. J. Seamark, 1; J. J. Mawby, 2; W. V. Newman, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; J. Garratt, 5; W. Hall, 6; A. H. Martin, 7; A. Y. Tyler (conductor), 8. Also 384 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Warner, 1; W. V. Newman, 2; J. Garratt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; A. Y. Tyler, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; A. H. Martin, 7; J. B. Martin (conductor), 8. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, July 17th, for morning service 540 Grandsire Triples. F. Wilford, 1; H. Key, 2; T. Harres, 3; A. Arnold, 4; A. Moore, 5; W. Farey, 6; J. Mackay, 7; W. Roberts, 8; A. Stewart (conductor), 9; J. Freeman, 10. Also 270, with E. James, 10. On July 18th, for practice, 210 Grandsire Triples. E. James, 1; F. Wilford, 2; T. Harres, 3; J. Mackay, 4; A. Hensman, 5; W. Farey, 6; A. Stewart, 7; J. Freeman, 8. Also 336. On July 20th, 180 Bob Minor. J. Freeman, 1; T. Harres, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; A. Arnold, 4; J. Mackay, 5; A. Stewart, 6. And 720 in the same method. J. Freeman, 1; W. Farey, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; J. Mackay, 4; A. Arnold, 5; A. Stewart (conductor), 6. This is supposed to be the first 720 ever rung in this town.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, July 14th, at the house of Mr. J. Howlett, The Hare and Hounds, on handbells retained in hand, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Royal, but was lost after ringing 2880 changes. H. C. Howlett, 1-2; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 3-4; W. Flory, 5-6; W. Last, 7-8; J. J. O'Neill, 9-10.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday morning, July 3rd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 360 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. There will be no more ringing at Stansted until something is done to the tenor, as it goes very badly; it requires rehanging.

### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES (Wilts).—On June 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. King, 1; C. H. Hampton, 2; T. Raddon, 3; C. D. Heginbottom, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; A. Draper, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; R. Phillips, 8.

### THE KENT COUUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY.—On Sunday, July 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Turner, 1; W. W. Pierce, 2; E. H. Beney, 3; H. T. Hyland, 4: G. G. Jenkins, 5; P. H. Pierce, 6.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Thursday, July 14th 336 and 504 Stedman Triples. J. Preston (conductor), 1; G. King, 2; J. Edwards, 3; T. Heasman, 4; T. Wallis, 5; J. Steddy, 6; R. Jenner, 7; T. Maylan, 8. On Tuesday, July 19th, 1008 Stedman Triples. J. Preston (conductor), 1; J. Edwards, 2: G. King, 4; R. Jenner, 5; T. Wallis, 5; J. Heasman, 6; J. Steddy, 7; J. Maylan, 8.

### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service at the Cathedral, a touch of 902 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, 1; A. Hill, 2; T. Wakeman, 3; L. Longney, 4; W. Powell, 5; C. Jones, 6; W. Bright, 7; G. Checketts, 8; W. Page (conductor), 9; H. Wilkes, 10; W. Lebbon, 11; T. Malin, 12. Longest touch of Grandsire Cinques by all.

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Wednesday. June 1st, 480 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips. 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Livings (first 120 on the treble), 1. And two courses of Stedman Doubles. W. H. Lawrence, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; A. Phillips, 3; A. Wright (first in the method), 4; A. Smith, 5; F. Whitmole, 6. On Sunday, June 12th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, June 26th, for Divine Service, two 5-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. For evening service 360 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 10th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, conducted by A. Lawrence (aged 14 years), and A. Phillips. For evening service 216 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Barker (Ware), 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. After service a 720 of Bob Minor was lost 100 changes from home owing to a rope catching. G. Barker, 3; A. Lawrence, 4; the rest as before. On Sunday, July 24th, for Divine Service, several 6-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 3; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips (conductor), 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; A. Livings, 6.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.—On Thursday, July 21st, at the church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, 120 Bob Doubles. W. Denteth (first 120), 1; G. S. Taylor (first 120), 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; J. Field, 5 And 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Denteth, 1; J. W. Parker (first in the method), 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; J. Field, 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAPLEDURHAM (Oxon).—On Wednesday, July 20th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. V. Rowe, 1; W. Horne, 2; J. Hern, 3; C. Giles (conductor), 4; F. Tubb, 5; A. E. Reeves, 6. And 720 Plain Bob. J. Hopgood (first 720), 1; F. Hopgood (conductor), 2; V. Rowe, 3; J. Hern, 4; F. Tubb, 5; A. E. Reeves, 6.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, July 10th, at St. Nicholas' church, 480 Kent Treble Bob Royal. R. Stredwick, 1; G. King, 2; W. Palmer, 3, E. Merritt, 4; F. Bennett, 5; J. Steddy, 6; W. Raughlen, 7: G. Williams, 8; J. Frossell, 9; K. Hart (conductor), 10.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Monday, July 11th, six 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Wright, 2; W. Freeman, 2; T. Hopper, 3; J. Lett, 4; J. Lovell, 5. And two 6-scores of Plain Bob. J. Lovell, 1; J. Lett, 2; F. Hopper, 3; W. Freeman, 4; T. Wright (conductor), 5.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 17th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 50 mins. A. Ough, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; J. Nicholls, 3; H. Adams, 4; R. Charge, 5; S. Wade, 6; W. Pickworth, 7; W. T. Elson, 8; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 9; S. How, 10.

GUISBOROUGH (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Bob Minor. T. Knaggs, 1; J. Cottrell, 2; J. Thompson, 3; J. Metcalfe, 4; R. Haswell (conductor), 5; W. G. Haswell, 6. In the evening, 720 in the same method, the ringers as before. On Sunday morning, June 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. T. Knaggs, 1; J. Cottrell, 2; J. Thompson, 3; J. Metcalfe, 4: R. Haswell (conductor), 5; W. G. Haswell, 6. On Thursday, July 7th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. T. Knaggs, 1; Rev. W. P. Wright (Stokesley), 2; J. Thompson, 3; J. Cottrell, 4; R. Haswell (conductor), 5; W. G. Haswell, 6.

KINGS NORTON (Worcestershire).—Recently, 504 Stedman Triples on handbells. W. S. Pritchett, 1-2; F. Clayton (conductor), 3-4; W. Short, 5-6; H. Withers, 7-8 On Sunday, July 17th, 1024 Bob Major. W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 1; H. Withers, 2; F. Sumner, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; J. S. Pritchett, 5; F. Clayton, 6; J. Betterton, 7; W. Palmer, 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Withers, 1; F. Sumner, 2; W. S. Pritchett, 3; W. Palmer, 4; J. S. Pritchett, 5; T. Pritchett, 6; J. Betterton, 7; F. Clayton (conductor), 8.

MATLOCK (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, July 21st, at the parish church of St. Giles, ten 6-scores and 60 of Grandsire Doubles called differently in 53 mins. J. E. Goodacre, 1; C. Dalby, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; W. James, 4; R. H. Bartram (conductor), 5; J. W. Barnes, 6. Tenor about 8 cwt. First quarter-peal by all. This was rung by the Melton Mowbray parish church society, it being the choir and ringers' annual excursion on that day, special permission being given by the rector for the use of the bells.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks).—On Sunday, May 22nd, 840 Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone. W. Passman, 1; W. J. Titchener, 2; C. Hall, 3; W. Rudd, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; T. Metcalfe, 6: J. H. Blakiston, 7; J. H. Jones, 8. On Sunday, June 12th, 936 Stedman Triples. R. Borrows (Richmond), 1; J. H. Jones, 2; W. Rudd, 3; C. Hall, 4; J. W. Passman, 5; T. Metcalfe, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; G. Metcalfe (Tadcaster), 8. On Sunday, June 19th, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. J. H. Jones, 1; J. Carter, 2; C. Hall, 3; R. Fenwick, 4; T. Metcalfe, 5; J. W. Passman, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; A. McFarlane, 8. On Sunday, June 26th, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. H. Jones, 1; W. Rudd, 2; C. Hall, 3; R. Alcock, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; R. Fenwick, 6; T. Metcalfe, 7; J. W. Passman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 3rd, 224 Superlative Surprise Major, and 112 Double Norwich. R. Borrows (Richmond), 1; W. Rudd, 2; A. W. Brighton (London), 3; R. Fenwick, 4; C. Hall, 5; J. W. Passman, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; T. Metcalfe, 8. Also on handbells a course of Grandsire Caters. A. McFarlane, 1-2; C. Hall, 3-4; T. Metcalfe, 5-6; A. W. Brighton (London), 7-8; J. W. Passman, 9-10. On Sunday, July 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the wife of the Rev. J. H. Bealey, vicar of the parish, who was buried on the Thursday previous, when muffled touches were also rung. On Sunday, July 24th, 840 Stedman Triples. R. Fenwick, 1; W. J. Titchener, 2; R. Alcock, 3; J. Carter, 4; J. H. Jones, 5; A. McFarlane, 6; J. P. Blakiston, 7; T. Metcalfe, 8. Also 448 Superlative Surprise Major. A. McFarlane, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; J. Carter, 3; R. Fenwick, 4; C. Hall, 5; J. W. Passman, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; T. Metcalfe, 8.

OLNEY (Bucks).—On Thursday, July 14th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Wright, 1; F. Hopper, 2; J. Lovell (first 720 of Minor), 3; W. Jones, 4; R. Raban, 5; W. Freeman (conductor), 6. And 360 in the same method. S. Sharp (first 360), 1; F. Hopper (conductor), 2; T. Wright, 3; W. Jones, 4; J. Lovell, 5; W. Freeman, 6. Messrs. Sharp, Freeman, and Lovell hail from Emberton.

PATELEY BRIDGE (Yorks) —On Wednesday, July 20th, for practice at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Nibbs, 1; S. Bastnett, 2; A. Haigh, 3; G. H. Mason, 4; J. Mumford, 5; J. Summersall (conductor), 6.

ROUGHAM.—On Sunday, July 17th, two 720s of Plain Bob Minor E. Kinsey, 1; W. Kinsey, 2; H. Henley, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; J. Horrex, 5; W. Stiff, 6. Second 720. E. Kinsey, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; E. Wheeler, 3; W. Kinsey, 4; W. Stiff, 5; J. Horrex, 6 Messrs. Kinsey (2), Gladwell, and Horrex hail from Felsham; Stiff from Hitcham; the rest belong to the local company.

SANDHURST (Berks).—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Woodisson. 1; G. Hawkins, 2; H. Watts, 3; C. Smart, 4; A. E. Cousins, 5; B. Hawkins (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, July 6th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Mustow, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; C. Smart, 3; A. E. Cousins, 4; M. Steer, 5; B. Hawkins, 6. Also 216 Grandsire Minor. M. Miller, 1; F. Mustow, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; C. Smart, 4; M. Steer, 5; A. E. Cousins, 6.

STOKESLEY (Yorks). — On Saturday, July 23rd, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. J. Clarkson (Stockton), 1; J. Cotterill (Guisborough), 2; Rev. W. P. Wright (Stokesley), 3; J. H. Blakiston (Middlesbrough), 4; R. Haswell (Guisborough), 5; W. Newton (Stockton), 6. The visitors wish to thank the Rev. W. P. Wright for his hospitality.

YORKTOWN (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Boyles, 1; G. Hawkins, 2; T. Gould, 3; A. E. Cousins, 4; C. Smart, 5; M. Steer, 6; B. Hawkins (conductor), 7; F. Mustow, 8. Rung for service on the occasion of the Friendly Societies' Parade Service.

## Correspondence.

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

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

### THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES BELL AUGMENTATION.

SIR,—It is quite refreshing to me to read the account of the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the assistance officially given by it to schemes of improvement or the augmentation of peals within that diocese. Up to date I have received no *official* assistance whatever to the Stockton ten-bell scheme from the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, but on the contrary to do so appears to be regarded as a dangerous precedent, which ought to be refused. At least this is what I gathered from the remarks of the President at the Gainford meeting. Whether such an attitude is likely to promote the influence of the Association in Stockton in the future remains to be seen. My own impression is that it cannot fail to have a very serious effect in the exactly opposite direction. G. J. CLARKSON.

6, *Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees, July 25th*, 1898.

### THE FIRST PEAL AT RYE, SUSSEX.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Edwards' claim to the first peal on Rye bells, I beg to state the peals referred to by me were not rung in 1884 as he understood, that being the date of "THE BELL NEWS" in which the chronology appeared; the dates of the performances were not inserted, hence the mistake. First—1774, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob; Second—1821, the ringers of Benenden, Kent, rung a peal at Rye, Sussex, the date of the year being left out (no doubt by a printer's error), caused this great mistake. I made particular mention of Mr. Rees in my letter of July 2nd, thinking he might be able to give more particulars, but don't hear anything from him yet. Trusting this explanation will give Mr. Edwards better satisfaction, and I would refer him to the *Kentish Gazette* for 1821 for further particulars if he can procure it; and if any one can give me any account of the peals in 1774 and 1821, I shall be much obliged.

*Headcorn, Kent.* PHILIP HODGKIN.

### AN ASSOCIATION FOR NORTH WALES.

SIR,—I have often thought that it would be a very good thing and would give an impetus to change-ringing in North Wales if an Association was formed, say for the dioceses of Bangor and St. Asaph. I shall be very pleased to receive any suggestions, and to hear from any towers who would like to join, with a view to arranging a general meeting at some central point. P. W. DAVIES.

6, *Penrallt Road, Bangor, North Wales.*

### THE PEAL OF BOB MAJOR AT ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW.

SIR,—I see in your issue of last week an account of the above peal. I, and several other ringers, heard the whole of this peal, which is a performance not worthy of record. I am surprised at the conductor publishing such a performance, especially after he was cautioned not to do so. WILLIAM H. FREEMAN.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S COMPANY, WOOLWICH.—The annual outing of this company took place on Saturday, July 16th, Ramsgate being chosen this year as a suitable spot. The morning broke with a lovely sunrise, and to all appearance a splendid summer's day was in store, and we were not disappointed, for the weather was all that could be desired. It is worthy of note that ringers' excursions are not planned hurriedly, but are well thought out, and due preparations are of course made beforehand as to where to go, the cost, where to dine, and is there a church available for ringing. Our party on starting numbered twenty, each of which had been provided with a programme detailing the arrangements for the day, so at 7.0 a.m we assembled at the Arsenal Railway Station and received our tickets, travelling *via* London Bridge with reserved accommodation, and reached Ramsgate at 10.36, the journey from London occupying 2½ hours, and passing through the beautiful county of Kent, which could be appreciated in the sunshine of a light summer's day, the hop fields coming under particular observation, special attention being directed to the church, and far off Canterbury Cathedral was admired as we passed. After alighting at Ramsgate a move was made for the sands, and it being nearly high water this added to our enjoyment. Bathing was in full swing, the view from the East Cliff out to sea adding enchantment to the scene. At 12.30 we leisurely made our way to the church of St. Lawrence, and ascended the tower, and here it may be remembered that the way up is by a staircase from outside over the roof of the church, and up higher to the ringing-chamber, the tower being in the centre of the church. When all was ready the Woolwich band took the ropes, a friend from Rochester (who got wind of our coming) also taking part. Dinner being ordered at The White Horse inn for 1.30, we descended and made our way to our host's establishment. Two Woolwich friends here joined us, and we sat down to the number of twenty-three, Mr. Wellard, secretary of the St. Lawrence's band, occupying one end, the other being occupied by Mr. Masters, of the Woolwich band. The long table presented a welcome appearance, and the repast did justice to Mr. Darby, the landlord,. Needless to mention he succeeded in appeasing the appetites of all present. Before breaking up Mr. Masters said he was sure they all regetted the absence of the Rev. C. E. Escreet, their rector, who usually made one of the company, but who was on his holidays, and also the absence of Mr. Aldridge, our Master, who was kept away by a family bereavement. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Payne Smith for granting the use of the bells. Then a very pleasing incident occurred in the shape of presenting the landlord's daughter with a pair of gloves as a memento of our visit, suggested by Mr. A. Bevan, one of the friends from Woolwich, for her attention to the company whilst at dinner. Miss Darby very kindly accepted the gift, and responded accordingly. Five hours still being left, we broke up into groups and spent the time pleasantly until 7.45, when the return journey commenced. and Woolwich was reached at 11.30, every one appearing to have had a thorough day's enjoyment. The South Eastern Railway, which has not always a good name, was particularly in our favour this year, and we are bound to put it upon record that we were expeditiously taken down and brought back.

M.

THE BUCKNALL (STAFFS.) SOCIETY.—On Saturday, June 25th, this Society had their annual outing, the place selected being Uttoxeter. Starting from Bucknall (by trap) about 4 o'clock we reached Leigh about 7, where we broke the journey, and after getting permission from Archdeacon Lane, we were successful in ringing a 720 of Lichfield Surprise (the first ever rung on the bells). G. Hobbs, D. Preston, J. E. Wheeldon, C. Preston, W. Wheeldon, W. Twigg. Afterwards we were met by the Leigh ringers, who regaled us with refreshments, and were very good company. We left them at 10 o'clock, reaching Uttoxeter at 10.50, where Host Lovatt had a steaming hot supper ready for us, to which full justice was done. Enjoying a social chat, we retired to rest. After breakfast next morning we had a most beautiful drive to Marchington, which is pleasantly situated on the borders of Derbyshire and Staffordshire, getting back for dinner about 1.30, when we commenced to walk to Doveridge, but had to retrace our steps owing to a thunder-storm approaching. After tea we rang for the evening service at Uttoxeter, and started for home at 7.30, and reaching Bucknall about 11 o'clock, all were unanimous in declaring that it was one of the very best outings that we had ever had.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Saturday, July 16th, the members of this society, with their wives and friends, had their annual outing to Disley, by wagonette. A start was made from Chester Square shortly after 2 p.m. in glorious weather, a halt being had on the way at Vernon Park, Stockport, where a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells. We arrived at our destination about 5 p.m., and after refreshing the inner man a visit was paid to the belfry of St. Mary's church, permission having been obtained to ring on the bells. A few courses were rung. After a stroll around the village. a start was made for home at 8 p.m., arriving in Ashton about 10.45, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We wish to thank, through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," the Vicar of St. Mary's for granting the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness for us.

G. H. D.

THE CHISLEHURST COMPANY.—On Monday, July 4th, the Chislehurst ringers and a few friends from Bromley and Rotherhithe had their annual outing, the place selected being Broadstairs. Starting from Bromley at 7.45, we arrived at Broadstairs in about two hours, where were met by Mr. E. Dunn, jun., who rode down on his bicycle the day previous and escorted us to The Railway hotel for light refreshment, all being very thirsty after the long ride. The next item was to visit St. Peter's Church; having got permission we rang several touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, including a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 40 minutes by the following: G. French, T. Durling, R. Hims, E. Dunn, sen., W. Weatherstone, G. Durling (conductor), T. Harford, G. Dickens. Then we made tracks for a Temperance hotel, where a good dinner was awaiting us, to which ample justice was done. A few selections was given on the handbells by Messrs. G. French, T. Durling, G. Dickens. Then some went on the water for a ride; others took a walk by the sea; some essayed cocoa-nut throwing and quoit playing, and various other games till it was train time. We arrived home at 10.50, all having thoroughly enjoyed the very pleasant outing and looking forward to another next year.

D.

THE FROME (SOMERSET) SOCIETY.—On Saturday, July 9th, the Frome Parish Church members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association had their annual outing, the places selected for visiting this year being North Bradley and Trowbridge. A start was made at 2 p.m. in a two-horse break, and after an enjoyable drive, being favoured with beautiful weather, North Bradley was reached, where several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were well-struck. The party then continued their journey to Trowbridge, and after partaking of tea proceeded to the parish church, where with the assistance of a few of the Trowbridge ringers, who had joined the party at North Bradley, a touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung. H. Gaisford, F. McCaffrey, H. Scammell, W. McCaffrey, W. Prescott, E. Fricker, W. Bishop, C. Wareham. Afterwards a touch of 224 was accomplished. F. McCaffrey, W. Bishop, S. Adholm, H. Scammell, W. Prescott, E. Fricker, W. McCaffrey (conductor), F. Burbage. A pleasant item of the outing was the visit paid to Mr. W. Alley (this veteran having rung on the Queen's Coronation Day and its successive anniversaries), who treated those present to several tunes on his peal of handbells. The party dispersed for a short time during the evening, and re-assembled about ten o'clock for the return journey, which concluded a most pleasant outing.

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A REQUEST.—Mr. E. Gale, of Victoria Terrace, Victoria Street, Melton Mowbray, writes: "I desire to make the acquaintance of some ringing friends at Blackpool, and shall be glad if you could ask through your paper some friend, a member of the Lancashire Association, if he would communicate with and forward me his address to enable me to make some arrangements with him for some ringing."

## Compositions.

### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

5024.

| 23456 | M | IN | 5ths | W |
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| 53246 | | – | – | – |
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| 63254 | | – | – | |
| 32654 | | – | – | |
| 52364 | | – | – | – |
| 23564 | | – | – | |
| 35264 | | – | – | |
| 65324 | | – | – | – |
| 53624 | | – | – | |
| 23645 | – | – | – | – |
| 43265 | | – | – | – |
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| 24365 | | – | – | |
| 64235 | | – | – | – |
| 36245 | | | | – |
| 62345 | | – | – | |
| 25346 | – | – | – | |
| 45236 | | – | – | – |
| 35426 | | – | – | – |
| 54326 | | – | – | |
| 24536 | | – | – | – |
| 34256 | | – | – | – |
| 42356 | | – | – | |
| 23456 | | – | – | |

### A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By W. PAGE, *Worcester.*

1259.

| | |
|---|---|
| 23654 | 7th in & out at 3 s & double |
| 42356 | 9th in three, s. |
| 25346 | 8th in three |
| 32546 | 9th in three |
| 53246 | 9th in three |
| 34256 | 8th in three |
| 23456 | 9th in three |
| 62354 | 9th in three, s. |
| 36254 | 9th in three |
| 65234 | 8th in three |
| 53264 | 8th in three |
| 25364 | 9th in three |
| 42563 | 9th in three, s. |

Round as usual.

### ¼-PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. W. WILKINS, *Maidenhead.*

| | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 13 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6412357 | | | – | – | – | – | | |
| 4263157 | – | – | – | – | | | – | – |
| 1253467 | – | – | | | | | | |

Four times repeated.

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By FRANK HOPGOOD, *Reading.*

5075.

23456

| | |
|---|---|
| 32456978 | 7th in out at 3, s next lead |
| 43256 | 9th in three |
| 24356 | 9th in three |
| 34652 | 8, 9. |
| 63452 | 9th in three |
| 46352 | 9th in three |
| 26354 | 8, 2. s |
| 32654 | 9th in three |
| 63254 | 9th in three |

These nine courses twice repeated, calling the first course of each other part 8th in three, and bobs for singles, produce :—

26543978

| | |
|---|---|
| 32645879 | 9th in and out at 2 |
| 63245 | 8th in three |
| 26345 | 8th in three |
| 36542 | 9, 8. |
| 53642 | 8th in three |
| 65342 | 8th in three |
| 35246 | 9, 8. |
| 23546 | 8th in three |
| 52346 | 8th in three |

These nine courses twice repeated, calling the first course of the next part 9th in three, and third part 9th in three single, and sixth course 8th in three single, produces 34265879, rounds the lead previous.

### A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By G. R. NEWTON, *Oxton, Cheshire.*

1898.

2 3 4 5 6 7

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| 2 4 3 6 5 7 | Odd Changes. |
| 4 2 3 5 6 7 | |
| 4 3 2 6 5 7 | |
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| 3 4 2 6 5 7 | |
| 3 2 4 5 6 7 | |
| 3 2 5 4 6 7 | |
| 2 3 5 4 6 7 | |
| 5 3 2 7 4 6 | 5 |
| 3 2 5 7 4 6 | 4 |
| 5 4 3 2 6 7 | 3 |
| 4 3 5 2 6 7 | 4 |
| 3 5 4 2 6 7 | 4 |
| 7 2 3 6 5 4 | 1 |
| 6 2 7 4 3 5 | 5 |
| 5 4 6 3 2 7 | 1 |

Go as usual.

Four times repeated.

### TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By EDWIN TIMBRELL, *Chipping, Lancs.*

5024.

23456

| | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24536 | | | 1 | 2 |
| 35426 | | | 2 | 2 |
| 23564 | 2 | | 2 | 2 |
| 32465 | 2 | | | 2 |
| 25463 | 1 | | | 2 |
| 43652 | 2 | – | 2 | 2 |
| 32654 | 1 | | | 2 |
| 36524 | 1 | – | 2 | 2 |
| 25634 | 1 | – | | 2 |
| 32546 | | – | | 2 |
| 46253 | 1 | | 2 | 2 |
| 34562 | 2 | | 1 | 2 |
| 35642 | 1 | – | 2 | 2 |
| 23456 | 2 | | 1 | 2 |

5024.

23456

| | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54326 | 1 | – | | 2 |
| 25463 | | – | | 2 |
| 53462 | 1 | | | 2 |
| 32465 | 1 | – | | 2 |
| 64235 | 1 | – | | 2 |
| 62345 | | | 1 | 2 |
| 63425 | 1 | – | 2 | 2 |
| 26354 | | – | | 2 |
| 52643 | 2 | | 2 | 2 |
| 45236 | | – | | 2 |
| 56234 | 2 | – | 1 | 2 |
| 52364 | 1 | – | 2 | 2 |
| 53624 | | | 1 | 2 |
| 25346 | | – | | 2 |
| 23456 | 1 | – | 2 | 2 |

### A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By CHARLES LLOYD, *Cardiff.*

1259.

23456789

| | |
|---|---|
| 65324978 | * |
| 52364 | 8th in three |
| 32564 | 7, 8, s. |
| 25364 | 7, 8. |
| 35462 | 8, 9. |
| 45263 | 8, 9. |
| 52463 | 7, 8. |
| 24563 | 7, 8. |
| 34562 | 8, 9, s. |
| 54263 | 8, 9. |
| 42563 | 7, 8. |

Round as usual.

* 7th in with single, and out at two with single.

**Look out for the EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS OF HANDBELLS.**

## 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 some to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, July 30th. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. The bells of St. Martin's, Epsom (8), will also be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

CHAS DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
5, *Manor Parade, High Street, Sutton.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting of this society will be held at Flixton to-day, Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7.

SAMUEL BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Peter's Society, Wolverhampton. This society will hold a social gathering and smoking concert to-day, Saturday, July 30th, at The Lamb inn, Wulfruna Street, at 7.30 p m, to which ringers of any society will be heartily welcome. The bells of St. Peter's (ten bells), and St. Luke's (eight bells), will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

FARRINGTON JONES, *Hon. Sec.*
9, *Duke Street, Wolverhampton.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The usual monthly meeting of this society will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, July 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The Woodman inn. Handbells provided. Trams direct from City Square, every few minutes.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Beeston to-day, Saturday, July 30th. The peal of eight at the parish church open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 15; tea (1s. per head) at 4.45, both in the Church Schoolrooms, Brown Lane.

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

The Hertfordshire Association.—On the invitation of the Rector, it is proposed to hold a district meeting at Little Munden on Bank Holiday, August 1st, provided eight or more members signify to me on or before Thursday, July 28th, their intention to be present. It is suggested that unless those who will go can start early in the morning, the members resident in Mid and West Herts. should meet at The Town Hall, St. Albans, not later than 2.15 p.m., and travel by brake (free of cost) direct to Little Munden, whilst those on the North side of the county could join the party at Welwyn. The brake will leave Little Munden in time to catch the trains from St. Albans.

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

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Southwold District.—A meeting will be held at Southwold on Bank Holiday, August 1st. The bells will be available all day.

A. J. NAUNTON, *District Sec.*

The Beddington Society.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Beddington, on Bank Holiday, August 1st. All ringing friends invited. Flower Show and Sports in Beddington Park. C. BANCE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—A Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6th, at Waterfoot. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting in the belfry at 7 p.m. Will members who have not paid their subscriptions during the year kindly do so at this meeting?

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.–Manchester Branch.—The Monthly Meeting will be held at St. Margaret's church, Reddish, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m. A tea will be provided at a small charge to all ringers sending in their names (or the number from each tower) to Mr. Thomas Smithson, 12, Jubilee Cottages, Reddish, on or before Thursday, August 4th. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. All ringers invited. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton, on Saturday, August 6th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne. REV. G. T. BIRCH, W. TWIGG, *Hon. Secs.*

The St. James's Society, London.—Members are specially requested to attend the meeting on Monday, August 8th, to receive the report of the auditors and elect officers for the ensuing year. R. A. DANIELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Ram, at Hampton-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 13. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. All friends of the Association all cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Warrington, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 2 p.m., meeting at 5 p.m. HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The meetings of this Society are suspended until Thursday, September 1st.

C. J. IRISH, *Hon Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch. Particulars of arrangements will be announced in due course.

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

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT PENSHURST, KENT.—When visiting the quaint old village of Penshurst, Kent, on the occasion of the annual outing of the St. Peter's, Brighton, Society a few weeks ago, some of the party thought they would like to have an opportunity of attempting a peal on the fine ring of bells. The necessary permission having been obtained, a band was got together consisting of Messrs. Hart, Bennett, Dawe and King of Brighton, Goldsmith of Lewes, Burkin of Nutfield, and Preston and Jenner of Edenbridge, and a peal of Superlative attempted on Saturday, July 23rd. This was successfully accomplished, a record of which will be found in its proper place. Messrs. Burkin and Bennett were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal, and on its completion the band were complimented by the Vicar, Canon Maberley Smith, whom the ringers wish to thank for granting them the use of the bells. This was the first Surprise peal ever rung in Tonbridge district of the Kent County Association. Messrs. Dawe and Burkin having other business, returned home the same night, but the rest of the party went on to Edenbridge, where a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted on Sunday morning. The bells here did not go at all well, and those ringing round behind were not altogether sorry when, after ringing about 1350 changes in 45 mins., a bell running out of the slow too soon gave the peal its quietus. The ringers were J. Steddy, 1; R. Jenner, 2; F. Bennett, 3; J. Heasman, 4; G. King, 5; J. S. Goldsmith, 6; J. Preston (conductor), 7; K. Hart, 8. On the suggestion that a drive would be enjoyable a trap was procured. and six of the band started off to Westerham to ring for morning service. The bells here were found to go like the proverbial tops, and were a striking contrast to those of Edenbridge. A 576 of Kent Treble Bob was knocked off by J. Selby, 1; J. Steddy, 2; G. Steer, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. Heath, 5; J. S. Goldsmith, 6; G. King, 7; K. Hart, 8. The party returned to Edenbridge by a different route to that which they had came, the trip being a most pleasurable one. In the afternoon handbell ringihg was indulged in, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples being tapped off. Those taking part were Messrs. Hart, Bennett, Goldsmith, Preston, Steddy and Wallis. The three former having to return by the four o'clock train, were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Preston. Having to wait in Tunbridge Wells for a train to their destination, the three above mentioned visited St. Peter's church, where with the local band Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major were rung for evening service.

THE PEAL AT FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—It has long been the desire of the ringers who took part in this peal to accomplish the first 5040 on the bells of this famous church, which is a very beautiful cruciform structure of the late Perpendicular style, and was erected in the fifteenth century. The stained-glass windows as a whole are considered to be superior to any in this country. The tower is a typical Gloucestershire one, standing in a beautifully wooded country, and on the banks of the river Colne, celebrated for the splendid trout fishing it affords anglers. The Rev. John Keble, the gifted author of "The Christian Year," was born here. The bells are rung on the ground floor, the ringers standing amongst the choir stalls; and although the circle is good, the long draught and bad "go" of the bells, coupled with the heat, had its effect on the ringers, and everyone was glad to hear the last single called. The veteran conductor was in great form, and promptly nipped in the bud any mistakes. The ringers of the treble, 6th and tenor hail from Appleton; 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Swindon; 4th from Highworth; and 7th from Drayton. The best thanks of the band are due to the Rev. F. R. Carbonell, who readily granted permission for the peal, and postponed the evening service in order to suit the ringers.

## THE TONG SOCIETY, YORKSHIRE.

This Society intend having a ringing tour this coming Bank Holiday, and will be pleased to meet the local ringers at the various places of call. Leaving Holbeck N.E.R. on Saturday, July 30th, at 10.55 a m., they will call *en route* first at Thirsk, Northallerton, thence to Richmond for the night. Monday they intend visiting Leyburn, Aysgarth, Askrigg, Settle and Gargrave. Permission has been obtained from the clergymen for the use of the bells at their respective churches.

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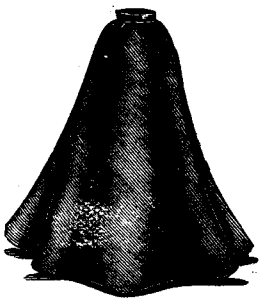

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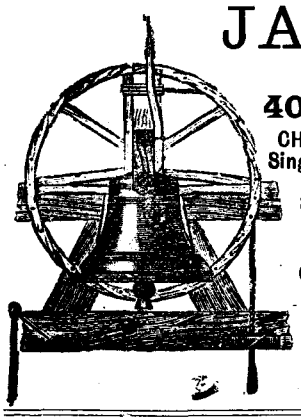

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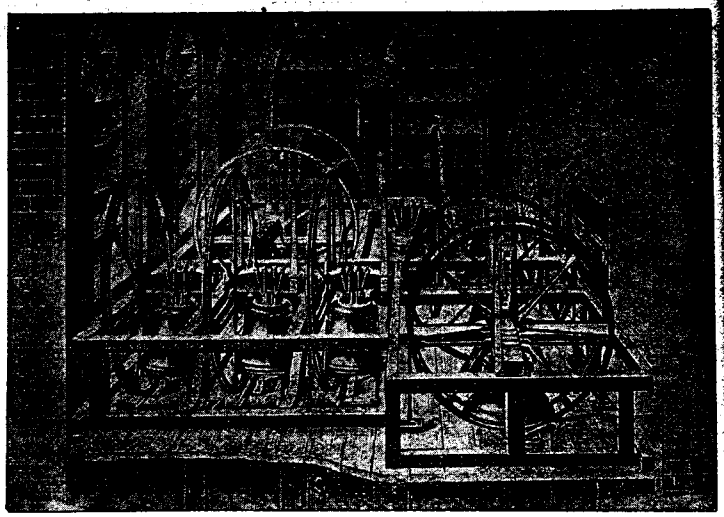

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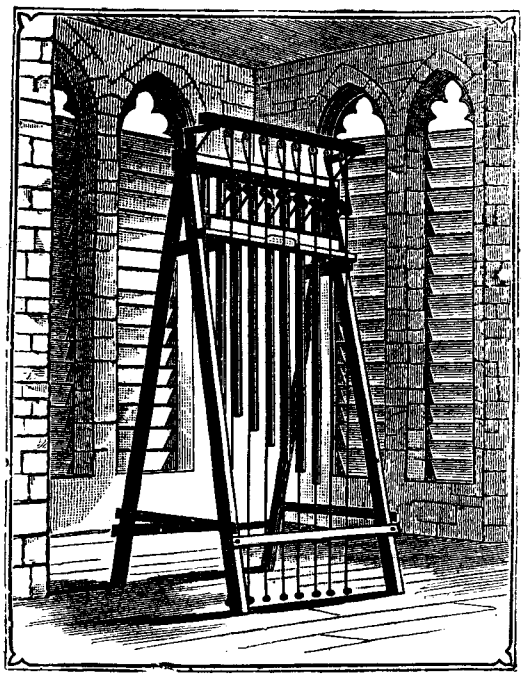

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## ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

It was reported in this paper that this church was closed on the 2nd of May last, for the nave to be rebuilt, and the two side chapels to be restored. It was also announced that the bells would be rung for some time longer. Now the tower is closed, and the bells will not be rung until further notice. The tower was scaffolded recently, and the architect, Sir Arthur Blomfield, made a final examination of it on the 22nd ult., and decided not to take it down, but restore it as it stands. The nave is entirely taken down, and the contractors (Messrs. Thompson of Peterborough) are now laying the new foundation. Should any one visit Macclesfield, Mr. W. Walmsley, whose address is 88, High Street, will be glad to arrange for a pull in some neighbouring tower. Mr. Walmsley is the conductor of the local society. He asks us to publish for the benefit of our readers the following interesting—

### HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.

This church, commonly called the Old Church, and formerly known as the Parochial Chapel of Macclesfield, was founded by Queen Eleanor, wife of Edward I., in the year 1278. It was consecrated by the Bishop of St. Asaph, acting for the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, in whose diocese Macclesfield was until the creation of the See of Chester, A.D. 1541. The original consecration mark—a cross cut in stone—may still be seen near to the entrance to the Legh Chapel, which part of the original south porch is still "in situ." By letters patent, which are still extant, January 25th, 1278-9, Edward I. granted that the recently consecrated chapel of Macclesfield "should be subject to the Mother Church of Prestbury, and the abbot and monastery of St. Werburgh at Chester, who owned the advowson of Prestbury." The tower was originally surmounted by a lofty spire, which was a landmark for miles round. Becoming decayed, and having been damaged in the wars of Charles I.'s reign, it was taken down in 1740, when also the church was almost entirely rebuilt, and the dedication altered from All Saints to St. Michael and All Angels. The stonework from which the spire sprang may still be seen projecting from the inner walls above the bells. The rebuilding of 1740 was also a considerable enlargement; the chancel was placed at the east end of the present south aisle, on the site of the original chancel. Large galleries were placed on three sides, and the church was filled with high oak pews. Thus it remained until 1813, when, owing to the efforts of the Rev. Lawrence Heapy, the then incumbent, a small chancel was erected at the east end of the present central aisle or nave, and the east window was filled with painted glass. The next effort was in 1883 in the incumbency of the Rev. Canon Turner, now Vicar of Neston, when the chancel was rebuilt and enlarged, the galleries and pews removed (chairs being substituted for the pews), new vestries and a morning chapel added, and the church made entirely free and open.

The first volume of the parish registers commences with the incumbency of Thomas Shert, in 1572. The Vicars of Prestbury or the Abbots of St. Werburgh at Chester, who, as beforementioned, held the advowson of Prestbury till the reign of Henry VIII., were the original patrons of the living; then, probably from 1606, the Mayor and Corporation of Macclesfield presented until 1835, when the patronage passed by purchase to the present patrons—the Simeon Trustees. It was in 1835 that Macclesfield was made a separate parish by an Order in Council, with the provision that all fees for marriages, &c., in the chapelry "should be paid to the minister of Maclesfield." In the old days, when the Grammar School (founded in 1503 by Sir John Percyvale, Lord Mayor of London) was located behind the church on the spot now occupied by St. Michael's Institute for Working Men, the headmaster was also priest in charge of the chapel, and his scholars, about 12 or 14 in number, were the choristers. This terminated when all chantries were suppressed, in the reign of Edward VI.

There are ten bells, dating from 1777. They were rehung and two of them recast in 1891. The font in use at the present time was given by Thomas Hooley in 1740, while the splendid organ, which cost £1000, was given by the late Mr. Charles Brocklehurst in 1883. There are two monuments, in the form of altar tombs, in the chancel, both in alabaster. On one lie two figures representing Sir John and Lady Katherine Savage; the other is supposed to represent a member of the Downs family of Pott Shrigley. Adjoining the church on the south side is the Savage Chapel, founded in 1501 by Archbishop Savage, son of the above-named Sir John and Katherine Savage. The heart of Archbishop Savage was buried, by his direction, within the chapel walls. The chapel contains numerous monuments to the members of the Savage family. Adjoining the Savage chapel on the west is the chapel of the Leghs of Lyme, now containing a single marble mural monument. The interesting and well-known "pardon" brass, unfortunately partly mutilated, belonging to this chapel, is now affixed for convenience to the east wall of the Savage chapel. There are also some curious brasses attached to the screen dividing the Legh chapel from the south aisle. The oldest stone now to be read in the churchyard is dated February 19th, 1633, in memory of "Thos. Pickering ye Elder." Another curious stone, marking the resting place of Mary Broomfield, aged 80, records that "the chief concern of her life was to order and provide for her funeral. . . . She had a pension of 9d. a week, and yet saved £5, which, at her request, was laid out on her burial."

In conclusion, a writer of more than 250 years ago, describing the church, was able to speak of it as "a stately chappell, in every way equall to ye Parish Church of Prestbury." It is in order to make the Old Church, the nave and body of which is at present a monument of bad taste of 1740, merit again this description, and to render it worthy of the best traditions of the town, that an effort is now being made to complete what was begun in 1883, and it is believed that an effort for such an object will not be made in vain to those who are interested in and love the town and all that belongs to it.

### THE RESTORATION.

The restoration of the church will be in accordance with Sir Arthur Blomfield's report, dated December, 1896, divided into three main sections:—(1) The mediæval portion (of different dates) consisting of the tower, the Savage and Legh chapels, and a small remnant of the original south aisle: (2) the naive, aisles, and south porch, built in 1740; (3) the chancel, north chapel, and vestries, built a few years ago. The tower was formerly surmounted by a lofty spire, which is said to have suffered in the fights of the Commonwealth, and to have eventually become so dilapidated that in 1740 it was taken down altogether. It is not intended to restore the spire, but to put the tower into a thoroughly sound and satisfactory condition by refacing it entirely with some carefully selected stone, reproducing the ancient details, of which enough remain to be a clear guide for the purpose. The bells, bell frame, and roof will be put into a proper state of repair. The tower when carefully restored (and this will be done at the cost of Mr. J. Kershaw, J.P.) will be the chief ornament of the exterior of the church, and will preserve the outward form which has been familiar to many generations. The west front will be so designed as to form with it a dignified and harmonious composition. The Savage and Legh chapels are to be brought into connection with the future nave and aisles. This will necessitate

the removal of tbe last erected monument in the Savage chapel from the position it now occupies at the east end, and its re-erection on the west wall of the chapel, side by side with the monument next in date, which will also be moved slightly northward. The blocked windows are to be re-opened, and the picturesque apse restored to its proper use. The chapel thus restored will be available for a portion of the congregation at ordinary services when necessary, and for smaller services on week-days, or for early celebrations. On such occasions it can be divided from the church by curtains. The new wall of the south aisle will be brought close to these two chapels. In the second section—nave, aisle, and south porch—there is nothing that can be retained or re-used to any advantage in the nave and aisles. The whole will be taken down and cleared away. The new floor is to paved entirely with wood blocks, oak for tbe passages and maple for the remainder of the area. The position of the north wall will be exactly the line of the present north wall. As to the third section, the chancel, the work begun under the former Restoration Committee is to be carried out—a new roof, new side windows, and new chancel arch, and ultimately a new east window (the latter for the present is struck out of the contract). The north chapel is to be altered; and here will be placed the organ, which it is expected will require re-modelling, in order to find room for it. A new choir vestry is also to be built. These are mainly the features of the restoration, to be carried out under the direction and according to the plans of Sir A. Blomfield, R.A.A.

## BRANSCOMBE, DEVON.

This village was given over to rejoicing on Monday on the occasion of the dedication of the church bells, the outcome of last year's Jubilee. when it was determined that one of the five bells being cracked, it should be recast, and another bell added, for which the tower afforded ample space. The work, entrusted to the well-known Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, has been perfectly carried out. and the fabric of the church tower, built eight centuries since, having been strengthened by several steel tie rods, it was felt that the bells might be safely rung. A short service in tbe afternoon, with an appropriate address by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, the Rural Dean, was followed by change ringing, by the band of ringers under his own energetic guidance, whom he had kindly brought from Ottery for the purpose. As the cheerful notes fell on the ears of the throng of the worshippers, to very many it must have been quite a revelation, as the bells have been silent for many years. A tea was provided in the schoolroom near, and many friends from the neighbourhood attended it. As soon as the tables were cleared, an evening entertainment commenced. The first item was a display of handbell ringing by Mr. Kelly and his band, and this was followed by songs, given by the choir and local friends, interspersed by character sketches and songs, inimitably rendered by Mr. Ridge, of Exeter, who further amused and surprised the audience by producing the Gramophone, which performed instrumental duets, quartets, an operatic song as given by a prima donna, other songs, and perhaps the most marvellous of all, the declaration of the Spanish-American war at Washington, when the shouts and whistling by the crowd, cheers for the great man George Washington, mingled with strains of "Yankee Doodle," as given by a fife and drum band, were distinctly heard.

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On Saturday, July 30th, the members of the above Society held their social gathering and smoking concert, at The Lamb inn, Wulfruna Street. Mr. Roland Cartwright, of Womburn, presided. The first toast, "Church and Queen," was proposed by tbe chairman, who in a magnificent, though humorous speech, said he knew a lot about the Church, but very little about the Queen. This nation owed a lot to the Church of England, and would not have attained such a position without her aid, but she had many enemies, amongst whom were members of her own congregations, but he was thankful to say they were not ringers, although they generally believed in plain doctrine. Referring to the Queen, he said he had only seen her once, and that was in Birmingham. He was standing on a fish-box, and had only just caught a good view, when over went the box and those that were on it; but the bells of St. Martin's were ringing and he listened to the striking, which consoled him. Although tbe Queen only reigned and not ruled, there was not a monarch who took so much interest in the welfare of his subjects, and she kept out those abuses and corruptions that repuplics were troubled with. The toast was drank with much enthusiasm.

Mr. W. R. Small (of Tipton) proposed "The St. Peter's Society," and said the St. Peter's Society of to-day was not the society of the past. They had gradually gone on and on, and he hoped they would do more in the future than in the past, and stick together and do all they could for the love of the art; and he wished them every success.

Mr. Henry Dawkes (of Blakenhall) in seconding, said that 25 years ago, when he joined the St. Peter's Company, there was scarcely any change-ringing, but to-day St. Peter's had got every inducement, they had got two splendid instructors in Mr. J. E. Groves and Mr. John Jaggar.

Mr. John Jaggar next proposed "The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford," and said he hoped the St. Peter's Company would help to pull the Archdeaconry to the top, for they had got the bells, and what was more, they bad got tbe men, and if they stuck together it was only a question of a little time when London Surprise would be accomplished. As long as he stayed in Wolverhampton, and it might be a long time or a short time, he could not say which, he would help them, and do his best to make them proficient in the more intricate methods.

Mr. Dalton (of Tettenhall) in seconding, said he hoped they would all stick together, and they could depend upon it success would follow.

Some excellent songs were given by Messrs. A. Griffiths, C. H. Watts (Birmingham), Mr. Roden (Penn), and the Chairman; also some selections on the piano by Mr. Roden. Mr. Watts splendidly tapped some pieces on the handbells, which were hung on a frame, "Tommy Atkins" being loudly encored. St. Peter's Musical Handbell Ringers played the "Vesper Hymn," "Lillie Dale," and finished with "Auld lang syne."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, and the singing "For he's a jolly good fellow," brought the gathering to a close.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHWOLD DISTRICT.)

On Monday, August 1st, a most successful meeting was held at Southwold, ringers mustering in good numbers from the following places: Beccles, Benhall, Bramfield, Bungay, Halesworth, Pulham Market, Southwold, Saxmundham, Trimley, London, Leiston, Wenhaston, Westhall, and Wrentbam. Some well-struck touches were rung in the following methods: Bob Minor, Bob Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples, and Stedman Triples. Ringing commenced at eleven o'clock and continued until seven o'clock. The go of the bells is excellent, they having been rehung last year in an entirely new frame. The ringers, one and all, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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## THE SOCIETY OF ST. MARY, BOW, MIDDLESEX.

On Thursday evening, July 21st, the members of this society were invited to witness the unveiling of a peal-tablet; which was followed by a supper. Meeting at the tower at 7 p.m., a touch of Stedman Triples and a course of Superlative Surprise were rung, and then Mr. Faulkner, the Master of the society, called upon Mr. Sutton (the oldest member of the Bow society) to unveil the tablet. Amid murmurs of approval and satisfaction, with his usual courtly and gracious manner, Mr. Sutton performed the duty required, when to the surprise of all the tablet recorded two peals of Superlative Surprise Major, rung by the Bow society.

The company then repaired to The Blue Anchor inn, a noted hostelrie in the neighbourhood, where they partook of a first-class supper. After the tables were cleared, an excellent musical programme was gone through, the Master presiding, Mr. Sutton in the vice-chair, the former giving the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family."

The vice-chairman, in proposing "The Bow Society," said it gave him great pleasure to observe the members making such rapid and startling progress in the Art of ringing. After other pertinent observations, Mr. Sutton concluded by coupling with the toast the name of Mr. Springall, the conductor of the peals.

Mr. Springall (Hon. Secretary of the Society), said that with the assistance of his fellow-members he was most willing to advance still further in change-ringing. He then proposed "Health and Prosperity to one of their members—Mr. Samuel Joyce"—who would shortly be leaving this country for Africa.

Mr. Joyce having suitably responded, the feast of sentiment and flow of soul prevailed, the songs being accompanied on the pianoforte by Mr. E. G. Richards, L.C.M., with his usual ability. "Auld lang syne" brought a most agreeable evening to a close.

## SHIFNAL, SALOP.

The fine peal of eight bells at this place have just been rehung by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, and on Saturday, July 23rd, at the invitation of Mr. J. Bradney, the following ringers attempted to ring a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief at the half-way. H. J. Batcombe, 1; J. George, 2; R. Pickering, 3; J. Jaggar, 4; R. Cartwright, 5; A. Griffiths, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; J. Buffery, 8. The company were afterwards entertained by Mr. Bradney, after which touches of Bob Major and Triples were rung, some of the local men taking part. The fine old parish church of Shifnal is a great attraction to visitors. The following is a copy of a stone slab in the church, which may be interesting to readers of "THE BELL NEWS."

"William Wakeley was baptized at Idsal, otherwise Shifnal, May 1st, 1590, and was buried at Adbaston, November 28th, 1714. His age was 124 years and upwards; he lived in the reign of eight kings and queens."

"August 7th, 1776. Mary, the wife of Joseph Yates, of Leyird Common, within this parish, was buried, aged 127 years. She walked to London just after the fire in 1666; was hearty and strong at 120 years, and married a third husband at ninety-two."

## STANDON BRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS.—On Saturday, July 16th, the peal of five bells which has been placed in the tower of the parish church, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Shrewsbury, the Right Rev. Sir Lovelace T. Stamer. After the service 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles was rung by J. F. Groves, W. H. Godden, C. H. Watts, R. Hunt, and T. Miller. The ringers were kindly entertained to dinner by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Salt, The bells except the tenor are by Messrs. Barwell, Birmingham, and form a pretty ring of five, tenor about 8 cwt. A chiming apparatus has also been fixed; also a very old Sanctus bell, refixed in the gable end of the church. The whole of the work has been carried out by the above-named firm, and has given every satisfaction.

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## THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES BELL AUGMENTATION.

The following remarks are sent for publication by the Hon. Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. They arrived too late for the correspondence column:—

As Mr. Clarkson's letter in your issue of July 30th is calculated to give a wrong impression to outsiders, I would like to give a few facts to show the position in which the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association is in.

At our Whit-Monday meeting at Bishop Auckland in 1891, our President proposed that a contribution be given by the Aesociation to the Newcastle Cathedral bell fund. This was seconded by Mr. F. Lees, one of the vice-presidents. It was pointed out at the time that there was no danger of creating a dangerous precedent, on account of it being the cathedral of the northern diocese. Yet the proposal met with a strong opposition, and the motion was withdrawn.

From that time (as far as I know) no "official" assistance to restorations was proposed until the last Annual Meeting, held at Durham, October 25th, 1897. At the meeting of the Committee a proposal was made that the Association give a donation to the Stockton Bell Fund. This motion did not meet with a seconder, and it was resolved that the Stockton Bell Fund be left to the voluntary subscriptions of the members. As will be seen, on looking at the report of the General Meeting in "THE BELL NEWS," the members were urged to respond liberally to the appeal which it was understood would be made for this fund.

At the meeting at Gainford the subject was again mentioned. Mr. Clarkson was present and said that no appeal could come from Stockton, as the bells were to be "Stockton's Jubilee Memorial," but that some of the ringing members of the Association had already contributed liberally to the Fund.

There is no ground for supposing that the Association is indifferent as to the success of the Stockton bells, as Mr. Clarkson's letter might lead some to imagine. On the contrary, I am sure that every member wishes the scheme every success.

THOMAS HUDSON.

## THE CURFEW BELL.

The following abridged description of the Curfew Bell is by a writer in *The Globe*:—

When William "introduced" the rule that, at the sounding of the curfew, all fires and lights were to be extinguished, and no person was to stir abroad, he had an eye to the Saxon beer clubs, where he had every reason to anticipate the hatching of treason. It is said that its ringing at Carfax, in Oxford, was instituted by Alfred the Great. Alfred is also said to have presented Ripon with a horn, which was blown in the streets at the same time as the curfew bell rang; or rather the careful people of Ripon kept Alfred's horn in a safe place, and blew a less distinguished one in the streets. These Alfred stories are probably untrue, but they point to a curfew institution older than the Conqueror.

In 1103 the compulsory curfew was abolished, but it lingered on as a custom almost everywhere, and it is really surprising to find in how many places it still exists, or at any rate was existing at some time during the latter half of the present century. In some counties, such as Cheshire and Oxfordshire, the number of curfew bells recorded as still or until lately existing is quite startling. In the Scottish Lowlands, again, it is far from uncommon, and a rather touching case is that of many American towns, especially in the New England States, which have retained it as a legacy from their Pilgrim founders, who were so unwilling to abandon any of the customs of their home-land. In 1851, at any rate, two bells rang every evening at Charleston, at eight in summer, at seven and nine in winter. At the first the young children said "Good-night," and went to bed; at the second the watch for the night was set, and after that no servant might step outside of his master's house without a special permit.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

I had no space last week to refer to what has been called "A Missionary Expedition," by a band of the Essex Association. A tour of this sort can be made pleasant even if its objects partake of a missionary character: a combination of business and amusement, so to speak. What a lot of this thing is wanted. Rambling lately among the green lanes of a very rural district, all at once the tones of bells came to my ear. I stood and listened in order to find out the direction from whence the sounds came, and hastened to the spot, as I thought, with something like the following self-colloquy: "Only five bells—why nothing but rounds—not a bad tone from a distance anyhow—what a pity they haven't got six—shall come upon the church presently, perhaps;" etc. But I could not find the church that day. Next day inquiries were made, and discovered all. The church, so the information ran, was situated totally out of the high road, down a lane, and was worthy of a visit. I made such visit with pleasure. About 200 yards before the church was reached I passed a very nice house with extensive grounds, and saw a gentleman at work with a hoe among his flowers. With my usual modesty I passed on without greeting him, and soon entered the churchyard—a beautiful haven of rest. A noble square tower at the west end of the sacred building, with evident signs of a recent restoration, begat the hope that more than five bells were in location. The church door was open, and I entered. The pious work of the restorer was in evidence. Beautiful stained glass windows, oak carved screen of most elaborate work, and other decorative art, enchanted one. A curtain divided the tower arch from the nave. Drawing this on one side what do you think was seen? Not a circle of bell ropes, but five lines, or strings, brought down close to the wall.

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Ah! said I; here is a chiming apparatus. Then I left the church, feeling slightly uncomfortable that amid such a noble restoration as it had undergone, the bells had received no consideration. Returning, I passed the house before alluded to, where the gentleman was still at work in his garden. He had evidently watched me into the churchyard, and as I approached he threw down his garden implement and came to the hedge to speak. I then found him to be the Rector. He talked about the church, but I soon brought up the bells, which he told me were five. I presumed they were not in good order, but he did not know; "they were done something to," he said, "about 20 or 30 years ago, and placed altogether in a row!" I gasped; but preserving my facial mobility, I pressed upon him the desirability of having another bell to make six, and having also an entire new frame. He got interested; and after enquiring the best way to go to work, promised to obtain estimates; and I have every reason to believe that the very necessary improvements will be made.

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Now such a place as this is peculiarly susceptible to missionary effort. The humblest among us may throw in a good word of advice, but judiciously. In my conversation with the Rector above alluded to, I hammered away for eight bells for a time. But I found it was of no use. "There were not enough ringers to be found," he said, "for so many bells!" But I got his ear for the additional one to make six. I hope to bear again of further "expeditions" in which the Rev. the Vicar of Writtle shall be concerned.

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It will be in the recollection of my readers that last week a letter from a correspondent appeared concerning the state of affairs at Bournemouth. Well the following, omitting all formal parts, is Mr. H. Grist's reply:—

"I beg to say I think Mr. Plain Speaker has this time overstepped the bounds of truth and propriety. It is much to be regretted he should be the means of stirring up strife and ill-will, where harmony and good-feeling should reign predominant, and especially on reports sent him by anonymous and irresponsible persons who are ashamed to put their names to such letters, thereby preventing us answering them as they should be answered; and I have the authority of our Vicar to say that he thinks it is a great piece of impertinence to write such letters, and to make a public comment thereon, as has been done in this case. If any complaint is necessary, it should be made to the Vicar and churchwardens, with the name of the writer attached. The letter referred to is about three-parts incorrect in several particulars, and if Mr. Plain Speaker will kindly send the name of the writer to St. Peter's vicarage, or would come to Bournemouth, we shall be very pleased to meet him by arrangement, and probably we might get permission for a peal; if so we should hope he would make one of the band, otherwise we cannot take any further notice of the matter, but must treat it with the contempt it deserves. Trusting this will be a warning to Mr. Plain Speaker in the future, I remain yours faithfully, A. GRIST."

However Mr. Grist or any one else can charge me with having "overstepped the bounds of truth and propriety" I cannot imagine. I said nothing either way, but merely appended to my notes what had been sent for that purpose. Neither did I add anything which can be reasonably called "public comment." Mr. Grist is my debtor. I have given him and his friends an opportunity to rehabilitate themselves; to answer their detractors. But agreeing in his condemnation of anonymity, I ask Mr. George Preston, of 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, to send his address to Mr. Grist, and acknowledge himself as the writer of the letter which appeared after undergoing a little judicious clipping at my hands.

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The Winchester Guild appears, like most other similar bodies, to be making headway. I hear from several quarters that the Hon. Secretary of this Guild takes an extraordinary interest in his office, and his energy and indefatigableness (I hope that word is correct) in promoting the Guild's interest is wonderful. I sincerely believe it. The rev. gentleman is a very old friend of mine, and therefore it pleases me amazingly to know that his brethren of the Guild think a great deal of him, and highly value his connection with them. There is one little matter in connection with the report of the meeting which to my somewhat obtuse vision is hardly clear. It is the following paragraph:—

> "Attention was called by the Hon. Secretary to the publication of touches in "THE BELL NEWS" which were not rung by members of the Guild. At Winchester Cathedral, Christchurch, Portsea, and Ryde, gentlemen had taken part in short performances who had not been previously elected members of the Guild. He hoped that local secretaries of bands would remember rule xiv."

This conveys an impression—a wrong one, I have no doubt—that only members of the Guild should be allowed to enter the tower of the Cathedral and other churches named. Perhaps the Rev. C. E. Matthews would kindly make it plain, if he pleases.

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There has also been held the annual meeting of the Hereford Guild, at Ludlow. Herein is great cause for satisfaction, very great cause indeed. I recollect the Guild's early struggles, but now its difficulties may be said to be at an end. But ringers in the county of Hereford seem to be a little backward yet, I think. Wake up, my brethren of Hereford. There has been a deal of trouble and anxiety spent in the establishment of your

Guild. It has had devoted officials in the persons of its seeretaries to direct it. Strive to excel to the utmost, and let the ringing features of the county become as famous as its white-faced cattle.

Mr. William Twigg, of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, deserves a high compliment for the manner in which he has kept things going for a long time. The yearly balance-sheet, presented by him to the members. is a very creditable affair, showing not less than £17 odd in hand. This is very good indeed for what I may call a small society.

Something like a testimonial at Birmingham to Mr. Godden. And how neat and clean it was worked. No sooner was it proposed, than it was done. No talking about it for a term or two. This is just like the Brums. They are certainly wide-awake folk, if sometimes they take care to let you know it. I beg to compliment the recipient, wishing his days may be long in the land. And with this I conclude. PLAIN SPEAKER.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE BISHOP RYDER'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 2nd, tbe members of this Society had their annual pic nic. Journeying by brake to Warwick through the most lovely scenery, the handbells enlivened the country road at intervals. After refreshments at The Hare and Hounds the tower of St. Mary's (by kind permission of the Vicar) was placed at their disposal, and the obliging tower-keeper, Mr. Hardy, had everything in readiness, and assisted in the enjoyment of the party. After ringing was over, and a social meeting at which Mr. Scott, Mrs. Wild and Miss Hodson contributed to the harmony, the party returned. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the tower-keeper for his kindness.

THE BISHOPWEARMOUTH SOCIETY.—On Bank Holiday, August 1st, tbe members of this company had their excursion to Ripon, accompanied by two from Sunderland church and one from St. Ignatius. We made a start by the 7.52 a.m. train, and reached our destination about 10 o'clock after a pleasant journey, enlivened by sundry touches on the handbells. Our advance agent (Mr. R. M. Pick) was there to meet us, he having come through on the Saturday, and led the way at once to Sharow church, where we found all in order, and soon had the bells ringing to the tune of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. After ringing about an hour our photographers had a shot at the church, and we then made our way to the city, where dinner was provided by Mrs. Snowdon. After doing ample justice to this a waggonette was secured which conveyed us to Studley Royal, where the afternoon was spent in wandering about the beautiful grounds. The handbells were again brought into action among the ruins of Fountain Abbey, where they proved a great attraction. After being photographed we had a first-class tea in the grounds, and then drove into Ripon again, where the remainder of the evening was spent in ringing at the Cathedral, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples being brought round. The return journey was commenced at 9.20 p.m., arriving home about 11.40, having had a most enjoyable day. Our best thanks are due to our churchwardens for providing the expenses, to Mr. Thos. Hudson (belfry sidesman), who had charge of the arrangements, and to Mr. Walter Pick and others of the Ripon Cathedral Society, who so kindly obtained permission to ring, and rendered us valuable assistance. H.

THE ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, CHELSEA.—On Saturday, July 9th, ten members of this society met at Paddington station, and travelled by the 9.50 a.m. train to Oxford for their annual two days' outing, viz.: Saturday and Sunday. On arrival the party were met by their old friend Mr. C. Hounslow, who conducted them to various places of interest, New College being reached about noon, where a course of Grandsire Caters and 468 Stedman Caters was rung, conducted by H. R. Newton. On leaving New College the company at once proceeded to The White Hart, Old Headington, where an excellent dinner was provided. Having thoroughly refreshed the inner man, a very pleasant walk was taken through the fields, which was much enjoyed by all, returning to headquarters for tea at 6 p.m., when we were pleased to find that the Master of the Society, Mr. G. Fardon, and another member bad arrived, they being unable to leave in tbe morning on account of business. Tea being over a move was made to St. Andrew's, Old Headington, a nice little peal of six, where touches of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung. Returning to headquarters a very pleasant evening was spent, some capital songs being sung by Messrs. H. R. Newton, G. T. Chesterman, W. Dean, Host Thomas and various others, and was very ably accompanied by Mr. W. Dean. At 10 p.m. supper was provided, all members again being in their places. After supper Mr. T. E. Barber proposed "The Health of his Excellency the Earl Cadogan, K.G.," also that of "The Rector of Chelsea, the Rev. Gerald Blunt, M.A., the Churchwardens, and various other friends," which was very heartily responded to. The toast of "The Officers of the Society" was proposed by Mr. Cbesterman, and was well received. Twelve at midnight soon arriving a move was made to retire for the night. Breakfast at 9 p.m. being very much enjoyed, a move was made to Oxford, some to one church and some to another. Arrangements were made to ring in the evening at the Cathedral. Returning to headquarters at 1 p.m. a capital dinner was partaken of. Dinner over some sacred music was splendidly rendered on the piano by Mr. W. Dean, which was much enjoyed by all. After partaking of the usual cup of tea, and thanking our worthy host and hostess for the able manner in which they had provided for us, a move was made to Christ Church Cathedral, when with some of the Oxford Guild a course of Stedman Cinques and some Caters was rang on the beautiful ring of bells. After the usual hand-shaking and leave-taking we returned by the 7.58 p.m. train to Paddington, arriving home shortly after 10 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We take this opportunity of thanking his Excellency the Ear. Cadogan, the Rev. Gerald Blunt, the churchwardens and several other friends for assisting us financially in this most enjoyable outing. Also Mr. C. Hounslow, Mr. Washbrook and other members of the Oxford Guild, for the kindly manner in which they met us and added to our pleasure. B.

## HALF-HOLIDAY IN THE SOUTH OF YORKSHIRE.

The pleasant little village of Anston was all astir on Sunday, July 24th (the nearest Sunday to St. James's day) it being the anniversary of the opening of the bells at the parish church, which sacred edifice is dedicated to Saint James.

Anston church stands on a slight eminence in the south of Yorkshire, with all its quaint country customs, bordering on Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, in close connection with the town of Worksop and The Dukeries. It is a cosy little place; and the Vicar is the Rev. W. H. Rigg, M.A. It is fortunate in having an excellent choir, which would do credit to any church in the county. The Duke of Leeds is lord of the manor, and owns more than 9000 acres of land in the neighbourhood.

The south porch of the church was rebuilt in 1890, and the expense thereof defrayed by the children of the parish. During the renovation of the chancel, an old copper-plate was found which marked the resting-place of a Mr. John Hutton and his wife Elizabeth, who died in the year 1662. This plate is in a good state of preservation, and is replaced within the chancel and cherished as a relic of bygone times.

For evening service on the day in question a 720 of Duke of York was rung by F. Willey, C. Fowler, H. Stenton, W. Hargreaves (conductor), S. Smith, and T. Sylvester. And a 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure, conducted by C. Fowler. The bells are a fair musical ring of six, tenor 12 cwt., by Taylor. It was 27 years ago on the above date since tbe bells were first rung for Divine Service; and it is also a notable fact that Mr. Hargreaves (of Shireoaks) was there on that day, and rang for morning and evening service.

After a short ramble through the woods, and over the Anston stones, for which the village is famous, the visitors bade their Anston friends adieu, promising to give them another look-in at at early date.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1898.

THE strong and rational desire in the breast of almost every ringer that the bells which immediately concerns him should be of a respectable number—a number sufficient for ringing 5000 or more actual changes—is gradually increasing. And not only the wish, but we now find instances where ringing companies take the matter of augmentation in their own hands, and with an energy to be greatly commended, proceed to gather the contributions necessary for the accomplishment of the beloved desire. There is more in this than appears on the surface; it shows more, we think, than a mere hunger for the convenient practices of methods upon a higher number of bells; it is the result of a craving that the church should be as complete with regard to the tower as it is to the chancel.

The latest instance of the kind is the movement at the little town of Braintree, in Essex, of which particulars may be found on another page. Mr. C. H. HOWARD, who has the matter in hand, is a most energetic ringer, and we hope he may be successful, and very soon, in his undertaking.

## The Provinces.

### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Wednesday, July 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5760 CHANGES.** Tenor 30 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN O. BENNETT | *Treble.* | WILLIAM H. SMITH | 5. |
| NOAH DAVIS | 2. | JAMES PAGETT | 6. |
| THOMAS WAKEMAN | 3. | ERNEST C. HUNT | 7. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER | 4. | RICHARD E. GROVE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

This peal contains the 120 course-ends, and is now rung for the first time.

### ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, July 28, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM | *Treble.* | FRANK SMITH | 5. |
| WILLIAM H. NEWELL | 2. | WILLIAM J. S. THORN | 6. |
| WILLIAM A. JAY | 3. | HERBERT MARTIN | 7. |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY | 4. | HARRY MANSFIELD | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal by the 3rd and 2nd on a bob bell; and first of Triples as conductor.

### KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

*On Saturday, July 30, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

*Being 720 each of the following;*

**Cambridge Surprise, Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, and City Delight.**

Tenor 15 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS BETTISON | *Treble.* | WILLIAM LAMBERT | 4. |
| HARRY GREAVES | 2. | WILLIAM H. TURTON | 5. |
| WALTER ALLWOOD | 3. | CHARLES SEVERN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Greaves, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

### CLITHEROE, LANCS.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

*On Saturday, July 30, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;** Tenor 15 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE GOODWIN | *Treble.* | ROBERT SANDERSON | 5. |
| ISAAC WHALLEY | 2. | JOHN BROWN | 6. |
| WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL | 3. | JAMES SCHOLEY | 7. |
| EDWIN TIMBRELL | 4. | MATTHEW ADAMS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

This is the first peal by R. Sanderson, and the first in the method by the Brothers Timbrell.

### STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, July 30, 1898, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN O. BENNETT | *Treble.* | THOMAS J. SALTER | 5. |
| GEORGE A. KING | 2. | *FREDERICK S. BAYLEY | 6. |
| ISAAC G. SHADE | 3. | KEITH HART | 7. |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor,* |

**Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.**

*First peal of London Surprise and first peal of London Surprise on the bells.

### WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 30, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being 720 each of College Pleasure London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT ROBINSON | *Treble.* | HERBERT SHARP | 4. |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY | 2. | WILLIAM JOHN BARKER | 5. |
| CHARLES CHASTY | 3. | CHARLES WM. CLARKE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

### CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, July 31, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 13¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK W. PRICE | *Treble.* | THOMAS J. SALTER | 5. |
| ISAAC GEORGE SHADE | 2. | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 6. |
| JOHN ORLANDO BENNETT | 3. | KEITH HART | 7. |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

### WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, August 1, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY H. CHANDLER | *Treble.* | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 5. |
| ISAAC G. SHADE | 2. | THOMAS J. SALTER | 6. |
| ROBERT S. CHERRIMAN | 3. | KEITH HART | 7. |
| JOHN O. BENNETT | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of Superlative on this new ring of eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

### THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

*On Monday, August 1, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WALTER PERKINS | *Treble.* | THOMAS R. HENSHER | 5. |
| ALPHAEUS PERKINS | 2. | CHARLES CHASTY | 6. |
| WILLIAM J. BARKER* | 3. | ANDERSON Y. TYLER | 7. |
| JAMES GARRATT | 4. | CHARLES W. CLARKE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal of Superlative away from the treble.

### SHREWSBURY.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

*On Monday, August 1, 1898, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.**

Tenor 43 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN JAGGAR* | *Treble.* | *ROLAND CARTWRIGHT | 7. |
| WILLIAM SHORT | 2. | JAMES GEORGE | 8. |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER | 3. | *THOMAS J. BRATTON | 9. |
| WILLIAM A. HANCOX | 4. | CHARLES H. WATTS | 10. |
| THOMAS MILLER | 5. | WILLIAM GREENLEAF | 11. |
| JAMES E. GROVES | 6. | *JOHN BARBER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM A. HANCOX.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques, also the first on the bells. First peal as conductor on tower bells, aged 20. An account will appear next week.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

*On Monday, August 1, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK P. HOWCRAFT | *Treble.* | WILLIAM H. WEBBER .. | 5. |
| FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. | 2. | GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. | 6. |
| HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. | 3. | JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM E. MOSS .. .. | 4. | *FREDERICK GENTRY .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

The ringers wish to thank Canon Hunter for giving them permission, and also Mr. H. Griffith, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness. *First peal.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

*On Monday, August 1, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK P. HOWCRAFT | *Treble.* | FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM H. WEBBER .. | 2. | JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. | 6. |
| HARRY R. PASMORE .. .. | 3. | GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE | 4. | ARTHUR DEAN .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN D. MATTHEWS, of Bath, and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal of Bob Major by Messrs. Howcraft, Webber, Pasmore, Golding, and Symonds.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIAYION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

*On Monday, August 1, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D♭.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR SYMONDS .. | *Treble.* | ERNEST AMBROSE .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. | 2. | SAMUEL SLATER .. .. | 6. |
| WALTER GRIGGS .. .. | 3. | GEORGE VALENTINE .. .. | 7. |
| HARRY THOMPSON .. .. | 4. | CHARLES SILLITOE .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by CHAS. SILLITOE.

This peal has the 6th nine course-ends at home. It was arranged for Mr. Taylor, who hails from Leiston, Suffolk.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, August 1, 1898, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM LITTLE .. | *Treble.* | †CHARLES GEORGE .. .. | 6. |
| EDWARD HULL .. .. .. | 2. | †HERBERT MARTIN .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM WHITEHEAD* .. | 3. | ‡ARTHUR HALLETT .. .. | 8. |
| GEORGE N. PRICE† .. .. | 4. | W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. | 9. |
| WILLIAM OAKLEY* .. .. | 5. | *W. H. BUCKINGHAM .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters on tower bells. ‡First peal of Caters with a bob bell.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, August 1, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.** Tenor 14½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE W. SORRELL | *Treble.* | EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM H. DORAN .. .. | 2. | ARTHUR EDWARDS .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM LINCOLN .. .. | 3. | ERNEST PYE .. .. .. | 7. |
| GEORGE R. PYE .. .. | 4. | WILLIAM PYE .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and also the longest.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, August 2, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| RICHARD WHITE .. | *Treble.* | JOHN W. WHITING .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN TUCKER .. .. .. | 2. | EDGAR HUMFREY .. .. | 6. |
| ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. | 7. |
| FRANK BENNETT .. .. | 4. | HENRY HYDE .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, August 3, 1898, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES GRATRIX .. .. | *Treble.* | EDMUND HEWITT .. .. | 6. |
| ALFRED WILSON .. .. | 2. | WALTER BROWN .. .. | 7. |
| ROBERT DAVIES* .. .. | 3. | GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE .. | 8. |
| WILLIAM PYLE* .. .. | 4. | JOHN EACHUS .. .. .. | 9. |
| RALPH RAVENSCROFT .. | 5. | THOMAS RUSHTON .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

*First peal of Caters.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 7th in the peal rung at Hughenden, reported last week, should have been W. E. Yates, not W. E. Biggs.

## Date Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, July 26th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Barlow, 1; T. Sale, 2; W. Gordon, 3; G. Warburton, 4; S. Mitchell, 5; W. Gordon, jun., 6; J. A. Gordon, 7; A. Birch, 8. Adapted from Holt's Original, and conducted by W. Godfrey.

## Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) standing as before. On Tuesday, June 7th, 720 Plain Bob. R. Sharples, 1; C. Rigby (Church Kirk), 2; T. Holden, 3; J. Bentley, 4; R. Parkinson, 5; C. Sharples (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Holden, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; C. Sharples, 4; A. Heap (Accrington), 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 12th, 720 Grandsire. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single, standing as before. On Sunday, June 26th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure standing as before. On Tuesday, June 28th, 720 Grandsire. E. Eckroyd (Accrington), 1; J. J. Haworth, 2; T. Holden, 3; J. Bentley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 3rd, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; N. Townend, 4; T. Redman, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6 For evening service 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; D. Heys, 2; R. Hartley, 3; T. Redman, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 12th, 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; E. Hartley, 2; W. Walton, 3; N. Townend, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 23rd, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 23rd, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, July 26th, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; T. Redman (conductor), 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Mouncey, 6. Another 720 of Kent. R.

Hartley, 1; T. Redman (conductor), 2; W. Walton, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Mouncey, 6. On Sunday, July 31st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth, 6. And 768 Oxford Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; D. Heys, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth, 8.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—On Monday, June 13th, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Evans, 1; S. Hope, 2; H. Allen, 3; J. Thomas, 4; C. Greening, 5; T. Williams, 6; C. Layton (conductor), 7; W. Smart, 8. Also some courses of Stedman Triples and Bob Major by the above. On Monday, July 4th, 546 Grandsire Triples. C. Thomas, 1; W. Evans, 2; Rev. G. M. Custance, 3; T. Williams (conductor), 4; C. Greening, 5; J. Thomas, 6; G. Peacey, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. Also a 350. G. Peacey, 1; C. Greening, 2; Rev. G. M. Custance, 3; W. Evans, 4; T. Williams (conductor), 5; J. Thomas, 6; C. Thomas, 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. On Monday, July 18th, a 672. H. Allen, 1; J. Field, 2; S. Hope, 3; W. Evans, 4; C. Greening, 5; J. Thomas, 6; T. Williams (conductor), 7; T. Jordan, 8. On Sunday, July 24th, a 560. H. Allen, 1; W. Evans, 2; S. Hope, 3; J. Thomas, 4; G. Peacey, 5; C. Thomas, 6; C. Layton (conductor), 7; C. Pedlingham, 8. And a 420. C. Thomas, 1; S. Hope, 2; Rev. G. M. Custance, 3; J. Thomas, 4; G. Peacey, 5; H. Allen, 6; C. Layton (conductor), 7; W. Smart, 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PANGBOURNE (Berks).—On Saturday, July 30th, at the parish church, 360 Plain Bob. E. Cottrell, 1; T. Herridge, 2; J. Abery, 3; G. Abery, 4; E. Bruce, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. E. Cottrell, 1; J. Abery, 2; E. Bruce, 3; T. Herridge, 4; W. Home (conductor), 5; A. E. Reeves, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, July 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard, 1; N. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; H. Collins, 4; E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 28th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and six singles). Composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton-on-the-Hill. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Farrow, 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Webb, 6. On Sunday, July 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; H. E. Hammond, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; W. Webb, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. These bells are now again in good ringing order.

GREAT BARDFIELD (Essex).—On Thursday, June 14th, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; H. Pilcher, 2; W. Moore, 3; H. Collins, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, June 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. M. Rolfe, 1; E. Runter, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; E. Wright, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; H. Sharpington, 6.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Dains, 1; G. Piper, 2; A. Edwards (conductor), 3; A. Shuttleworth, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright, 6; A. Whight, 7; R. Dains, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. J. Dains, Bradley, and Wright. Messrs. Bradley and Wright hail from Broomfield.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, June 12th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Parsons, 1; E. Runter, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells, and by all except E. Runter. On Tuesday, June 14th, 720 Woodbine. C. Parsons, 1; E. Wright, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; E. Runter, 6. On Sunday evening, June 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine (twenty-one bobs). T. Crozier, 1; E. Runter, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright, 6. On Sunday, June 26th, for the Flower Service in the afternoon, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Crozier, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; E. Wright, 4; E. Runter, 5; A. Bradley (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. G. Clark, 1; E. Runter, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 16th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Parsons, 1; E. Runter, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; E. Wright, 6. On Sunday evening, July 24th, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Crosier, 1; E. Runter, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. C. Howard hails from Braintree.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday, August 1st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles) in 28 mins. H. Tarlton, 1; W. Butler, 2; J. T. Butler, 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18¾ cwt. in F. Also 180 with T. Allibone, 4; the rest as above. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Bansall to Miss A. Butteriss, of Sutton, Surrey.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOBBING (Kent).—On February 22nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Waters, 2; A. Day, 3; H. Goord, 4; W. Wilkins (conductor), 5; A. Trowell, 6. On March 20th, two 720s of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. A. Trowell, 1; C. Millway (conductor), 2; J. Grinstead, 3; W. Hyland, 4; W. Walker, 5; W. Wilkins, 6. On March 22nd, 720 Plain Bob. F. Jordan, 1; A. Day, 2; J. Jeffrey, 3; A. Trowell, 4; H. Goord, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On April 5th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Jordan, 1; H. Goord, 2; J. Jeffrey, 3; A. Day, 4; A. Trowell, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. A 720 Plain Bob, with S. Wade, of London, ringing the 5th. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Waters, 2; A. Day, 3; W. Wilkins, 4; A. Trowell, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6. On April 17th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Jordan, 1; A. Waters, 2; J. Jeffrey, 3; H. Goord, 4; A. Day, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On April 24th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Jordan, 1; A. Day, 2; J. Jeffrey, 3; H. Goord, 4; A. Trowell, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On May 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Jordan, 1; H. Goord, 2; J. Jeffrey, 3; A. Trowell, 4; A. Day, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On May 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Jordan, 1; A. Waters, 2; H. Goord, 3; W. Wilkins (conductor), 4; A. Day, 5; A. Trowell, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Waters, 2; A. Trowell, 3; A. Day, 4; H. Goord, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On May 18th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Jordan, 1; A. Trowell, 2; J. Jeffrey, 3; H. Goord, 4; A. Day, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On May 22nd, 720 Plain Bob and 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 45 mins. F. Jordan, 1; A. Day, 2; J. Jeffrey, 3; W. Walker, 4; A. Trowell, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob, in 43 mins. J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Waters, 2; A. Trowell, 3; H. Goord, 4; A. Day, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On June 1st, 720 Plain Bob. F. Jordan, 1; H. Goord, 2; J. Jeffrey, 3; A. Trowell, 4; A. Day, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On June 6th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 22 mins. A. Waters, 1; H. Goord, 2; J. Jeffrey, 3; A. Trowell, 4; A. Day, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On June 12th, 720 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire. J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Waters, 2; A. Trowell, 3; H. Goord, 4; A. Day, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On June 26th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Waters, 2; H. Goord, 3; A. Trowell, 4; A. Day, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On July 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Waters, 2; A. Trowell, 3; H. Goord, 4; W. Wilkins (conductor), 5; A. Day, 6.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On June 23rd, 324 Grandsire Caters. R. Glass, 1; W. Gazeley, 2; C. Clarke (conductor), 3; H. Toll, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. Chasty, 6; W. Barker, 7; I. Hills, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; F. Ball, 10. On June 26th, 336 Double Norwich. R. Glass, 1; C. Chasty, 2; F. Smith, 3; S. Cullip, 4; C. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp, 7; W. Barker, 8. Also 306 Stedman Caters. C. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Gazeley, 3; E. Tingey, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Smith, 6; I. Hills, 7; W. J. Barking, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; J. Sear, 10. On June 30th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent. R. Glass, 1; C. Clarke, 2; W. Barker, 3; J. Smith, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. J. Sear, 1; W. Barker, 2; C. Clarke, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. Smith, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. On July 5th, 720 College Exercise. R. Glass, 1; I. Hills, 2; J. Smith, 3; C. Chasty, 4, C. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Parsons, 6. And 720 Violet. R. Glass, 1; C. Clarke, 2; C. Smith, 3; W. Barker, 4; J. Smith, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. At St. Paul's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Webb, 1; S. Cullip, 2; W. Barker (conductor), 3; W. Gazeley, 4; C. Chasty, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Tysoe, 7; J. Sear, 8. On July 19th, 336 Grandsire Triples, C. W. Clarke (ringing the 2nd. And 168 Stedman Triples. W. Barker (conductor). At St. Mary's, on July 21st, 360 Bob Minor. J. Smith, 1-2; W. Barker, 3; C. Smith, 4; J. Smith (conductor), 5; W. Gazeley, 6. On July 24th, at St. Paul's church, 420 Stedman Triples. R. Glass, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Chasty, 4; I. Hills, 5; H Sharp, 6; W. Barker (conductor), 7; J. Sear, 8. On July 26th, 305 Grandsire Caters. R. Glass, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Toll, 3; C. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Gadgett, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; W. Barker, 9; J. Sear, 10. And 252 Stedman Triples, conducted by C. Clarke. On July 30th, 305 Grandsire Cates. R. Glass, 1; W. Barker, 2; E. Tingey, 3; C. Chasty, 4; R. Pheasant, 5; W. Gazeley, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Clarke (conductor), 8; H. Tysoe, 9; F. Ball, 10. Also 224 Superlative Surprise and 324 Stedman Caters, conducted by C. W. Clarke.

THURLEIGH (Beds).—On July 23rd, 720 College Exercise. J. Smith, 1; W. Gazeley, 2; C. Smith, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; C. Chasty, 5; W. Barker (conductor), 6.

WILLINGTON (Beds.)—On July 7th, 720 Woodbine. R. Glass, 1;

H. Toll, 2; C. Clarke, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Barker, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Court. F. Webb, 1; J. Smith, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Toll, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, August 1st, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but had to be abandoned at the half-way owing to the 7th and tenor going so badly. W. Taylor, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Holden, 4; C. R. Little (conductor), 5; W. Pickworth, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; H. Nash and F. Hilton, 8.

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BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Saturday, July 23rd, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 1050 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. Crewdson, 1; G. Goodwin, 2; R. Sanderson, 3; J. Smith, sen., 4; I. Whalley, 5; J. Brown (conductor), 6; J. Scholey, 7; M. Adams, 8. And 840 in the same method in 28 mins., standing as before, conducted by J. Brown.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, July 31st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the baptism of Mr. T. Hibbert's twin-daughters. A. G. Newman, 1; T. Newman, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; H. Simmonds, 6; J. Hands, 7; F. Simmonds, 8. The band afterwards heartily drank the health of Mr. and Mrs. Hibbert and daughters.

FINEDON (Northants).—On a recent Monday, the Wellingborough ringers accepted an invitation from their Finedon friends to spend an evening in ringing short touches in conjunction with them. The following were accomplished: A 168 of Grandsire Triples. E. J. Dennes, 1; F. Underwood, 2; F. Wood, 3; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 4; W. H. Ette, jun., 5; E. West, 6; W. Perkins, 7; P. Manning, 8. Also 252 Bob Triples. J. T. Tompkins, 1; A. Smeathers, 2; P. Manning, 3; T. R. Hensher, 4; W. H. Ette, jun., 5; T. Abbott, 6; 6; W. Perkins (conductor), 7; W. Wood, 8. And 301 Grandsire Triples. G. M. Ette, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. R. Hensber (conductor), 3; W. Perkins, 4; E. West, 5; F. Wood, 6; J. T. Tompkins, 7; J. Seth, 8.

LANGLEBERRY (Herts).—On Sunday, June 26th, at St. Paul's church, 720 College Single. W. H. L. Buckingham, 1; W. Whitehead, 2; H. Martin, 3; G. N. Price, 4; F. Smith (first 720 in the method), 5; C. R Lilley (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. First 720 in the method on the bells.

LONDON.—On Thursday, July 28th, at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 630 Grandsire Triples. E. Clements, 1; H. Green, 2; W. Truss, 3; F. Perrin, 4; F. Clements, 5; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 6; W. Humberstone, 7; W. Cobbett, 8. The above touch contains six 6-7s, six 7-4s, and six 4-6s, and was composed by J. P. Bradley.

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## Correspondence.

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

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

### THE FIRST PEAL AT RYE, SUSSEX.

SIR,—I find some difficulty in giving my authority for all which I recorded in my "Chronology of Change-Ringing," which was published in "THE BELL NEWS" in 1884; the paper was drawn up in India in the manner following. I took a note-book and gave one or two pages for each year; in reading over works on the subject of change-ringing I noted down in the proper page of my note-book any information which I acquired. I obtained much from a series of "Belfry Records" published during several years in the early numbers of *Church Bells*; these records were copies of belfry tablets; much also from the list of College Youths peals at the end of Mr. Bannister's book; much again from papers contributed from time to time to *Church Bells* by Mr. Jasper Snowdon. Most unfortunately I did not put down in my note-book my authority for each entry, and after so many years it is most difficult to trace them out. In *Church Bells* for June 26th, 1875, a list is given of peals rung by James Barham, of Leeds, in Kent, and among them is a peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Rye, Sussex, on August 7th, 1774, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.; perhaps this led me to make the entry quoted by Mr. Hodgkin. I have not yet been able to trace the peal rung at Rye by the Benenden ringers; it was a bob-and-single peal of Grandsire Triples. F. W. J. REES.

### SUPERLATIVE.

SIR,—The qualities claimed for Mr. Dench for his peal were as follows: "The 6th twelve courses at home, and the first produced containing these properties in three equal parts." Home in this case we must take to mean course-ends, as the peal in question does not contain the twelve full courses with 6-7-8 together. Now in the class in which Mr. Dench entered his peal, as I pointed out in my last, are other peals composed prior to his. So that the claim put forward by him for first in that particular class does not hold good. Our friend wishes me to point out a peal with twelve wrongs. I would remind him that the 5088s are transposable. The desired effect can be got from them. From what I have said I hope our friend will not think that I am trying to cast mud at such an excellent attempt to obtain the desired results. His peal really belongs to an intermediate class. By allowing him first in that class I hope will be ample satisfaction.

G. LINDOFF.

### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your issue of July 30th, on page 95, yon publish a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by J. W. Wilkins, of Maidenhead. It is false in the 5th six of the 4th course, and continues in the first course of each part. T. H. TAFFENDER.

### REPLY TO MR. CLARKSON.

SIR, — I regret the attempt to discuss in public the policy of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association as regards new peals, augmentations, etc., the more so as that policy has been long settled, and is practically unanimously supported by the members. But I much more regret to notice the threat, so thinly veiled, from one of the originators of the Association on whose loyalty to it the officials might reasonably have relied. I would remind Mr. Clarkson that on no occasion has the Association assisted any such fund as his, though in some cases, while the schemes were smaller, they bore proportionately quite as heavily on the respective bands, or leaders who managed them. By "*official* assistance" I take it Mr. Clarkson alludes to the funds of the Association, as any other assistance was offered, as I shall mention later. This question first came forward at the time when we had got the Newcastle Cathedral authorities to deal with the restoration of their peal, and a subscription was opened. I asked the Association to suscbribe, as in the case of one of the Cathedrals I thought it a legitimate occasion for a subscription from the funds of the Association. Although I pleaded hard for it, and pointed out that in addition it would in all probability advance the interests of the Association very materially, my proposition was repulsed by a strong and energetic majority. Following this, other applications have been refused, and therefore we must continue to treat all cases alike. In my remarks at Gainford I was simply the mouthpiece of the Association, having learnt its intentions by experience, and I think it only right to remind Mr. Clarkson of the facts, as it must be admitted it very distinctly established the course of the Association in such matters. Now, while I approve of the action of the Oxford Association in subscribing to their Cathedral church, and advocated similar action in our own case, I do not approve of our Association being open to applications from every parish church in the Dioceses. But our members go farther than I do, and will not allow assistance to a cathedral, to say nothing of the other churches which have struggled with re-hangings and augmentations without any assistance from the Association and without applying for it, or complaining. At the same time Mr. Clarkson has been careful to point out that the scheme was essentially a Stockton affair, and that he could not ask for subscriptions outside that town. Referring to the question of "*official* assistance," at Durham, a committee of the Association was proposed to assist the fund without trespassing on the funds of the Association, but this for some reason was not acceptable to the Stockton men (Mr. Clarkson being absent from that meeting, I think) and they undertook to send circulars to each belfry. This however was not done. His method of placing the matter before the members has, I fear, scarcely been to the best advantage, and it is a pity that he now holds, as it were, a pistol to the bead of the Association. For my own part I think that the offer of a special committee to attend to the question more than fulfilled any claims that might exist for official assistance, and in lieu of that the scheme was most strongly recommended to the members at Gainford. The greatest interest has been displayed by the members with regard to it, and the ringing world must not assume from Mr. Clarkson's letter that the Association is careless about it. On the contrary, the greatest success has been wished with regard to it, and its accomplishment has been anticipated as a great addition to our Association, which I am sufficiently sanguine to believe will yet be the case. The objects of our Association are the promotion of change-ringing and belfry reform, and I do not think we are justified in using the funds for such subscriptions. While we have so much work to do in the way of intruction to bands who have peals but cannot ring them properly, I think we should expend the moneys under our control in this and similar legitimate ways. R. S. STORY,

*President Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

*Newcastle-on-Tyne, Aug. 2nd.*

## Compositions.

### A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

*By* WILLIAM WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield.*

6080.

| 23456 | IN | M | R |
|---|---|---|---|
| 56243 | – | s | |
| 32645 | | s | s |
| 23564 | – | | s |
| 52364 | | | – |
| 35264 | | | – |
| 32564 | | | s |
| 53264 | | | – |
| 25364 | | | – |
| 52436 | – | | s |
| 45236 | | | – |
| 24536 | | | – |
| 25436 | | | s |
| 42536 | | | – |
| 54236 | | | – |

Three times repeated.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong and right, with the least possible number of calls containing above qualities in a 6000.

If the singles at M be omitted in every part, the peal would be reduced to 5532, and contain the same qualities.

### A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

*By* TOM DALTON, *Croston, Preston.*

1898.

1324576
1342756
1432756
1347265
1342765
1324756
1234576
1235467

Odd Changes.

| Go as usual. | | *Continued*— | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 752634 | 1 | 326547 | 1 |
| 657423 | 5 | 523764 | 5 |
| 576423 | 4 | 725436 | 5 |
| 475362 | 5 | 257436 | 4 |
| 374256 | 5 | 452673 | 5 |
| 743256 | 4 | 654327 | 5 |
| 247635 | 5 | 736254 | 1 |
| 642573 | 5 | 367254 | 4 |
| 426573 | 4 | 263475 | 5 |
| 524367 | 5 | 632475 | 4 |
| 325746 | 5 | 436527 | 5 |
| 253746 | 4 | 754236 | 1 |
| 532746 | 4 | 257643 | 5 |
| 675432 | 1 | 572643 | 4 |
| 476253 | 5 | 675324 | 5 |
| 764253 | 4 | 436275 | 1 |
| 647253 | 4 | 234567 | 5 |

### FOUR PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

*By* FRANK HOPGOOD, *Reading.*

5088.

| 23456 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36452 | – | – | – | |
| 43265 | | | – | |
| 32465 | | | | – |
| 24365 | | | | – |
| 36542 | s | | – | |
| 56243 | – | | – | |
| 25364 | | | – | |
| 53264 | | | | – |
| 32564 | | | | – |

5088.

| 23456 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
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| 43652 | – | – | |
| 63254 | – | – | |
| 32654 | | | – |
| 26354 | | | – |
| 36452 | – | – | |
| 46253 | – | – | |
| 25364 | s | – | |
| 53264 | | | – |
| 32564 | | | – |

Each five times repeated.

5056.

| 23456 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
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| 42635 | | – | |
| 36245 | – | | – |
| 62345 | | | – |
| 23645 | | | – |
| 63542 | – | – | |
| 53246 | – | – | |
| 32546 | | | – |
| 25346 | | | –* |
| 35642 | – | – | |
| 65243 | – | – | |
| 26354 | | – | |
| 63254 | | | – |
| 32654 | | | – |

Three times repeated.

* Single in the second and fourth parts.

5184.

| 23456 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| 32654 | | – | | – |
| 26354 | | | | – |
| 63254 | | | | – |
| 64235 | | – | – | |
| 46532 | | – | | – |
| 36245 | – | – | | – |
| 62345 | | | | – |
| 23645 | | | | – |

Five times repeated; with single instead of bob at 6 in the second course of third and sixth parts.

These four peals contains the full combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6.

### A QUARTER-PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES.

*By* E. J. GALE, *Melton Mowbray.*

1260.

| 23456 | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42635 | – | – | |
| 63425 | – | | – |
| 46325 | | | – |
| 34562 | – | – | |
| 53246 | – | – | |
| 24536 | – | | – |
| 52436 | | | – |
| 45623 | – | – | |
| 62453 | – | | – |
| 46253 | | | – |
| 24365 | – | – | |
| 32546 | – | – | |
| 54326 | – | | – |
| 35426 | | | – |
| 23456 | – | | |

### PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

*By* EDWARD COOK, *Cardiff.*

5166.

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| *a* | 42356978 | |
| | 36427589 | 5 |
| | 26354978 | 7 |
| | 34267589 | 5 |
| | 64352978 | 7 |
| | 43652978 | 6 |
| | 62437589 | 5 |
| | 24637589 | 6 |
| | 34256978 | 7 |
| | 26347589 | 5 |
| | 46253978 | 7 |
| s | 26453978 | 6 |
| | 43267589 | 5 |
| | 63452978 | 7 |
| | 42637589 | 5 |
| | 32456978 | 7 |
| | 24356978 | 6 |
| | 36247586 | 5 |
| | 62347589 | 6 |
| | 42653978 | 7 |
| | 63427589 | 5 |
| | 23654978 | 7 |
| *b* | 62354897 | |
| | 34629578 | 5 |
| | 24356897 | 7 |
| | 36249578 | 5 |
| | 46352897 | 7 |
| | 63452897 | 6 |
| | 42639578 | 5 |
| | 26439578 | 6 |
| | 36254897 | 7 |
| | 24369578 | 5 |
| | 64253897 | 7 |
| s | 24653897 | 6 |
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| | 34269578 | 5 |
| | 42369578 | 6 |
| | 62453897 | 7 |
| | 43629578 | 5 |
| | 23456897 | 7 |
| *c* | 32456789 | |
| | 24356789 | 6 |
| | 43256789 | 6 |
| s | 23456789 | 6 |

*a.*—7th in and out at 3.

*b.*—9th in and out at 3.

*c.*—8th in and out at 3 and single next lead.

### A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

*By* E. FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

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| s 32564 | s 52364 | s 62354 |
| s 23645 | s 62435 | s 52436 |
| s 32456 | s 26354 | s 63452 |
| s 52643 | s 56432 | s 53246 |
| s 25436 | s 42563 | s 35462 |

Repeated,

## 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 some to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Lancashire Association.—A Meeting will be held to-day, Saturday. August 6th, at Waterfoot. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting in the belfry at 7 p.m. Will members who have not paid their subscriptions during the year kindly do so at this meeting?

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.-Manchester Branch.—The Monthly Meeting will be held at St. Margaret's church, Reddish, to-day, Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m. All ringers invited. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton, to-day, Saturday, August 6th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne.

REV. G. T. BIRCH, }
W. TWIGG, } *Hon. Secs.*

The St. James's Society, London.—Members are specially requested to attend the meeting on Monday, August 8th, to receive the report of the auditors and elect officers for the ensuing year. R. A. DANIELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Ram, at Hampton-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 13. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. All friends of the Association all cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Warrington, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 2 p.m., meeting at 5 p.m. HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The meetings of this Society are suspended until Thursday, September 1st.

C. J. IRISH, *Hon Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch. Particulars of arrangements will be announced in due course.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's church, West Derby (six bells), on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Members who have not paid their subscriptions will please do so at this meeting, as another year commences on September 1st. HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

The Sheffield and District Society.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Eckington, Derbyshire, on Saturday afternoon, August 13th. Eight bells.

JOHN MULLIGAN, *Sec.*

Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting of the Rochester District will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, August 20. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 30. Business meeting after tea. Members who wish to come to tea must let me know on or before Wednesday, August 17th.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
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The Salop Guild.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, August 27th. Service at 3 p.m., preacher the Hon. and Rev. G H F. Vane. Business meeting at 4 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Tea at 5 p m. at St. Chad's parish room, price 6d. per head. The Hon. Sec, will be glad to receive the names of those who intend to be present at tea. St. Chad's, St. Mary's and St. Alkmund's towers open to ringers.

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### A MOST WORTHY APPEAL.

Will anyone assist me in raising £100 for adding two trebles to our present peal of six. I have undertaken, with permission of the Vicar and churchwardens, to raise the money myself. I am being well supported in the parish, but require a little outside help to accomplish my task. The smallest donation will be most thankfully received and acknowledged in this paper. Cannot some of the more fortunate who have peals of eight and upwards in their own parish do a little for us. Below are a few donations from the local band.

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By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

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This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths place, the 4th and 6th their extent at five and six course-ends respectively, and the 5th short of the extent by one treble lead only.

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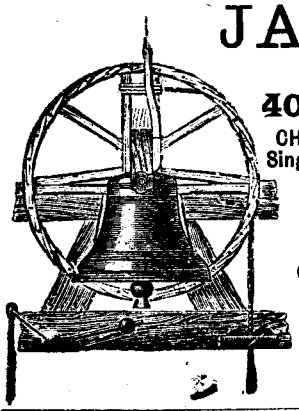

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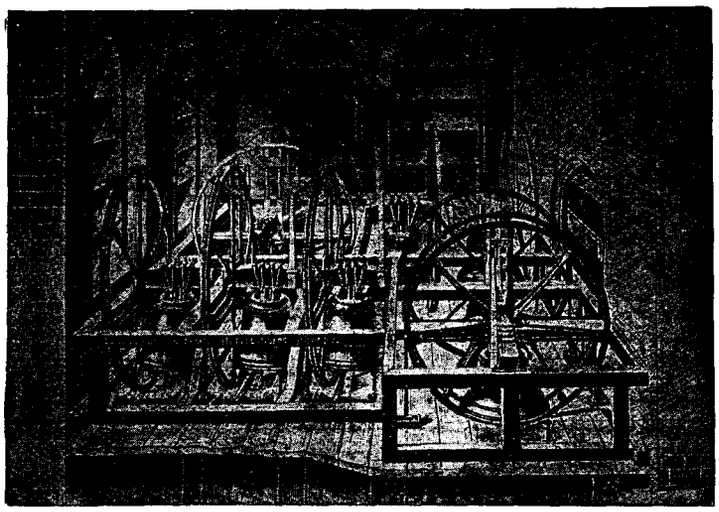

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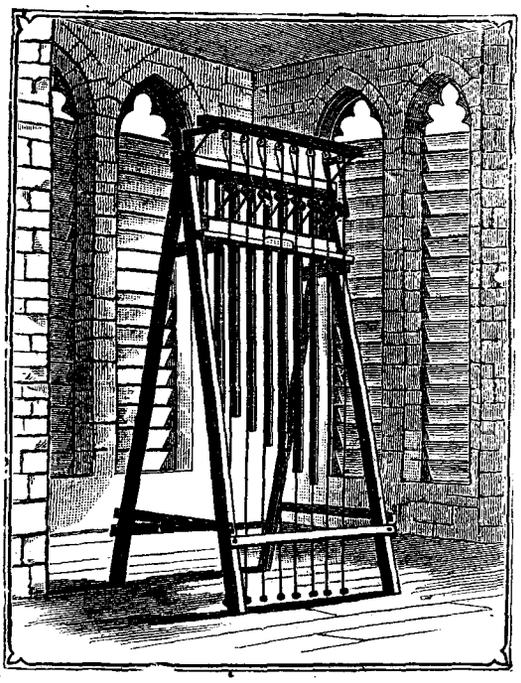

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## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The eleventh Annual Meeting of this Guild took place at Northwich, on Monday, August 1st. The proceedings began with Divine Service in Witton parish church at 10.45 a.m., at which the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Rector of Framlingham, Suffolk (himself a ringer and composer), from Ephesians iv. 3: "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

After the service the general meeting was held in the Boys' School, when the Master of the Guild—the Ven. Archdeacon of Chester—presided. The clergy present were the Revs. Canon Holme, Canon Turner, G. J. Howson, W. R. Gardner, W. H. Binney, T. W. H. France-Hayhurst, J. H. Pilkington, R. Greenall (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

The Hon. Secretary's report showed the membership to be 536; the balance at the bank being £62 14s. 9d.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, gave a hearty welcome to those present. He was glad to see such an excellent representative gathering. He regretted that he was the only one in attendance to represent the Chester branch, but this was due to the Foresters holding their high court in Chester: it was impossible for their ringers to come as they belonged either to that or to other friendly societies who were having their demonstration that day. The meeting at Chester was a unique one, and all were anxious to give a hearty welcome to the Foresters of Great Britain, and Greater Britain. He was glad to notice the addition of two towers to their Guild during the past year; he heartily welcomed them. He then alluded to the sermon they had heard that morning, saying that he quite endorsed the remarks of the preacher, especially those with regard to attendance at church. They might be interested to know that as Archdeacon it was his duty to make enquiries at his visitations as to the ringers and the state of the bells, and one question he asked was as to the arrangements made for the ringers to attend Divine Service after they had finished ringing.

The Ven. Archdeacon was re-elected Master; the Rev. R. Greenall Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The following honorary members were elected: Revs. Canon Holme, S. A. Boyd, H. L. Mallory, G. J. Howson, and Hatt Cook, Esq. And six ringing members; Messrs. Bethel (Chester), Holding (Crewe), Walmsley (Macclesfield), Spence (Grappenhall), Dillon (West Kirby), Gordon (Stockport).

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. H. Pilkington for his sermon, and he was elected an honorary member of the Guild. Mr. Pilkington briefly returned thanks.

On the proposition of Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Spence, it was resolved—"That each branch take its turn in nominating a representative to serve on the Central Council, and that no branch be represented a second time until have had a turn." This was carried unanimously.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Grappenhall, on the August bank-holiday, 1899.

The meeting then separated, to meet again at the Market Hall, Northwich, for dinner. After an excellent repast,

The Master gave the good old toast of "Church and Queen," which was received with great satisfaction. He then submitted—"Continued prosperity to the Chester Diocesan Guild." Although their numbers were not quite so large as on some occasions, there were sufficient to show that the interest felt in the Guild was still maintained, which he trusted would be the case for many years to come. It was a matter of the greatest satisfaction to himself to know that they had not suffered any severe check since its start. They could look upon their Guild's history as a prosperous one, and they were ready to help one another. He trusted that when they met at Grappenhall next year they would be able to listen to a ring of eight of the best bells the county could produce. The cost of adding a treble and tenor to the other six present in the tower, would be considerable. He thought they could interest their friends during the coming months, so that they might encourage their Secretary to know that he would receive more than the £5 grant from the Guild. Individual gifts would be highly valued, and he (the speaker) would promise a guinea towards the fund.

The Rev. R. Greenall, in acknowledgment, expressed his gratefulness to the Master and to the whole company for the way in which they had received the words of the Archdeacon, and for the kind expression of the feeling of goodwill towards himself. Hitherto he had not seen his way to provide the additional bells. His parish was a changing one, and he had lost several friends through death and removals. The encouragement given him, however, might result in the work being accomplished. He had every good wish for the prosperity of the Guild, and should be delighted if during his Secretaryship the number of their members could be raised from 536 to 1000.

During the afternoon the following towers were open: Witton, Hartford, Davenham, Middlewich, Great Budworth, and Knutsford. The day was beautiful throughout, and it appeared to be the general opinion that it was a happy and successful one.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Newmarket, on Monday, August 1st, when some twenty-five members were present from Bury St. Edmunds, Cambridge, Ely, Hilgay, Newmarket, etc. During the day several good touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung at All Saints' church, where also two attempts were made to bring round some Kent, but unsuccessfully, though the striking was capital. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were also rung at St. Mary's, where the bells are good, but are unfortunately only five.

After a good meat tea in the parish room of All Saints (for which Mr. D. Game, himself an old ringer, catered) the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. John Imrie (Vicar of St. Mary's) presiding. On behalf of the Vicar of All Saints, who had been obliged to leave early, and himself, he cordially welcomed the visitors once again to their town, and wished every success to the Association.

The Rev. W. W. Crump (Haddenham), General Secretary of the Association, then brought forward several business matters for discussion, and some new members were elected.

The Rev. P. E. Curtois (Secretary for Hunts.) hoped that it might be possible to hold the long-promised meeting at Hemingford, which had to be postponed last Whitsuntide, and it was accordingly arranged for the end of October, when a meeting of the Sudbury district will also be held at Sudbury. The new Secretary for that district (the Rev. W. W. Warren, Bury), moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chair, and the clergy who had kindly lent their bells, which was carried unanimously.

## ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

A large clock has just been erected in St. Margaret's church, Leicester, by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Steam Clock Works, Derby. It shows the time on four dials, and plays the Cambridge chimes.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A Record of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 6d.; cloth do., 9d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Berks.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30th, the Association made its first visit to Beeston for the purpose of holding the usual quarterly meeting. It is a pleasant little town in close proximity to Nottingham, and is famed for its manufacture of high-grade cycles. Upon the musical bells of its parish church the Association have also scored at least one notable peal, viz., 7200 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Tbe afternoon passed pleasantly enough with touches in various methods upon the bells. At 5 o'clock some twenty-five members assembled in the church schoolroom to partake of a capital meat tea which had been provided for them. After tea the meeting was held, the President taking the chair, supported by the Rev. —. Ellershaw, curate; also several ladies honoured us with their presence. To commence the business of the meeting, the Hon. Secretary read the minutes, which were signed, as also the names of four new ringing members, who were duly elected.

In addressing the meeting the President stated that eleven peals had been rung during the past quarter, viz.: by the Loughborough branch a peal of Grandsire Caters and two peals of Stedman Triples; by the Duffield branch, a peal of Double Norwich Major and a peal of Grandsire Triples; by the Beeston branch, two peals of Bob Major; by the Leicester branch, a peal of Grandsire Caters; by the Nottingham branch, a peal of Grandsire Triples; by the Burton branch, a peal of Superlative Surprise; by the Stanford branch, a peal of Bob Minor.

This was a fair record, although he supposed tbe Association must for awhile be content to be surpassed by others, at least until the younger bands became more skilled. It was unreasonable to expect the senior bands to keep up their former peal-ringing energy, when they had pretty well achieved everything worth ringing. He urged upon the older members the duty of training the younger, although it undoubtedly called for the exercise of much patience and self-dental. Also older members did not take the trouble to explain difficulties in simple language, but talked in technical terms, thus throwing a great deal of unnecessary mystery over the science, and as a result discouraging young ringers from the outset. If young ringers would only persevere, and exercise a little patience, they would soon find all their difficulties vanish.

Duffield was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Thompson.

A vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells, and to the curate and his wife for their presence at tea, was proposed by the Hon. Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Hickman, and carried with applause.

In the absence of the vicar, the Rev. —. Ellershaw, curate, responded. He thanked the meeting for the vote of thanks, and said he was pleased to welcome the Association at Beeston. He was greatly interested in bells, and thought that the scoring of peals must often be attended with great difficulty on account of a simple mistake bringing a peal to grief at once. He did not think that ringers got credit from the outside public for their performances. People would perhaps say "the bells sound well to-night," without thinking of those who rang them; on the other hand, "how badly the ringers are ringing those bells." He thought that ringing gave us a valuable lesson in unity, as ringers were so dependent on one another, all having to do their best, or utter failure was the result.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the business of the meeting.

## THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

On the 28th of last month eight members of the belfry Guild of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, started for a short holiday at Inverness, where there is a fine ring of eight bells. They left Edinburgh by the 9.3 p.m. train on Thursday, and having about an hour to wait at Perth, a stroll through the streets as far as St. Ninian's Cathedral filled in the time. After a rather tedious journey Inverness was reached about 6.30 on Friday morning. The ringers then went for a walk among the beautiful islands on the Ness which have been connected with bridges, returning to the hotel for breakfast at 8 o'clock. Breakfast over, they proceeded to the Cathedral, and after examining the interior, including the font, ascended the belfry stair. The bells are chimed every Sunday for service but have not been rung for many years owing to an accident which occurred some time ago to one of the ringers. A start was made, and the bells were rung until 11 o'clock, at which hour morning service is held. Tomalchurch cemetry was then visited, and the view to be obtained of the surrounding country makes it well worth the climb. The ringers then made their way to The Waverley hotel, where, through the kindness of Bishop Webb, Provost of Inverness, an excellent dinner was waiting for them. Having finished dinner they retraced their steps to the Cathedral for another touch, but unfortunately a slight accident brought the ringing to an untimely end. The wheel of the 5th bell gave way, tearing the chiming hammer out of its place and throwing it against the wheel of the 3rd. The bells were at once lowered, and an examination made in the belfry to ascertain the extent of the damage. Luckily none of the bells themselves were injured in the least, the only part to be renewed being about one-third of the wheel of the 5th bell. As the bells could not be used the ringers proceeded to St. Andrew's Lodge where Bishop Webb had prepared afternoon tea in the garden. The rest of the afternoon was filled in with change-ringing on handbells, until those who intended to return to Edinburgh that night departed, leaving five to spend the night in Invernes. On taking leave at St. Andrew's Lodge, another tour of the islands was made, and after tea at the hotel a walk on the other side of the town past the barracks filled in the Friday. On Saturday morning three of the ringers left, to be followed on the Monday afternoon by the last of the band, who had occupied their time by exploring the neighbourhood, including a sail on Loch Ness to Fort Augustin on Saturday, and a walk to Culloden Moor on Monday.

The ringing seems to have been appreciated by the population of Inverness if we can judge by the paragraph in *The Highland News* of 30th July:—"The effect was very pleasing, the bells pealing out the notes in a way they have not done for many a long day. The attention of visitors and others was attracted, and while the chimes was in progress many delighted listeners might be seen on the Castle Hill and other coigns of vantage in the neighbourhood of the Cathedral." *The Inverness Courier* of 2nd August, also had:—"The clear sweet notes of the bells, and the neat and effective manner in which the quaint music was rung arrested the attention of many of the public. Regret was expressed that, owing to the lack of interest in the ancient and honourable art of bell-ringing, the Inverness Cathedral bells are not heard to such effect as frequently as they might be. Change-ringing had not been heard in Inverness for years before."

Altogether a most enjoyable holiday was spent, and it will not have been spent in vain if the ringing done on Friday will do anything towards stirring up a desire to go in for change-ringing on the sweet-toned bells in St. Andrew's Cathedral.

## WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

A very pleasant and sociable evening was spent at No. 20, Bedford Street, on Saturday evening, August 6th, by the Woburn company, in celebration of the birthday of Mr. C. Herbert. The handbells were brought into requisition, and some touches of Bob Royal rung double-handed, at the conclusion of which Mr. H. Morrison proposed Mr. Herbert's health in the form following:—

With right good will to Herbert, Charles,
The ringers drink with glee;
Well known to all as pioneer
Of Campanology.

Of "bobs" and "singles" he can tell,
With much felicity;
Long may he live to meet with pride
The Woburn Company.

This was received with acclamation, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to a musical diversion, and the enjoyment of the fragrant weed.

## KENDAL, WESTMORELAND.

Bank Holiday was occupied by the St. John's Guild, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as in previous years, in "peal-hunting"; this time in Westmoreland, our particular "quarry" being the fine peal of ten in Kendal parish church. After a long journey of five hours—starting at 5 a.m.—through lovely mountain scenery, we were welcomed at the station by Mr. Brown Walker and several others of the local society, who at once made the pace to The Elephant for refreshment, internal and external. We were next taken to admire the church and its surroundings, one of these latter being a unique signboard over The Ring of Bells inn, which reminded every one of the sketch of the opening peal at the Imperial Institute which appeared in *The Graphic*. The body of the church, which is of enormous breadth—five aisles—deserved more time for inspection than we really had time to spare. We got into the tower, and were confronted by a mass of peal-boards, proving that change-ringing had been a feature of Kendal life from the early part of the 18th century. Opening the ball with an unfinished touch of Grandsire Caters, demonstrated to us at once that we had a fine musical ring to handle, and that there would be some satisfaction to be got out of a peal of Double Norwich if the striking was anything decent. This we started for in rather weak style, a change-course pulling us up at the fourth course-end. A fresh start was made, and some fine steady striking done for 3 hrs. 8 mins., when the clapper of the 5th came clanging on to the floor—a nasty habit this same tongue has, it appears, and that at most critical times. E. E. Ferry, 1; R. S. Story, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; W. Holmes, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; W. Story, 6; R. Richards, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. Tenor 25¾ cwt. This was a keen disappointment in which our local friends sympathised most heartily, and endeavoured to soothe our ruffled feelings—though it was evident this accident was no fault of theirs—by true west country hospitality. With the assistance of Messrs. Walker and Salmon we were quickly packing away an excellent dinner at The Elephant hotel, and spent the last hour in toasting each others healths, singing songs, and ringing courses of Stedman, Grandsire, and Treble Bob on handbells.

Mr. R. S. Story proposed a vote of thanks to the Kendal ringers for their kindly hospiiality, and for having everything in apple-pie order, to which Mr. Brown Walker responded, wishing us better luck next time, and hoped that time would not be far off.

A vote of thanks to the landlord was also carried with acclamation. Mr. Harrison obliged with his wonderful solos on the handbells, and two of the local men gave songs, all of which were highly appreciated. Messrs. Walker, Graham, Salmon, etc., set us on our road as far as Oxenholme, and we left them after extracting a promise of a return visit at an early date. We arrived home after a long weary journey at 11 p.m., more fit for bed than for another peal, but all were highly delighted with the days "Hunting," though we had failed to kill. We should like here to thank the Vicar, Rev. Canon French, and his churchwardens for the use of the bells so readily granted. C. L. R.

## THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

By the kind invitation of the Master of the above society (Edward Taylor Esq.), a visit was made to Horsham, Sussex. This being our second visit to this pleasant town (the former being in September, 1896) the journey of 75 miles was enlivened by reminiscences of the kind reception and our successful trip. On the present occasion our spirits were not up to "Surprise" mark, as unfortunately two of our society were unable to accompany us, and this meant that our exploits would be limited to Stedman Triples, etc.

We were welcomed on arrival at the station by Mr. Vaughan, the esteemed steeple-keeper, and shortly after by the veteran Sussex ringer Mr. Burstow, and also by Mr. Brown, one of the local company. Well! we "ascended the tower" and rang a touch of Stedman Triples, and lamented "Surprise." We had a surprise! in walked the Rev. F. E. Robinson; who had travelled specially from Oxford to meet us! We must explain that although this was a surprise to us as a company, it was not so to our worthy Master—who, it appears, had made the arrangement when Mr. Robinson preached the anniversary sermon at Saffron Walden, on June 27th, and had kept it for a surprise. After this, Surprise was real, as the tenor was turned in to London, Cambridge, and Superlative.

"The inner man" (whatever that may mean) was attended to by a good dinner at The Green Dragon, and without going into any further particulars of the bountiful spread, we can confidently recommend this hotel to all when in need of something substantial and savoury.

The Master (Edward Taylor, Esq.) occupied the chair, and at the other end sat Mr. F. Pitstow, our conductor—and we were honoured by the presence of the Canon Evan Daniel, and also our own esteemed Vicar, the Rev. J. T. Steele.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Daniel for his presence, and the use of the bells, which was acknowledged by pleasant words of welcome. The Rev. J. T. Steele also expressed the pleasure he experienced in being present.

Mr. F. Pitstow proposed the Master's health and complimented the society on having such a gentleman to take so great an interest in ringing.

More ringing—and then "The Tea"! which we enjoyed thoroughly on the lawn of Arun Lodge by invitation of Mrs. Willis, who was unfortunately away from home, but who was well represented by her daughters Miss Mildred and Miss Violet Willis, who left nothing undone to prove their hospitality—and to whom we tender our hearty thanks: and also to those who in so many ways made our second visit to Horsham so enjoyable.

J. F. S.

## THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, August 2nd, the members of this society, with their wives and friends, visited Pershore. Starting by the 8.45 train from Dudley, Pershore was reached soon after 10 o'clock. A quiet walk from the station and through the old ancient town, which was greatly admired by those who had not seen it before, made the party talk about the inner man. Wending their way to Mrs. J. Amphlett's, the coffee tavern, High Street, where arrangements had previously been made, dinner was served in first-class style, and to which ample justice was done. The next move was to the grand Old Abbey Church, were through the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. J. Allen Bell, M.A., one of the most enjoyable features of the day's trip was indulged in, viz.: a ring on the magnificent peal of eight bells. While ringing touches of Grandsire Triples, the ladies were busy viewing the interior of this noble structure, and they also climbed towards the belfry and to the top of tower, where they were well repaid for their trouble, the view of the surrounding district for many miles being extraordinarily beautiful. Leaving the sacred edifice the banks of the river Avon was sought, where some considerable time was spent in watching the anglers, who did not seem to have a very good catch. Returning to the coffee tavern a splendid tea awaited the party, which was freely partaken of and very much enjoyed.

The visitors would have been pleased to have made the acquaintance of the local ringers, and hope that their visit will be the means of strengthening the Association. The weather was beautifully fine and all that could be desired. Arriving home about ten o'clock, a short time was spent in conviviality, and a hope expressed that a visit would be made to Pershore again next year, and enjoy more than one day in the country. Through the medium of "The Bell News," the band wish to thank the Vicar most heartily for his kindness in granting permission to ring, and Mr. W. Meade, the tower-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

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## CROWLAND ABBEY.

The first section of the restoration works on the north wall of Crowland Abbey is nearly complete, and the work of raising a further portion of the wall will be begun almost immediately.

GRAVEDIGGER WANTED at Tottenham Cemetery; must have experience in mowing and clipping. Full particulars and forms of application to be obtained of The Superintendent, Tottenham Cemetery, Tottenham, Middlesex.—Wages commencing at 24s. per week.

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

The report of the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Chad's church, Shrewsbury, on Monday, August 1st, and recorded in the peal column of our issue of the 6th inst., contained an indication of a future reference, and in accordance therewith our Birmingham representative says:—

Much interest attaches to this the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the noble ring of bells in the beautiful and archæological interesting town of Shrewsbury. The idea of such a performance as a fitting commemoration of the centenary of the opening of the bells as a ring of twelve, originated, we believe, with Mr. C. H. Watts, and much credit is due to him and Mr. J. E. Groves for their perseverance and generalship in selecting such a representative band, and making arrangements which really deserved to be crowned with success.

It will be noted that Messrs. Jaggar, Groves, and Cartwright hailed from Wolverhampton; Short and J. Barber from Clent; W. H. Barber from Bangor; Hancox, Miller, and Watts from Birmingham; George from Rugby; Bratton from Welshpool; and Greenleaf from Hereford. Surely this may be called a heterogeneous collection, but the general excellence of the striking, and the magnificent way in which the several course-ends rolled up, bore testimony to the quality of the ringers and the soundness of judgment exhibited in their selection. It had been no secret in Birmingham among the members of the St. Martin's Guild that the peal was to be attempted, and many of them took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a ramble by the picturesque banks of the Severn while listening to the noble music the bells afforded them. Changes were started at 12.26 p.m., and precisely at 4.13 the bells came into rounds again, the ringers on making their re-appearance being most heartily congratulated by their many friends. while the precocious genius who had presided looked sufficiently cool and unsatiated to have re-started on a similar undertaking.

The following details as to the opening peal on the bells, of which this was a centenary commemoration, will doubtless be interesting to our readers:—

"The arrangements for the opening were placed in the hands of Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, a College Youth, who had taken part in several peals in London, notably one of Stedman Cinques, and another of Treble Twelve at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

"He obtained a band for this undertaking from among his London friends, and had them conveyed by a special. The peal of Grandsire Cinques—5184 changes—which they rang on July 18th, 1798, is not recorded in the tower, but the band was stationed thus: John Lifford, 1; Thos. Blakemore, (conductor), 2; John Povey, 3; Jos. Holdsworth, 4; William Wilson, 5; Peter Ashley, 6; James Dovey (Stourbridge), 7; Edward Bartell, 8; Chas. Barber, 9; Edward Simmons, 10; Saml. Lawrence, 11; Philip Pilgrim, tenor. At that time the tenor weighed only 34 cwt., but being thought insufficient for the other bells it was recast in 1834 and now weighs 43 cwt. Until January 2nd, 1893, she had never been rung single-handed through a peal, but the job was then accomplished by the late H. Roden, of Wolverhampton."

The peal now rung, and which was the first of Stedman Cinques on the bells, was Mr. Bratton's fiftieth, his record comprising: Grandsire Triples, 22, conducted 6; Grandsire Caters, 6; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Plain Bob Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; Plain Bob Major, 6; Minor methods, 2; Stedman Triples, 9; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; total—50.

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The order for the new illuminated turret quarter clock for Leeds parish church has been given by Mr. H. R. Chorley, architect, on behalf of the vicar, churchwardens, and committee, to Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, of Leeds and Newcastle. Mr. Robert Potts, grandfather of the present head of the firm, made and fixed the present old clock.

FOR SALE.—A PEAL OF 110 HANDBELLS, C 29 to C 01 Chromatic Scale. 61 bells, with 37 bells as duplicates, C 22 to C 1 Chromatic Scale, and also a few triplicates; all in good condition. By Mears and Stainbank. For any further particulars, apply, John Millett, Egerton Street, Broadfield, Heywood.

## A DAY IN ENGLISH SWITZERLAND.

On August Bank Holiday the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society of Sheffield, together with their wives and friends, including Mr. Thos. Boyer, of Boston, Mr. Horbery and Mr. Farrow, of Sheffield, Masters Harry and Lawrence Hattersley, sons of the President, had their annual excursion to Castleton, in Derbyshire. Eight o'clock was the appointed time for starting from the parish church gates, and after a short delay everything was in readiness and the outward journey commenced by way of Lady Bower and Ashopton, where a halt was called, not only to refresh the inner man but to view the scenery, for at this point of the route it is one magnificent column of gigantic rock. Again comfortably seated we continue our drive on to Bamford, thence forward to Hope, and on to Castleton, a distance of twenty miles' drive through the loveliest scenery and most mountainous country it has been the writer's good fortune to look upon.

We were met at the church gates by Mr. Joseph Ashton, who had everything in readiness, and gave us a cordial welcome, and heartily thanked us for our visit; and while dinner was being prepared at The George by mine hostess Mrs. Biggin, the bells were set going to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by T. Sylvester, T. Hattersley (conductor), F. Burgar, J. Mulligan, W. Smithson, H. Bower, F. Willey, W. Biggin.

Dinner time had now arrived, and everyone of the party eager for the fray, to which ample justice was done. After dinner, while we sat round the table, a touch of Grandsire Caters, and a selection comprising "The Blue Bells of Scotland," was given by Messrs. Joseph Mulligan and F. Burgar. Another visit to the tower, and six courses of Stedman Triples were rung by T. Hattersley, Jos. Mulligan, E. Farrow, John Mulligan, W. Smithson, W. Biggin, F. Willey (conductor), G. Butcher. Also 320 Kent Treble Bob by the same band. By this time Mr. Samuel How had arrived, who is the oldest ringer in Castleton, and over 80 years of age, and still an ardent admirer of the Art. Also Mr. Henry Ashton and a general company. Time was fast speeding on, and as a final a course of Grandsire Caters rung. Jas. Mulligan, 1-2; T. Hattersley, 3-4; John Mulligan, 5-6; J. Ashton, 7-8; W. Burgar, 9-10. The bells of St. Edmund would be all the better if the Vicar could find some benevolent friend to defray the cost of re-casting and hanging. The sexton and clerk of this place is Mr. John Nall, and this office has been held by the family for 100 years. Time for departure had now arrived, and we had to get away, but not before we had passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. R. J. C. Orde, for the use of the bells; also to Mr. J. Ashton and all others who contributed to our pleasure and enjoyment. Millstone Edge inn was reached in good time, and here some good handbell ringing took place on the green sward in the quiet eventide, to the delight of many of the villagers who flocked to listen, and just by way of diversion a song by T. Hattersley. Sheffield was reached in due course of time, and thus ended one of the most pleasant days this Society knows how to promote. W.

## PRESENTATION TO A RECTOR.

On Sunday, June 12th, the members of the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, met in the vestry of that church for the purpose of wishing good-bye to their Rector and President, the Rev. C. H. Joberns, M.A., who is leaving St. Stephen's for the vicarage of Bookthorpe with Whaddon, and also to present him with a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by the Guild.

Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, Treasurer to the Guild, in an excellent speech referred at length to the interest which he (the Rev. C. H. Joberns) had always taken in matters connected with bells and bell-ringers. The addition of two bells to make ten, and the founding of the St. Stephen's Guild in that vestry, which may be said to mark a new era in the ringing of bells in Bristol, was distinctly traceable to him. In presenting him with a smoking cabinet, he hoped that when he used it he would think of the ringers in Bristol.

The Rev. C. H. Joberns, in accepting the gift, said it was quite unexpected, and assured them that they would often be in his thoughts, and if ever they came to Brookthorpe—where however he could only offer them one bell to ring, the tower of Quedgeley was very near—he could assure them a hearty welcome.

## Ringers' Outings.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, CROYDON.—On Monday, July 11th, eleven members of this society held their annual outing at Wallingford, Berks. This place was reached at 9.15 a.m., and a pair-horse break was found in waiting to convey the party to The Bell inn, Brightwell. Here they sat down to a splendid breakfast, and afterwards enjoyed a drive to Benson church, where was found a light ring of eight in good going order, and where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Then on to Dorchester Abbey, where the same methods were pulled off, and after refreshing the inner man a delightful drive was had back to Brightwell, where a beautiful hot dinner was much enjoyed. Then a drive to Wallingford, and finding the church of St. Mary at their disposal and in readiness, the company rang some touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples. The return journey was then made, Croydon being reached at 10.40 p.m., after a glorious day. The company thank the Vicars for granting permission, and their friends for having all things ready.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, EVESHAM.—On Monday, August 2nd, several members of the above Society had their outing for two days, to Burton-on-Trent, accompanied by J. Austin and J. Gillett of Gloucester, and H. Middleton (a late member), now of Birmingham. The party arrived at Burton at 12 a.m. where they were met by Mr. S. Cook. Dinner being had with a glass of Bass's, the pilot, J. Austin, was soon looking for the keys to get a pull at the parish church, where Grandsire Triples, Doubles and Minor was rung with the assistance of two of the local band. The next thing was to ring at St. Paul's, permission having been kindly granted previously, where a touch of Grandsire and Stedman Triples was rung by the assistance of Messrs. Griffin, Wakley and Stone. Service being at 7 o'clock, that concluded the first day's ringing, the last item being a friendly glass with Messrs. Griffin and Stone, the former giving a short toast, which was much appreciated. The party then made their way to the Midland Station where they took train for Willington, where they were put up for the night by Mr. Cook. The next day the party met Mr. Griffin at the Brewery, Burton, and they also went to Winshill parish church, where the bells were raised, and some Doubles and Minor rung. They arrived at Birmingham at 5 p.m. and had a stroll through part of the town and left about 7.30, arriving at Evesham at 9 p.m., everyone remarking that he had enjoyed himself first-class. The company wish through the medium of this paper to thank all concerned for making the outing an enjoyable one.

THE NORTON SOCIETY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Monday, July 18th, the ringers and choir had their annual trip to Blackpool, the party numbering upwards of 60. The ringers, by kind permission of the vicar of St. John's, were granted the use of the bells, and rang a touch each of Bob Major and Grandsire. A very pleasant day was spent. The ringers deeply regret that one of their company, Mr. J. Atkins, was not able to accompany them, having by accident fractured his right leg three weeks previously, and is now lying in the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, but progressing favourably. The ringers wish to thank the vicar and Mr. Clitheroe for the use of the bells.

THE ST. JAMES'S, BOLTON (BRADFORD) SOCIETY.—On Bank Holiday, August 1st, this band had an outing. Leaving Bradford at 6.20 a.m., Nottingham was reached shortly after 10 o'clock, where after light refreshments had been partaken of, the party booked for Kegwortb, a pleasant village eight miles off, with the object of a pull on the light ring of eight in the parish church tower. On arrival, however, it was found that, owing to some defect in the framework, the bells were unringable, so the visitors went forward to their destination—Lockington—a quiet peaceful, Leicestershire village, about a mile distant. This was reached after an enjoyable walk through the fields, at the end of which the visitors received a right hearty welcome from Robert Joyce, leader of the local band, who with his daughters, son, and son-in-law, had been busy during the morning, making arrangements for their company. While dinner was preparing, the bells—a sweet-toned ring of six—were raised, and a short touch of Bob Minor rung by way of a "feeler," when a signal came that dinner was waiting. This was a meal as substantial as it was welcome, the various course-ends coming round like magic. Appetites at length were appeased, and a short stroll through the well-stocked garden followed. Then the tower was again visited, and during the afternoon, touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, were rung, the ringing programme including a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, by W. Joyce (first time as conductor), 1; B. T. Copley, 2; A. Gill, 3; H. Good, 4; S. Palframan, 5; J. Joyce, 6. During an interval in the ringing, the party had a stroll through the village, along its pretty hedge-lined walks and tree-shaded roads, receiving everywhere from the villagers a hearty welcome as they passed along. About five o'clock, a concluding touch was rung, and the bells lowered, after which the hospitable habitation of Mr. Robert Joyce was revisited, where a substantial tea awaited the guests. This having been served and appreciated, a brief inspection was made of the interior of the ancient church, where bats were flying about in large numbers—a most unique experience for many of the visitors. Time for commencing the return journey came only too soon, when, goodbyes were said, and hands warmly shaken, the route leading under trees to Errington, where the ruined old church was visited, the party afterwards reaching Castle Donington station, where seats were taken in the train which went by way of Trent to Nottingham. Here about an hour spent viewing the town, previous to entering the train home, which started shortly before eleven oclock, reaching Bradford a little after three o'clock next morning, all having spent a thoroughly enjoyable day.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.—On Monday, August 1st, this above band had its annual excursion. Southampton was chosen as the basis of operations, with a peal in prospect on the grand ring of eight at Romsey Abbey, and a trip on the briny to finish the day. We arrived fit and well at Southampton, and lost no time in getting to Romsey, and were welcomed to that quaint old town by a touch of Grandsire Triples by the local men. One of our party had not turned up, he having elected to "scorch" the distance. Some little time elapsed, when to the surprise of all, our record breaker was seen coming from the station on shanks's pony, having left his iron steed at some depot on the road for repairs. A start was made in earnest for Thurstans' Stedman Triples, but one hour's ringing brought up a bad part-end, so the third attempt we have made on these bells thus proved abortive. The 7th bell does not go at all well, but we were credited by the outside critics for good ringing whilst it lasted. A course of London Surprise and a short touch of Grandsire Triples with some of the local men brought the day's ringing to an end. Our next move was to The Market inn, where a good dinner was prepared and disposed of, and then to Southampton to get any boat that was going anywhere, which quest finished up by our going on a special to Cowes, the pleasant journey being enlivened by touches of Grandsire Triples and a few tunes on a pretty little peal of handbells, brought by Mr. J. Elcombe, who finished tbe day with us, and who, with the rest of the Romsey men, we wish to thank for their kindness and courtesy. Well, as all pleasant things do, our day drew to a close all too quickly; and a long journey shortened by song, joke, and laughter found us at Reading station about one o'clock on the Tuesday morning, everyone pleased with his day's outing, and vowing some day to come back from Romsey to the tune of "See the Conquering Hero, &c." The band standing in the attempt were: E. W. Menday, 1; J. F. Tarrant, 2; G. Essex, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. T. Hibbert, senr., E. Vine, and Master Newman also participated in the day's enjoyment.

## "BETTER LATE THAN NEVER."

The Rev. Dr. Raven writes under date August 5th: "The board recording this peal is to go up in Strabroke tower to-morrow. It has been finished a good many years, and the announcement deserves the heading which I have given to it."

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1898.

THOUGH the present season is one in which little or nothing in peal-ringing might be expected, we find the record pages show a respectable number of weekly performances. This week we have reports from Mr. G. WILLIAMS, of Brighton, which shows that two peals have been rung in one day, almost by the same band. Some of the Sussex gentlemen evidently set at naught any consideration of the thermometer when the ringing of a peal is under consideration. There is nothing like keeping the game alive. If ringers were to look for a close season, a stagnation, which would take much trouble and a long time to remedy, would be the result. Therefore, it is a good thing that such energy is displayed in ringing, totally regardless of temperature.

Where there is a disinclination to attempt peals just now, the time may be profitably spent in teaching the young the elements of ringing on handbells. Education of this sort is always necessary. Without it the Art would decay and become lost. Perhaps at the present moment it is more necessary than ever. And the instruc-

tion should be practical and solid. Platitudes concerning the past are next to useless; the present and future must be provided for, and it is incumbent upon us all to work to that end. The references to this subject made by the President of the Midland Counties Association this week may be perused to advantage.

We regret to hear from an authoritative source, that the Honorary Secretary of the Yorkshire Association is about to resign that position, which he has held for so many years, with honour to himself and great advantage to the Association. The members will greatly regret the loss of one who has been so distinguished in their service. The thought that comes uppermost on the receipt of such intelligence is that the members will make an effort to induce Mr. COPLEY to continue at his post. The withdrawal from such an office as Secretary to a large ringing Association is at all times an untoward occurrence; though the fact is plain that it is bound to happen some time. Mr. COPLEY, however, has done excellent service, and we must not begrudge him his retirement, if he considers the step necessary.

## The Provinces.

### QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, July 30, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.** Tenor 9½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JESSE GILLETT | *Treble.* | ERNEST BISHOP | 5. |
| JOHN AUSTIN | 2. | ERNEST E. DAVIS | 6. |
| FRED. G. MAY | 3. | WALTER T. BENNETT | 7. |
| WILLIAM T. PEGLER | 4. | ARTHUR E. PEGLER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

### APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, August 1, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN TUCKER | *Treble.* | *ERNEST BRUCE | 6. |
| ALFRED E. REEVES | 2. | *JOHN W. WHITING | 7. |
| FRANK TUBB | 3. | *FREDERICK WHITE | 8. |
| WILLIAM T. HORNE* | 4. | WILLIAM NEWELL | 9. |
| FRANK BENNETT* | 5. | FRANK HOPGOOD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by F. HOPGOOD.

*First peal of Bob Royal. This is Frank Hopgood's 100th peal; a list will be found elsewhere.

### SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, August 3, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

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| ALFRED J. TURNER | *Treble.* | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 5. |
| JOHN O. BENNETT | 2. | GEORGE A. KING | 6. |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS | 3. | JAMES N. FROSSELL | 7. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER | 4. | KEITH HART | *Tenor,* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is A. J. Turner's fiftieth peal.

### READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, August 4, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| VALENTINE ROWE* | *Treble.* | JOHN W. WHITING | 5. |
| FRANK HOPGOOD | 2. | ALFRED E. REEVES | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3. | WILLIAM HIGGS | 7. |
| AMBROSE OSBORNE | 4. | JOHN TUCKER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

*First peal; aged 15 years. This is Mr. J. W. Whiting's 150th peal. A reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

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

*On Monday, August 6, 1898, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. HARRIS | *Treble.* | E. REYNOLDS | 5. |
| F. S. BAYLEY | 2. | A. PYE | 6. |
| C. GROVES* | 3. | E. NEWMAN | 7. |
| J. SYMONS* | 4. | J. MATTHEWS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by F. S. BAYLEY.

First peal in the method by the local band, and rung at the first attempt. †First peal in the method as conductor. *First peal in the method.

### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 6, 1898, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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| RICHARD STREDWICK* | *Treble.* | *JOHN STEDDY | 6. |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS | 2. | WILLIAM PALMER | 7. |
| GEORGE A. KING | 3. | FREDERICK W. RICE | 8. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER | 4. | JAMES FROSSELL | 9. |
| WILLIAM STEED* | 5. | KEITH HART | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON and Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal of Royal.

### WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOLVERHAMPTON.)

*On Saturday, August 6, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ISAAC PURSER | *Treble.* | WILLIAM G. HALL | 5. |
| HUGH J. BALCOMBE | 2. | HERBERT KNIGHT | 6. |
| ELMORE S. HODGES | 3. | AARON GRIFFITHS | 7. |
| JAMES E. GROVES | 4 | GEORGE BURROWS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JAMES F. GROVES.

Mr. Hodges hails from Dorchester, and this is his first peal.

### NORTH CURRY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 6, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART (No. 2.) Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH MADDOCK | *Treble.* | REV. H. C. COURTNEY | 5. |
| WALTER GILLARD | 2. | EDGAR E. BURGESS | 6. |
| HENRY PEARCE | 3. | HENRY J. POOLE | 7. |
| FRANK MILLARD | 4. | THOMAS DOBLE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August* 6, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

| | | | |
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| BERTRAM PREWETT* | *Treble.* | CHARLES GEORGE | 5. |
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM | 2. | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD | 6. |
| GEORGE N. PRICE | 3. | HERBERT MARTIN | 7. |
| FRANK A. SMITH | 4. | *ARTHUR LANCE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal of Stedman.

HAVANT, HANTS.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, August* 8, 1898, *in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | *Treble.* | *JOHN STEDDY | 5. |
| JOHN O. BENNETT | 2. | *WILLIAM STEED | 6. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER | 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 7. |
| GEORGE A. KING | 4. | KEITH HART | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells. *First peal of Bob Major.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, August* 8, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty-two Miuutes,*

AT THE BELL-TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

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| WILLIAM STEED* | *Treble.* | THOMAS J. SALTER | 5. |
| GEORGE A. KING | 2. | *FREDERICK S. BAYLEY | 6. |
| JOHN O. BENNETT | 3. | KEITH HART | 7. |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise. This was also the first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, August* 9, 1898, *in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

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| KEITH HART | *Treble.* | JOHN SMART | 5. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER | 2. | WILLIAM J. ALLISS | 6. |
| JOSIAH D. HARRIS | 3. | CHARLES TYLER | 7. |
| JOHN STEDDY | 4. | ESAU TURRELL | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

## Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, July 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. J. Ellis, 1; H. Ellis, 2; A. E. Martin, 3; H. Barnett, 4; S. Wade (conductor), 5; H. N. Doughty, 6; C. Button, 7; W. Martin, 8.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. R. Glasscock, 1; A. Miller, 2; J. Miller, 3; L. Attwater (conductor), 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Wade, 6; I. Attwater, 7; C. Bale, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. On Sunday evening, August 7th, after Divine Service, 1344 Bob Major in 55 mins. W. Tegg, 1; S. Ansell, 2; L. Attwatter, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; I. Attwater, 6; S. Wade, 7; A. Miller (conductor), 8. First quarter-peal by all the band. Rung on the occasion of the fifteenth birthday of W. Tegg.

THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Saturday, July 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. F. Clements, 1; H. Barnett (conductor), 2; A. E. Martin, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; H. Ellis, 6; C. A. Button, 7; W. Martin, 8. Rung in honour of the Duchess of York's visit to Tottenham to distribute the prizes to the students of St. Katherine's College, White Hart Lane.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Thursday, August 4th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. C. Ellis, 1; A. Redwood, 2; T. Mannering, 3; E. Mexter, 4; A. Brewster, 5; A. Morris, 6; C. Ramplin (conductor), 7; F. Borrett, 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor. On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 672 Plain Bob Major. G. Knock, 1; A. Redwood, 2; J. Brewster, 3; E. Mexter, 4; A. Brewster, 5; A. Morris, 6; C. Ramplin, 7; T. Manning (conductor), 8. For evening service 700 Grandsire Triples. A. Redwood, 1; A. Brewster, 2; J. Brewster, 3; E. Mexter, 4; A. Morris, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; T. Mannering (conductor), 7; F. Borrett, 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HADDENHAM.—On Sunday, June 5th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). R. M. Croft, 1; H. Sharp, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Markwell, 6. All hail from Wilburton.

WILBURTON (Cambs).—On Sunday, May 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Markwell, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. On Friday, June 17th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Markwell, 5; W. Smith (first in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 19th, 720 Woodbine with H. Markwell, 3; H. Sharp, 5; the rest as before. On Sunday, July 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). A. Markwell, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Smith, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Markwell, 5; J. Markwell, 6. On Monday, July 4th, 720 Bob Minor. R. M. Croft, 1; H. Sharp, 2; A. Markwell (conductor), 3; W. Smith, 4; H. Markwell, 5; J. Markwell, 6. On Sunday morning, July 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Markwell, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine with H. Markwell, 3; H. Sharp, 5; the rest as before. On Friday, August 5th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). R. M. Croft, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; H. Sharp, 4; H. Markwell, 5; J. Markwell, 6. And 720 Oxford. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FINEDON (Northants).—On Saturday, August 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 47 mins. T. Abbott, 1; A. Smeathers, 2; C. Newman, 3; J. T. Tompkins, 4; P. J. Manning, 5; W. Perkins, 6; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Seth, 8. This is the longest touch by Smeathers and Seth.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, July 26th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; J. Barham, 3; G. Haylett, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Tite (conductor), 6. Also 860 in the same method, standing as before. This was rang with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Joseph Woods. Messrs, Tite and Barham hail from Banham.

GARBOLDISHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, July 21st, on the occasion of the Flower Show, 432 Bob Minor. W. Blomfield, 1; J. Sage, 2; R. Haylett, 3; J. Bennett, 4; W. Oxer, 5; J. Tite (conductor), 6. And 240 and 720 in the same method. W. Blomfield, 1; R. Haylett, 2; J. Chenery, 3; J. Bennett, 4; W. Oxer, 5; J. Tite (conductor), 6. Also a 360. W. Blomfield, 1; R. Haylett, 2; J. Chenery, 3; J. Tite, 4; J. Bason (conductor), 5; J. Bennett, 6. R. Haylett and J. Sage hail from Quidenham; Tite from Banham; Oxer from Kenninghall.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, August 2nd, at St. Bridget's church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. *S. Wharton, 1; *J. Hale, 2; J. Rowland, 3; S. Rutter, 4; *J. Hammond, 5; S. Pownall (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday morning, July 31st, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Curtis, 1; Alice White, 2; F.

Bennett, 3; E. Sutton, 4; J. Ballard, 5; C. Giles, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; G. Martin, 8. For afternoon service 504 Stedman Triples. T. Curtis, 1; H. Lawes, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; E. Sutton, 4; F Bennett, 5; C. Giles (conductor), 6; H. White, 7; A. Knight, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Giles (conductor), 1; Alice White, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; H. Lawes, 4; T. Curtis, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White, 7; F. Redgate, 8.

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CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Monday, August 8th, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Ottery St. Mary, visited this tower for a practice of Double Norwich. After rubbing the rust off, a good touch of 1008 was rung. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 2; E. J. Menday, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; G. Essex, 6; E. W. Menday, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. A short touch of London Surprise was rung by H. Simmonds, 1; E. W. Menday, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; R. T. Hibbert, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; G. Essex, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Followed by 560 Double Norwich. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 2; A. W. Pike, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; E. J. Menday, 6; T. Newman, 7; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 8.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, August 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; D. Chapman, 4; E. Unitt, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Hamilton, 8. On Sunday, August 7th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; W. Smith, 3; T. Lowe, 4; J. Foster, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. Messrs. Chapman and Hamilton belong to Walsall; Brown to Bilston.

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, August 8th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Kinsey, 1; J. Horrex, 2; R. Wilding, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; H. Horrex (conductor), 6. Another 720 (twenty bobs and ten singles). E. Kinsey, 1; H. Horrex, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; R Wilding, 4; H. Horrex, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. Composed by W. Gale, of Melton Mowbray.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Naylor, 1; F. Goddard, 2; E. Beadle (first quarter-peal), 3; T. Beadle, 4; H. Adams, 5; W. T. Elson (composer and conductor), 6; G. Ransom, 7; A. Saunders (first quarter-peal), 8.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, July 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Williams (conductor), 1; N. Davis, 2; E. E. Hunt, 3; T. Bennett, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. Crane, 6; T. Wakeman, 7: W. Smith, 8.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, August 3rd, for practice at the church of St. Nicholas, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Dillon, 1; R. S. Mann, 2; W. Davis, 3; G. Fisher, 4; G. Woodhall, 5; W. James, 6; T. Hammond, 7; J. Martin (conductor), 8. Longest length on the bells, and by all the band.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, August 8th, at the parish church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Oats, 1; G. N. Farr, 2; W. Price, 3; W. Thring, 4; G. Davis, 5; J. Allen, 6; G. Marsden, 7; A. Knight (conductor), 8. Messrs. Farr, Davis, Thring, and Knight hail from Chesterfield; Price and Marsden from Eckington.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, July 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (twelve bobs). H. Symonds, 1; A. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; C. Levitt, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Levitt and Hollocks, who attained the age of 23 and 34, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns. On Saturday, August 6th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). T. Levitt, 1; W. Kinsey, 2; A. Symonds, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. Horrex, 5; R. Wilding, 6. Conducted by A. Symonds. Messrs. Tinsey, Horrex, and Wilding hail from Felsham; Symonds from Lavenham.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Sunday, July 31st, for Divine Service, 640 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hunt, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; W. Dowsett, 3; W. Dudley, 4; C. Anderson, 5; G. Smith, 6; J. Smith, 7; W. H. Judd (conductor), 8. C. H. Horton hail from Bristol; G. Smith from Hackney.

RAYLEIGH (Essex). — On Thursday, August 4th, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Judd (conductor), 1; C. H. Horton, 2; —. Bingham, 3; W. Dowsett, 4; W. Dudley, 5; H. Smith, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; G. Smith, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob. G. Smith, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; J. Johnson, 3; W. Dudley, 4; W. Dowsett, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; J. Perry, 7; W. H. Judd (conductor), 8. Also a plain course of Stedman, the first on the bells.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday morning, July 31st, at St. Hilda's church, 504 Bob Triples. R. Hopper, sen., 1; F. Scrafton, jun., 2; R. Scrafton, sen., 3; J. Browell, 4; J. Hopper, 5; J. Crawford, 6; G. W. Dix (conductor), 7; A. Carling, 8. For evening service 504 in the same method. R. Hopper, sen., 1; J. Hopper, 2; R. Scrafton, sen., 3; G. Holmes, 4; J. Crawford, 5; W. Hunt, 6; G. W. Dix (conductor), 7; A. Carling, 8. On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 504 Bob Triples. R. Hopper, 1; J. Hopper, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; J. Crawford, 4; J. Browell, 5; W. Hunt, 6; G. W. Dix (conductor), 7; A. Carling, 8.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Sunday morning, May 1st, at the parish church, 720 Evening Exercise. On Tuesday, May 24th, 720 each of York Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Durham Surprise, Evening Exercise, and Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday morning, June 5th, 720 Durham Surprise. On Thursday, June 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday, June 19th, 720 York Surprise. On Monday, June 20th, after the arrival of the new bells, a 720 of Durham Surprise. On Thursday, June 23rd, for the marriage of the third daughter of Colonel Ropner, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Evening Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday morning, June 26th, 720 Woodbine. On Sunday morning, July 3rd, 720 York Surprise. On Sunday morning, July 31st, 720 Durham Surprise. The ringers taking part were Messrs. T. Burdon, G. J. Clarkson, J. Clarkson, W. Newton, J. Waller, T. W. Waller, W. Stephenson, and T. Stephenson; and on one occasion R. Fenwick, of Middlesbrough. On Sunday morning, August 7th, 720 York Surprise.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday July 3rd, for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson (conductor), 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. On July 4th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. W. Stout (conductor), the rest as before. On Sunday, July 10th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). E. Edwardson, 1; J. J. Wilson, 2; A. Oxley (conductor), 3; W. Oxley, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. For evening service 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout (conductor), 6. On July 11th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs), the ringers as before, conducted by F. W. Stout.

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## Correspondence.

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

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

### THE STOCKTON TEN-BELL SCHEME.

SIR,—A misconception runs through Mr. Story's letter from beginning to end. I was not present at the Durham meeting, and am not responsible for anything said or done at it. In fact Mr. Story's letter is the first intimation to me that a proposal was made to deal with the Stockton bell scheme by the aid of a special committee. And furthermore, I have made no appeal for assistance from the funds by an Association which has no funds. It is the practice of the Association to send out official appeals from time to time for various objects, and I do not remember a single instance in which the Stockton branch has failed to respond to such appeals. It was an official appeal of this kind which was asked for at Gainford, and this was refused and denounced by Mr. Story as a dangerous precedent. In the face of this it would be interesting to know what course would have been open to the proposed special committee had one been appointed at Durham. I explained at Gainford that a direct appeal would not under the circumstances be made from Stockton, and I should no more think of appealing to the ringers of Durham and Northumberland, except through the Association, than I should think of appealing to the ringers of Yorkshire or any other part of the country. If the widespread sympathy Messrs. Story and Hudson speak of really exists, let the Gainford decision be set aside, and this sympathy put to the practical test. With the three gratifying exceptions of Middlesbrough, St. John's, Darlington, and recently Guisborough, and a small subscription from Mr. Story, no evidence of it whatever has reached Stockton, and this I attribute to the attitude of Mr. Story and his committee.

G. J. CLARKSON.

### ANSWER TO "PLAIN SPEAKER."

SIR,—May I be allowed to say that "Plain Speaker" is labouring under a wrong impression with regard to the paragraph he quoted in last week's "BELL NEWS" from the report of the Winchester Diocesan Guild's annual meeting. We are always delighted to welcome any visitors to our towers—who may not be members of the Guild—provided the local authorities grant the necessary permission; but on such occasions it is obviously unfair to publish any performance which may be accomplished, as rung by the Guild, unless the visitors have been previously elected members of the society. Every loyal member of any ringing guild or association would surely thus jealously guard the interests of his own society. To remove any misunderstanding on this subject, we added last year the

following rule (xiv) to our list: "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 subscriptions before starting, or the performance shall not be counted as rung by the Guild." In the four instances which I enumerated at the last annual meeting, this rule had been disregarded. CHARLES E. MATTHEWS,

*Hon. Secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.*

### DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS, ETC.

SIR,—I must again trouble you *re* the first peal of Double Norwich Maximus, and also give public expression to a strong feeling with regard to the bricking up of the louvres of the tower at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. About a fortnight since, Mr. Pemberton was reading through the back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS," and came across the following passage which has been overlooked in the course of the correspondence on this matter. On page 234, No. 30, vol. 1, October 28th, 1882, the words "he thought it was one of the four methods given on pages 37-38 in his book (4th edition)" as given in Snowdon's Treatise, are followed by this most important sentence, "but felt sure it was not the Double Norwich Court Maximus as given in that work." I am sorry that the prospect of peal-ringing in Ipswich is seriously hampered by the bricking up of the louvres, so that the sound is driven down to the ringing-chamber because it cannot escape from the tower. Originally there was over 500 square feet of escape provided in the tower, leaving out the spire. This has now been reduced upon the recommendation of the Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Association, to the enormous space of eight square feet, and this in spite of the protests of the ringers of the church, both before, during, and since the time the work was done, the authorities ignoring the local men entirely, as if they had been complete strangers to the tower and its construction, having taken, as they say, "expert opinion." They are congratulating themselves upon their success in stopping the noise of the bells in the near neighbourhood of the tower, and so will not hear a word about the brickwork being carried up too far, stopping the sound of the bells travelling to any great distance now, as they used to do. They cannot be heard distinctly three miles away at Sproughton, where before they could tell what method we were ringing. W. L. CATCHPOLE.

### THANKS.

SIR,—I have to thank Mr. J. Barrow, of Long Eaton, for the following particulars of a peal rung at the church of St. Giles, Northampton, on the occasion of the opening of a new ring of eight bells there in the year 1783. They are copied from the peal-book of John Martin, of Leicester. "On April 8th, 1783, was rung at St. Giles, Northampton, a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hours and 22 minutes, by the following ringers from Leicester: John Martin, treble; William Thacker, 2; Thomas Armstrong, 3; Thomas Scott, 4; Mark Graham, 5; Daniel Loyley, 6; Joseph Smith (conductor), 7; Richard Wright and Thomas Dudley, tenor." E. J. DENNES.

*Wellingborough.*

## Obituary.

### HENRY ALLEN.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Henry Allen, who died on Saturday, July 23rd, in the 47th year of his age at The Railway hotel, Whittington Moor. Deceased had been a member of the Dronfield company for upwards of thirty years, and was greatly respected by a wide circle of friends. His remains were interred at Dronfield on July 26th. By his decease the Exercise has lost a good and trustworthy ringer and friend. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, with the bells muffled, was rung by H. Allen, 1; S. Allen, 2; H. Jervis, 3; E. Allen, 4; J. Allen (conductor), 5; W. Biggin, 6. Also another 720 by S. Heminsfield, 1; W. Kitson, 2; T. Kitson, 3; W. Worthington, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; C. Platts, 6. E. J.

### W. G. RICHARDS.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of the above ringer, who died at his residence, Chipping Hill, Witham, in the 51st year of his age. He was well-known locally, and highly respected, being a member of the Urban District Council. He was for years a member of the Essex Association, and was one of the first elected to represent the Association on the Central Council. His funeral on Thursday, August 4th, was attended by numerous brother-tradesmen, and also by a number of Oddfellows, of which Society he was a member. A 720 and 216 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply-muffled, and 360 half-muffled, as a last token of respect, by the following: W. Sadler, 1; A. Chalk, 2; D. Elliott, 3; E. Garnett, 4; Chalk, 5; E. W. Beckwith, 6. E. W. B.

### JOSEPH WOODS.

We have also to record the death of the above ringer, which took place on the 18th of July after a short but painful illness. The deceased belonged to the Banham and Quidenham societies. The funeral took place at Banham on Thursday, July 21st, and the Quidenham company, as a mark of respect to his memory, rang 1080 with the bells deeply-muffled. W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; J. Barham, 3; G. Haylett, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Tite (conductor), 6. The deceased was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Royal Cumberland Youths. He took part in a peal at St. Anne's, Highgate, with the last named Society, in the year 1888. J. W.

### THOMAS PALLETT.

The Waltham Abbey Society have to regret the decease of their beloved Master, Mr. T. Pallett, who passed away very unexpectedly on Saturday, July 30th. He had been suffering from acute dyspepsia, but had not kept his bed. He was taken suddenly much worse on the afternoon of July 30th, and asked to be assisted to his bed, where he expired in a few minutes. Dr. J. Damer Priest being present at the death, certified the causes to be "podegra, angus pectoris and syncope." Mr. Pallett was born near Stevenage, Herts., on January 6th, 1836. He removed to Waltham Abbey in 1854, where in course of time he became greatly interested in bellringing. He was one of the ringers at the Abbey church on the Prince of Wales' wedding day, March 10th, 1863; elected a member of the Society of College Youths June 7th, 1865.

The funeral took place last Saturday. The coffin was carefully placed in a glass hearse followed by mourning coaches, which contained the following relatives: the widow (Mrs. T. Pallett), Mr. W. Pallett, sen. (brother), Mrs. Cocks (sister), Mrs. James Pallett (son's wife), Mrs. W. Pallett, sen., Mr. W. Pallett, jun. (nephew), Mrs. W. Pallett, jun., Miss E. Cutmore (niece), Mrs. S. Francis (daughter-in-law), Mr. S. Francis, Mrs. Cooper (daughter-in-law), Mrs. Ben, Mr. and Mrs Fredk. Cleverley, Mrs. Hoath. The cortege left the home of the deceased about 3 o'clock, and proceeded slowly towards Waltham Abbey Cemetery. On reaching the ancient Abbey (where deceased had so frequently taken his place among his brother-ringers) it was joined by the Waltham Abbey Society of change-ringers and the Waltham Abbey Friendly Union Society.

The Rev. G. Wilby officiated at the Cemetery, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon the handbells at the grave by G. Peace, 1-2; D. Tarling, 3-4; G. Thurgood, 5-6; T. Colverd, 7-8. Among the wreaths was one by the Waltham Abbey Society of change-ringers, bearing the following: "In loving memory of our late Master, Thomas Pallett, died July 30th, 1898, aged 62 years, deeply lamented."

Letters of condolence were kindly sent by the Waltham Abbey Society, Mr. W. A. Alps, Mr. John Pallett, etc., etc. His sudden removal is keenly felt by all those who were intimately acquainted with the deceased. The following is a copy of the letter sent by the Waltham Abbey Society of change-ringers:—

"High Bridge Street,
"Waltham Abbey, 5th August, 1898.

"Dear Mrs. Pallett,—I am desired by my fellow members of the Waltham Abbey Society of Change-Ringers to tender their sincere sympathy to you at this sad season of your bereavement. By the removal of your late husband we, both as a body and individually, mourn the loss of a most worthy Master of our Society, whose long association, consistent geniality, and welcome presence will ever be kindly remembered. His popularity among the great ringers of the day, as well as among the later aspirants was thoroughly deserved, and the great loss is far from being a local one, as ringers from far and near will be greatly concerned. Our Society grieves that such a true friend should be taken away from them, and again assures you of their sympathy towards you, and trust that you may receive much comfort in your great trial.

"I am, yours sincerely,
"FRANK CARTER."

A member of the Waltham Abbey Society sends the following additional particulars:—

As a ringer, the deceased was known and respected in many parishes, having been connected in that capacity with Waltham Abbey for more than forty years, and being of such a genial disposition this can be easily understood. He had rang several peals of 5040, his first being rung as far back as 1865, at Waltham Abbey. He also took part in the ringing on the following festive occasions: re-opening of the Abbey church on its 800th anniversary, after restoration, May 3rd, 1860; Prince of Wales's wedding day, March 10th, 1863; an Ordination at the Abbey church on July 3rd, 1864 (the late Dr. Crowther, Bishop of the Niger, the first coloured bishop, preaching his first sermon in the evening after his ordination at Canterbury cathedral); Presentation to the Rev. J. Francis, the late Vicar, during the 30th year of his in-

cumbency, at a banquet on May 3rd, 1876, the 816th anniversary of the Abbey, the late Bishop Claughton, first Bishop of St. Albans, being present; Re-opening of the Abbey church after restoration of lady chapel and completion of the east end.

Mr. Pallett was always ready to encourage ringers and ringing, and at his funeral and muffled peal on Saturday last no less than seven parishes were represented by visiting ringers, as a mark of esteem. The parishes represented were Mr. A. Wood (Bethnal Green), J. Pettit (Hackney), E. Wallage (Aldgate), E. Hall (Stepney), A. S. Pettett (Bishopsgate), F. James (Cheshunt), and T. Morris (Sawbridgeworth). At the same time several letters were received expressing sympathy and regret at the members of other societies not being able to attend.

The ringers who met the cortege at the Abbey were Messrs. T. Colverd, G. E. Peace, D. Tarling, W. A. Alps, G. Thurgood, G. Cole, F. Jelf, T. Adams, C. Hearman, R. Brown, T. Marshall, R. Holgate, M. A. Wood, E. Wallage and F. James. Members of the Friendly Union Society were Messrs. C. Allison, G. Eversfield, J. W. Turnham, Jos. Turnham, J. Watcbett, W. Burgess, R. Phillips, J. W. Keens, A. F. Beales, W. Bailey, and J. Barker, sen. At the graveside among many sorrowing friends were Mr. J. Chalk (organist), and Mr. Thos. Mitchell, sen. Amid these many tokens of esteem the deceased was laid to rest in Waltham Abbey Cemetery.

At 7 in the evening, as a last tribute of respect, a muffled peal denoting the age of the deceased was rung in 40 mins., which was conducted by his old friend, Mr. J. Pettit. M. A. Wood, 1; G. Peace, 2; E. Wallage, 3; G. Thurgood, 4; E. Hall, 5; J. Pettit, 6; D. Tarling, 7; T. Colverd, 8. Afterwards, with the bells still deeply-muffled, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Jelf, 1; G. Peace, 2; J. Pettit (conductor), 3; G. Thurgood, 4; E. Wallage, 5; M. A. Wood, 6; E. Hall, 7; T. Colverd, 8. A touch of call changes was also rung, in which A. S. Pettett, of Bishopsgate, and two or three local men took part. It was arranged that the four oldest local ringers, together with the four well-known visitors from their respective London parishes, should ring the muffled peal, which was carried out, with the exception of W. A. Alps, who had been associated with deceased as a ringer for more than twenty-five years, and who was alone precluded from taking part in it owing to several weeks' indisposition. On Sunday evening, July 31st, the organist of the Abbey church played the Dead March in "Saul" as the congregation were leaving.

## ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER, TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

| Position to date | Jan. to April. | May and June. | Total | Maximus. | Treble Bob. Royal. | Treble Bob. Major. | 14 T. B. Minor methods. | 10 T. B. Minor methods. | Grandsire. 7 Treble Bob Minor methods | Grandsire. Caters. | Grandsire. Major. | Minor Methods. Triples. | Minor Methods. 1 Minor mthd. | Minor Methods. 2 " " | Minor Methods. 3 " " | Minor Methods. 4 " " | Minor Methods. 5 " " | Minor Methods. 6 " " | Minor Methods. 7 " " | Plain Methds. Dbl. Norwich C. B. Major. | Plain Methds. Royal. | Plain Methds. Major. | Plain Methds. Triples. | Plain Methds. Doubles. | Surprise Mtds. London Surprise Major. | Surprise Mtds. Cambridge Surprise Royal. | Surprise Mtds. Cambridge Surprise Major. | Surprise Mtds. Superlative " | Surprise Mtds. Norfolk " | Surprise Mtds. Westminster " | Surprise Mtds. In 7 Surprise Minor methods. | Stedman. Caters. | Stedman. Triples. | Total value in points. |
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| VALUE IN POINTS PER PEAL | | | | 16 | 14 | 12 | 30 | 20 | 15 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 16 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 50 | 50 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 25 | 24 | 24 | |
| 1 Ancient Soc. of Coll. Yths. | 30 | 7 | 37 | — | 1 | 9 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | — | — | 1 | — | 3 | — | 1 | 5 | — | — | — | 1 | 4 | 710 |
| 2 Sussex County Assocn .... | 32 | 15 | 47 | — | 1 | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | 16 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 4 | — | 3 | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | 3 | 1 | 1 | — | 2 | 6 | 701 |
| 3 Oxford Diocesan Guild.. | 36 | 8 | 44 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | *1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 10 | 609 |
| 4 Lancashire Association.... | 40 | 13 | 53 | — | 1 | 11 | — | — | 1 | 3 | — | 20 | 2 | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | 3 | — | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 5 | 556 |
| 5 Essex Association..... | 16 | 10 | 26 | — | — | 6 | — | — | 2 | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 7 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | 400 |
| 6 Worcester & Districts Assn | 19 | 7 | 26 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | ‡4 | — | — | 3 | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | 4 | 388 |
| 7 Norwich Diocesan Assn .. | 21 | 9 | 30 | — | — | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | 7 | — | *2 | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 341 |
| 8 Yorkshire Association.... | 21 | 7 | 28 | — | — | 13 | 1 | — | 3 | 1 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 332 |
| 9 Midland Counties' Assn.. | 21 | 7 | 28 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 7 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | — | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 5 | 329 |
| 10 Gloucester & Bristol Assn. | 9 | 6 | 15 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 2 | 303 |
| 11 Kent County Association. | 14 | 9 | 23 | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 9 | 1 | — | — | 2 | 2 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 | 237 |
| 12 Surrey Association..... | 8 | 4 | 12 | — | — | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 3 | 186 |
| 13 Hertford County Assocn.. | 12 | 4 | 16 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 175 |
| 14 Bedfordshire Association... | 12 | 2 | 14 | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 167 |
| 15 Middlesex Association..... | 8 | 4 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 2 | 164 |
| 16 Winchester Diocesan Guild | 6 | 4 | 10 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 2 | 158 |
| 17 Soc. for Archdy. of Staff.. | 8 | 9 | 17 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 146 |
| 18 Durham & Newcastle Assn. | 5 | 4 | 9 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 137 |
| 19 Central Northampton Assn | 6 | 3 | 9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | 2 | †1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 125 |
| 20 Old East Derbyshire Assn | 8 | — | 8 | — | — | 6 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 112 |
| 21 Chester Diocesan Guild.. | 6 | — | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 86 |
| 22 St. Martin's Guild, B'hm.. | 3 | — | 3 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | 84 |
| 23 Waterloo Society, London. | 5 | 1 | 6 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 84 |
| 24 Royal Cumberland Youths | 4 | 4 | 8 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 63 |
| 25 Ely Diocesan Association.. | 4 | 4 | 8 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | †1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 53 |
| 26 North Lincolnshire Assn... | 3 | 1 | 4 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 38 |
| 27 Hereford Diocesan Guild.. | 5 | — | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 37 |
| 28 Stoke Archdl. Assn..... | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 25 |
| 29 Bath and Wells Dio. Assn. | 3 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 23 |
| 30 Llandaff Diocesan Assn ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 20 |
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| 32 Heavy Woollen Dists. Assn | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 12 |
| 33 St. James's Soc., London... | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 9 |
| 34 Devonshire Guild..... | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 |
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| Independent Societies.... | 10 | 3 | 13 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | *2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 130 |
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The peals of Triples, Major and Royal in plain methods comprise: Bob Triples, 6; Bob Major, 50; Bob Royal, 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 4; Court Bob Triples, 2; Union Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 4; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2. The peals of Doubles; *1 method; †2 methods; ‡3 in 2 methods and 1 in 4 methods; *a* 4 and 7 methods; *b* 12 methods. The 13 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following counties: Essex, 1; Gloucester, 1; Lincolnshire, 1; Middlesex, 1; N. Wales, 1; Shropshire, 1; Suffolk, 1; Surrey, 1; Sussex, 1; Warwickshire, 1; Westmoreland, 1; Worcestershire, 1; Yorkshire, 1.

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## Notices.

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**The Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Ram, at Hampton-on-Thames, to-day, Saturday, August 13. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. All friends of the Association all cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Warrington, to-day, Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 2 p.m., meeting at 5 p.m. HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The meetings of this Society are suspended until Thursday, September 1st.

C. J. IRISH, *Hon Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's church, West Derby (six bells), to-day, Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Members who have not paid their subscriptions will please do so at this meeting, as another year commences on September 1st. HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

**The Sheffield and District Society.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Eckington, Derbyshire, this Saturday afternoon, August 13th. Eight bells.

JOHN MULLIGAN, *Sec.*

**Kent County Association.**—The Annual Meeting of the Rochester District will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, August 20. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 30. Business meeting after tea. Members who wish to come to tea must let me know on or before Wednesday, August 17th.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
65, *Clive Road, Rochester.*

**The Salop Guild.**—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, August 27th. Service at 3 p.m., preacher the Hon. and Rev. G. H. F. Vane. Business meeting at 4 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Tea at 5 p.m. at St. Chad's parish room, price 6d. per head. The Hon. Sec, will be glad to receive the names of those who intend to be present at tea. St. Chad's, St. Mary's and St. Alkmund's towers open to ringers.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
*Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.*

**The Kent County Association.-Lewisham District.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open from 3 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.

TOM REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.-Eastern Division.**—A meeting will be held at Bexhill, on Saturday, the 27th of August. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at The Bell inn at 5.30. A good muster desired.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*
"*Arran*," *Baldslow Road, Hastings.*

**The Yorkshire Association.**—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch. Particulars of arrangements will be announced in due course.

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

## NOTES TO THE PEALS AT READING AND APPLETON.

MR. J. W. WHITING'S 150 PEALS.—In four Minor methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 58; Grandsire Caters, 4; Bob Triples, 2; Bob Major, 10; Bob Royal, 1; Treble Bob Major (Kent), 19; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 2; Stedman Triples, 25; Stedman Caters, 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 13; Superlative Surprise Major, 11; total 150.

MR. FRANK HOPGOOD'S 100 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples, 35, conducted 19; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 5, conducted 3; Bob Triples, 2, conducted 1; Bob Major, 16, conducted 8; Bob Royal, 2, conducted 2; Treble Bob Major, 6, conducted 4; Treble Bob Royal, 1, conducted 1; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Triples, 16, conducted 1; Stedman Caters, 3, conducted 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 7, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; total rung 100; conducted 43.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. L. Routledge has removed to 5, Belgrave Parade, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Secretaries of Associations please note the address.—Mr. H. Chapman has removed from 13, Windsor Street, Regent Road, to 113, Trafford Road, Salford, Manchester.

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### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By J. MARTIN, *Liverpool.*

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### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR.

By E. J. GALE, *Melton Mowbray.*

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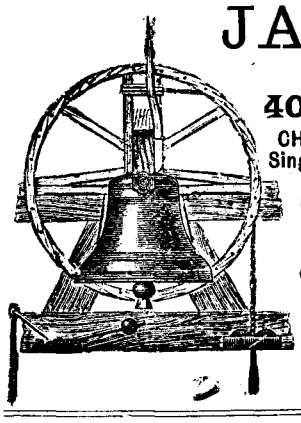

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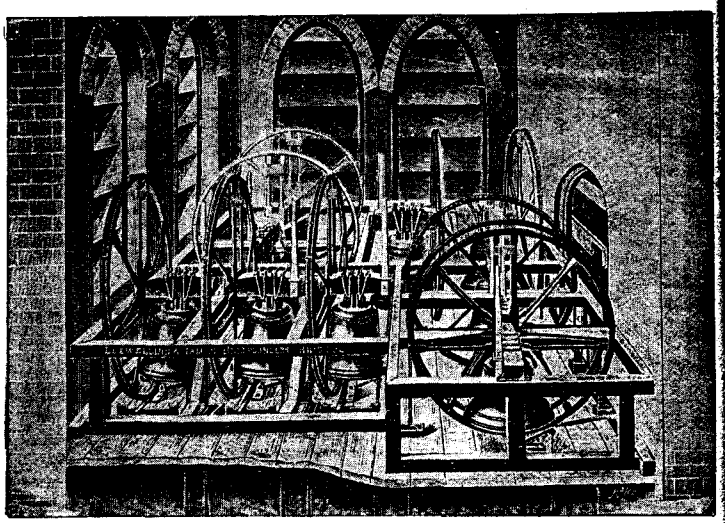

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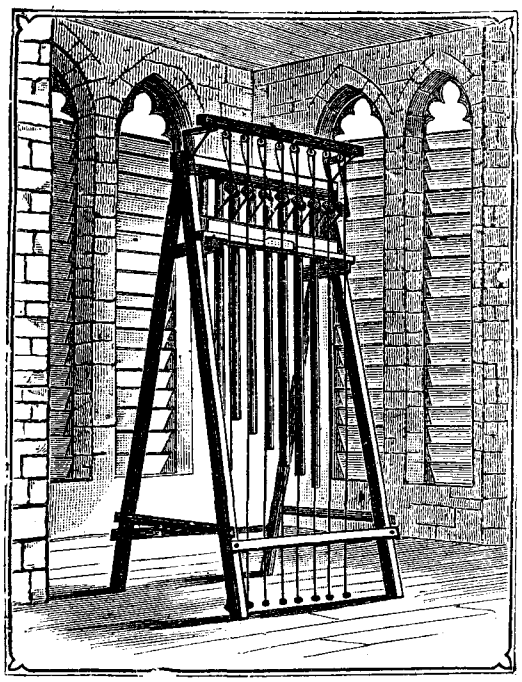

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## THORNABY PARISH CHURCH, DURHAM.

### Dedication of the New Tower.

The new tower of Thornaby parish church has just been dedicated by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Hull. The completion of the tower has cost £1,400, and about £600 is yet to be raised to defray the cost. The Bishop was received by the Rev. H. Mellowes, vicar of Thornaby, the Rev. Percy L. A. Bell and the Rev. Mr. Arthur, curates of Thornaby, and by Mr. J. Usher, churchwarden. Amongst others present were Mr. and Mrs. Wrightson and Miss Wrightson, of Neaseham Hall: the Rev. F.A. Borton. vicar of St. Paul's, Stockton; the Rev. H. Woodman, Vicar of St. Peter's, Stockton; the Rev. R. J. Featherstone, Vicar of St. Luke's, Thornaby; the Rev. M. King and M. S. Ware, curates of Stockton parish; Mrs. John Trotter and Miss Trotter, Mrs. Mark Robinson, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. Smith (St. Paul's Vicarage, Stockton), Mrs. J. R. Crosthwaite, Mrs. McLeod, Councillor W. Horner, and others, there being a good attendance. The dedication ceremony took place outside, and in front of the east wall of the tower. The Bishop was accompanied by the Vicar of Thornaby and the other clergymen, and all the clergymen were robed in surplices. The Bishop read special prayers, and formerly dedicated the tower as part of a building which had been consecrated to the service of God. The surpliced choir, under the conductorship of Mr. J. W. Willis, organist, very sweetly sang appropriate hymns.

Subsequently Divine service was held in the church. There was a large congregation. Prayers were read by the Vicar of Thornaby. Hymns were sung by the choir.

The Bishop of Hull preached the sermon. He said that before he commenced his sermon he would like to say a few words with regard to that very important occasion. That church, which was a very beautiful building, was consecrated forty years ago by the then Archbishop of York. Then it was in an incomplete state, and so had it remained till this time, but now it was completed by the erection of the tower. He thought the local church workers had acted wisely in the matter. They deferred the completion of the tower until they could make provision for the spiritual needs of the people in other parts of that populous and important parish. God's house in any parish ought to be a beautiful place of worship. Whilst we lavished a good deal of money on our domestic homes, we sometimes forgot the house of God. But this could not be said of Thornaby. Subscriptions had been received from all classes for the completion of the tower, and and he was pleased to know that when the masonry was set a peal of bells would be placed in the tower by the generosity of one whose name was familiar to them all, and honoured by them all. That was Mr. Wrightson, who, with Mrs. Wrightson, were present that day at the dedication service. The peal of bells would probably be ready by Christmas, and they would ring the people to the glad tidings of great joy. The people of Thornaby had a right to rejoice in the beatification of their church, and the proposed addition of a peal of bells. The rev. gentleman then preached a sermon from the 84th Psalm, "How amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of Hosts."

A collection was taken in aid of the tower building fund, and which amounted to £8.

Mr. Wrightson, with his characteristic generosity, has offered, to give a peal of eight bells for Thornaby Church tower. It need scarcely be said that this generous offer has been readily accepted. The order has been placed in the hands of the Bristol firm—Messrs. Llewellins and James—who cast the Diamond Jubilee memorial bells for Stockton Parish Church, and it is expected that the bells will be ready for the new tower by Christmas. Mr. Wrightson has been ably assisted in the details with regard to the bells by Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton, who takes great interest in bell making and bell-ringing.

The peal is designed to weigh 2 tons 8 cwt., with a tenor of 11 cwt. in F♯, and as in the case of the new bells at Stockton the exact pattern of the Stockton old bells will again be followed The tower is a strikingly beautiful object in a town almost devoid of buildings of architectural pretension.

## DECEASE OF A VENERABLE CLERGYMAN.

Essex has lost one of her most distinguished clergy by the death on Tuesday of the Rev. Robert Bickersteth Mayor, Rector of Frating and Thorington, and Canon of St. Albans. He was formerly scholar and Naden Divinity student of St. John's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1842, coming out as Third Wrangler. He was a Fellow of St. John's, and he was an assistant master at Rugby under Dr. Arnold and Dr. Tait, the present first Lord of the Admiralty being one of his pupils. He was ordained deacon in 1845, and priest in 1850, by the Bishop of Worcester, and became Rector of Frating in 1863. The late Bishop of St. Albans had an immense regard for him, and liked to say that there was no better man of business in the diocese. He restored mainly at his own expense both his churches, entirely supported the schools, and it was a common saying that no pig, cow, or horse was lost that he did not more or less replace it. He took a large share in local affairs and in all branches of diocesan work, and when Matthew Arnold stayed with him and recalled Rugby days when he was inspecting schools in Essex, he spoke of him as a man who was everyone's friend and no one's enemy, whose munificence, great as it was, was always discriminating. He was for long Diocesan Inspector of Schools.

## THORPE MANDEVILLE, OXON.

An urgent appeal has been issued by the Rev. Algernon G. Humfrey, the Rector of Thorpe Mandeville, near Banbury, on behalf of the church of that parish, which he is making an effort to restore. The tower, he says, is in a very dilapidated and dangerous state, and needs immediate repair. The amount required is estimated at £300, of which £100 has been subscribed. Thorpe Mandeville is an agricultural parish, with a small population, and the manor house is unoccupied. As the parishioners are unable to bear the whole burden of the work required to be done, he is obliged to appeal for public assistance.

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## A VISIT TO DUBLIN.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., Mr. and Mrs. Holman and Mr. A. Brearley, of Sheffield, accompanied by Mr. R. Dawson, of St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln, left Sheffield at 2.45 a.m. for Dublin. Mr. and Mrs. D. Brearley joined the party at Deepcar. Arriving at Manchester, refreshments were partaken of before departing for Holyhead. The passage across the channel was a most pleasant one, and we alighted at North Wall, Dublin, about 9.45 p.m. Here we found our genial friend Mr. Lindoff awaiting us with words of welcome. After supper and a pleasant chat we retired for the night. On Sunday morning we were conducted to St. Patrick's Cathedral. After a look round the body of this fine structure, the belfry was our next move, and here we were cordially received by the local ringers, and a touch of 458 Grandsire Caters was rung for Divine Service by the following: J. Holman, 1; R. Dawson, 2; A. Brearley, 3; G. Lindoff (conductor), 4; H. Greene, 5; D. Brearley, 6; C. Murry, 7; R. T. Greene, 8; R. R. Cherry, 9; R. Greene, 10. This was the first touch of Caters by the local ringers, which certainly reflects the highest credit upon themselves and their instructor. Afterwards we took a pleasant walk through St. Stephen's Green, and noticed most of the places of interest in the city. After dinner we rang a 440 of Grandsire Caters, the band standing as before. Christ Church Cathedral was next visited, and Grandsire Doubles was rung on the front five of the peal, with 6, 9, 7, 8, 10 covering, by the Christ Church ringers. We then took train for Bray, a lovely seaside resort, about fifteen miles from Dublin, where a pleasant hour was spent. Time did not permit us trying the beautiful peal of eight the parish church is said to possess. On returning we were met at Sandymount Station by Mr. Chamney (Secretary to the St. Patrick's Society), who conducted us to his residence, where we accepted his kind hospitality. The remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant conversation, mixed with a little "good old Irish." Monday morning being bright with sunshine we took the boat to Wicklow and from the cliffs we witnessed the regatta, which contributed materially to the spending of a most enjoyable day, and at 7 p.m. we re-embarked for North Wall. On Tuesday morning jaunting cars were hired, and a very interesting drive round Phœnix Park occupied our time till noon, where by appointment we arrived at Messrs. Guinness and Sons, St. James Gate Brewery, having obtained permission to look over these gigantic premises. This sight alone would have justified our visit to Dublin. On nearing the end the sample room was not overlooked, where a course of tasting the firm's four compositions brought us into rounds. In the evening an attempt for a Minor peal in four methods was made upon the front six of St. Patrick's noble peal, but this unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 16 mins. The ringers stood as follows: R. R. Cherry, 1; R. Dawson, 2; J. Holman, 3; A. Brearley, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; D. Brearley (conductor), 6. Wednesday morning, the departure of five of the visitors came, who left for Old England at 10.15., which was duly reached after showing kindly consideration for the fishes on the way. The visitors wish through this medium to thank their many friends, Mr. Lindoff in particular, for their efforts to make this excursion a most enjoyable one. R. D.

## THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

Saturday, July 30th, was the day fixed for the members of this Guild for their annual trip, the place selected being Douglas, Isle of Man. At 9.55 they started on their journey, and at 2.45 were deposited at Birkenhead, when a rush for the ferry was made, and Liverpool was soon reached. They soon embarked on board the steamer Prince of Wales, which landed them safely in Douglas about 9.30, after a pleasant voyage, the time being spent in ringing a few touches on the handbells, much to the enjoyment of their fellow-passengers. Depositing their luggage at Castleford House, the day was spent in looking round the town, giving instructions to the *Father* about breakfast next day. Sunday morning found them out at six o'clock, having arranged to meet Mr. Pratt from Calverley, at 6.30, who was there by the clock with "BELL NEWS" in hand. The next move was to Port Skillion for a bathe, and then back to breakfast. The members tried to obtain information where they could have a pull at some tower bells, but to their disappointment they found that the bells at S. Thomas's church, Douglas, had been made fixtures since the Jubilee year, 1887, and the bells at Peel were not allowed to be rung, so that both Mr. Pratt and the members had to give up all hopes of having a ring. After breakfast a walk was taken through the Nunnery Grounds to the church of Kirk Braddon, where a service is held in the open air, and right well do the visitors appreciate it, for there were about five or six thousand present. After service a walk along the road back to dinner, which was partaken of in right good earnest. The next move was to go by the electric railway to Growdle, and through the glens, supposed to be the prettiest part of the island; then on the miniature railway which runs round the rocks to the aperture where the sea lions are kept. After watching their performance for some time, a stroll brought the party to the refreshment rooms, and as it had just started to rain they lined up for tea, which which was forthcoming. The rain having given over, down to the shore they went, when a great noise was heard, and every one rushed to see what was the matter, which was soon explained by watching *Father* try to catch an eel, the eel being too quick for him, was at last captured by Mr. W. Page. The journey was then resumed, and once more the visitors found themselves on their way back to Douglas by the electric car. Finding there was no chance of getting in the Palace to hear Madame Albani sing at the sacred concert, an hour or so was spent in boating, and visiting the tower of Refuge, which is out in the sea. Monday morning found them out at 5.30, having arranged to meet Mr. Swinfield, from Hinkley, as he came off the six o'clock boat, but the band either missed him or he missed the boat. Not wasting time, another briny dip was had, then to breakfast, after which across the ferry up to Douglas Head, watched the minstrels, and then by the electric car to Port Soderick, through the smuggler's cave, and dinner at the refreshment rooms, then to the railway station and back to Douglas by train. Upon arriving there we went straight to the pier and booked to Ramsey by the steamer Fairy Queen; an hour in Ramsey, and tea, then back to the boat, arriving in Douglas about 7 o'clock, an hour's boating, and off to the palace, where there was amusement for all; reaching home about 11.30, and finishing up on Monday with a concert at home, and a rare good pillow fight, Mr. Master getting fairly done over. Tuesday morning they were up again, but only the water spaniel went for his morning dip. Arrangements were made to meet on the pier, thence by that splendid steamer Empress Queen to Dublin, when a ride round the Phœnix Park and other places soon passed the time away; back to the boat, and a start made at 5 o'clock, a rough passage found them in Douglas again about 10 o'clock, and all were glad to get back to their lodgings, ready for a feed. A good night's rest would have been a treat, but the *Night Hawk* was about, and he informed them that as that was the last night in Douglas, the Worcester knockabouts could not expect any rest, and right little did he let them have. Next morning found them preparing for their journey home (with the exception of Mr. Longney, who stayed the week), and after a rough journey (which made some of the members rush for the side of the boat), and a long train ride, Worcester was again reached at 9.20, the members all expressing themselves satisfied with such an enjoyable excursion. Mr. W. Brown, of Manchester, also intended accompanying the Worcester strings, but was disappointed at the last minute and found he could not go. Better luck next time, Mr. B. J.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, August 11th, at St. Martin's church, Haverstock Hill, the usual whole pull and stand was rung; also 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins., and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. This with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late William Williams, aged sixty years, one of the oldest members of the above society. The following members took part: H. Ellis, R. Bevan, N. Alderman, J. Nixon, G. Smith, T. Titchener, I. Attwater, E. Bonfield, H. Watson.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

The Chester Diocesan Guild has not occurred to me as being what might be called "an aggressive body." I do not know that it has created excitement or *furore* at any time in connection with ringing matters. It appears to have plodded along from its birth until now, without any striking event. But if slow its progress has been sure—very sure. The report of its eleventh Annual Meeting was somewhat interesting, and a little out of the beaten track. First, the rev. gentleman who was the preacher at Witton parish church on the occasion is one I should like to hear of oftener in such a capacity. I felt a little disappointed that a *résumé* of his sermon did not appear in print. Mr. Pilkington is an ardent ringer, and an expert composer, and at home he is thought of very highly, at least that was my opinion when I visited Framlingham.

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The Master of the Chester Guild is the Venerable the Archdeacon of Chester. This important fact is a fine handle to lay hold of when concerned in an argument about the connection between ringers and the Church. Now I have never yet heard that the Master was a half-pull ringer. Under all the known circumstances it is not to be expected. But the venerable gentleman will not be angry if I make a suggestion. That is, that he could easily and quickly learn to manage a bell—say a light one. Then if he got only as far as rounds, he would find the practice most infatuating—enchanting. May be he is so far proficient; if so "no offence" I hope.

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Four clergymen were at this meeting elected honorary members of the Guild. May I be permitted to point out to these gentlemen that if they will make themselves acquainted with the elements of change-ringing, it will afford them many hours of pleasant, healthful, and innocent recreation. This is only one advantage a ringing clergyman possesses. There are many others, which go a great way to strengthen the work of his ministry, and add to its pleasant side. My clerical ringing brethren will bear me out in these statements.

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The Hon. Secretary of this Guild is the Rector of Grappenhall. The local company at this place are a most energetic body, and they have done almost everything possible on the six bells in the church tower. There is a strong attempt being made to augment these bells to eight, towards which it is comfortable reading that the Guild has given £5; supplemented by a donation of £1 from the Archdeacon. It any of my readers would like to "snap" with the Grappenhall company in this matter they will feel honoured.

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Following this report in last week's paper was a brief account of a meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association. This body appears to be getting on. Well, after the various "rousings" it has had it deserves to become an important part of the body campanological. In this report the names of two clergymen appear whose initials are "W. W. W." and "W. W. C.," while those of another gentleman not far off are "W. W. C. B." The capital W is popular in these parts.

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The Rev. C. H. Joberns, who was for some time Hon. Secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has retired from the Rectorship of St. Stephen's in the latter city. The St. Stephen's Guild could not let him depart from amongst them without showing in a practical manner the esteem in which they regarded him. They presented him at the same time with a smoking cabinet. A very appropriate present, and I compliment both givers and recipient. Mr. Joberns, I have reason to know, always looked upon my lucubrations with a kindly eye, and I take this opportunity of wishing him in his new sphere a long life and plenty of happiness and comfort. Should I be rambling his way I shall have the pleasure of paying him my respects, and we may have "a blow" together from the cabinet.

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This allusion to smoking brings to my mind a story about the late Edward Miall, M.P. (for Bradford, I think). This gentleman was an exceedingly militant dissenter. He was editor of a newspaper called *The Nonconformist*. Previous to his entering upon his literary labours in the editor's room, three long churchwarden pipes were always filled for him with bird's-eye, and carefully laid in symmetrical order upon his writing table. His first action was to light one of the pipes, then take up his pen to write. When the three pipes had been "discussed," his literary work was concluded for the day. I had this related to me by an old friend of mine, who was the very one who filled these pipes for Mr. Miall. Perhaps if Mr. Joberns adopted the idea, he could write for our paper an interesting account of St. Stephen's, embodying a clear history of the merchant venturers.

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The Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Hon. Secretary of the Winchester Guild, has kindly explained the paragraph in the report of the meeting which appeared to me to possess some ambiguity. It is now all made clear; the meaning conveyed being quite proper in every way. Members of the Guild should take a little more care in the compiling of their reports.

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That excursion which was made by the Edinburgh society to Inverness ought to be productive of much good. The reception the visitors met with leads one to hope that the bells of Inverness Cathedral may be restored without delay. Of course in this, as in all other cases of a like nature, the great question is one of funds. I think the Duke of Argyle is a local magnate; his principal seat being Inverary Castle. Could His Grace be induced to head such a movement?

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.—A meeting of the above was held at Hampton-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 13th. Representatives were present from Burnham, Isleworth, Heston, and Ealing, and Mr. A. King and several members of the north and east district. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Stedman, Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung. Practice nights at Isleworth for the future will be on Tuesdays at 8 p.m., and at St. Mary's, Ealing.

## WYE, KENT.

On Saturday, August 6th, seven members of the Kent County Association paid a visit to the parish church, to meet the old veteran, Mr. T. Post, the only survivor of the long peal of Bob Major at Hythe, Kent. The old gentleman is quite well, and he told the ringers that as they stood in the peal so they had died, 1 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and old Tom was left last, and though about 80 years of age, thinks he could manage a 5040 on the treble now. He took part in two touches of Bob Major, a 212 and 336. T. Post, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; W. Hobbs, 6; G. Sharp, 7; T. Tabrett, 8. The other ringers also rang 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Hills, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; W. Spice, 3; G. Sharp, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; W. Hobbs, 6; T. Tabrett, 7; T. Pemble, 8; 6 and 8 were covering; W. Hobbs conducting from the cover. The ringers wish through this paper to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

## TONG, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 30th, a pleasant circular tour, promoted by the Tong company for ringing purposes, was commenced. The party was in charge of Mr. G. B. Bolland (one of the vice-presidents of the Yorkshire Association), and comprised Messrs. John Cordingley, Haley, H. Oddy, Hargreave, E. Oddy, and C. Sallaway, of Tong; J. W. Moorhouse, of the Wakefield Cathedral society; and T. Latimer, P. Cordingley, and T. Maude, of Pudsey.

Leaving Holbeck at 10.45, they made their way to their first call at Thirsk, where they were overtaken and joined by the Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, and his brother, Mr. R. P. Farrow, who had cycled over. Mr. Wrightson, of the local company, was at the station, and piloted the visitors first to The Three Tuns hotel for luncheon, and afterwards to the church, where the bells were found already raised (tenor 19 cwt.). Time being limited, only short touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Oxford Minor were rung here. A wedding being in progress meanwhile, at the close some of the party were welcomed by the Vicar.

Leaving here, they were soon on their way for the next calling place on the programme—Northallerton—and were met by Mr. Barnett, who accompanied them to the tower of the parish church, the bells being in readiness. Here a short touch of Treble Bob Major, and 240 of Oxford and Violet were rung. This peal has recently been overhauled, and now go very well.

Returning once more to the station, the tourists were soon away again on the next stage of the journey, but having to wait nearly an hour at Croft Spa, and finding the station-master a most genial fellow, they responded to his request and rung on handbells on the platform courses of Grandsire Royal and Major. Richmond, the terminus alike of the railway and their day's journey, was reached about 8.30 p.m., and on the platform we found Mr. and Mrs. C. Denton Smith (of Bradford), to greet us, and they accompanied us as far as Hawes. Immediate steps were wended towards The Bishop Blaize inn, where a most welcome and substantial tea awaited us, and no time was lost in getting to work upon knife and fork surprise—conductors: Mesdames Kilburn and Plews (proprietresses). The remainder of the evening was devoted by some to handbell ringing along with one of the local ringers, whilst others of the party had a stroll.

Sunday morning found the visitors early astir exploring this pretty neighbourhood, and as there were two companies of six, it was arranged for one of them to drive to Grinton, a village situated ten miles higher up the dale, and ring for morning service there This entailed an early breakfast and start; Mr. Borrows (of Richmond) kindly accompanied, and went on in advance to announce our coming, and gain the necessary permission, which was readily granted. We found the bells here a nice handy peal, tenor 12 cwt., but sorry to find that only call-changes were practised. Several local ringers were present during the time a 720 of Oxford was rung, and a short touch of Violet; while the brethren who stayed at Richmond rang the same methods. For the evening services we exchanged places, and both parties were equally pleased with their drive and the receptions they received.

Monday morning we had to resume our tour and whilst breakfasting at 6 a.m. we listened to the note of the bell which is rung here every day at this hour and 8 p.m.—curfew bell. Having an 11-miles' drive to Leyburn to catch the 8.29 train caused us to be away early, and saying adieu to our cyclist friends we journeyed forward to Aysgarth, where we soon met with Mr. Johnson and another local, who escorted us to the church, very prettily situated on the bank of the river Yore. The six bells are a light handy ring, tenor 13 cwt., and a 720 of Oxford was soon accomplished, followed by touches of Violet and Oxford by another band. A course of Grandsire Major was rung in the churchyard here for a gentleman passing through, and next a stroll to view the falls in the river, which owing to the dry season were not seen to the best advantage.

Leaving Aysgarth at noon for Askrigg we met Mr. James Preston awaiting us, and after lunch the diamond jubilee peal in the tower of St. Oswald were quickly in motion, and amongst the ringing done here was a 12-score of Bob Minor, conducted by Mr. R. Borrows, who had kindly accompanied us thus far. At the conclusion some of the party, accompanied by Mr. Preston and another local man, paid a visit to a waterfall, "Mill Ghyll Force," which showed to better advantage than the Aysgarth falls. The Vicar kindly welcomed the party here. Resuming our journey, several of the ringers were noticed carrying away 6lb. samples of the famed "Wensleydale" cheeses.

Our next stopping-place for the night was Hawes, and immediately in front of our hostelry (The White Hart) is the parish church, possessing a peal of tubular bells, and if the striking of the clock be any evidence, the sound of the peal will only be moderate. Our number was now reduced to nine, and rising betimes and taking handbells with us, we went to view Hardrow Scar Waterfall, which has a reputed fall of 100 feet. Here a course of Oxford, and Bob Minor were rung to try the effect with the water going over us. Leaving here by first train we next visited St. Ascension, Settle, where permission had first to be obtained. Through the kindness of Mr. Bygrave the bells were soon going in Kent Treble Bob Major. From this gentleman we learned of a nice ring of six at Giggleswick, a mile away, so walked across, and soon gained the necessary permit—the bells were quickly going in Duke of York with Oxford and Violet following.

From here it was proposed to call next at Gargrave, but we regretfully had to telegraph back word — and our next and last call was at Silsden, where having announced our intention, we met with Mr. Winstanley, who kindly invited all of us to his house to tea, which came as a welcome refresher after ringing a 720 of Violet and 600 of Oxford.

Our tour was now over, and taking train for Bradford, where we landed about 9.40 p.m., each man sought the quickest way homewards, one and all having had a most enjoyable excursion; the weather having been magnificent throughout. One result of our trip is to secure a few additional members to the ranks of the Yorkshire Association, and we shall feel repaid if our visit has served in the least degree to stimulate the art of change-ringing where now it is not practised.

The travellers hereby tender their grateful thanks to the various Rectors and Vicars for permission to ring, and the local ringers for meeting them and giving up their ropes so readily, and to all who helped in any way to make the trip such a success.

M.

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

On Monday, August 1st, twelve members of this Society visited Great Yarmouth. On arriving at the parish Church of St. Nicholas they were met by Mr. Matthews, the steeple-keeper, and after attending to the grease-boxes, attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, but in about 20 minutes they were obliged to stop owing to the tenor bell going very badly. The party stood thus: S. Cook, 1; J. Motts (conductor). 2; A. E. Durrant, 3: H. C. Gillingham, 4; R. Hawes, 5; W. Motts, 6; W. L. Catchpole, 7; H. Bowell, 8: E. Pemberton, 9; W. Wood, 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; F. G. Tillett, 12. Weight of tenor 30 cwt. A course each of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques were then rung. The visitors were very pleased to meet the members of the St. Nicholas Society, viz.: Mr. R. Christian, Mr. D. Hayward, Mr. Tooley, &c. and Mr. S. Tillett, formerly a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. They beg to thank Canon Rogers for granting permission to attempt the peal upon the twelve bells.

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THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Monday, August 1st, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the places selected being Ware and Hertford. A start was made from Bishops Stortford by brake at 9.15 a.m., and a pleasant drive of two hours brought us to the Parish Church, Ware, where we repaired to the belfry at once and raising the bells, a nice peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) they were soon set going to the tune of Oxford Bob Triples, but not going well only a few short touches were indulged in, Here we were met by our old friend Samuel Hayes. who had journeyed from London for the occasion, and also Mr. W. H. Dallimore put in an appearance. At 12.20 the brake was again called upon and another half-hour's ride brought us to Hertford, where we were met by Mr. S. Knight of that place; then of course we were installed into the belfry of St. Andrews, where we found a nice handy peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) After a couple of touches here, we returned to The Blackbirds inn, where host Hope had a first-rate course upon the table awaiting us, and when go was called, everbody to the number of eighteen rang an excellent peal without a "bob" of any description being called. Dinner over, and the cloth being cleared, our host Mr. Hope entertained us for about forty-five minutes with his gramophone, which delighted all present. This being concluded, another move was made for St. Andrew's, and a few more touches rang, and then came the usual good-bye. A start for the return journey was made at 8.20, and a very pleasant ride of two hours and-a-half, enlivened by a few tunes upon the handbells, with a few songs, brought us safely home, everyone expressing himself thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing. We wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank all those that met us, and also the clergy for kindly granting the use of the bells at the different churches. T.

ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE. — On Saturday, July 30th, the members and friends of this society had their annual outing, the places selected being Kegworth, Shepshed' and Belton. A start was made at 9 a.m in a two-horse brake, and after an enjoyable drive, being favoured with splendid weather, Kegworth was reached by 10.30. After taking refreshments at The Horse and Groom, the handbells were brought out and set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Tomlin, Earle, F. Hollingworth, and Malins, which was successfully brought round. Time being called, a start was made for Shepshed, which was reached in the course of an hour, where we were met by Mr. Whitworth, of The Vine inn, which we made our headquarters. After sampling a glass of his beer, a course on the handbells brought round dinner time. After doing ample justice to the good things provided, and thanking our worthy host and hostess for the able manner in which they had provided for us, a move was then made for the church, where we found all in good going order, and soon the bells were going to the tune of Oxford Bob Triples. After ringing several touches, the bells were lowered, when we visited our headquarters, and the handbells were brought into use, and after a shake hands with our Shepshed friends, we made the return journey to the village of Belton, where we spent the remainder of the day, putting the horses up at one of the hotels, where a substantial supper awaited us. When the cloth was drawn, songs were rendered by Messrs. T. Hollingworth, G. Tomlin, and W. Wallace; and recitations were given by Mr. W. Walker, which brought down the house. A course of Triples on the handbells was given, and time for commencing the journey came only too soon, when good-byes were said, and hands warmly shaken, starting for home about nine o'clock, and reaching Melbourne about 10.30, all being unanimous in declaring that it was one of the best outings the society had ever had. The company wish to thank the Rev. W. H. F. Hepworth, of Shepshed, for the use of the bells; also all those who took interest in helping to make our outing a success.

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### THE IPSWICH TOWER AND DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. Catchpole, fails to realize that in the bricking up of belfry windows is to be found the salvation of change-ringing. It is an exploded conceit that the outside public is desirous of hearing the details of a peal. The softening effected by reducing the openings in the lower exits of sound from a church tower is so appreciated by all listeners with whom I have come in contact, that I am well assured that ringers will do well to encourage rather than to oppose this valuable means of promoting their interests at the expense of a little personal discomfort. In regard to the Double Norwich Maximus, what Mr. Catchpole advances is not evidence but merely opinion; nor does he say whose. I believe that the communication I made to your columns some years ago comprised all the information of a reliable character which, up to the present, has been forthcoming, and that it fairly conclusively establishes that a peal of Double Norwich Maximus *was* rung at Norwich.

ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

### THE STOCKTON TEN BELL SCHEME.

SIR,—There is little to answer in Mr. Clarkson's letter, but it is a pity he attempts to reflect on our Association, when he has not made himself acquainted with what passed at our Annual Meeting at Durham. I was surprised he was absent from our most important meeting of the year, which was such a suitable opportunity for him to put the matter before our members, but representatives of his belfry were present, and will remember the spirit of support which was manifested, but of which, in his absence, they seemed unable to avail themselves. I have so fully gone over the ground, and Mr. Clarkson has so little combatted my remarks, that I would only confirm the opinion I expreased that we should not identify ourselves officially with parochial efforts to procure peals, etc. The reflections in Mr. Clarkson's letters as to subscriptions, etc., simply go on endorse my view, that such action on the part of the Association would only lead to jealousies and envy, and is a course the more to be avoided now. Mr. Clarkson has dealt with the matter in such a fantastic way, that many members may not understand whether they are at liberty to subscribe to it or not, though I did my utmost to recommend it at Gainford. Mr. Clarkson says we have no funds. I do not admit that, but while we are not rich, I fail to see his object in jeering at us on that account. Does it not suggest a possible reason for subscriptions coming slowly to his fund? At the same time as a set-off against his suggestion of poverty, I must take this opportunity to do honour to several of our members to whom it is due. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, we have few wealthy supporters, and a few years since a number of our ordinary members, who were only working men, voluntarily became honorary members, paying the higher subscription so as to assist the Association. If we are poor in cash, we are rich in the right spirit, and in any case it is an open question whether it is wise for such Associations as ours to accumulate large balances. It is not a practice of the Association to send out such appeals as that for which Mr. Clarkson asks. The only two official appeals I can remember were entirely connected with internal affairs; one when a presentation was made to our first Secretary, and the other on the occasion of the tragic death of one of our members at Jarrow. Mr. Clarkson's scheme has been more frequently and more strongly recommended to the members than the Newcastle Cathedral fund was, and I may say that Mr. Clarkson has already received from members a better response than that fund received, only one member, I believe, subscribing to it. North Shields, our first ten-bell tower, which did so much to establish the Association, made no appeal, and several other churches have carried out augmentations, etc., without turning to the Association. A few years since such a course would not have been thought of, and it is only recently that the Associations have been asked to contribute, either directly or indirectly to parochial funds. Our Association funds are not for that purpose, and our members are not generally of a class that can readily respond to such calls. As to the attitude of myself and the Committee, Mr. Clarkson must understand that the Association is not a "one man Association," as it used to be. The Committee is representative of the members, and is not likely to abandon the precedents and order which we have established of recent years. Its attitude has all along been clearly and warmly in support of Mr. Clarkson's scheme, but I must say it seems a pity that he attempts to take us by the throat. R. S. STORY.

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THE weather still preserves its character for intense heat, though since our last number cooling showers at intervals, and in some places thunderstorms of most uncommon violence, in various parts of the country, causing no small amount of destruction of property, have occurred. The prominent features of the ringing world are for the nonce pretty well confined to excursions, outings, and so forth, though no less than ten peals are this week recorded. Such peregrinations as that made by the Tong Company must have a very good effect in extending a knowledge of the Art. We cannot refrain from again pointing out the advantages of such visits as this. Last week we read of journeys to Inverness, and Castleton, Derbyshire, both of which places require the presence of the belfry-reformer and teacher. In a manner devoid of assumption or arrogance the spread of ringing practice is much to be desired. And we hope therefore that while what we may call the non-ringing season lasts our brethren will look about them and see where they may with advantage effect changes for the better.

## The Provinces.

### BIRMINGHAM.

THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

*On Wednesday, August* 10, 1898, *in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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| THOMAS MILLER .. | ..*Treble.* | RICHARD HACKLEY .. .. | 5. |
| JOSEPH PORTER .. .. .. | 2. | HARRY MIDDLETON .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM SHORT .. .. | 3. | ALBERT HACKLEY .. .. | 7. |
| CHAS. H. WATTS .. .. | 4. | JOHN BARBER .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

### HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, August* 10, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| BENJAMIN BASSETT*.. | ..*Treble.* | THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. | 2. | *JOHN STEDDY .. .. .. | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT .. .. | 3. | KEITH HART .. .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM HILMAN .. .. | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

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

*On Thursday, August* 11, 1898, *in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| THOS. MCKEGG .. .. | ..*Treble.* | JOHN PARKIN .. .. .. | 5. |
| GEO. PARKIN .. .. .. | 2. | THOS. ROBBINS .. .. .. | 6. |
| ED. ROBBINS .. .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM DRONFIELD .. | 7. |
| ARTHUR SAXBY .. .. .. | 4. | JOHN DRONFIELD .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by F. BENNETT, of Brighton, and Conducted by JOHN DRONFIELD.

This peal is supposed to be now rung for the first time. Rung to commemorate the opening of the bells on August 1st, 1893, by the Archbishop of York.

### GLOUCESTER.

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

*On Thursday, August* 11, 1898, *in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

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| ERNEST E. DAVIS .. | ..*Treble.* | RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. | 6. |
| FRED G. MAY .. .. .. | 2. | ROBERT A. BARRETT .. | 7. |
| JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .. | 3. | WALTER T. BENNETT .. | 8. |
| FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. | 4. | ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. | 9. |
| WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. | 5. | REV. H. LAW JAMES | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*This is the first peal on the bells since the addition of the two trebles, and it is W. T. Pegler's 50th peal.

### BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August* 13, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5310 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| JABEZ EADES .. .. | ..*Treble.* | GEORGE HAYWARD .. .. | 6. |
| ALBERT WALKER .. .. | 2. | ALBERT JACKSON .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM SHORT .. .. | 3. | ALFRED MOORE .. .. .. | 8. |
| JAMES GEORGE .. .. .. | 4. | GEORGE BOURNE .. .. | 9. |
| OLIVER JAMES .. .. .. | 5. | JAMES PARRY .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, and the 6th twelve courses at home. Rung on the conductor's birthday. The figures of this peal will be found on another page.

### UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August* 13, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| JOHN SMART .. .. | ..*Treble.* | GEORGE A. KING .. .. | 5. |
| KEITH HART .. .. .. | 2. | GEORGE GATLAND .. .. | 6. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. | 3. | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. | 7. |
| FRANK BENNETT .. .. | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of Major on the bells.

### COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, August* 13, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

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

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| WALTER EVANS.. .. | ..*Treble.* | HENRY W. ALLEN .. .. | 5. |
| THOMAS WILLIAMS .. .. | 2. | JAMES FEILD .. .. .. | 6. |
| REV. G. M. CUSTANCE* .. | 3. | CHARLES LAYTON .. .. | 7. |
| STEPHEN HOPE .. .. .. | 4 | WILLIAM SMART .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

*First peal on eight bells.

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

*On Sunday, August* 14, 1898, *in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

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| FREDERICK A. NUNN | ..*Treble.* | FREDERICK W. THORNTON | 5. |
| EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. | 2. | ERNEST PYE .. .. .. | 6. |
| GEORGE ROBERT PYE .. | 3. | HARRY FLANDERS .. .. | 7. |
| ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. | 4. | WILLIAM PYE .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, of Lincoln, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells, and by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Pye, on the completion of his 28th year.

### READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, August* 16, 1898, *in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| ALFRED E. REEVES .. | ..*Treble.* | *WILLIAM T. HORNE .. | 6. |
| CHARLES GILES.. .. .. | 2. | *CHARLES STONE .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM J. THOMAS* .. | 3. | WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. | 8. |
| FRANK TUBB .. .. .. | 4. | AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. | 9. |
| FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. | 5. | REUBEN SAWYER .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal of Caters. W. J. Thomas was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Guilding.

### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Wednesday, August* 17, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 30 cwt.

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| RICHARD E. GROVE .. | ..*Treble.* | ERNEST D. HUNT .. .. | 5. |
| NOAH DAVIS .. .. .. | 2. | JAMES PAGETT .. .. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. | 7. |
| REV. MAITLAND KELLY .. | 4. | THOMAS WAKEMAN .. | ..*Tenor* |

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

## Date Touches.

### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, August 10th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 14 mins. *F. Hancock, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; *J. Morton, 3; W. Price, 4; W. Worthington, 5; S. Robinson, 6; *G. Marsden, 7; *G. Norman, 8. Composed by C. Severn. Rung on the fiftieth birthday of F. Hancock, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. *Longest length on eight bells.

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ANSTON (Yorks).—On Monday, August 8th, at St. James' church, a date touch, 1898 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 720 each of Oxford and Kent, 360 Killamarsh Treble Bob, and 98 Violet. J. Foulds, 1; R. Smith, 2; H. Stenton, 3; G. Marshall, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. First date touch and first attempt by G. Marshall. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Smith, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Tenor 12 cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, June 26th, 720 Oxford Bob (ten bobs and two singles). E. Sedge, 1; S. Beach, 2; C. Millway, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, June 29th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-singles). E. Sedge, 1; S. Beach, 2; H. Coast, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Clift, 1; H. Coast, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. The above was rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Joseph John Nesbitt, M.A. On Sunday, July 3rd, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). C. Clift, 1; S. Beach, 2; W. Spice, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; W. Spice, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 31st, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Clift, 1; W. Hollands, 2; H. Coast, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; S. Beach, 6. On Sunday, August 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Beach, 1; C. Millway (conductor), 2; W. Spice, 3; J. Dixon, 4; J. Grensted, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. Spice hails from Charing; Walker from Upchurch.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, August 7th, at St. Peters, church, 768 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; A. Welsh, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Pollard, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Porter, 6; H. Porter, 7; S. Perkins (conductor), 8. On Thursday, August 11th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Pollard, 1; W. Porter (conductor), 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Latter, 5; S. Saker, 6; E. Mankelow, 7; A. Godley, 8. A. Godley hails from Speldhurst; S. Saker from Hastings; W. Porter from Darlington.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLIXTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, August 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Eachus, 1; J. M. Ridehalgh (conductor), 2; J. Hunter, 3; H. W. Kirton, 4; S. Collier, 5; J. H. Collier, 6; G. W. Shaw, 7; T. Harper, 8. Longest length by J. H. Collier. Messrs. Eachus and Kirton hail from Manchester; the rest are of the local band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Thursday, August 11th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 Treble Bob Minor. S. Wood, 1; W. Jakeman, 2; J. Donald, 3; J. Harrison, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft, 6. On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service, 490 Grandsire Triples. W. Holme, 1; W. Jakeman, 2; J. Donald, 3; S. Taylor, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft, 6; S. Wood, 7; J. Harrison, 8. For evening service 384 Bob Major. W. Holme, 1; F. Jakeman, 2; S. Taylor (Bangor), 3; W. Jakeman, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft, 6; S. Wood (conductor), 7; J. Harrison, 8.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 42 mins. J. J. Parker, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 2; J. Parker, 3; G. Basden, 4; J. Elderfield, 5; A. Crook, 6; C. Clarke, 7; J. Bovington, 8.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On March 9th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Churcher, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Cooper, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; W. Churcher, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On April 27th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Singleton, 1; W. Cooper, 2; S. Cummins, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Carpenter, 6. On May 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Singleton, 1; W. Cooper, 2; J. Harris, 3; W. Churcher, 4; S. Cummins, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On August 10th, 720 in the same method. A. Gale, 1; W. Singleton, 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E Chappell (conductor), 5; G. Carpenter, 6.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday, July 21st, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Schofield, 1; A. E. Smith, 2; A. Honor, 3; C. Fry, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; A. LeClercq, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8.

### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—Recently, for Divine Service on a Sunday morning, 504 Stedman Triples. E. J. Dennes, 1; F. J. Tompkins, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. H. Ette, jun., 5; F. Wood, 6; W. H. Ette (conductor), 7; G. Turrell, 8. Also a 504 with F. J. Tompkins ringing the tenor. For practice, on Monday, August 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. G. Turnell, 1; F. Underwood, 2; F. Wood, 3; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 4; W. H. Ette, 5; E. West, 6; W. Wood, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Tenor 3e cwt. On the occasion of the marriage of Mr. M. G. Parker to Mr. C. H. Davis, at the parish church, by the Rev. L. T. Jones, Vicar of Peterborough, on Thursday, August 11th, 574 Grandsire Triples, being a part of a quarter-peal composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. E. J. Dennes, 1; G. Turnell, 2; F. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. The father of the bridegroom was for many years a resident of Wellingborough, and held the office of churchwarden as far back as 1868, when the old six bells were rehung. M. J. T. Parker, father of the bride, was parish warden in the year 1884, when the peal was increased to eight.

### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, August 6th, at the monthly meeting of the Association, 720 Woodbine. W. Scragg, 1; A. Ryles, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. Naylor, 4; W. H. Harratt, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, July 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Clarkson, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; J. Preston (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine. J. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 2; W. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. For evening service 720 College Pleasure. J. E. Wheeldon, 3; the rest as before. On Tuesday, July 19th, 720 College Pleasure. J. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 2; D. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. Also 720 College Exercise, and 720 Duke of York. On Sunday morning, July 23th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob, standing as above. For evening service 720 Duke of York. G. Hobbs, 5; the rest as before. On Tuesday, July 26th, 720 Westminster Surprise. J. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; D. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor) 6. First in the method by all.

### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON.—On Sunday, July 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, 644 Grandsire Triples. H. Nash, 1; F. Hilton, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. Clark, 4; E. Houlder, 5; J. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; L. Pidd, 8. On Sunday, July, 24th, for Divine Service in the evening, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Nash, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. Clark, 4; F. Hilton, 5; E. Houlden, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; L. Pidd, 8. On Tuesday, July 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Woods, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Hilton, 4; E. Houlden, 5; J. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; L. Pidd, 8.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

HIGHER SUTTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, August 10th, for practice at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Williams, 1; W. H. Ingham (conductor), 2; W. Steele, 3; J. Minshull, 4; M. Davenport, 5; W. Matthews, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Williams, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; W. Steele (conductor), 3; J. Minshull, 4; M. Davenport, 5; W. Matthews, 6. On handbells a course of Grandsire Triples. M. Davenport, 1-2; W. H. Ingham, 3; E. Davenport, 4; J. Manifold, 5; T. Wood, 6; J. Williams, 7; T. Taylor, 8. Also a 6-score of Bob

Doubles. T. Taylor, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; E. Davenport, 3; J. Manifold, 4; T. Wood, 5; C. Ingham, 6. First by all with the exception of W. H. Ingham.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, August 6th, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins., owing to the excessive heat and heavy going of the bells. W. Truss. 1; C. F. Winney, 2; C. Horton, 3; J. Moss, 4; T. H. Taffender, 5; W. Garrard. 6; W. Weatherstone, 7; W. Wise, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; J. George, 10. On Sunday, August 7th, for Divine Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, and about 500 Stedman Triples on the back eight. J. Moss, 1; C. F. Winney, 2; C. Horton, 3; W. Truss, 4; G. Fardon, 5; T. H. Taffender, 6; A. W. Brighton, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8. The above were conducted by C. F. Winney. After service at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 120 Stedman Doubles. C. F. Winney, 1; G. Fardon, 2; J. Moss, 3; C. Horton, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6. C. Horton hails from Bristol; George from Rugby.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, July 31st, at St. Stephen's church, 540 Bob Royal. J. Hinton, 1; W. A. Cave, 2; R. Clark, 3; J. Jones, 4; H. Howell, 5; T. Radford, 6; F. Elles, 7; W. Pickard, 8; F. Price, 9; W, Knight, 10. On Sunday morning, August 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Clark, 1; C. Millard, 2; H. Pring, 3; F. Elles, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5; W. A. Cave, 6; W. Knight (covering). In the evening 720 in the same method. R. Clarke, C. Tomkins, F. Elles, C. Gordon, W. Cave, W. Knight.

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BEENHAM (Berks).—On Sunday, July 10th, for Divine Service in the evening, 480 Bob Minor. R. Hatto, 1; H. Richardson, 2; J. Hatto, 3; E. Bruce, 4; H. Keal, 5; W. Horne (conductor), 6. After service 720 Bob Minor. R. Hatto (first 720), 1; H. Keal, 2; W. Horne, 3; H. Richardson, 4; E. Bruce, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6.

BENGEO (Herts).—On Sunday, July 31st, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. H. Abbey, 1; T. Barker, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; D. Bennett, 5; J. Pomfret, 6. On Sunday, August 7th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. H. Abbey, 1; T. Barker, 2; D. Bennett, 3; G. Smith, 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; J. Pomfret, 6. Before the evening service 360 Grandsire Minor. R. Duce, 1; J. Pomfret, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; G. Carter, 5; D. Bennett, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. H. Abbey, 1; T. Barker, 2; D. Bennett, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; J. Pomfret, 6. All conducted by J. Pomfret.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Wednesday, August 10th, at Bishop Ryder's church, muffled touches were rung to commemorate the eighteenth anniversary of the late John Bannister, for many years tower-keeper at this church. J. Hodson, 1; C. Mackenzie, 2; W. Ellis, 3; J. Evans, 4; J. Roberts, 5; G. Wylde, 6; R. Speakman, 7; E. Brainey, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GODALMING (Surrey).—On Saturday, August 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Wheeler, 1; A. E. Barrow, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Willshire (conductor), 4; F. Blondell, 5; J. Hunt, 6; W. W. Thorne, 7; E. Allen, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. T. W. Radford (conductor), 1; T. Radford, 2; A. E. Barrow, 3; F. Blondell, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Willshire, 6; J. Hunt, 7; C. Wheeler, 8. Also 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. E. Barrow, 1; T. Radford, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Willshire, 4; F. Blondell, 5; J. Hunt, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; W. W. Thorne, 8. Messrs. Wheeler and Allen belong to the local band; T. W. Radford hails from Bristol; the rest belong to the St. Nicholas society, Guildford. It was intended to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples, but Mr. Radford's train being an hour late, the above was substituted.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, August 6th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Willshire, 1; F. Blondell, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; A. E. Barrow, 4; J. Hunt, 5; T. Radford, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; C. Heath, 8. This was arranged for T. W. Radford, who hails from Bristol.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Tuesday, August 9th, a few members of the St. Nicholas company, Guildford, with Mr. T. Radford, of Bristol, visited the parish church, it being the local practice night, and rang a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. J. Boniface, 1; E. Radden, 2; T. Radford, 3; S. Radford, 4; J. Hunt, 5; F. Gould, 6. Another 720 with E. Radden, 1; A. J. Boniface, 3; the rest as before. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was attempted, but came to grief through the treble rope breaking. A. J. Boniface, 1; T. Radford, 2; ———, 3; J. Hunt, 4; S. Radford, 5; F. Blondell, 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. T. Radford, 1; J. Hunt, 2; ———, 3; S. Radford, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; F. Blondell, 6. Messrs. Boniface, Radden, and Gould belong to the local band.

TITCHFIELD (Hants).—On April 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Privett, 1; F. Hill, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; G. Grafham, 4; Rev. C. A. Clements, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. Rev. C. A. Clements, 1; C. Privett, 2; F. Hill, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. This was arranged for the Rev. C. A. Clements.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, August 13th, at St. Nicolas church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Singleton, 1; F. Hill, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; J. Waghorn. 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Grafham, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; W. Cooper, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; S. Cummins, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedmam Doubles. G. E. Chappell, 1; F. Hill, 2; G. Grafham, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; S. Cummins, 6. This ringing was arranged for Mr. Waghorn, who hails from Tottenham, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Grafham. All the above are members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild except Mr. Waghorn.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; S. W. West, 3; A. Whitmore, 4; J. A. Moult (conductor), 5; B. West, 6; L. Partridge, 7; F. Boam, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen 2; A. Whitmore, 3; J. A. Moult, 4; H. Partridge, 5; L. Partridge, 6; B. West (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8. This is the first quarter-peal since the re-opening of the church on July 30th. After evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Partridge, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; S. W. West, 4; B. West, 5; L. Partridge, 6; J. A. Moult (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8. The above touch was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. E. Dalby, who had been a life-long supporter of the church and benefactor to the poor in Whitwick and neighbouring parishes. On Monday, August 8th, 168 Stedman Triples. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; S. W. West, 3; A. Whitmore, 4; H. Partridge, 5; B. West, 6; J. A. Moult (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—Recently for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). R. Pain, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; W. Spice, 6. Also another 720 (nine bobs). R. Pain, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; W. Hills, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Roberts, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. Messrs. Spice and Goodwin hail from Charing; Pain from Mersham; the rest belong to the local band.

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## Obituary.

### DAVID ELLIOTT, SEN., OF COGGESHALL.

On Sunday, August 7th, this well-known ringer passed away at the age of seventy-one, and was interred in Kelvedon churchyard on Thursday, August 11th, ringers attending from Coggeshall, Kelvedon, Witham, Great Tey, and Feering, the bells being muffled before and after the service, a well-struck 720 Oxford Treble Bob being rung. R. Potter, 1; H. Elliott, 2; W. Ladhams, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; W. Hunwick, 5; H. Evers, 6. Deceased was a good ringer and excellent striker, but rang in one peal only, that being a peal of Bob Major, which he rang when sixty-seven years of age, afterwards learning to ring Double Norwich. Deceased had rung in a good many towers in Essex, and was one of the first to join the Essex Association. He leaves a widow, four sons, and two daughters to mourn his loss. He will be greatly missed by a great many ringing friends. On Saturday, August 13th, at the parish church, Coggeshall, with the bells deeply muffled, 336 Bob Major. W. Sadler, 1; R. Potter, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; W. Keeble, 6; C. Norfolk, 7; E. Beckwith (conductor), 8. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. On Sunday, August 14th, with the bells half-muffled, 336 Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. Beckwith (conductor), 7; F. Buck (London), 8.

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## Compositions.

### DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

In giving the above I think it would be wise to commence with the plain course in full, giving examples of a bob and a single, together with a few words about the ringing of the method and composing it. It will be seen that the compositions are similar to Union and other plain methods, although the course-ends are different and the bobs are at other leads.

PLAIN COURSE.

| 1234567 | *Continued—* |
|---|---|
| 2143576 | 5346712 |
| 2415367 | 3564172 |
| 4215376 | 3651427 |
| 4523167 | 6315247 |
| 5432617 | 6132574 |
| 5346271 | 1623547 |
| 3564721 | 1265374 |
| 3657412 | |
| 6375142 | 2156347 |
| 6731524 | 2513674 |
| 7613254 | 5231647 |
| 7162345 | 5326174 |
| 1726354 | 3562714 |
| 1273645 | 3657241 |
| | 6375421 |
| 2137654 | 6734512 |
| 2316745 | 7643152 |
| 3261754 | 7461325 |
| 3627145 | 4716235 |
| 6372415 | 4172653 |
| 6734251 | 1427635 |
| 7643521 | 1246753 |
| 7465312 | |
| 4756132 | 2164735 |
| 4571623 | 2617453 |
| 5417263 | 6271435 |
| 5142736 | 6724153 |
| 1524763 | 7642513 |
| 1257436 | 7465231 |
| | 4756321 |
| 2175463 | 4573612 |
| 2714536 | 5437162 |
| 7241563 | 5341726 |
| 7425136 | 3514276 |
| 4752316 | 3152467 |
| 4573261 | 1325476 |
| 5437621 | 1234567 |

| Bob. | Single. |
|---|---|
| 4756321 | 4756321 |
| 4573612 | 4573612 |
| 5437162 call bob. | 5437162 call single. |
| 5341726 | 5341726 |
| 3514762 | 3514726 |
| 3157426 | 3157462 |
| 1375462 | 1375426 |
| 1734526 | 1734562 |

To ring the method is very simple. There are two guiding bells as in Union, and no place-making below fifths.

The bell which takes the treble off the lead, and those which meet one or two before meeting the treble, make 5th's place and go back to lead again. The bell which meets three before the treble makes a triple dodge in 6-7 up. The bell which meets four before the treble makes a triple dodge in 6-7 down.

Bobs are made on the three back bells as in Stedman. The bell which meets three before the treble makes 5th's place and goes into the hunt, and that which meets four before the treble makes a quadruple dodge in 6-7 up. The bell which was in the hunt comes out by making a quadruple dodge in 6-7 down.

A single is made as a bob excepting that the two back bells reverse themselves.

All calls are called when the treble is in 5th's place.

PRICKING OUT.

By the lead-ends.

| 234567 | |
|---|---|
| 273645 | Plain lead. |
| 573624 | Bob. |
| 573642 | Single. |

By the bob leads.

| 234567 | |
|---|---|
| 573624 | at 1 |
| 657423 | at 2 |
| 465327 | at 3 |
| 346725 | at 4 |
| 734526 | at 5 |

Singles at the different leads are simply reversing the two last figures as at a bob.

By the course-end of three leads.

210.

| 234567 | 3 |
|---|---|
| 46532 | 1 |
| 52364 | 1 |
| 34625 | 1 |
| 65243 | 1 |
| 23456 | 1 |

210.

| 234567 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26435 | 1 | | 1 |
| 25463 | 1 | | 1 |
| 45623 | | 1 | 1 |
| 65243 | | 1 | 1 |
| 23456 | | | 1 |

By the course-ends of five leads.

210.

| 234567 | 1 |
|---|---|
| 5324 | 1 |
| 4352 | 1 |
| 2345 | 1 |

210.

| 234567 | 4 |
|---|---|
| 3542 | 1 |
| 5243 | 1 |
| 2345 | 1 |

Having now shown four different ways of writing down, I will illustrate by the following touches and peals. First by the course-ends of three leads and then by the course-ends of five leads, and it will be seen that a bell comes home every third lead on the three-lead plan, and two bells can be kept at home every fifth lead on the five-lead plan.

THREE-LEAD PLAN.

126.

| 234567 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 4352 | 1 | 1 |

Twice repeated.

126.

| 234567 | 1 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 26435 | 1 | 1 |

Twice repeated.

252.

| 234567 | 1 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 46532 | | 1 |
| 52364 | | 1 |
| 54326 | 1 | 1 |

Repeated.

252.

| 234567 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 46532 | | 1 |
| 52364 | | 1 |
| 32654 | 1 | 1 |

Repeated.

378.

| 234567 | 1 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 46532 | | 1 |
| 42563 | 1 | 1 |
| 43526 | 1 | 1 |

Twice repeated.

378.

| 234567 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 46532 | | 1 |
| 56342 | 1 | 1 |
| 36452 | 1 | 1 |

Twice repeated.

420.

| 234567 | 1 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 46532 | | 1 |
| 42563 | 1 | 1 |

Four times repeated.

420.

| 234567 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 46532 | | 1 |
| 56342 | 1 | 1 |

Four times repeated.

630.

| 234567 | 1 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 26435 | 1 | 1 |
| 45362 | | 1 |
| 32654 | | 1 |
| 64523 | | 1 |
| 53246 | | 1 |

Twice repeated.

630.

| 234567 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 4352 | 1 | 1 |
| 5324 | 1 | 1 |
| 2543 | s | 1 |
| 4235 | s | 1 |

Twice repeated.

1260

Is obtained by calling a single for bob at 1 in the first 630, or a single for bob at 2 in the second 630, of the third and sixth parts.

1260.

| 234567 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 635274 | 1 | |
| 572346 | | s |
| 2537 | s | 1 |
| 3275 | s | 1 |
| 7253 | 1 | 1 |
| 5732 | s | 1 |
| 3725 | 1 | 1 |
| 2753 | 1 | 1 |
| 5237 | s | 1 |
| 3572 | s | 1 |

Twice repeated.

J. T. Perry.

Ten 4-6s, 7-4s, and 6-7s.

1260.

| 234567 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 625374 | s | |
| 5632 | s | 1 |
| 3625 | 1 | 1 |
| 2356 | s | 1 |
| 5362 | 1 | 1 |
| 752346 | s | |
| 2735 | s | 1 |
| 3752 | 1 | 1 |
| 5327 | s | 1 |
| 2375 | 1 | 1 |

Twice repeated.

J. T. Perry.

Ten 4-6s, 7-4s, and 6-7s.

Five-Lead Plan.

140.

| 2345 | 1 | 4 |
|---|---|---|
| 3245 | s | 1 |

Repeated.

210.

| 2345 | 1 | 4 |
|---|---|---|
| 3425 | 1 | 1 |

Twice repeated.

280.

| 2345 | 1 | 4 |
|---|---|---|
| 5324 | 1 | |
| 3254 | 1 | 1 |

Repeated.

280.

| 2345 | 1 | 4 |
|---|---|---|
| 3542 | | 1 |
| 5432 | 1 | 1 |

Repeated.

630.

| 2345 | 1 | 4 |
|---|---|---|
| 3542 | | 1 |
| 5432 | 1 | 1 |
| 4352 | 1 | 1 |

Twice repeated.

630.

| 2345 | 1 | 4 |
|---|---|---|
| 5324 | 1 | |
| 3254 | 1 | 1 |
| 4235 | 1 | |

Twice repeated.

1260

Is obtained by calling the above six times with single for third bob in the third and sixth parts.

1260

Is obtained by calling the above six times with single for first bob in the third and sixth parts.

1680.

| 2345 | 1 | 4 |
|---|---|---|
| 3542 | | 1 |
| 5432 | 1 | 1 |
| 4235 | | 1 |
| 2534 | | 1 |
| 5324 | 1 | 1 |
| 3425 | | 1 |
| 4523 | | 1 |
| 5243 | 1 | 1 |
| 2453 | 1 | 1 |
| 4352 | | 1 |
| 3254 | | 1 |
| 2354 | s | 1 |

Repeated.

1680.

| 2345 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|
| 3542 | | 1 |
| 5243 | | 1 |
| 2354 | s | 1 |
| 3425 | s | 1 |
| 4523 | | 1 |
| 5324 | | 1 |
| 3452 | s | 1 |
| 4235 | s | 1 |
| 2534 | | 1 |
| 5432 | | 1 |
| 4352 | 1 | 1 |
| 3245 | s | 1 |

Repeated.

(*To be continued.*)

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES.

By E. J. Gale, *Melton Mowbray.*

5040.

| 23456 | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64235 | – | – | – |
| 26435 | | | – |
| 43265 | – | | – |
| 24365 | | | – |
| 53246 | *– | – | – |

Eleven times repeated; *s for bob M in 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th parts, and s for bob at middle and end.

## 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 some to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting of the Rochester District will be held at Gravesend to-day, Saturday, August 20. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 30. Business meeting after tea.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
65, *Clive Road, Rochester.*

The Salop Guild.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, August 27th. Service at 3 p.m., preacher the Hon. and Rev. G. H. F. Vane. Business meeting at 4 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Tea at 5 p m. at St. Chad's parish room, price 6d. per head. The Hon. Sec, will be glad to receive the names of those who intend to be present at tea. St. Chad's, St. Mary's and St. Alkmund's towers open to ringers.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
*Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.*

The Kent County Association.-Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open from 3 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.

TOM REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill, on Saturday, the 27th of August. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p m. Tea at The Bell inn at 5 30. A good muster desired.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*
"*Arran,*" *Baldslow Road, Hastings.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly Meeting at Raunds on Saturday afternoon, August 27th. Usual arrangements. A good attendance particularly requested. Visitors from other Associations will be very welcome. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*
*Wellingborough.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of six-bell ringers will be held at St. Mary's church, Hadley, Barnet, on Saturday, August 27th, when members and their friends are cordially invited to attend. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild —The next meeting of this Guild will be held on Saturday August 27th, at St. John's church, Tue-Brook, Bells ready 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

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

Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held on September 3rd at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, business meeting at 6.30. The election of Secretary and nominations for Committee will take place at this meeting.

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will take place at Dunster, on Saturday, September 10th. Full particulars on September 3rd.

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

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 10th, at 3 p.m, at St. John's school-room, Queen Street, Cardiff Election of officers, adoption of revised rules. The bells of St. John's will be available for ringing.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*
H. G. WHITE, *Assistant-Hon. Sec.*

Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tidenham, near Chepstow, on Saturday, September 10th. The towers of Chepstow and Caldecott will be open to members. Cheap fares from Bristol and Gloucester. Fuller particulars later.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, *Broad Street, Bristol.*

The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch. Particulars of arrangements will be announced in due course.

Members are reminded that the official year terminates on September 30th, on which date all subscriptions for the current year must be paid, or membership ceases. Those members whose subscription is unpaid at the meeting on September 17th, and are notified by circular, forfeit their right to a copy of the annual report. It is especially requested that in future all subscriptions be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Stainthorpe, Pynate Terrace, Carlinghow Batley, who has kindly undertaken to forward receipts and reports.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—It has been decided by the committee that the place of annual meeting be held at Bolton, instead of Preston, owing to the unveiling of the tablet to the memory of their late Secretary, Mr. Joel Redford. Nominations for the following offices are respectfully requested to be forwarded to Mr. Wreaks not later than the first week in September, viz: President, corresponding secretary, ringing secretary (unexpired), assistant secretary, treasurer. Notices of alteration of rules should be forwarded by same date. Committeemen are required for the following branches; Liverpool, 1; Rossendale, 2; Preston, 1; Fylde, 1; Blackburn, 1; Manchester, 1. Present members are respectively R. S. Mann, J. B. Taylor, and Z. Lord; J. Mather, G. Maries, W. Slater, R. Ridyard, and who are eligible for re-election. All members owing subscriptions are urgently asked to pay the same by the end of this month to their respective branch secretaries, or forward the same to the General Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, 41, *Gibbon Street, Bolton.*
J. WILSON, 232, *Chorley Old Road, Bolton,* *Secs.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The meetings of this Society are suspended until Thursday, September 1st.

C. J. IRISH, *Hon Sec.*

### NOTE TO PEAL AT GLOUCESTER.

MR. W. T. PEGLER'S FIFTIETH PEAL.—Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Gloucester Surprise Major, 3; Double Norwich Major, 6; Treble Bob Major, 4; Royal 2; Maximus, 1; Bob Major, 5; Royal, 1; Maximus, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 4; Caters, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Caters, 1; Cinques, 1; Minor methods, 5, conducted 4; Grandsire Doubles, 4, conducted 4; total—50.

## Compositions.

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

*By* GEORGE HAYWARD, *Bromsgrove.*

5310.

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 3 4 5 6 | |
| 2 3 6 5 4 | 7th in out at 3s and 7.8. |
| 3 6 2 5 4 | 7.8 |
| 6 2 3 5 4 | 7.8 |
| 2 5 3 6 4 | 8th in three. |
| 3 2 5 6 4 | 9th in three. |
| 5 3 2 6 4 | 9th in three. |
| 2 3 4 6 5 | 8 9 |
| 5 3 4 2 6 | Single first lead and 8.9s |
| 4 2 3 5 6 | 8th in three s |

Five times repeated; bob for single the last call in the third and sixth parts, produces 23456. The 8th and 9th before completes the peal. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, and the 6th twelve courses at home.

### PEAL CORRECTIONS.

Mr. J. Martin, of Liverpool, writes :—"In the peal of Double Norwich published last week in your paper under my name, the number of changes should be 5248, not 5284 as stated."

The peal of Grandsire Major, by E. J. Gale, of Melton Mowbray, published last week, is false.

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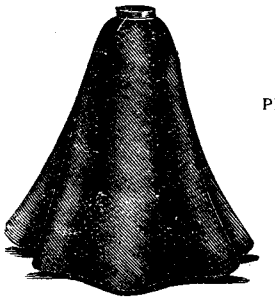

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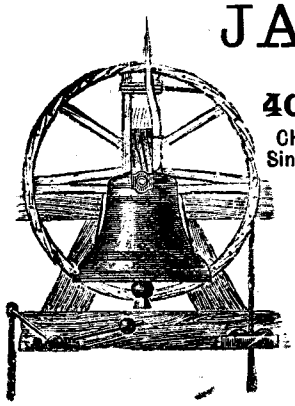

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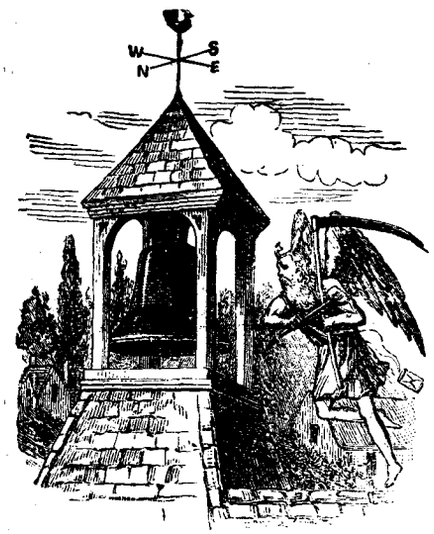


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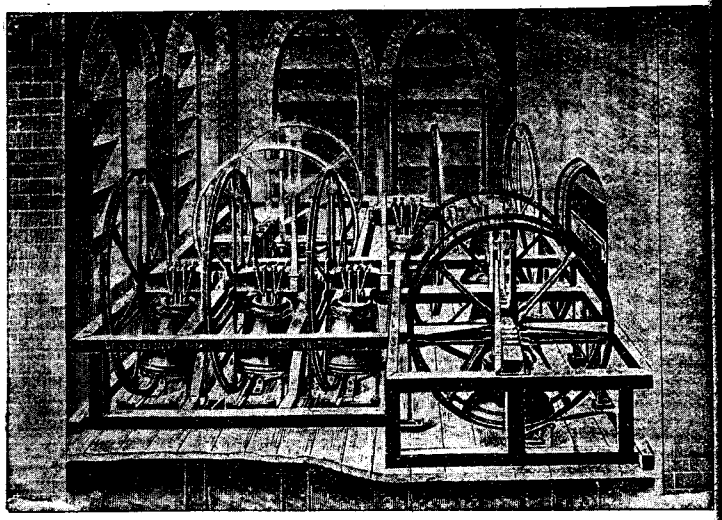

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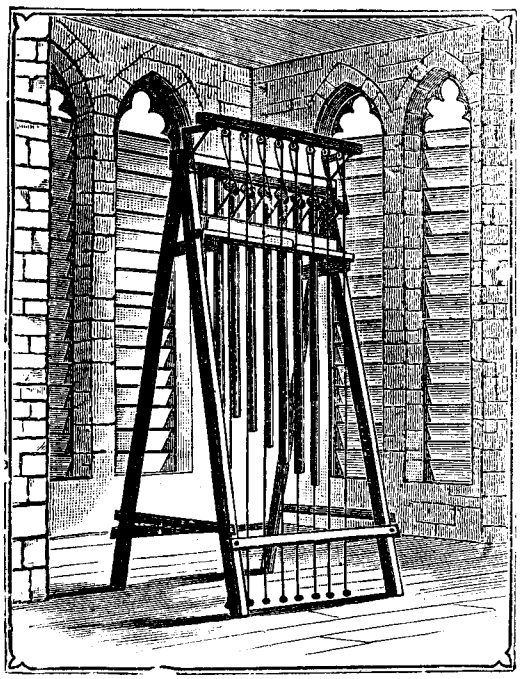

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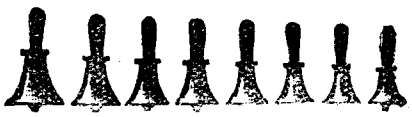

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A few members of this Association paid an evening visit to the parish of North Weald, on Sunday last, the 21st. The programme, which was somewhat hurriedly arranged, said—meet at North Weald Station at 4 p.m.; and at that time there were found to be Messrs. Rann, Bacon, Eadon and Trapp, of Loughton; Gowers and Kimberly, of Woodford; Moule and Beams, of Leytonstone.

A pleasant walk through several fields brought the party to the parish church of St. Andrew. Here everything was in readiness, and by way of a feeler, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was essayed, but it took sometime to get accustomed to the pull, for although the bells go fairly well, the long draught without guides caused the ropes to jump about too much for good striking. Another much-needed improvement is the reduction of the weight of the tenor clapper, it being heavy enough for a bell double the weight.

While ringing, the Vicar, the Rev. R. S. Dewing, entered the chamber and gave the band a cordial greeting. He seemed greatly interested in the Art, and asked questions as to the way of becoming proficient, for as yet this is not a change-ringing centre. Five o'clock had barely arrived when Mr. Grindley, of the Church House, came and invited all to partake of tea, and as the thermometer stood at 82 in the shade none needed a second invitation.

Having refreshed themselves, for which they tendered their sincere thanks to their unexpected host and hostess, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung in the churchyard, to the evident delight and astonishment of several onlookers. Again repairing to the tower, a 720 Kent Treble Bob was doomed to disappointment, for in the last course a sallie was missed and the 720 lost. So the first 720 on these bells still remains an unaccomplished fact. Time before evening service not allowing for another start, a 360 of Bob Minor and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung for evensong, which latter was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Ward, of Netteswell, Harlow, who preached a most eloquent sermon based on Romans xi. 45.

Service over, the ropes were again handled for a short time, till the ringers were again requested to partake of Mr. Grindley's hospitality, the time for departure arriving all too soon.

Before leaving, however, a promise was made to pay this truly rural spot another visit in the near future, when the party trust to be able to give a good account of ringing, and also use their influence to see what can be done to further "The Unknown Art, despised by the ignorant."

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30th, a very interesting event took place in the belfry of St. Helen's Church, Witton, Northwich, Cheshire, the occasion being the erection of a peal-board in the tower recording the first peal ever rung by Witton ringers. The peal was one of Plain Bob Major, consisting of 6048 changes, rung on New Year's Day, 1898. The ringers were as follows: G. Johnson, 1; W. Sutton, 2; S. Johnson, 3; S. Forster, 4; R. Chandler, 5; A. Johnson, 6; J. Bell, 7; W. Forster (conductor), 6.

In celebration of the above, the same band rang the following touches of Plain Bob Major—784 and 336, both conducted by G. Johnson. The board was kindly presented by E. Stelfox & Son, and decorated by J. Mercer.

After the ringing was concluded the conductor (Mr. W. Forster) kindly presented the above company with a handsome Peal-Book in commemoration of ringing the above peal, and also of his 48th birthday, for which the ringers tendered him their hearty thanks.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Portsea Parish Church branch of this Guild, on Monday, August 1st, invited the Gosport band to join them in an excursion to Winchester. But as the Dean refused the use of the bells, the programme was at the last minute altered. A wire to Mr. Grist, Bournemouth, gained both his and his Vicar's ready consent to the use of the tower there, which the combined bands gladly accepted. Being met at the station by Mr. Grist, and finding all things in readiness, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

The band wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar and Mr. Grist for their hearty welcome to Bournemouth, and express the hope of a like visit to the tower of Portsea Parish. They also wish to gratefully recognise the kindness of the Vicars of Wickham and Twyford, though unable this year to avail themselves of the bells in either tower.

About forty members and friends took part in the outing, and a thoroughly good day was spent, and the company look forward to a similar expression of mutual feeling and sympathy in days to come.

## MR. GEORGE BOLLAND.

We regret to learn that Mr. George Bolland, junior Vice-President of the Yorkshire Association, is seriously ill, and has been confined to his bed for near a fortnight. Our informant states that "under the most favourable circumstances he will not be out again for a few weeks." He appeared all right when, in company with the Tong ringers, he had a ringing tour on Bank Holiday in North Yorkshire. But so serious is his case, that on Saturday last, his favorite ring in Tong Parish Church was silent, so as not interfere with his progress towards recovery, which, along with his many friends and admirers, we trust will be speedy.

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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Three-score and ten,
And as lively as a cricket."

That isn't Shakespeare, nor Byron, nor Longfellow, nor Tennyson, nor even old Bobby Burns. In fact, I don't know what distinguished poet was guilty of its perpetration, and, for the matter of that, I don't seem to care. Only, the words came to my mind somehow the other day when I read the postscript to a letter which I received from a dear and honoured old friend. The postscript was brief and ran thus:—"77 on the 28th." This might be hieroglyphics to some, cipher to others: but it was intelligible to me—fraught with meaning, and I pondered over it. The days of man are three score and ten, but though he live to four score years, &c. What then? If he has lived a life of selfishness, considering only himself; or a life of idleness and indifference to others, and thus made no effort to leave his "footprints on the sands of time." Again, What then? He will himself feel in his old age as having grown physically old and worn out; with little or no pleasant reflections to fall back upon of sacrifices made for the good of others, of good deeds done, of heartfelt thanks received, or of blessings showered upon him by those to whom he has done kindly service in the past. He has through life been for himself alone. Self has been his motto, and thus when the lamp of life is growing dimmer and dimmer, he is regarded by those who know him simply as an old fossil; one walking about to save sexton's fees; one whose gray hairs carry no honour; whose consistent and persistent looking after "Number One" has gained for him no respect among his fellows. Is such an old age worth living for?

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If, on the other hand, he has been mindful of his duties as a man and a brother; ready to help in any good work, so far as his means, abilities, and opportunities will allow. If he has ever been regardful of the joys and sorrows of others; with "his heart in his mouth" full of sympathy for a brother or sister whom trouble or distress has overtaken; denying himself for the good of others; in his own humble sphere trying to bring sunshine to chase away dark shadows in life's pathway; ready with a kind word to the sorrowful; a helpful word to the weary, battling against the storms of a hard and pitiless world. What then?

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He is not a millionaire, or even a wealthy man. He cannot make out a bank cheque for thousands to some charitable or benevolent object, and thus gain for the moment a reputation for generosity, and perhaps a knighthood or a baronetey as a reward for giving something the loss of which he never feels. He has never been able to carry a long purse full of coins to give as he walked along. His name has never figured on the top of subscription lists, or amongst the distinguished patrons of this, that, or the other charitable institution. But "he has done what he could" throughout life, blessing and being blessed, for the kindly heart which beat in his bosom. What then?

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His old age is replete with pleasant memories. His grey hairs are full of honour. In whatever circle he moves there is respect paid to him; he feels that a good long life is not without its reward; he experiences that this reward does not tarry till its expressions find vent on an elaborate tombstone; but that it comes to him daily; and that as his sun sinks slowly but surely to the west, its rays are bright, and its setting refulgent with the re-reflection of a life spent for the good of others.

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What then?

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But I must curb my moralising; "Seventy-seven on the 28th." That was the text on which I started. What then? August 28th, Anno Domini 1898, is the date in question, and on that day, which is to-morrow (Sunday) Mr. W. H. Howard, senior vice-president of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, reaches his seventy-seventh birthday. These seventy-seven years are but a small item in the history of an ancient city like York, yet as the lifetime of one of its citizens they count for much. It takes many citizens to make a city. Some come and go unknown; others make their mark in one way or other, and their very names carry with them a fragrant odour. Eboracum—*carum et venerabile nomen!*—has had many worthy citizens. Within its walls, which I have many times traversed with humble reverence, are enclosed scenes of national interest. Within those walls is that grand old Minster—the pride of the north; and in one of the towers of that stately magnificent and venerable pile, our friend Mr. Howard has made his own mark. Apart from his manifold services and work in other directions, he has gained for himselt a reputation far more extensive than the area comprised within the old city walls, and the well earned sobriquet of "the Grand Old Man" of our Great Northern County Association.

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From the very commencement of that association, Mr. Howard has been one of the most active and energetic workers in the promotion of its objects and welfare. He is to-day the only officer of it who dates from its commencement in 1875. It was only his own modesty which prevented his election as president, after the lamented death of "dear old Jasper." But he is fully satisfied in his position as senior vice to the most excellent presidency of Jasper's brother William. That I know. He has never been selfish for honour, but has been content and more than satisfied with the consciousness of doing his duty from day to day.

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These services have not been without recognition. The presentation made to him by the members of the Association at York nearly three years ago was but a sort of spontaneous recognition of services rendered, and respect gained, through years of devoted work. That "a prophet hath no honour in his own country" does not apply to old friend Howard. Deans, clergy, laity, and the Association generally, have not been laggard in their demonstration of the respect in which they hold the "grand old ringer of the North." York will one day miss him. The great Yorkshire Association in general and the individual members thereof in particular, will miss him some day, when he is "gathered to his fathers." I hope that day will be long distant; that many more birthdays may fall to his lot, and the Yorkshire Association be spared the necessity of appointing some other worthy member as senior vice-president to follow in his footsteps.

What then? I know I am voicing the feeling of the whole Exercise in giving my warmest good wishes to friend Howard on his seventy-seventh birthday. I know that in belfries many long miles away from old Eboracum tomorrow (Sunday) morning, good wishes will be expressed towards the old veteran, which may not reach him; but, I doubt not, the reflection of this will be no small comfort to friend Howard when he receives the congratulations of his family circle, and his own friends at York and Clifton.

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No story is complete without its moral. The moral of this one applies itself peculiarly to our younger members to whom I would address a few words, with your kind permission, Mr. Editor. You have, as ringers of the present generation, come into a heritage bequeathed to you by the pioneers of the past, like friend Howard. You have not to struggle as your forefathers in the Exercise had to do, for bare recognition—for existence even a campanologists. This has already been secured to you. You occupy now as ringers a recognised position in the Church. Your art is appreciated; your work acknowledged. Therefore, I say to all of you, it is your bounden duty to strive your uttermost not merely to maintain that position which has been gained for you, but to improve it, so that in the years which are yet to come, our art and science may gain still more respect and recognition, and your own work as ringers be more pleasant through the positions which it has attained in the estimation of Church people generally. Let the life-long example of friend Howard be an incentive to you in this, and depend upon it that when you in turn reach the "sere and yellow leaf of life," if you have done your duty in this matter, you not fail, like friend Howard, to find a reward for your services in the esteem of your brethren of "the long string."

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## A PLEASANT HOLIDAY IN SUSSEX.

Mr. T. J. Salter (of Kidderminster), sends the following account of his holiday:—Being so thoroughly satisfied with our holiday at Brighton last year, we decided we could not do better than again visit that popular place. On July 29th we joined the London express at Birmingham, and in the evening arrived at our destination. Having previously been in correspondence with a Brightonian, well known for his many abilities, a few peals had of course been arranged, and on Saturday, the day after our arrival, we commenced business with a peal of London Surprise at Steyning, at the same time making the acquaintance of Mr. Bayley, of Portsmouth, and Mr. Shade, of London. The next day Crawley was the rendezvous, and a similar performance of the previous day was achieved. The whole band was very hospitably entertained by Mr. J. Rice and Mr. F. W. Rice, to whom, on behalf of the visitors, I take this opportunity of thanking them heartily. In the evening a visit was paid to Warnham, the party being met at Horsham Station by Messrs. Chandler and Charman, the last named taking us to our abode for the night. The band was early astir Monday morning, for at 5.30 we were sat down to breakfast, and by 9.20 the first peal of Superlative on the bells had been rung. After this we journeyed to Midhurst, where all the members of the Sussex Association had been invited to dinner by the members of this branch, and a capital repast was placed before us. The Rev. W. G. Loder Cother, who used to reside at Midhurst, presided, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be in a position to thank the ringers for the kind way in which they had entertained their visitors. A brake provided by the local band conveyed us to Petworth, some miles of beautiful scenery coming into view. We also paid a visit to Pulborough; at both these places various methods were rung. On Wednesday evening a peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung at Southover, Lewes. On Thursday, Mr. Steed, of Tonbridge, and Mr. Steddy, of Edenbridge, also on holidays bent, came to Brighton, so the number of proposed attempts for peals was increased. A 504 of Grandsire Triples on the handbells was rung on Friday evening. Messrs. J. Williams, 1-2; T. J. Salter, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; J. O. Bennett, 7-8. Treble Ten was attempted on the Saturday, at St. Nicholas, Brighton, and again we were successful. On Sunday we went to the neighbouring town of Shoreham, which possesses one of the finest rings in the county. Some touches was rung for evening service, and the bells secured for a peal later in the week. A trip west for two peals had been arranged for Monday, Bob Major at Havant being the first completed. The next thing was a good beefsteak at the "House at Home," which had been ordered previous to the peal. Not much time to lose, we came back to Chichester, and rung a splendidly struck peal of Cambridge Surprise at the Cathedral Campanile, returning once more on very good terms with ourselves. Another visit to Steyning on Tuesday evening, and Thurstans' five-part peal of Stedman Triples was rung. Wednesday evening we went to Herne, where one of the Kent men rang his first peal of Double Norwich, and proud of it he was too. Up to this time nine peals had been attempted and every one rung. Our last place to visit for ringing was Shoreham, and Superlative was the method. We thought we could easily get this peal, but fate ruled otherwise. Some good hitting was heard for two and a half hours, when a bat coming from somewhere behind the tenor man, began dodging about our heads, upset the striking at once, and in the roughest of it, a change-course occurred; thus, our tenth attempt failed. On August 13th we retnrned home, leaving Mr. G. Williams and Mr. K. Hart at Brighton Station, with the hope of seeing them again next year. Many pleasant hours were spent with these two genuiuses, to whom we are indebted for the success of our holiday. To them, also to J. S. Goldsmith, G. A. King, J. N. Frossell, and others, we tender our best thanks. We also wish, through this medium to thank the authorities at the churches visited for the use of their bells.

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## A FAREWELL MEETING AND CONCERT.

A Smoking Concert will take place at the house of Mr. Thomas Powell, The Grosvenor Arms, Grosvenor Street, Stepney, on Saturday, August 27th, for the purpose of bidding farewell to Mr. Samuel Joyce, who is leaving England on September 9th, for South Africa. All ringers and friends will be welcomed. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock by Mr. W. Prime, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, CHEPSTOW.—On Monday, August 1st, the annual outing of this society came off at Bristol, which city was reached at 11 a.m. The visitors were met by Mr. M. L. Baynham, who first took them to The Royal George inn for refreshments, then to St. John's church, where was found a ring of six in good order, and on which some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. An attempt for a 720 of Grandsire Minor was frustrated. The church of St. Mary-le-Port was then visited. Here is a good ring of eight bells, but owing to the elasticity of the new ropes, nothing could be done but some courses of Triples. Dinner was the next item, and this being satisfactorily disposed of, Mr. Baynham conducted the party to Clifton to see the famed suspension bridge. This with the lift railway and the electric trams greatly entertained the tripsters, some of whom had never saw the like before. By the time all these sights had been witnessed, the return journey had to be considered, and the company left Bristol after spending a most enjoyable day. The band thank Mr. Emery, of St. Mary-le-Port, for having the bells in readiness; also Mr. Stadon of St. John's, and Mr. Price of St. Thomas's; and several other gentlemen, among whom must not be forgotten Mr. Baynham, who so kindly made such excellent arrangements. M.

THE THORNHAM MAGNA SOCIETY, SUFFOLK.—The outing of this company took place on Thursday, August 11th, to the town of Yarmouth. The rev. the Rector of Thornham (Rev. Colin Campbell), the Churchwarden (Mr. W. Rose), and other friends accompanied the party. On the journey the handbells were brought out, and Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. Arrived at Yarmouth, and having dined, the visitors made their way to the parish church of St. Nicholas, and by the kind permission of the Vicar, rang short touches of the above-named methods and Bob Minor. They were pleased to meet two of the St. Nicholas' company—Messrs. Matthews and Christian—and wish to thank the Vicar for granting permission to ring, and the steeplekeeper for his kindness, assuring all concerned that they spent an enjoyable day.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BRADFORD.—On Sunday, August 21st, the band of St. James, Bolton, Bradford, paid their annual visit to Lightcliffe, and rang for evening service touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, and Bob Triples. The outing was altogether most pleasant, and the return visit of the Lightcliffe band to Bolton, arranged for an early day in October, after the Association meeting at Skipton, will be awaited with eagerness.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, HECKINGTON, LINCS.—On Wednesday, July 27th, this society had their outing, accompanied by the choir. Grimsby and Cleethorpes were the destinations selected. Arriving at Grimsby at 9.30 a.m., the visitors were met by Mr. Fuller, who informed them that the bells were at their disposal. After looking round the grand old church the belfry was reached, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 48 mins. Then the bells were lowered, and after light refreshments had been partaken of at a neighbouring inn by the visitors, they bid their friends adieu, thanking them for their assistance, and their kind endeavours to enhance the enjoyment of the outing.

THE MACCLESFIELD SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 13th, several members of this society visited Congleton, by invitation of the Congleton company. The visitors were met at the station by Mr. W. Carter, and at once proceeded to the tower. Prior to ringing the church bells a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells. A start was then made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which had to be brought round after ringing 4000 changes, owing to the heavy running of the 7th. The visitors then sat down to a capital tea, provided by the liberality of the Congleton company, and afterwards another visit was made to the tower, two touches of Grandsire Triples being rung, and the bells were lowered. The evening was spent with the handbells, several touches of Grandsire Major and Triples being rung. On the motion of Mr. J. Minshull, seconded by Mr. W. W. Steele, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Congleton ringers for their very generous treatment. Mr. J. Perry suitably responded, and expressed a hope that in the near future the Congleton ringers would all become members of the guild. A start was made for home at 10.15, which was reached at 10.40, the ringers having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE CAPEL SOCIETY, SURREY.—The members of the Capel Branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild held their annual outing on Monday, August 1st, arrangements having previously been made with the respected Vicars of Worth, Balcombe and Crawley, in Sussex. A start was made at 6 a.m. for a 11-mile drive to Three Bridges, and on arriving at Crawley they were met by R. Jordan, who accompanied them. Arriving at Three Bridges Messrs. Payne and Mills were awaiting the party, and a move was soon made to Worth church, and the bells set going to a 720 of Oxford Bob. A. Wales, E. Jordan, R. Jordan, C. Taylor, T. M. Stedman, D. Jordan (conductor). And 720 College Exercise. B. Payne, A. Mills, R. Jordan, C. Taylor, T. M. Stedman, E. Jordan (conductor). And 240 Superlative Surprise. A. Mills, R. Jordan, E. Jordan, C. Taylor, T. M. Stedman, D. Jordan (conductor). A quiet stroll was taken back to Three Bridges, and the inner man attended to in the shape of refreshments. A move was then made by train to Balcombe, a little village on the outskirts of St. Leonard's Forest, meeting Messrs. M. Streeter and J. Gasson. Arriving at the church the bells were set going to the tune of Superlative Surprise, the first 720 in the method on the bells being rung. J. Akehurst, E. Jordan, T. M. Stedman, C. Taylor, R. Jordan, D. Jordan (conductor). Then a peal of Knife and Fork Surprise was accomplished at The Half Moon inn. The church was again visited and 360 Oxford Bob was rung by A. Wales, J. Akehurst, M. Streeter, B. Payne, C. Taylor, T. M. Stedman (conductor). And 240 College Pleasure by three of the local men and the brothers Jordan. After a little enjoyment in looking at the beautiful scenery around, time not admitting of much, a move had to be made to the station to get back to Crawley, Messrs. Holman and Streeter, of Balcombe, accompanying them to that place. Messrs. Mills and Newnham met them, and after partaking of tea 168 Grandsire Triples was rung. M. Streeter, J. Akehurst, C. Taylor, J. Newnham, A. Mills, D. Jordan, R. Jordan (conductor), C. Holman. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob. M. Streeter, R. Jordan, J. Akehurst, C. Taylor, D. Jordan, A. Mills, T. M. Stedman, E. Jordan (conductor). And another course in the same method, M. Streeter and C. Holman taking part. After a little leave-taking Crawley was left at 7.30, home being reached about 9.40, all declaring they had never enjoyed themselves so much before. They wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the respected Vicars of the places visited for allowing the use of the bells, and all those they met who helped to make the outing such a success.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—On Saturday, August 13th, eight of the ringers belonging to St. Helen's church, Witton, Northwich, branch of this Guild, had their annual outing. It being unanimously agreed to visit Tarporley and Bunbury, Cheshire, a start was made at 12 o'clock noon, in a pair-horse brake. The first stoppage was at The Fox and Barrel inn, Coke Brook, for refreshments. After a short stay there the journey was resumed, and arriving at Bunbury at 2.30 p.m., the visitors were kindly welcomed by the Rev. W. R. Gardner, Rector, and the local ringers. After inspecting the grand old church, which is one of the finest in Cheshire, and dedicated to St. Boniface, the bells were raised in peal and a touch of 336 Bob Major rung by Messrs. G. Johnson, W. Sutton, S. Johnson, S. Forster, R. Chantler, A. Johnson, J. Bell, and W. Forster (conductor). Also 336 Grandsire Triples, in which H. Woodward, a local man, rung the tenor. Descending the tower the company were met by the Rector, who explained the history of the church. It is the third church erected on the same site, the first one being built in the 7th century. He then conducted the party to The Dysart Arms, where a most excellent tea was awaiting them. After doing justice to the excellent tea, Mr. Forster proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Bunbury, and the local ringers for having given them a hearty welcome and having everything in readiness. This was seconded by S. Johnson and carried unanimously. The Rector, in reply, said he was most happy to welcome the ringers of Witton, especially as it was in their parish he had spent some

of the happiest years in his life. A move was then made to the rectory, where the visitors were shown through the grounds, and then brought up on the lawn, where courses of Bob Major were rung on the handbells in the presence of the Rector and Mrs. Gardner and family. During the ringing, Master G. H. Cook took photographs of the party. The waggonette was then boarded for Tarporley, where, at 6.30 p.m. the company were met by Mr. Vernon, the ever obliging conductor of the Tarporley ringers The bells, which are a very nice light ring of eight, were raised, and 336 Bob Major rung. Time not allowing for any longer length, an adjournment to The Bell and Lion for a social half-hour with several of the local ringers was made. Tarporley was left at 8.15 p.m., the visitors arriving at Northwich at 9.30 p.m., after the most enjoyable outing the band has ever had. They wish to thank the Rector of Tarporley (Rev. W. O. Hughes) and Mr. Vernon for their most hearty welcome.

THE WORSLEY SOCIETY, LANCASHIRE.—On Saturday, August 20th, the ringers of this Society, with the Rev. F. K. Hodgkinson, Vicar, and the Rev. G. E. T. Body, curate, along with the adult members of the choir, had their annual outing, Bolton Abbey being the place selected. A start was made from Worsley station at 8.31 a.m., Manchester being reached about 9 a.m. and a change was made to the L. and Y. Railway, Victoria Station, for the 9.20 train to Skipton. Here we were fortunate in having a saloon carriage to convey us, when, to relieve the monotony of travelling, the handbells were got out and tune ringing and changes gone through, when after a pleasant journey by Bury, Accrington, Colne, Skipton was reached about 11.10. Here the first event was breakfast at The Ship hotel, followed by a delightful drive to Bolton Wood. Alighting from the wagonette we walked down to the waterfall, afterwards strolling down by the river side to the Abbey, a portion of which has been utilised for the church. Here are some beautiful stained windows and several objects of interest which we all agreed well repaid the visit. Afterwards we returned to Skipton to have a ring on the church bells, when six courses of Stedman, 384 of Kent Treble Bob, and three courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major were brought round. This was followed by dinner at The Ship hotel, to which ample justice was done. Then tune-ringing on the handbells brought train time, when a move was made for the station. Our saloon was there ready and seats being taken the handbells were again to the fore, and with glees and songs by the choir we arrived at Manchester about 8.40. Here we dispersed, some making tracks for home, while others preferred to stay in town. The ringers desire, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rector and ringers of Skipton for the use of the bells and for having everything in readiness. R.

THE WIRKSWORTH SOCIETY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 13th, eight members of this society, accompanied by Messrs. George and Fletcher, of Ripley, paid a visit to Bradbourne. Journeying through the beautiful scenery of the Peak by brake, their destination was reached about 4 o'clock, and after inspecting the historic little church, which was made the more interesting by the explanations kindly given by the Vicar, the bells (which are a beautifully-toned ring of six) were raised, and several 6-scores of Bob Doubles were rung, conducted by W. Fox; also several touches of Bob Minor, after which tea was partaken of, which was kindly provided by the vicar of Bradbourne, the Rev. A. Gamble, M.A., in the parish institute, several of the Bradbourne ringers also joining them. After tea the tower was again visited, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. by Messrs. A. E. Thompson (Derby), W. Fox (Wirksworth), B. Fletcher (Ripley), H. Baldry (Bradbourne), H. George (Ripley), Rev. A. Gamble (Bradbourne, conductor). A start was then made for the return journey, arriving at Wirksworth at 8.25, each of the ringers being well pleased with their first ringers' outing. The ringers and friends wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Fox (churchwarden) for kindly providing the brake; and also the vicar of Bradbourne for so kindly providing the tea, and allowing them the use of the bells.

THE ST. WILFRED'S SOCIETY OF DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, August 13th, four members of this Society had a very pleasant trip to Burton-on-Trent, the native place of their conductor, Mr. Joseph Ashmole. The party left Hartford on Friday night at 6 p.m., and arrived at Burton shortly after 9.0. A short walk soon brought them to the conductor's home, where a splendid supper was awaiting them, provided by the conductor's father. A chat and smoke soon brought on bed time. Next morning found them early astir, having partaken of an early breakfast, and a start was made for a stroll round, starting from Winshill to Stapenhall pleasure grounds, passing over Stapenhall Bridge for Burton, over the new Trent Bridge, the gift of Lord Burton, to the old parish church of St. Modwen's. The next place visited was the Market, which adjoins the church. A walk up High Street brought them to Bass's Brewery, and having obtained permission to inspect the place —the leader's father, a very old servant of the firm, being commissioned to show them all the interesting portions of the brewery. Leaving that place about 11 a.m. they made their way to St. Paul's church, where they were heartily welcomed by Mr. W. Wakley, who kindly escorted them round the church, then to the belfry, which is beautifully decorated with peal-boards; then he conducted them over the splendid buildings of St. Paul's Institute, which was also founded by Lord Burton. Wishing Mr. Wakley good-bye a start was made for dinner, after which St. Mark's church, Winshill, was again visited, where the local ringers, Messrs. Golder and Woodward, were waiting to receive them. The bells were soon going to the tune of Plain Bob, but unfortunately, owing to a flower show and sports being held close by, they were kindly requested by the Mayor of Burton to refrain from ringing, they being in turn presented with a ticket each to admit them to the fete. Having to make an early start for home, which came all too soon, they wished their kind host and friends good-bye, and made their way to the station for their homeward journey. They wish to tender their hearty thanks to Mr. Wakley, of Burton, and Messrs. Golder and Woodward, of Winshill, for their kindness in helping to make up a band.

THE ST. LEONARD'S SOCIETY, WORTLEY, near SHEFFIELD.—On Monday, August 15th, the ringers and choir of the above-named church had their annual trip to Liverpool in a saloon provided for the purpose. They started from Wortley by the 6.45 train and arrived in Liverpool about 10 o'clock. The first thing to think about was breakfast, which was partook of at the Cafe near the station. After breakfast they wended their way to the pier head to go to New Brighton. After staying in the Tower Gardens till about four o'clock, tea was partaken of, and the party wended their way back to the steamer. Arrangements had been made for a ring on St. Nicholas' bells, but the party stayed too long at New Brighton. Songs were rendered by the choir, and the handbells were also brought into use, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob being rung by Messrs. Parkins, Robbins, Dronfield, McKegg and Saxby. They arrived at Wortley about 9 o'clock, all well pleased with the journey. The Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for their services with cheers from the choir and ringers at the station. They hope the ringers of St. Nicholas will look over the arrangements made at Liverpool, and they thank them for permission to ring on the bells. M.

*The Building News* states that the new bells of the parish church of Chaffacombe have been dedicated by the Archdeacon of Taunton (Dr. Ainslie). Anterior to this there were only three bells which were tuned to a minor three, and by the addition of two more bells they are now transformed into a major peal of five. The same authority also informs us that the church bells, chancel and clock at Axminster will be re-opened by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Thurday, September 29.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1898.

FOR very many years a great ecclesiastical lawyer, now a peer of the realm, has been a most prominent figure in connection with nearly every article of Church furniture and adornment. LORD GRIMTHORPE has not satisfied everyone in the multifarious objects to which he has devoted his attention; far from it. He has had throughout his life much opposition shown to his theories and practices. More than once he has been a party to proceedings in the law courts, and in two instances he has been worsted. But the indomitable courage shown in establishing his opinions in spite of all opposition, has proved him not to be deficient in that quality known to the British race as "pluck."

In this week's *Guardian* a correspondent thus writes of his lordship:—

"Lord Grimthorpe, who is now in residence at Batch Wood, near St. Albans (and in his eighty second year) entertained Sir John Hassard, with others, at the close of last week, and did him the honour of personally taking him over St. Alban's Abbey, and

also the two old parish churches of St. Michael and St. Peter, within the limits of the ancient city of St. Albans, which his lordship has enlarged and restored. The chancel of St. Michael's Church contains the remains and monument (a fine sitting figure) of Baron Verulam, Viscount St. Albans (Lord Chancellor Bacon), interred there in 1626. The registrar, we believe, had not entered the abbey since June, 1877, when it was his duty to attend the late Archbishop Tait, officially, as Principal Registrar of the Province of Canterbury, on the occasion of His Grace's "investiture" of Bishop Claughton, in the centre of the abbey, into the see of St. Albans (as the first Bishop), and which event was made a great public occasion. The abbey was then (twenty-one years ago) in a sadly dilapidated condition, with a public passage running underneath from one side of the town to the other, and the Lady-chapel used as a schoolroom and sadly neglected from the Reformation downwards. Since 1877, Lord Grimthorpe is stated to have spent in all a sum of about £250,000 in saving from ruin, and in substantially preserving this grand abbey to the English nation. No matter how, in in the past, architects, lawyers, and priests may have differed about the outside, the inside now certainly presents a splendid appearance, is the pride of Hertfordshire, and is this summer largely visited by tourists and foreigners from London, and, indeed, by residents from all parts of England."

Such princely munificence as this is worthy of note. What is remarkable is that his lordship has not given a ring of bells worthy of the Abbey of St. Alban.

### NORMANTON, YORKS.

**A new clock having four dials is being placed in the tower of the parish church, Normanton, near Wakefield. Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, are carrying out the work.**

A campanological poet laureate sends us the following:

"THE RINGERS' RESPONSE."

What a deuce of a noise you are making;
I'm sure those bells will be breaking,
Consider the heads that are aching.

That Sir Robert is of age we the sign are,
For as Bob has done with the *Minor*,
We are ringing a Treble Bob *Major*.

## The Provinces.

### ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, August* 18, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

THURSTANS' ONE PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| BERTRAM PREWETT .. | ..*Treble.* | HERBERT MARTIN .. .. | 5. |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY .. | 2. | W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. | 6. |
| FRANK SMITH .. .. .. | 3. | ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. | 7. |
| CHARLES GEORGE .. .. | 4. | HENRY MANSFIELD .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

### BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, August* 18, 1898, *in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.

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| GEORGE GODFREY .. | ..*Treble.* | ALFRED H. BELTON.. .. | 5. |
| SIDNEY WADE .. .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM J. DELL .. .. | 3. | ARTHUR MILLER .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN MILLER .. .. .. | 4. | ARTHUR T. KING, ESQ. | ..*Tenor,* |

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

### DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

*On Saturday, August* 20, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

S. BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| JOSEPH POTTER.. .. | ..*Treble.* | *ALFRED POTTER.. .. .. | 5. |
| THOMAS PEERS* .. .. | 2. | ‡TITUS BARLOW .. .. .. | 6. |
| ALBERT WALLWORK† .. | 3. | HENRY MOSS .. .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN POTTER* .. .. .. | 4. | †JAMES WILSON .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by HENRY MOSS.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. ‡First peal with a bob bell.

### WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOLVERHAMPTON.)

*On Saturday, August* 20, 1898, *in Two Hours and Five Minutes,*

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. | 1-2. | JAMES E. GROVES .. .. | 5-6. |
| GEORGE BURROWS .. .. | 3-4. | *AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. | 7-8. |

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee—E. Sidney Hodges. Witness—Hugh J. Balcombe. *First peal on handbells.

### BISHOPS STORTFORD.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, August* 22, 1898, *in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.** Tenor 20 cwt.

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| THOMAS NEWMAN* .. | ..*Treble.* | ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. | 5. |
| FREDERICK PITSTOW. JUN. | 2. | JOHN PENNING .. .. .. | 6. |
| FREDERICK PITSTOW, SEN. | 3. | GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. | 7. |
| WALTER PRIOR .. .. .. | 4. | HENRY J. TUCKER .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by H. J. TUCKER.

*First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal to the conductor, all wishing him many happy returns of the day at the conclusion of the peal.

### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, August* 23, 1898, *in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 37½ cwts.

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| JAMES GEORGE .. .. | ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM STORY.. .. .. | 6. |
| SENGEANT POWER .. .. | 2. | HUGH DALL .. .. .. | 6. |
| ROBERT S. STORY .. .. | 3. | FRED. J. HARRISON .. .. | 7. |
| EDWARD WALLIS .. .. | 4. | ERNEST E. FERRY .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by FRED. J. HARRISON.

## Date Touches.

### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TREVETHIN.—On Monday, August 1st, a date touch of Doubles, 1898 changes. E. Trumper, 1; D. Pinney, 2; S. Rogers, 3; W. Williams, 4; T. Jenkins (conductor), 5; W. Price, 6. On Sunday, August 7th, 440 changes were rung. D. Pinney, 1; E. Trumper, 2; S. Rogers (conductor), 3; W. Williams, 4; T. Jenkins, 5; W. Price, 6.

### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Thursday, July 28th, a date touch, 1898 changes, being 458 Bob Minor, 720 College Single, and 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 1 hr 7 mins. J. Gilbert, 1; O. Street, 2; G. Holmes, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White, 6. Rang as a farewell touch to Mr. G. Holmes, who is leaving the parish.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major, and 224 Bob Major. D. Elliott, 1; W. Kettle, 2; W. Dyer, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; J. Newman, 8. After service 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; W. Keeble, 2; D. Elliott, 3; H. Evers, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; J. Newman, 8.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 14th, at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, for morning service, three courses of Grandsire Caters. F. Tillett, 1; E. Lincoln, 2; C. Symonds, 3; W. L. Catchpole, 4; R. Hawes, 5; H. C. Gillingham, 6; J. T. Howard, 7; W. Motts, 8; J. Motts (conductor), 9; A. Gillingham, 10. Tenor 32 cwt.

### THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday, July 10th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Gilbert, 1; H. Merrills, 2; G. Holmes, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; M. Phillipson, 5; J. White, 6. Composed by J. F. Penning, of Saffron Walden.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, August 14th, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Mankelow, jun., 1; W. Latter, 2; H. Porter, 3; S. Perkins, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; E. Mankelow, sen., 7; H. Ford, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. W. Latter, 1; H. Porter, 2; E. Mankelow, sen., 3; W. Franks, 4; H. Ford, 5; A. Welsh, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; E. Mankelow, jun., 8. On Thursday, August 18th, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, sen., 1; G. Smithers, 2; A. Welsh, 3; S. Perkins, 4; S. Saker, 5; H. Porter, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; B. Page, 8. W. Franks hails from Battle; S. Saker from Hastings; E. Mankelow, jun. from London.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, August 23rd, at the church of St. Paulinus, 720 Bob Minor. J. Saxby, 1; E. Barnett, jun., 2; W. Bond, 3; P. E. Bex, 4; G. Conyard, 5; E. Barnett, sen., 6.

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday morning, August 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 44 mins. B. Prewett, 1; J. B. Bates, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; G. N. Price (conductor), 5; Walter Norris, 6; W. Norris, 7; W. H. L Buckingham, 8.

WATFORD (Herts).—On Wednesday, August 17th, at the parish church, 601 Grandsire Triples. C. George, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, (conductor), 2; G. Gibbard, 3; W. Morris, 4; G. Price, 5; H. Martin, 6; W. Pickworth, 7; C. R. Lilley, 8. And a 504. C. George, 1; H. Martin, 2; G. Gibbard, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 4; G. Price, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; W. Pickworth, 7; W. Carpenter, 8. Also 270 Stedman Triples. C. George, 1; H. Martin, 2; W. H. L Buckingham (conductor), 3; W. Norris, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; G. Price, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; W. Carpenter, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

### THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Saturday, August 20th, during the annual outing of the above Society, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. Tenor 30 cwt. W. Battle, 1; C. R. Lilley, 3; W. Pickworth, 3; W. T. Elson (composer and conductor), 4; R. Charge, 5; E. H. Adams, 6; J. W. Driver, 7; C. Charge, 8. W. Battle belongs to St. Albans; Lilley to Bedford; the rest hail from Fulham.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, July 27th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. T. Mapp, 1; W. Martin (conductor), 2; J. Reynolds, 3; J. Earp, 4; C. Beaman, 5; T. Griffiths, 6. On Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. T. Mapp, 1; W. Martin, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; J. Earp, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6.

FRESSINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, August 21st, for Divine Service, 1008 Bob Major. J. A. Trollope (conductor), 1; A. Riches, 2; W. Riches, 3; E. Chandler, 4; F. Munnings, 5; W. H. Newell, 6; E. Borrett, 7; C. Borrett, 8.

GRIMSTON (Norfolk).—On Sunday, July 24th, the Terrington ringers visited this place and rung two well-struck 720s of Bob Minor. A. Ingram, 1; R. Howling, 2; F. Easton, 3; J. Green, 4; T. White, 5; D. Markwell (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. The above are the first 720s in the method ever rung on the bells. They are a sweet ring of six and the "go" of them is excellent. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for the way in which they treated them, and for the use of the bells.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, August 14th, at All Saints' church, 648 Grandsire Caters. A. Strutt, 1; J. Clark, 2; G. Strutt, 3; J. Wright (conductor), 4; E. Stacey, 5; W. Tiller, 6; G. Naish, 7; J. Baldwin, 8; J. Howes, 9; J. Chandler, 10. On Tuesday, August 16th, 324 Grandsire Caters, J. Strutt ringing the tenor.

KIRBY BELLAIRS (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, August 21st, after evening service, a 6-score each of Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, and 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Spiby, 1; C. Dalby, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; W. James, 4; R. H. Bartram (conductor), 5. First touches of Plain Bob and Canterbury on the bells.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Friday, August 19th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Symonds, 1; H. Parker, 2; H. Smith, 3; J. P. Bradley, 4; E. J. Ambrose, 5; E. Herbert, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. Composed by J. P. Bradley, of West Ham, for whom it was arranged, and contains fourteen 6-7s, 7-4s, and 4-6s.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, August 16th, 720 Bob Minor, taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of August 13th. H. Tarlton, 1; W. Butler, 2; J. Butler, 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Charlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18¾ cwt. in F.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Friday, August 5th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 768 Double Norwich. J. Tann (conductor), 1; F. Borrett, 2; J. Boughton, 3; R. Whiting, 4; F. Surridge, 5; C. Baker, 6; C. Tann, 7; C. Borrett, 8. On Wednesday, August 10th, an attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. J. Tann (conductor), 1; C. Baker, 2; J. Boughton, 3; R. Whiting, 4; F. Surridge, 5; H. Adcock, 6; C. Tann, 7; F. Borrett, 8. On Sunday evening, August 21st, for Divine Service at St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Bob Minor. F. Roope, 1; C. Borrett (conductor), 2; A. Wier, 3; W. H. Newell, 4; J. A. Trollope, 5; F. Borrett, 6.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday afternoon, August 21st, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Major. E. Smith (conductor), 1; F. Borrett, 2; W. H. Newell, 3; E. Poppy, 4; F. Munnings, 5; J. Betts, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8. Also 224 and 336 in the same method with E. Poppy, 3; W. H. Newell, 4.

WINSHILL (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 22nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Barton, 1; C. Ottey, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; G. Wright, 5; T. Meredith (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. in F.

WALTHAM (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, August 20th, 218 Canterbury Pleasure and 600 Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. W. Spilby, 1; C. Dalby, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; W. James, 4; R. H. Bartram (conductor), 5; J. W. Barnes, 6.


## Situations Vacant.

WANTED immediately a strong and active man as a Labourer. Wages from 18s. to 23s. a week. Regular employment. Must be able to ring the Standard methods. All applications, enclosing testimonials from late employer and clergyman, should be addressed "ALPHA," care of Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

WANTED a Groom about 18 or 20. Must be a good rider and driver. State height, weight, and length of references. Must be able to ring the Standard methods. Send photo. if possible. Coachman, Hillside, Chislehurst.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

Dublin appears to be a very popular place just now for bell-ringing excursionists. Since those friends from that insignificant spot in Warwickshire called "Birmingham" paid a visit to the Metropolis of "Ould Erin," it has become a favourite resort. And a good job too. Therein is located our old friend "Gay," who is always on the look out for any visitors who display in front of them the front page of this paper. We shall soon have Home Pule now. Not that which has been the bugbear of many for such a long time; oh no! We shall have a great improvement upon that. A new method, in short. And its name? Not "Parnell's Agony," or "Healy's Exercise," or "Dillon's Return;" none of these. We shall very soon have "Erin's Joy." You can look out for this within the next few weeks.

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"Erin's Joy!" An excellent title, by the way. We have Erin this, and Erin that—"Erin's lovely home," "Erin-go-Bragh" and a lot more. But "Erin's Joy" caps the lot. I will descend into the historical, and tell you something fresh. Some kind readers tell me that the great and increasing variety of my topics charms them.

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In the days of old, Ireland had a very prominent statesman. I say "statesman" advisedly, for if this celebrated Irishman had been taken by the hand, he would have proved malleable, and not have run into opposition. His name was Daniel O'Connell. He was an agi-tator. No doubt he was; so we all are, at times." "Every man in his humour." Though there was a little of the "give-me-liberty-or-death" claptrap sometimes with Daniel, he was a gem notwithstanding—a gem of Old Ireland. That great wit Sidney Smith said to him once:—

"I am with you heart and soul in detestation of injustice done to Ireland, but when you come to the perilous nonsense of Repeal, I'll take my leave. Pray, what, dear Daniel, is the object of all government? Why, roast mutton, potatoes, claret, a stout constable, an honest justice, a clear highway, a free chapel. What trash to be bawling in the streets about the 'green isle of the ocean,' the bold anthem of 'Erin-go-Brangh.' A far better anthem would be 'Erin-go-bread-and-cheese,' 'Erin-go-cabins-that-will-keep-out-the-rain,' and 'Erin-go-pantaloons-without-holes-in-them.'"

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And now that our friend Lindoff is getting in order with half-pull ringing, we shall soon have the "Joy of Erin" or "Erin's Joy." May we live to read that our brethren of the Emerald Isle have done the record in Stedman Caters or Treble Ten, or shall we say Double Norwich Royal. Gay, have an eye to this. You know what's what; you can do the trick if any man can; work up a record, and supersede the 12000 of Treble Ten at Shoreditch. Will my old friend Bill Sevier venture to prophesy this feat, beforehand?

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Whatever may be thought or said, I unhesitatingly aver that ringing is slack just now. The reports of the touches present a very proper appearanee. There are none of those paragraphs of nearly a column in length, comprising the painful constant repetitions of a half-dozen men's names. We all feel an honourable pride in having our names among the records, but we can have too much of it. And there are some names which appear too frequent sometimes.

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We have had exemplified Mr. John Carter's "invention" of a method called "Darlaston Bob." In everything John does he has an eye to effect. The town of Darlaston is the place of his nativity, and therefore he honors that town in immortalising it by a method's name. I have heard the relation of John's salad days in Darlaston. He was once told by the tower whip that he was getting on too fast. Fancy one of these artistes telling a young and promising ringer that he was getting on too fast; that his progress, must in fact, be checked. Yet it was frequently the case two or three generations ago. My ringing education was sadly spoiled through one or two of such gentry, else I should have cut a very different figure on the "Campanistean roll." [This is a strictly classical quotation.]

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That affair at Shrewsbury the other week is one not to be "sneezed" at. A peal of Stedman Cinques is not a sneezing matter under favorable conditions even, conditions not in evidence at Shrewsbury. There is a talented young man coming to the front at Birmingham—Mr. Hancox. In the ringing history of this town it will be found that there was always a rising genius who was ready to take up the mantle of his predecessors.

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The hints conveyed in last week's editorial is worthy the attention of those ringers—and their name seems to be legion—who are enjoying their outings. I think that in those cases where that nondescript kind of vehicle, yclept brake, is employed, the outside portions could be covered with fancifully-colored bills setting forth the object of the tour. I have no doubt the foreman printer of this paper would be willing to supply plenty of handbills to scatter *en route*. A copy of "Bell News" dropped now and then would also be a good thing, especially when a whole page of the writings of "your humble" were in evidence. Those of you who are about to have your outing next week, think on this matter. You could announce that you were going to ring a peal at a certain church. I saw such an announcement once upon exceedingly large bills in many-colored inks. I hope you will all agree with me that this is not a bad idea.

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That's an awkward *contretemps* among the great ones of the north with regard to the Stockton affair. I think the question should have been settled privately. There will be no good done by the publication of this correspondence. Great credit will redound to Mr. Clarkson on account of his efforts to give the town of Stockton a ring of ten bells. PLAIN SPEAKER.

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## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

The Staveley Branch of the Yorkshire and Old East Derbyshire Association had their annual supper on Saturday, August 29th, at The Victoria hotel, where an excellent repast was provided by host John Bates. After some very good courses with knives and forks, and the inner man being well filled, the cloth was cleared away. The captain of the company, Herbert Madin, was called to the chair, and he said it gave him great pleasure to be with his brother-ringers once again. He was sure they had all enjoyed the supper that had been partaken of that evening. On behalf of his brother-ringers he thanked the host and hostess for the splendid way the repast had been prepared, and as this was the first occasion at the hotel Victoria he hoped it would not be the last. He was sorry to say that since their last meeting on an occasion of that sort, one of their company had passed away, whose loss was deeply felt in the belfry and on Sunday morning and evening. Still he hoped they all would live and if possible enjoy themselves at times like this for many years to come. After having drank the health of the host and family, some good singing and ringing on the handbells was indulged in, till the time for parting, which came all too soon.

## Compositions.

### TWO PEALS OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

*By* E. Cook, *Cardiff.*

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### DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

*By* E. Cook, *Cardiff.*

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| 362574 | 3 |
| 453762 | 1 |
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| 423567 | 2 P.L. |

Twice repeated,

### A DATE TOUCH OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

*By* E. Cook, *Cardiff.*

1898.

234567
325467
352476
352746
325746
237564
235746
253746
253476

Eight odd changes.

| | |
|---|---|
| 672534 | 1 |
| 576234 | 5 |
| 345276 | 1 |
| 243576 | 5 |
| 652437 | 3 |
| 376452 | 1 |

*Continued—*

| | |
|---|---|
| 243765 | 4 |
| 652743 | 1 |
| 526437 | 2 |
| 375426 | 1 |
| 753264 | 2 |
| 427536 | 3 |
| 274365 | 2 |
| 372465 | 5 |
| 543726 | 3 |
| 745326 | 5 |
| 267345 | 1 |

Plain lead.

Twice repeated.

### PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

*By* William Walmsley, *Macclesfield.*

5076.

23456

| | |
|---|---|
| 62354 | 9th in with 3 s |
| 25364 | 8th in with 3 |
| 32564 | 9th in with 3 |
| 26534 | 8th in with 3 |
| 42635 | 9th in with 3 s* |
| 64235 | 9th in with 3 |
| 43265 | 8th in with 3 |
| 36245 | 8th in with 3 |
| 23645 | 9th in with 3 |

Five times repeated, calling bob for single marked * in 3rd and 6th parts produces—

23456978

Brought round by calling the 8th in with a bob, and the 7th in and out at 4 with singles. This peal contains all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and the 2nd never in 5-6.

### PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

*By* John Wright, *Kingston-on-Thames.*

5040.

| | |
|---|---|
| 97285624 | 2 |
| 68947325 | 1 |
| 53624719 | 2 |
| 36524789 | 6 |
| 97382465 | 2 |
| 48957632 | 1 |
| 65428397 | 1 |
| 25634789 | 7 |
| 56234789 | 6 |

Nine times repeated; single midway and end.

*** All compositions sent for insertion must be written plainly with ink, on one side of tho paper only. Some of our friends use lead-pencil, which is soon rendered illegible. We shall not in future attend to any communication unless these requirements are heeded.

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE

*By* F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

5024.

| 23456 | M | IN | 5ths | W |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34256 | | – | – | |
| 54326 | | – | – | – |
| 43526 | | – | – | |
| | | | | • |
| | | | | • |
| 23564 | – | – | – | – |
| 35264 | | – | – | |
| 65324 | | – | – | – |
| 26354 | | | | – |
| 63254 | | – | – | |
| 32654 | | – | – | |
| 52364 | | – | – | – |
| 62534 | | – | – | – |
| 24536 | – | – | – | |
| 45236 | | – | – | |
| 52436 | | – | – | |
| 32465 | – | – | – | – |
| 62345 | | – | – | – |
| 23645 | | – | – | |
| 36245 | | – | – | |
| 46325 | | – | – | – |
| 63425 | | – | – | |
| 35426 | – | – | – | |
| 25346 | | – | – | – |
| 53246 | | – | – | |
| 32546 | | – | – | |
| 42356 | | – | – | – |
| 23456 | | – | – | |

## TWO 720s OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR.

*By* JAMES BURROWS, *Dalton-in-Furness.*

| 720. | | 720. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23456 | | 23456 | |
| 54263 | – | 54263 | – |
| 62534 | – | 62534 | – |
| 35642 | – | 35642 | – |
| 63425 | | 63425 | |
| 24653 | – | 42653 | S |
| 56234 | – | 56432 | – |
| 32546 | – | 43526 | S |
| 45362 | – | 25463 | – |
| 36425 | S | 46235 | S |
| 42356 | S | 24356 | |
| Five times repeated; bob instead of single half-way and end. | | 53264 | – |
| | | 62543 | – |
| | | 45632 | – |
| | | 64325 | |
| | | 32654 | S |
| | | 56342 | – |
| | | 34526 | S |
| | | 25364 | – |
| | | 36245 | S |
| | | 42356 | – |
| | | Twice repeated. | |

## FIVE PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

*By* ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5024.

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26354 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 52364 | | | 1 | |
| 42635 | 2 | – | | 1 |
| 36524 | 2 | – | 2 | |
| 63425 | 2 | | | 2 |
| 32546 | 2 | – | | |
| 23645 | | – | 1 | 2 |
| 25346 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 54326 | 1 | – | | |
| 42356 | 1 | – | | |
| 56234 | 2 | – | | 2 |
| 23564 | | | 1 | 1 |
| 64235 | | – | 2 | |
| 45236 | 2 | – | 1 | 2 |
| 65324 | 2 | – | | 1 |
| 23456 | 2 | – | 2 | |

4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths place; 4th and 6th six course-ends in that position.

5056.

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26354 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 65324 | 1 | – | | |
| 52364 | 1 | – | | |
| 64235 | 2 | – | | 2 |
| 23645 | | | 1 | 1 |
| 45236 | | – | 2 | |
| 56234 | 2 | – | 1 | 2 |
| 46325 | 2 | – | | 1 |
| 23564 | 2 | – | 2 | |
| 24365 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 62345 | | | 1 | |
| 52436 | 2 | – | | 1 |
| 34625 | 2 | – | 2 | |
| 43526 | 2 | | | 2 |
| 25346 | 1 | – | | 2 |
| 23456 | | | 1 | 2 |

4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths place; the 6th the extent home at five course-ends.

5088.

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 56234 | | – | 2 | |
| 64235 | 2 | – | 1 | 2 |
| 54326 | 2 | – | | 1 |
| 23645 | 2 | – | 2 | |
| 25346 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 42356 | | | 1 | |
| 26354 | 1 | | | 2 |
| 23564 | | | 1 | 2 |
| 62534 | 1 | – | 2 | |
| 35426 | 2 | – | 2 | |
| 53624 | 2 | | | 2 |
| 24365 | 2 | – | | 2 |

*Continued*—

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 46325 | 1 | 2 | | |
| 62345 | 1 | – | | |
| 45236 | 2 | – | | 2 |
| 23456 | | | 1 | 1 |

4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths place; the 6th being six course-ends in that position. If 2M, 1B, 1W, 2H, be called in the 7th-course, it will extend the peal to 5152.

5056.

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 56234 | | – | 2 | |
| 63425 | 2 | – | | |
| 43265 | 1 | – | | |
| 64235 | | | 1 | |
| 54326 | 2 | – | | 1 |
| 23645 | 2 | – | 2 | |
| 25346 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 42356 | | | 1 | |
| 26354 | 2 | – | 1 | 2 |
| 23564 | | | 1 | 2 |
| 62534 | 1 | – | 2 | |
| 35426 | 2 | – | 2 | |
| 36524 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 62345 | 2 | | 2 | |
| 45236 | 2 | – | | 2 |
| 23456 | | | 1 | 1 |

4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths place; the 6th being six course-ends in that position.

5056.

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35426 | | | 2 | |
| 36524 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 23564 | | | 1 | |
| 23645 | 2 | | 2 | 1 |
| 25346 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 42356 | | | 1 | |
| 26354 | 1 | | | 2 |
| 35264 | | | 1 | 1 |
| 56234 | | | 2 | |
| 64235 | 2 | – | 1 | 2 |
| 54326 | 2 | – | | 1 |
| 63425 | 2 | – | 1 | 1 |
| 24365 | 1 | – | | 2 |
| 62345 | 1 | – | 2 | |
| 45236 | 2 | – | | 2 |
| 23456 | | | 1 | 1 |

4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths place; the 6th being six course-ends in that position. If 2M, 1B, 1W, 2H be called in the 7th course, the peal will be extended to 5120.

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**A peal of Stedman Triples has been forwarded for insertion, the calls being all ordinary bobs. The author—Mr. Banks, of Helmshore, Lancashire—is informed that such a composition cannot be true.**

## 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 some to hand not later than Wednesday morning

The Salop Guild.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St Chad's, Shrewsbury, to-day, Saturday, August 27th. Service at 3 p.m., preacher the Hon. and Rev. G H F. Vane, Business meeting at 4 p.m. in St. Chad's vestry. Tea at 5 p m. at St. Chad's parish room, price 6d. per head. St. Chad's, St. Mary's and St. Alkmund's towers open to ringers.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
*Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.*

The Kent County Association.-Lewisham District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the quarterly meeting to have been held to-day, Saturday, August 27th, at St. Alphege, Greenwich, is postponed.

W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, to-day, Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. TOM REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill, to-day, Saturday, the 27th of August. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at The Bell inn at 5 30. A good muster desired.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*
*"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly Meeting at Raunds this Saturday afternoon, August 27th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Evensong in the church of St. Peter at eight o'clock. Visitors from neighbouring Associations will be welcome. Headquarters at The Wheatsheaf inn near the church. welcome. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*
*Wellingborough.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of six-bell ringers will be held at St. Mary's church, Hadley, Barnet, to-day Saturday, August 27th, when members and their friends are cordially invited to attend. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild —The next meeting of this Guild will be held to-day, Saturday, August 27th, at St. John's church, Tue-Brook. Bells ready 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

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

Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held on September 3rd at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, business meeting at 6.30. The election of Secretary and nominations for Committee will take place at this meeting.

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association — The next meeting of the above will be held at Horton on Saturday, September 3rd.

REV. G. T. BIRCH, } *Hon Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

The Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Diocesan Branch —The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Woolton, on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will take place at Dunster, on Saturday, September 10th. Full particulars on September 3rd.

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

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 3 p.m, at St. John's school-room, Queen Street, Cardiff Election of officers, adoption of revised rules. The bells of St. John's will be available for ringing.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*
H. G. WHITE, *Assistant-Hon. Sec.*

Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tidenham, near Chepstow, on Saturday, September 10th. The towers of Chepstow and Caldecott will be open to members. Cheap fares from Bristol and Gloucester. Fuller particulars later.

C. E. D. BOOTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, *Broad Street, Bristol.*

The Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, West Didsbury, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Wingerworth, on Saturday, September 10th, Meeting at The Hunloke Arms at 5.30 p.m.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch. Particulars of arrangements will be announced in due course.

Members are reminded that the official year terminates on September 30th, on which date all subscriptions for the current year must be paid, or membership ceases. Those members whose subscription is unpaid at the meeting on September 17th, and are notified by circular, forfeit their right to a copy of the annual report. It is especially requested that in future all subscriptions be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Stainthorpe, Pynate Terrace, Carlinghow Batley, who has kindly undertaken to forward receipts and reports.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey, at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, September 10. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Business meeting for the election of district officers, to which all members are earnestly invited to attend.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Todmorden parish church on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringing friends will be welcomed at the meeting. E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—It has been decided by the committee that the place of annual meeting be held at Bolton, instead of Preston, owing to the unveiling of the tablet to the memory of their late Secretary, Mr. Joel Redford. Nominations for the following offices are respectfully requested to be forwarded to Mr. Wreaks not later than the first week in September, viz: President, corresponding secretary, ringing secretary (unexpired), assistant secretary, treasurer. Notices of alteration of rules should be forwarded by same date. Committeemen are required for the following branches; Liverpool, 1; Rossendale, 2; Preston, 1; Fylde, 1; Blackburn, 1; Manchester, 1. Present members are respectively R. S Mann, J. B. Taylor, and Z. Lord J. Mather, G. Maries, W. Slater. R. Ridyard, and who are eligible for re-election. All members owing subscriptions are urgently asked to pay the same by the end of this month to their respective branch secretaries, or forward the same to the General Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, 41. *Gibbon Street, Bolton.*
J. WILSON, 232, *Chorley Old Road, Bolton,*
*Secs.*

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In the course of a few weeks the memorial window, which is to be erected in Cloughton parish church in memory of Sir Frank Lockwood, will be completed and unveiled. The committee selected the design of Messrs. Atkinson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the subject illustrated is the Judgment of Solomon. In the centre light is a figure of the king in the act of giving judgment. It is draped in an under-robe of white, diapered with gold. On each side are the two mothers, one with her dead child at her knees, and the other clasping the living child to her breast. A secondary figure is a soldier with a drawn sword ready to carry into effect Solomon's award.

The *Centralblatt der Bauverwaltung* states that the German Emperor himself sketched the plans for the bell-tower of the church of the Saviour at Jerusalem. The tower is about 150 ft. high. The Emperor is also said to have assisted in the internal architecture of the edifice. Unfortunately, our Berlin contemporary neglects to publish the name of the ghost who devilled the work for his Majesty. This would have added a spice of interest to the revelations.

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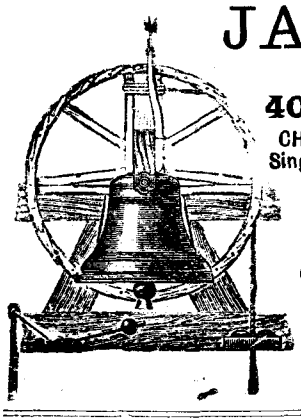

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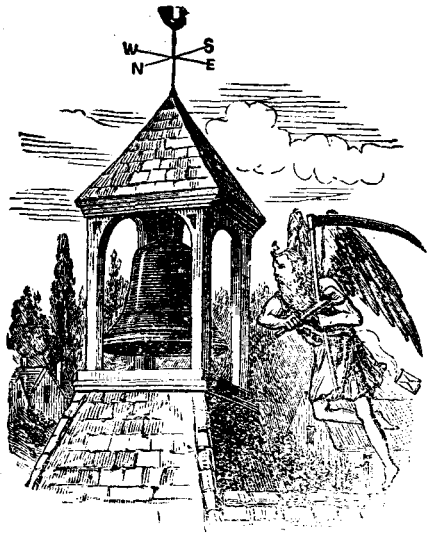


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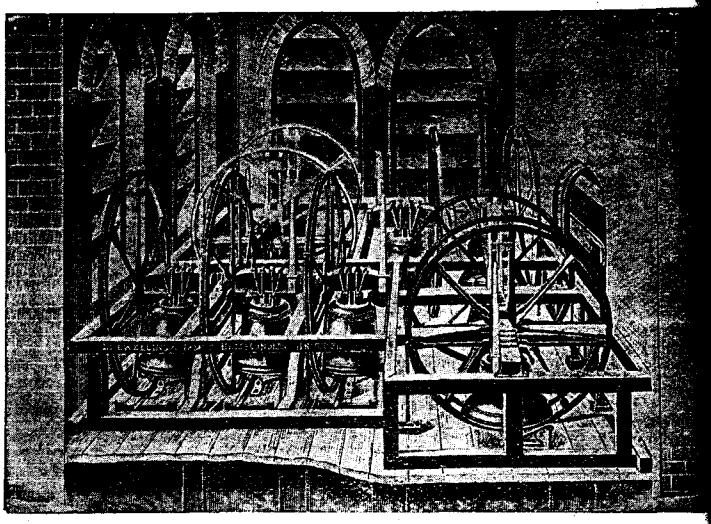

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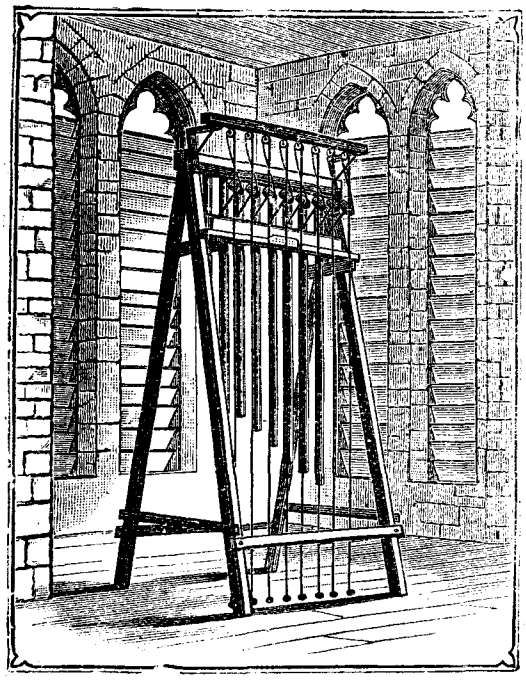

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## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year of this Society was held at Ewell, on Saturday, the 30th July last. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock and continued until six o'clock, when an adjournment was made for tea, which was provided in the Church Room opposite. The business meeting followed, and amongst those present were the Rev. John Thornton, vicar of Ewell, who presided, George Wood, Esq., one of the churchwardens, and representatives from Ashtead, Beddington, Benhilton, Cheam, Croydon, Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, Mitcham, and Streatham, in all about forty. The Rev. John Thornton having been formally elected chairman, welcomed the members to Ewell. The secretary read the minutes of the previous quarterly meeting, which were duly confirmed. It was reported that the following peals had been rung since the last meeting:—

23rd April, Reigate, Kent Treble Bob Major.
30th May, St. Martin's, Epsom, Grandsire Triples.
30th May, Christ Church, Epsom, Kent Treble Bob Major.
11th June, Mitcham, Stedman Triples.
25th June, Benhilton, Stedman Triples.

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Wilson (Ewell), seconded by Mr. William Smith (Mitcham), that the peals be entered in the peal-book.

Kingston-on-Thames was selected by a large majority as the next place of meeting, and the Secretary was instructed to fix it for a Saturday in October.

The following were elected members of the Association:
Mr. James George (Rugby).
Mr. Charles R. Lilley (Watford.)
Mr. George William Wilson (Ewell.)

The following were elected honorary members of the Association:
Rev. John Thornton, M.A., Victor of Ewell.
George Wood, Esq., Churchwarden.
John Henry Bridges, Esq., Churchwarden.
John William Parker, Esq., Churchwarden.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mr. Wood, and the members again sought the towers at Ewell and Epsom, and indulged in further ringing.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 26th, at St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, a 720 Bob Minor (16 bobs and 14 singles). A. Markby, 1; W. Miller (conductor), 2; H. Gowers, 3; E. Wightman, 4; J. Moule, 5; T. H. Beams, 6.

This was Mr. Markby's first 720, and was a birthday compliment to him. After lowering the bells he kindly invited them to meet a few friends at his residence, where a most enjoyable hour or two was spent. Refreshments, songs and toasts caused the time to fly all too quickly.

It is a note-worthy fact that although having been verger at this church upwards of twenty years, this is the first occasion Mr. Markby has been able to do any change-ringing.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### Eastern Division.

A very successful district meeting was held at Bexhill, on Saturday, the 27th August, members attending from St. Nicholas Brighton, St. Nicholas Pevensey, All Saints and Christ Church Eastbourne, Christ Church St. Leonard's, Christ Church Blacklands, St. Clement's Hastings, and St. Mildred Tenterden.

Some little delay in starting was occasioned by a wedding, followed by a funeral, but the bells were raised soon after 3.30, and kept going to the tune of Grandsire and Bob Major until 8 p.m. except during the interval for tea and business meeting.

A most excellent tea was provided by host Terry of The Bell hotel, to which nineteen sat down. After tea Mr. Howse, of Christ Church, Eastbourne, was elected to the chair, and the Hon. Sec. read the minutes of the previous meeting (held at East Hoathley) which recorded one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the Association. The election of three new members of the Bexhill tower closed the business, and after a few words from the secretary by way of thanking the members for supporting him by their presence, and a vote of thanks to the secretary for the trouble he had taken, the members returned to the tower for further practice.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### Rochester District.

The annual meeting of this district was held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday the 20th day of August, when 62 members attended from the following places: Rochester, Gillingham, Frindsbury, Chatham, Borden, Rainham, Upchurch, Swanscombe, Northfleet, Maidstone, Lewisham, Greenwich, Woolwich and Deptford. Some very good touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon and evening. A very good tea was provided at The Crown, West Street. At the busimess meeting A. Osborne was re-elected District Secretary, and F. Hayes, of Milton District, representative on Central Committee, proposed to hold next quarterly meeting at Chatham, in November.

## THE LATE MR. FRANCIS LEES.

A memorial tablet has been erected on the south wall of St. John's church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and friends to the memory of their late vice-president. It is of white marble on a black polished marble background, and bears the inscription: "In memory of Francis Lees, who died August 26th, 1897, aged 58 years. Over 25 years connected with this church as bellringer. Also 20 years an energetic vice-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers. This tablet is gratefully erected by members of the above Association." Above the inscription, the design of a bell is seen, and the whole has a very effective appearance. Mr. Robert Beall, of Newcastle, has carried out the work admirably.

## AN EARLY VILLAGE GILD.

[From *The Guardian*,]

The earliest account book, though not the earliest document, surviving in the parish chest in the vestry of the church of Bradwell, Suffolk, contains the accounts of a gild of St. Peter, which existed in that village before the Reformation. Account-books of so early a date in parish chests are rare, though by no means unknown; and it is thought that a short sketch of a pre-Reformation English gild, so far as it can be gathered from this account-book, may be of interest from other beside the purely antiquarian point of view.

The Bardwell accounts cover a period from 1511 to 1547-8, when the gild was suppressed.

There were about 130 members of the gild, including men and women—single, married, and widowed. This was probably the whole, or nearly the whole, adult population of the village at that time. It included the vicar. There was no resident squire. The squire's family, the descendants of a famous Sir William de Bardwell, had migrated to the neighbouring village of West Harling.

The officers of the gild were:—

1. An alderman, who was president of the gild, and who was elected annually, the same person never holding the post for two years running. The vicar never held this post.

2. A chaplain, who was not the vicar of the parish, although the vicar of the parish was a member of the gild.

3. A cook, whose salary was one shilling and fourpence per annum, and "he to go scot fre."

4. A minstrel, whose salary was the same as the cook's, together with an allowance of cheese.

5. Two guardians of "the light of St. Peter," and two guardians of the "light of the sepulchre" or "the sepulchre light."

The light of St. Peter was a light kept burning perpetually inside the church before the reserved sacrament. The sepulchre light was a light set upon a grave after the interment of any member of the gild, and kept burning for at least the first month and sometimes for a whole year after a funeral. The object of this light was to remind passers-by to pray for the soul of the person lately deceased, that it might soon be brought out of the valley of the shadow of death into the brightness of the presence of God. Mention is also made of five lights which were to be lit before "our Lady of Pity" "at every principal Feast of our Lady," and also at every anthem of our Lady.

The gild possessed the following different kinds of property:—

1. Cows, usually seven in number, which were let out annually to the members for fifteen pence or nineteen pence per annum.

2. A flock of sheep, which was let out in the same manner for a sum varying from fifteen shillings to twenty-four shillings per annum.

3. A large central building known as the Gildhall. This building is still standing, and has been converted into an almshouse. It is the only surviving link connecting the gild of nearly four hundred years ago with the Bardwell of-day.

4. A large number of dishes, platters, saucers, cups, quart-pots, pint-pots, salts, and iron spits, some of which were bought, but most of which were the presents of parishioners. There is also mention of a large caldron, and of silver plate of the astonishingly large value of te pounds nineteen shillings.

5. Three banners of St. Peter, which cost twel shillings and fourpence, fifteen shillings and eightpenc and two pounds fourteen shillings and fourpence, r spectively.

It would be easy to go into more minute details, and draw inferences at length from the above facts, but w must be content to point out briefly the objects ar purposes of such a gild as that here described.

The object was threefold. First, beneficial. Much the property of the gild was let out annually at such rental as would, on the one hand, bring in an income t the gild, and, on the other hand, enable the parishione who hired to make a profit for themselves out of th transaction. Secondly, social. The possession of common gildhall and the possession in abundance of th ordinary requirements for a banquet, the appointments o salaried cook and a salaried minstrel—all these thing point to a very marked social and festal character of gil life. The present gildhall, if the partitions which no divide it were taken down, would accommodate betwee 100 and 150 guests. Thirdly, religious. The provisio of a chaplain, the possession of a banner, torches, an lights, with special enactments concerning the latter, a show how closely religion and religious observances wer interwoven with gild life. Indeed, its connection wit religion was the cause of its downfall and dissolution. I it could have been proved that it existed only for tradin purposes the Bardwell gild, and hundreds of other villag gilds, would have escaped the hand of the spoiler. But under the plea that some of their religious observance were superstitious, the village gilds were plundered in stead of reformed; and the property of their member passed into the pockets of the greedy courtiers who sur rounded the Throne of the young King, 1547-8.

F. E. W.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

It is slightly out of order to be summoned up by tele graph from the West of England while enjoying a brie holiday in a neighbourhood almost sacred to the follower of Izaak Walton, to be summoned to London, I say, to do my devoirs on "THE BELL NEWS." No one likes to have his leisure hours disturbed, or trenched upon. The literary staff of this paper are great sufferers in this respect. There is a faint recollection in my mind of a report of a circumstance wherein the chief of this paper was one sultry afternoon enjoying the shade of his own fig-tree (this is figurative of course, because this sort of tree doesn't grow here) and enjoying the solace of a volume (not upon metaphysics), a pipe, and the usual concomitants. Almost every five minutes throughout the afternoon he was annoyed by knocks or rings at his front door. The first was to ask the acceptance of a tract, the second an invitation to some service in a marquee that evening, when some shining light among the tub thumping community would hold forth. And similar annoyances continued all the afternoon. I don't suppose that such a mild and inoffensive person as the gentleman in point gave vent to anything like a malediction upon his tormentors, but he most likely would feel cross.

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And so did I when the telegram came. I had just threw my line in for another cast after a splendid pike that had been for some few days very bold and cheeky. This is

hardly a polite word, perhaps: I had better say that this particular pike had no small amount of "gentlemanly assurance" about him, and every one of my colleagues of the gentle craft were determined if possible to take a rise out of "my gentleman" if possible. Circumstances seemed in my favour entirely—I had a beautifully rolling bait ready—a dun—for his highness, and was about to make a throw, when "buttons" of the hotel came running up—"a telegram for you sir; reply paid." A hot-tempered man would have done something tragic under the circumstances, but with my usual proverbial coolness I put down my rod and seized the telegram. This was tht wire: "come up at once, copy short, editor on his holiday; must act as *loccum tenens*." What an inviting prospect. I put my tackle together and like companies of ringers do just now—adjourned. "Want copy, do" they, I surmised. Very well, I'll get up early in the morning and make up a parcel. And to this effect I wired.

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The body of anglers staying at the hotel, had made it an institution to meet in the coffee-room of an evening, and by wise and irrefragable counsel and conversation improve and extend their mental powers. Sometimes one of the company would favour the audience with a reading: sometimes with a lengthy recitation, such as "The One-Legged Goose," or "The Fakenham Ghost," anything to promote the hilarity or innocent pleasure of the hour. The evening I received the telegram, we had several readings from members of the company, and the following story was read. Why not give my ringing friends the opportunity of a laugh by letting them have the story to read? It amused us fisher-folk muchly. It has nothing to do with ringing, but then we are in the holiday season, and don't mind accepting anything calculated to amuse. I give it almost verbatim. Here it is:

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"A practical joke was once played off upon two American planters, intimate friends, who, on their way to some slave auction at a considerabie distance from their own homes, had to seek accommodation in the house of another planter for the night. Here several guests chanced to be already staying, and during the evening gambling went on for heavy stakes, and old Bourbon whiskey was freely consumed. As the day had been sultry and the two planters had liquored up frequently on the journey, they found themselves effectually overcome about midnight, and were conducted in an unconscious state by a couple of negro servants to their sleeping quarters—a large apartment, formerly the state bedroom of the old-fashioned mansion, which dated back prior to the War of Independence. In it was a cumbersome, antiquated four-post bedstead, a family heirloom, which, being too heavy to be moved whenever the room underwent its periodic cleaning, had been provided in the old days with an apparatus of ropes and pulleys, enabling it to be hoisted up to the lofty ceiling well out of the way.

"One or two mischievous young fellows among the guests, who knew of this bedstead and its ropes and pulleys arrangement, thought it would be capital fun to play off a practical joke upon the pair of obfuscated planters; and entering the apartment, where they were snoring loudly, on tiptoe, they moved the few articles of furniture into a corner, drew up the bedstead seven feet or so from the ground, and closed the shutters so as to leave the room in perfect darkness. They then retired and left events to take their course.

"By and by one of the planters woke up with a burning thirst and sprung out of bed for the water-jug. To his astonishment, instead of alighting at once upon his feet, he tumbled into space, and eventually plumped down on his hands and knees on the bare boards, falling, as it seemed to him, some twelve to fifteen feet. After seeking such relief as a few southern remarks and sundry loud groans afforded him, he shouted to his friend in order to wake him up, but only succeeded in extracting from him a few incoherent moans. By steady perseverance, however, he at last aroused him sufficiently for him to hiccup out an enquiry as to what was up now, although he firmly believed that his friend was far too intoxicated to give him a coherent reply.

"'Fell through some darned trap!' the latter piteously rejoined. 'For heaven's sake jump up and light a candle, but don't get out on my side of the bed!'

"'All right!' exclaimed the other, dimly comprehending that some accident had happened; and he agilely stepped out of bed on his own side, when, after turning an involuntary somersault, he alighted on one of the hardest planks in the flooring on the small of his back. His heavy fall caused the room to shake, and as soon as the mixed moans and maledictions in which he indulged had ceased, his friend asked him whereabout they were, and if he could recollect how it was they came there. But neither of them could remember anything beyond playing at cards for big stakes and backing their ill luck with libations of Bourbon whiskey. They both groped about cautiously on their hands and knees in the dark, vainly hoping to discover some elucidation of the mystery, and eventually finished their night's rest on the hard and uncomfortable couch on to which they had unwittingly tumbled.

"When morning broke, a few gleams of light penetrating through the chinks of the shutters disclosed to them the bedstead floating, as it were, in the air. Being rather of a superstitious turn, they ascribed this to some supernatural agency, and looked upon the mishap that had befallen them in the light of a chastening for their many shortcomings. Both thereupon mentally vowed to amend their ways, and especially to moderate their consumption of Bourbon spirit in the future. But when the day had fairly dawned, and they had flung back the shutters and discovered the ropes and pulleys by means of which the bedstead had been hoisted up, and realised the practical joke that had been played upon them, all their good resolutions went by the board."

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I don't think the above is a bad specimen of "light" reading. You want something to entertain you these holiday times; at any rate this story is a change. Should I succeed in landing the celebrated pike spoken of above, I shall be very pleased to send it together with any other of the finny triby that falls to my spear (metaphorically) if anyone will send me their address in the strictest confidence. To enjoy a kettle of fish is not every one's lot.

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## PRESENTATION TO MR. SAMUEL JOYCE.

On Saturday last, the 27th ult., some 200 members and friends of the Ancient Society of College Youths met at the house of Mr. Thomas Powell (The Grosvenor), Stepney, to bid farewell to Mr. Samuel Joyce, who is leaving England for South Africa.

The Master of the Society (Mr. Walter Prime) presided on this occasion, and the vice-chair was filled by Mr. Samuel Hayes. Many letters of regret for the writers' absence from all quarters were read.

During the evening the Master called attention to the object for which the meeting was convened. He assured Mr. Joyce that he would carry with him to South Africa the good wishes of all his ringing brethren and friends. If his future undertakings were as successful as they had been during his ringing career, there was no doubt that he would soon find the winning goal, and they all wished him to attain that goal soon.

The Master then asked Mr. Richards (of Stepney) to read the address. This was most beautifully designed and illuminated by Messrs. Edmonds and Fry, of Forest Gate, and ran thus:—

"To SAMUEL E. JOYCE.

"We the undersigned members and friends of the Ancient Society of College Youths do hereby desire to tender our hearty appreciation and thanks for the services you have so ably and willingly rendered to the cause and interests of change-ringing. Your general demeanour, abilities, and integrity has been such that you have endeared yourself to us all, and we therefore ask you to accept this address, together with the accompanying purse, as a token of our sincere appreciation of your kindness. We earnestly wish you a bright and successful career in all your future undertakings."

[Here follow 74 names.]

The address having been read,

Mr. James Pettit, in making the presentation, alluded to the able work rendered by Mr. Joyce to change-ringing. He well remembered, some ten or twelve years ago, when young Joyce rang his first peal. He was but a boy, but it was seen then that there was that about him which betokened something greater in the future. That future had arrived, and he was proud to say that Samuel Joyce was now one of the finest ringers in England. Whenever he entered a ringing-chamber, they all knew that if anything was to be accomplished, and Samuel Joyce was there with his smiling face and stedfast purpose, half the battle was over. He could say no more, as his feelings prevented him, but he would ask Mr. Joyce to accept the address and purse; and on behalf of those of his many friends who were present and absent he wished him God-speed.

Mr. Joyce arose deafening cheers. He said he had no idea that his humble services, and what he had done in change-ringing should be the cause of such great kindness as was now shown him; he was sure he had done nothing to deserve it, and it almost made him wish that he was not going away. But he hoped some day to return to them, and meet them all again. He thanked each and all most heartily and earnestly for their good wishes, and their most munificent gift.

During the time Mr. Joyce was speaking, his father, who was present in the room, appeared to be somewhat impressed by the proceedings, and addressing the company said that he had no idea his son was so well liked; to him that was a proud moment, and a memorable one.

Mr. Alps (of Waltham Abbey) addressed the company, as also did Mr. Powell (the host), and speeches were given by Messrs. Faulkner, Smith, Wallage, Wood, and others.

A good musical programme was provided by Messrs. C. Dempsey, A. Joyce, W. Smith, S. Hayes, E. Withecombe, E. Hardy, and G. Fenn, with Mr. Ernest Richards, R.A.M., presiding at the piano.

After the usual votes of thanks the company dispersed, each one heartily shaking hands with Mr. Joyce, and bidding him a farewell.

## ST. NICHOLAS' (NEWCASTLE) BELLS.

The *Newcastle Journal* of June 29th says that the Finance Committee of the Newcastle Corporation refuses to recommend the City Council to pay the sum of £11, charged to them by the churchwardens as half the cost of the upkeep of the bells in St. Nicholas' Cathedral. To renounce the payment seems to us a shabby piece of business. The Corporation is shareholder in the property of the bells to the extent of one-half, having paid the half of the cost of the installation. The bells are not automatons; they cannot keep themselves in tune for ever; and, therefore, one shareholder is as much entitled as the other to pay the cost of keeping them in going order.

## MR. J. GEORGE'S ANNUAL OUTING.

Mr. George (of Rugby), wishes us to insert the following particulars of ringing done while on bis holiday:—

*Saturday, August 13th.*—At Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5310 changes, was brought round in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

*Monday, August 15th.*—At Solihull, Warwickshire, a peal of Stedman Caters, 5043 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins.

*Tuesday, August 16th.*—At Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which came to grief after 1 hr. 6 mins.

*Wednesday, August 17th.*—At Chesterfield an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters which came to grief after 40 mins.

*Thursday, August 18th.*—At Aston, Birmingham, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, which failed after 2 hrs. 8 mins.

*Friday, August 19th.*—At Loughborough an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which stopped after 35 mins.

*Saturday, August 20th.*—At Ipswich an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, which failed after 45 mins., owing to the 4th rope breaking.

*Monday, August 22nd.*—At Ipswich an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, which came to grief after 3 hrs. 10 mins., when only 640 changes from home, owing to the 8th rope breaking.

*Tuesday, August 23rd.*—At the Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, a peal of Stedman Triples in 3 hrs. 33 mins., tenor 37¾ cwt. This was rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

*Thursday, August 25th.*—At Stroud, Gloucestershire, a peal of Treble Bob Royal, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins.

*Saturday, August 27th.*—At Brighton, Sussex, a peal of Stedman Caters, 5006 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins.

Eleven peals were attempted, five of which were rung, reports of which will be found amongst the peal columns.

Mr. George desires to thank all those gentlemen (too numerous to name individually), who have so kindly arranged arranged and met him during this tour, which covered 2,150 miles.

Arundel, with its ancient castle, which has for some years been undergoing restoration, has this year been chosen by the Society of Estates Clerks of Works for their annual meeting. On Tuesday the privilege of exploring the castle was taken advantage of, great interest being taken in the ancient and modern parts of the structure, the work of restoring which will probably be finished in two years. At the invitation of the Duke of Norfolk, lunch was partaken of in the Castle. Chichester Cathedral was visited on Wednesday.

## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. HILDA'S SOCIETY, MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.—On Saturday, August 7th, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the places chosen being Harrogate and Knaresbrough. On arriving at the first-named place we were soon spotted by the watchful eye of Mr. Turner, of the St. Mary's Society, who kindly escourted us to the tower. Here it was found our tenor-man (Sam) was a bit off. This was unfortunate, seeing that so far we had just a Triples band. However, after prescribing for father a good strong cork, a dose of Spa water, and a ride on the electric car when he got home, a start was made for two courses of Stedman, and afterwards 420 in the same method; also a course of Caters on handbells. A move was then made to meet several others of our band, and having found them dinner was partaken of, and right well did our fellows keep up their reputation. Dinner over and a stroll round the town brought us to the station, and having caught the 2 p.m. train to Knaresbrough we were met by several of the local company and conducted to the tower close by, and after raising this grand and musical ring six courses of Double Norwich were tapped off in fine style, although in another attempt for a 500 of Grandsire with three of the locals in we were not so fortunate. The bells were then let down, as several of our men wanted to view the beautiful scenery with which the place abounds, and had just made a start when we were confronted by another of our band; yes, it was little Billy. Billy of course made all manner of excuses for being late, blamed the train and such like, but there's a lot of fine girls at Harrogate just now, and Billy's every inch a lady's man, which accounts for a lot. So far the weather had been of the best, but it can rain at Knaresbrough we found out, and it falls wet, too. Having caught the next train back to Harrogate, tea was the next best thing to be discussed, and afterwards another visit to St. Mary's to fill in the remainder of our stay, where we rang 448 of Superlative Surprise Major, also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, with Messrs. Durdy, Robinson, Dickinson and Turner of the local men standing in. Now having encroached too much on the time at disposal we had to bid our friends a speedy farewell and make a rush for the 8.43 back home, which we found behind time, and in our favour, and after a pleasant journey reached Middlesbrough just before 11 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. I forgot to say we dropped our Tom of bone-house fame down at t'owd spot (Ripon), for the week end. The visitors wish to thank the local ringers of each place for helping to make our outing so enjoyable, also their respective Vicars for granting us permission to ring. B.

THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY. — This Society had their annual outing on Saturday, August 20th. Leaving Duffield railway station at 7.30, the party proceeded to Manchester, arriving there soon after 10 a.m., where they were met by Mr. J. Eachus, who kindly acted as guide during the day. As most of the members expressed a desire to see the docks and shipping on the canal, a start was made for Salford, and great interest was taken in the unloading of timber, etc., from the vessels lying in the docks. On the return journey to Manchester (which was made by way of canal) dinner was partaken of at The Spread Eagle hotel, after which all journeyed to the Cathedral, where touches of Duffield, Double Norwich, Stedman, and Grandsire were indulged until 3.30, when a departure was made to the Town Hall, to have a ring on the ten bells there. Ringing here was found rather warm work. On leaving the town hall, the party went to Belle Vue, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. The members all wish to thank Mr. Eachus and all those who helped to make the outing such an enjoyable one.

THE ALL SAINTS' FULHAM SOCIETY.—The members of this Society had their annual excursion on Saturday, August 20th, St. Albans being the place selected. St. Albans was reached by 10.20, the party going direct to the Cathedral, but after getting into the tower were informed that they could not ring until after one o'clock, as the workmen were in the way. The party (eleven in number) accompanied by Messrs. Debenham and Battle, of St. Albans, then went to St. Peter's church, where the bells were soon set going to touches of Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters. A move was then made to The Peahen hotel, where full justice was done to an excellent repast, served in good style by Host Price. After dinner the ringing at St. Peter's was brought to a conclusion with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Mr. E. C. Lilley, of Bedford, taking part. After a hurried journey a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in good style on the fine ring of bells in the Cathedral. A ramble round the country under the guidance of Mr. Battle terminated at the station, and after a pleasant ride home was reached about 10.30. The ringing throughout the day was conducted by Messrs. E. P. Debenham, E. H. Adams, C. Charge, J. W. Driver and W. T. Elson. The members wish to thank Messrs Debenbam and Battle for their successful endeavours to make the outing an unqualified success.

THE ST. PETER MOUTNTERGATE RINGERS OF NORWICH.—On Saturday last the ringers of this church, through the kindness of the Rev. L. G. Pollard, had their annual outing at South Walsham. On arriving at Acle Station the party were conveyed by waggonette to their destination, where the bells of St. Mary announced their arrival. After a few short touches, and an inspection of the churches and ruins, the party adjourned to the Rectory, where tea was provided. After tea another visit was made to the church, where tower and handbell ringing formed the order of the day. Then refreshments were provided, and a hearty vote of thanks givento the Rev. L. G. Pollard, and the party left for Norwich, which was reached at 9.50, bringing to a close a most enjoyable day.

## UNVEILING OF TWO PEAL-BOARDS.

On Thursday evening, August 4th, the 10.15 Dedication Service of SS. Mary and Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street, was held, when a special sermon was preached in the evening by the Rev. G. A. West, of Gateshead. At the conclusion of the service the clergy and choir sang in procession to the west door, where the two boards were hung on the oak screen near the font ready for unveiling. After a few complimentary remarks by the Rector, the Rev. A. B. de Moleyns, to the ringers for the way in which they attended the belfry, and the splendid way the bells were rung for Divine Service, he trusted that those who were to follow the present ringers would take the example that had been set before them. The Rector invited two of the ringers to unveil the boards. Messrs. C. Clarke and W. Brown removing the cloth exposed the boards to view, which were admired by all present. By special request the boards were left in the church for the general public to inspect before removing them to the belfry. The boards bear the following inscription:—

"Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Bell-ringers, Chester-le-Street Branch. On Wednesday, May 6th, 1896, the first peal of 5040 was rung on these bells in 3 hrs. and 30 mins., being seven 720 changes of Minor, in the following methods: Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Plain Oxford. Tenor 21 cwt. James Anderson, *Treble*, George Albert Ward, 2; William Brown, 3; William Sheraton, 4; Anthony Meyers, 5; F. J. Harrison, 6. Conducted by F. J. Harrison. First 5040 by the above ringers except the conductor, who bails from Jarrow. William Clarke, William Mitchell, Joseph Armstrong, churchwardens, Rev. A. B. de Moleyns, Rector." "Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Chester-le-Street Branch. On Tuesday, June 22nd, 1897, the first local peal of 5040 changes was rung in this belfry in 3 hrs. and 20 mins., being seven 720 changes in the following Treble Bob methods: Oxford, Kent, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet, College Pleasure and College Exercise. Tenor 21 cwt. *Frederick Sheraton, 1; †James Anderson, 2; William Brown, 3; George Albert Ward, 4; Anthony Meyers, 5; ‡William Sheraton, 6. Conducted by William Sheraton. *First peal; †First peal with a bob bell; ‡First peal as conductor. This peal was rung to commememorate the the Diamond Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. Sir Lindsay Wood, Bart., William Clarke, Peter Hay, Churchwardens: Rev. A. B. de Moleyns, Rector."

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1898.

We read this week of a case in which good conduct on the part of a ringer has received its due reward. A member of the London section of the Exercise is leaving his native land to try his fortunes in the South African continent, and those who have watched his ringing career and appreciated his bearing towards his fellows, determined to give him a send-off of a decidedly practical character. The circumstance is noteworthy just now from the rumours we hear at times of behaviour on the part of one or two young men the reverse of praiseworthy. There is one notable instance related where impudence is rampant, and modesty conspicuous by its absence. That commodity known as "bunkum" soon wears itself out, leaving its possessor without the slightest vestige of respect from sensible men. Sobriety of character is a sure passport to esteem, and we have an instance of the fact in the career of SAMUEL JOYCE, to whom we wish the best success in the field he has thought fit to enter.

## The Metropolis.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, August 25, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN, WOOLWICH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST PYE .. .. | ..*Treble.* | HENRY G. HILL .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN J. LAMB .. .. | 2. | †HARRY FLANDERS .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM PYE .. .. | 3. | FREDERICK A. NUNN .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. | 4. | *CHARLES WITHECOMB .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

## The Provinces.

### SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

*On Monday, August 15, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN CARTER .. .. | ..*Treble.* | JAMES GEORGE .. .. .. | 6. |
| JAMES JONES .. .. | 2. | GEORGE HITCHMAN .. .. | 7. |
| ROBERT HUNT .. .. | 3. | ALBERT WALKER .. .. | 8. |
| ALFRED T. HYLAND .. .. | 4. | CHARLES H WATTS .. | 9. |
| GREGORY A. MARTINEAU | 5. | HENRY KING .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Reference to this peal will appear next week.

### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Wednesday, August 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 30 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. | ..*Treble.* | JOHN CLARK .. .. .. | 5. |
| ALBERT E. PARSONS .. | 2. | THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. | 3. | RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. | 7. |
| THOMAS R. BENNETT .. | 4. | WILLIAM SMITH .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

J. Clark hails from Ross-on-Wye, and this is his first peal of Stedman.

### STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Thursday, August 25, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E flat.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JESSE GILLETT .. .. | ..*Treble.* | WALTER T. BENNETT .. | 6. |
| FRED G. MAY .. .. .. | 2. | JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. | 7. |
| ERNEST BISHOP .. .. .. | 3. | JAMES GEORGE .. .. .. | 8. |
| FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. | 4. | ROBERT A. BARRETT .. | 9. |
| JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .. | 5. | WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. | *Tenor.* |

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### OXHEY, HERTS.

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

*On Thursday, August 25, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES GEORGE .. .. | 1-2. | HERBERT MARTIN .. .. | 5-6. |
| GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. | 3-4. | W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. | 7-8. |
| WALTER NORRIS .. .. .. | | | 9-10. |

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Umpire—Mr. Frank Smith. Rung in honour of the twenty-first birthday of G. N. Price. In two previous attempts over 2000 changes were rung each time.

### THURLEIGH, BEDS.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

**Being 720 each of College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Double Court.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRANK WEBB .. .. | ..*Treble.* | CHARLES CHASTY .. .. | 4. |
| CHARLES D. SMITH .. .. | 2. | ISAAC HILLS .. .. .. | 5. |
| JAMES A. SMITH .. .. | 3. | CHARLES W. CLARKE .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, aged 13 this being his first peal and was rung at the first attempt; also first peal by C. D. Smith.

### HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, August 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.** Tenor 9½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT E. PARSONS | ..*Treble.* | NOAH DAVIS .. .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. | 2. | THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS WAKEMAN .. .. | 3. | JOHN BARBER .. .. .. | 7. |
| ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. | 4. | WILLIAM SHORT .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

### BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | ..*Treble* | GEORGE A KING .. .. | 6. |
| JAMES GEORGE .. .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM PALMER .. .. | 7. |
| FRANK BENNETT .. .. | 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. | 8. |
| JACK PRESTON* .. .. .. | 4. | KEITH HART .. .. .. | 9. |
| JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. | 5. | *WALTER C. HUNT .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. W. C. Hunt was elected a member previous to starting.

### ALDENHAM, HERTS.

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, August 31, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| FREDK. J. GLENNERSTER | *Treble.* | W. HEWITT .. .. .. | 5. |
| BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. | 2. | WALTER NORRIS .. .. | 6. |
| W. JAYS .. .. .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM NORRIS .. .. | 7. |
| HERBERT MARTIN .. .. | 4. | JAMES ALEXANDER .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM NORRIS.

## Date Touches.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 28th, at St. George's church, a date touch of Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 10 mins. R. Taylor, 1; W Bentley, 2; J. Greaves, 3; H. Mayall, 4; J. Holden, 5; S. H. Cooper (conductor), 6; S. Wrigley, 7; H. Manns, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, August 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Ely Surprise. For evening service 720 Worcester Surprise. F. Hall, 1; H. Greaves, 2; J. Emsen, 3; T. Bettison (conductor), 4; W. H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday, August 14th, 720 London Surprise. J. Emsen (conductor), 3; G. Burnham, 4; T. Bettison, 5; H. Turton, 6; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Carlisle Surprise. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; C. Severn, 5; H. Turton, 6. On Sunday morning, August 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Chester Surprise. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. For evening service 720 Superlative. H. Greaves, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, August 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Wells Surprise. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. For evening service 120 Lincoln Surprise. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. For evening service 120 Lincoln Surprise. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5: C. Severn, 6.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire)—On Saturday, August 27th, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; W. Allwood, 5; S. Robinson, 6; H. Turton, 7; C. Severn, 8. Also two courses of Double Norwich. W. Price, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 5; W. Allwood, 5; W. Lambert, 6; H. Turton, 7; C. Severn, 8. These are the first courses of Double Norwich by all, and the first practice. Hancock, Robinson, and Price are local men; Allwood and Lambert hail from Treeton; the rest from Killamarsh.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 3rd, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; J. Sadler, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. For evening service on Sunday, August 7th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; W. Webb, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H Howard (conductor), 6. On Monday, August 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Pilcher, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Collins, 3; J. Sadler, 4; W. Grimwade (conductor), 5; W. Webb, 6. On Wednesday, August 10th, 720 New London Pleasure. W. Farrow, 1; W. Webb, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, August 17th, 720 New London Pleasure. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher. 3; E. Wachter, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; F. Slade (conductor). 6. On Monday, August 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. P. Holmes, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; H Pilcher, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; W. Webb, 6. Also 240 in the same method in which G. Livermore, of Waterford, rang the tenor. On Sunday morning, August 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). T Watson, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C H. Howard, 6. J. Sadler hails from Coggeshall.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 23rd, for practice, 1680 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Pye, 1; W Miller, 2; E. Bacon, 3; W. Doran, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W Clarke, 7; E Wightman (conductor), 8. Longest in the method by all except Messrs Pye, Doran, and Wightman.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 3rd, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 35 mins. E. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; G. R. Pye, 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, August 31st, for Divine Service, 1008 Stedman Triples. E. Pye, 1; G. R. Pye, 2; W. Pye (conductor), 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; H. Flanders, 6; E. Wightman, 7; F. A. Nunn, 8.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD (Surrey)—On Tuesday, August 23rd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor C. Willshire, 1; G. Elston, 2; T. Streeter, 3; S. Radford, 4; E. Worsfold, 5; J. Hunt, 6.

### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME LACY (Herefordshire)—On Sunday, August 15th, the following Ross ringers—A. Bird, C. Davis, W. Davis, G. Davis, T. Davis, A. Llewellyn, J. Symes. F. Symes, C. L. Sadler, W. Phillips, F. Voyce, F. Haven, J. Watts, and J G. Wall visited this place by invitation of the Vicar, when several well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples, including a 1092, were rung for evensong on the fine peal of bells at St. Andrew's church.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, August 2nd, at the church of The Holy Trinity, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; K. Hartley, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Redman, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 7th 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; N. Townend, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, August 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; B. Taylor, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. For evening service 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. D. Heys, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; B. Taylor, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot. On Sunday, August 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Knowles, 1; D Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; N. Townend, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. For evening service 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. T. Mouncey, 1; D Campbell, 2; D. Heys, 3; R. Hartley, 4: T. Wallwork, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; J. H. Banks, 7; T. Redman, 8. J. H. Banks hails from Helmshore. On Tuesday, August 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Ashworth (conductor), 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Mouncey, 6. Another 720. D. Heys, 1; T. Redman, 2; W. Walton, 3; R. Ashworth (conductor), 4; R. Hartley, 5; T. Mouncey, 6. On Sunday, August 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; T. Redman, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Duxbery (Padiham), 1; N. Townend, 2; D. Heys, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 4; D. Campbell, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Hartley, 8.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

HIGHER SUTTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Williams, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; W. Steele, 3; W. Matthews (conductor), 4; J. M. Davenport, 5; J. Minshull, 6. On Wednesday, August 24th, for practice. 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. Steele, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; J. M. Davenport, 3; W. Matthews, 4; A. Lomas (conductor), 5; J. Minshull, 6. Also a 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Williams, 1; W. Steele, 2; J. M. Davenport, 3; W. Matthews, 4; J. Norbury, 5; J. Minshull (conductor), 6. On handbells a course of Grandsire Triples. T. Taylor, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2-3; H. Davenport, 4; J. Manifold, 5; T. Wood, 6; J. William, 7; J. Slack, 8.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, August 23rd, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. J. Axon, 1; A. Denne, 2; H. Denne, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Barton, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Thursday, August 25th, at St. John's church, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and a touch of Grandsire Minor. J. Jones, 1; R. Clark, 2; F. Millard, 3; J. Matthews, 4; C. H. Horton, 5; W. Knight, 6. On Friday, August 26th, at St. Luke's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor and 480 Grandsire Minor. A. Parish, 1; R. Clark, 2; F. Millard, 3; J. Jones, 4; C. H. Horton, 5; J. Matthews (conductor), 6. The above touches were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Brice. On Sunday, August 28th, at St. Stephen's church, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Clark, 1; W. Knight, 2; H. Pring, 3; C. H. Horton, 4; F. Elles, 5; W. A. Cave (conductor), 6; T. Radford, 7; W. Colston, 8. In the evening 744 of Stedman Caters. W. J. Hinton, 1; W. A Cave, 2: R. Clark, 5; W. Knight, 4; H Howell, 5; F. Elles, 6; C. H. Tompkins, 7; C. H. Gordon, 8; T. Radford, 9; W. Colston, 8. Also a touch of Forward Royal, with R. Clark, 2; C. Horton, 3; J. Hinton, 10.

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ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, August 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Smith (conductor), 1; H. Clarke, 2; G. Churchyard, 3; A. Wilson, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; E. Cooper, 6. And 720 Minor (nine bobs and six

singles). C. Smith (conductor), 1; H. Girling, 2; J. Self, 3; A. Wilson, 4; G. Churchyard, 5; H. Clarke, 6.

BANGOR (North Wales).—On Monday, July 11th, at the church of St. David, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief at the half-way in 1 hr. 35 mins. R. J. Hughes, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; W. H. Barber (conductor), 3; T. Taylor, 4; G. Salter, 5; P. W. Davies, 6; J. Midwinter, 7; R E. Grove, 8 R. E. Grove hails from Kidderminster The same peal was again attempted on Saturday, August 6th, standing as before with the exception of T. J. Bethel in the place of R. E. Grove. This was arranged as a farewell to Mr. P. W Davies, who has left Bangor for Cardiff, much to the regret of all that knew him. Mr Davies has been closely connected with the above tower since the bells were put there in 1888. He will be greatly missed by the above ringers, who take this opportunity of thanking him for his unceasing perseverance and kindness, and wish him every success in his new undertaking.

BLACKLANDS (near Hastings).—On August 29th, upon the occasion of the marriage of Miss Emily Hickman, second daughter of J G. Hickman, Esq., of Hole Farm, Hastings, to Spencer John Jeffrey, eldest son of A. W. Jeffrey, Esq., Architect, of Hastings, the following touches of Grandsire Triples were rung: 1036 conducted by S. Saker, two 504s conducted by J. Livermore and F. Lock respectively, the remaining members taking part being F. A. Kennett, H. C. Harvey, W. H. Swain, L. Stapley, and L. Stone. Also upon the occasion of the marriage of Miss Wonnacott's wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Lock, the remainder of the band being L. Stone, E. Smith, L. Stapley, J. Livermore, S. Saker, W. H. Swain and F. P. Howcroft.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, July 31st, at the Cathedral, 433 Grandsire Triples. W. Wilbraham, 1; J. Moulton, 2; G. Caldwell, 3; C. Price, 4; E. Channell. 5; T. J. Bethell, 6; W. H Barber (conductor), 7; G. Gerrard, 8 Tenor 32¾ cwt. At the church of St. Mary Within-the-Walls, 1344 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Channell, 1; C. Price, 2; G. Gerrard, 2; W. H. Barber (conductor), 3; G. Caldwell, 5; J. Dillon, 6; J. Moulton, 7: T. J. Bethell, 8. W. H. Barber hails from Bangor.

HAYDOR (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, August 28th, at St. Michael's church for morning service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Spurr (conductor), 1; T. Wakefield, 2; W. Pickworth. 3; E. H. Dale, 4; J. T. Dale, 5. Also another 120, with T. Longdon, 2; the rest as before.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD (Beds).—On Sunday, August 21st, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. F. Nash, 1; B. Nash, 2; A. Radford, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; G. Bonfield (conductor), 5; L. Webster, 6. For evening service 360 Grandsire Doubles. F. Nash, 1; B Nash, 2; A Radford, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; G. Bonfield (conductor), 5; W. Botsford, 6. All belong to the local company.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Monday, August 29th, at the parish church. for practice, 720 Treble Bob Minor. G. Pawley, 1; T. Mannering (conductor), 2; W. Mannering, 3; L. Bullock, 4; A. Tawney, 5; A. Palmer, 6. Also 360 in the same method. A Tawney. 1; W. Mannering, 2; S. Jeffery, 3; T. Mannering (conductor), 4; G. Pawley, 5; L. Bullock, 6.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks)—On Sunday, August 14th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Titchener 1; J H. Jones, 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; R. Alcock. 4; W. Rudd, 5; C. Hall (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Friday, August 19th, 720 in the same method. W. J. Titchener, 1; C. Hall, 2; F. P. Howcroft (London) 3; T. Metcalfe, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; W. Rudd (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service, 1056 Superlative Surprise Major. A. McFarlane, 1; F P. Howcroft, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; C. Hall, 4; R. Fenwick, 5; J. W. Passman, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; T. Metcalfe, 8.

SUDBURY (Suffolk). — On Monday, August 15th, at All Saints' church, 420 Stedman Triples. W. Howell, 1; E. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; M. Sylvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; G Valentine, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Bracket and E. Malling, 8. On Tuesday, August 16th, at St. Peter's church, 336 Grandsire Triples F. Tolliday, 1; E. Herbert, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; A. Scott, jun., 8. And 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Howell, 1; W. Howell, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; J. Campin, 4; E. Herbert, 5; H. Harper, 6; G. Valentine, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. On Thursday, August 18th. 1260 Bob Royal on handbells. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7-8; W. Howell, 9-10. On Saturday, August 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. Cyril Herbert, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Griggs, 3; M. Sylvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; E. Herbert, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor) 7; H. Griggs and E. Ambrose, 8. A course of Grandsire Cinques, on handbells. M. Sylvester, 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; E. Herbert, 5-6; Cyril Herbert, 7-8; W. Howell, 9 10; E. Ambrose, 11; S. Howell, 12. On Tuesday, August 22nd, 588 Stedman Triples. W. Howell, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; W. Grigg, 3; M. Sylvester 4; E. Herbert, 5; G Valentine, 6; Chas. Sillitoe, 7; H Griggs and H. Bracket, 8. On Wednesday, August 23rd, at St. Peter's church. on the occasion of a wedding, 738 Kent Treble Bob Major and 464 Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; J. Campin, 4; E. Herbert, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. S. Sillitoe, 1; W. Howell, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; J. Campin, 4; E. Herbert, 5; A. Scott 6; H. Harper, 7; A. Scott, jun., 8. Conducted by C. Sillitoe.

## 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 IPSWICH TOWER AND DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS.

SIR,—I suppose I ought to meekly submit to the snubbing administered the other week by Sir A. P. Heywood, but as I do not fail to realise the importance of the proper adjustment of the louvres and sound windows of our tower, but have for the last ten years been agitating the authorities to do something, and at last did persuade one to go up last August and look at the windows, and gave him the names of certain gentlemen who I thought would endorse my statements, the Rev. H. E. Bulwer being one of them, I must reply to his letter. They, the authorities, acting upon the advice given, have gone beyond the same, and have done too much, stopping the light, so that it is necessary to take a lantern for greasing the bells in the middle of the day, even at this time of the year, and also driving the sound down the tower, because it cannot escape sufficiently above, but those who wear the boot know best where it pinches, in spite of all the theory as to how it should be. With regard to the Double Norwich Maximus, I beg to apologise for giving so vague an extract, that Sir A. P. Heywood did not take the trouble to look at "BELL NEWS" to find out whose opinion it was. On page 234. No. 30, vol. 1, Mr. Snowdon in dealing with Double Norwich Maximus says:—"Mr. Hubbard could not be certain about the method (*i.e* the peal rang at Norwich in 1817), but thought it was one of the methods given on page 37 or 38 in his book (4th edition), but felt sure it was not the Double Norwich Court Maximus as given in that work, which is the very method that was rang at Ipswich in November and December 1896." Now, Sir, by the side of this put Sir A. P. Heywood's strongest conclusion in his articles upon this peal, after a close investigation of the four methods there printed, some of which he dismissed in a very summary manner, he deals with the 4th, and in doing so makes one or two mistakes. After giving the origin of the Double Norwich Court Royal, he says (page 577, Feb. 16th, 1889—' Bearing in mind that the method on eight bells entails double dodging on each side of the whole pulls in front and behind, on ten single dodging on each side, and on twelve single dodging on one side only," is one, as it is dodging before pull, before and after pull, and after pull, and the very short dodging is out of it. But were the Norwich men so imbued with the method and knew so much about it? if so, why was it necessary for Mr. T. Hurry in 1820 (three years after the peal was rung) to have a plain lead and other particulars of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal printed upon leaflets and circulated, one of which I saw in the possession of Mr. Slater, of Glemsford, on July 23rd last. Also were they not in the habit of using the term Norwich Court Bob, when it ought not to be, as they did at Hingham when the peal of six was opened, and they lost the six silk hats, which the old newspaper says was put upon the wrong heads, as the Norwich men rang a 720 of that intricate and scientific method Norwich Court Bob Minor. Is it presumptuous for me to differ with Sir Arthur, as he has communicated to your columns—all the information of a reliable character? but I would ask that the statement as made by Mr Hubbard, be placed side by side with Sir A. P. Heywood's conclusion in this fourth article. Of Hubbard's four Maximus methods then, we may with confidence select Double Norwich Court Bob as the one in which the celebrated Norwich peal was rung, who is the greatest and most likely authority; Mr. H. Hubbard, the author, or Sir A. P. Heywood? W. L. CATCHPOLE.

12, *Philip Road, Ipswich.*


## Situations Vacant.

WANTED a Groom about 18 or 20. Must be a good rider and driver. State height, weight, and length of references. Must be able to ring the Standard methods. Send photo. if possible, Coachman, Hillside, Chislehurst.

## Compositions.

### PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

*By* ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5056.

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
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| 56234 | | – | 2 | |
| 34625 | 2 | – | | 2 |
| 64235 | 1 | – | | 1 |
| 43526 | 2 | – | | |
| 43265 | | – | | 1 |
| 23645 | | | 2 | 1 |
| 25346 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 42356 | | | 1 | |
| 26354 | 2 | – | 1 | 2 |
| 23564 | | | 1 | 2 |
| 62534 | 1 | – | 2 | |
| 35426 | 2 | – | 2 | |
| 36524 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 62345 | 2 | | 2 | |
| 45236 | 2 | – | | 2 |
| 23456 | | | 1 | 1 |

4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6ths place; the 6th the extent home at five course-ends.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* HORACE C. HOWLETT, *Framlingham, Suffolk.*

5216.

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| 55236 | – | | | – |
| 24536 | | | | – |
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| 42536 | | | | – |
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| 52436 | | | | S |
| 35264 | – | – | | – |
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| 54326 | | | | – |
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| 52346 | | | | S |
| 35246 | | | | – |
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| 25346 | | | | S |
| 34526 | S | | | – |
| 34265 | | – | | – |
| 23465 | | | | – |

Repeated.

Look out for the EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS OF HANDBELLS.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* JOHN D. MATTHEWS, *Bath.*

5040.

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| 25634 | | | – |
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| 32654 | | | – |
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| 46235 | – | | – |
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| 63245 | – | | – |
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| 52346 | – | | – |
| 35246 | | | – |
| 23546 | | | – |
| 54236 | – | | – |
| 25436 | | | – |
| 43256 | – | | – |
| 24356 | | | – |
| 23456 | | | S |

By repeating the first half the peal will be 5152.

### TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* SAMUEL JESSON, *Tipton.*

5040.

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| 42635 | – | – | |
| 34625 | – | | |

*Continued*—

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| 62345 | – | | – |
| 46325 | – | | |
| 23465 | – | | S |
| 42365 | | | – |
| 34265 | | | – |
| 32465 | | | S |
| 43265 | | | – |
| 24365 | | | – |
| 36245 | – | | – |
| 32645 | | | S |
| 63245 | | | – |
| 26345 | | | – |
| 23645 | | | S |

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the full combinations of 4, 5, and 6, in 5–6.

5088.

| 23456 | W | B | H |
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| 52364 | – | – | – |
| 36524 | – | | – |
| 53624 | | | – |
| 65324 | | | – |
| 23654 | – | | S |
| 62354 | | | – |
| 36254 | | | – |
| 32654 | | | S |
| 63254 | | | – |
| 26354 | | | – |
| 35264 | – | | – |
| 32564 | | | S |
| 53264 | | | – |
| 25364 | | | – |
| 23564 | | | S |

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5–6.

First rung at St. Martin's, Tipton, on October 23rd, 1897. Conducted by Adam H. Hill.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By G. B. LUCAS, *Walthamstow.*

5088.

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| 36254 | – | | |
| 25364 | – | | – |
| 62354 | – | | |
| 56324 | – | | |
| 32564 | – | | – |
| 63524 | – | | |
| 26534 | – | | |
| 35264 | – | | S |
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| 25634 | – | | – |
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| 56234 | | | – |
| 23564 | – | | – |

Twice repeated.

## PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

*By* EDGAR WIGHTMAN, *Woodford.*

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| 35426 | – | | | |
| 24536 | – | | | – |
| 45236 | | | | – |
| 52436 | | | | – |
| 24356 | – | | | s |
| 34652 | – | | – | |
| 32645 | | – | – | |
| 26345 | | | | – |
| 63245 | | | | – |
| 42365 | – | | | – |
| 23465 | | | | – |
| 34265 | | | | – |
| 24563 | – | | – | |
| 52346 | | | – | |
| 23546 | | | | – |
| 35246 | | | | – |
| 23654 | | | – | |
| 36254 | | | | – |
| 62354 | | | | – |
| 53264 | – | | | – |
| 32564 | | | | – |
| 25364 | | | | – |
| 35462 | – | | – | |
| 43256 | | | – | |
| 32456 | | | | – |

Repeated.

This peal contain the full combinations of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6.

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES.

By J. BRETTELL, *Halesowen.*

5040.

| 234567 | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 235746 | | | – |
| 457263 | – | – | |
| 745263 | | – | |
| 742356 | | | – |
| 527436 | – | – | – |
| 752436 | | | – |
| 327546 | – | – | – |
| 473265 | | – | |

Nine times repeated; single midway and end.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5248.

| 23456 | W | B | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52346 | – | – | – |
| 35264 | | | – |
| 26354 | – | | – |
| 32654 | | | – |
| 65324 | – | | – |
| 36524 | | | – |
| 53624 | | | – |

*Continued*—

| | W | B | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25634 | – | | |
| 63524 | – | | – |
| 56234 | – | | |
| 23564 | – | | – |
| 23645 | – | – | |
| 42356 | – | – | – |
| 34256 | | | – |
| 25346 | – | | – |
| 32546 | | | – |
| 54326 | – | | – |
| 35426 | | | – |
| 43526 | | | – |
| 24536 | – | | – |
| 53246 | – | | – |
| 45236 | – | | |
| 32456 | – | | s |

Repeated; has the 4th and 6th twenty-two times in 6th place.

By omitting the three bobs braced in one part, the peal is reduced to 5024.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By FRANK HOPGOOD, *Reading.*

5024.

| 23456 | 5ths | 4ths | M | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35426 | – | – | – | – |
| 52436 | – | – | – | – |

| | W | B | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52364 | | 1 | – |
| 24365 | – | 3 | – |
| 32465 | | | – |
| 43265 | | | – |
| 35264 | – | 3 | – |
| 23564 | | | – |

The last six courses twice repeated; calling an extra bob at w in the first course of the next two parts; then the whole repeated, single for bob midway and end.

## TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

*By* ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

7072.

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 64352 | 1 | | | 1 |
| 46253 | 2 | | | 2 |
| 23564 | 2 | – | 2 | 2 |
| 32456 | 2 | | | 2 |

The last two courses three times repeated, produces—

| 25634 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 46532 | 2 | – | 1 | 1 |
| 64235 | | – | 1 | 2 |
| 25346 | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| 52643 | | – | 1 | 2 |

The last two courses three times repeated.

7232.

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 64352 | 1 | | | 1 |
| 63542 | 1 | | 2 | 2 |
| 52436 | 2 | – | 2 | 2 |
| 54326 | 1 | – | 2 | 2 |

The last two courses thrice repeated produces—

| 25634 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 46532 | 2 | – | 1 | 1 |
| 45362 | | | 1 | 2 |
| 32654 | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| 36524 | | | 1 | 2 |

The last two courses three times repeated.

These peals are in ten parts, and contain fifty-eight of the sixty course-ends.

The 7072 can be reduced to 5056 by omitting the bob in the fourteenth course. This was first rung as 5056 at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on December 7th, 1895. Conducted by Samuel Wood.

## A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

*By* W. HOLMES, *Newcastle.*

1898.

1334567890

1243658709
1426385079
4162830597
4126385079
1462830597
1648203957
6184029375
6148203957
1684029375
1860492735
8106947253
8160492735
1806947253
1089674523
0198765432
0189674523
1098765432
1907856342

| 23456 | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54326 | | 2 | 2 |
| 25463 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 24653 | | 1 | 2 |
| 23456 | 2 | | 1 |

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## Notices.

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Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, September 3rd, at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, business meeting at 6.30. The election of Secretary and nominations for Committee will take place at this meeting. J. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association — The next meeting of the above will be held at Horton to-day, Saturday, September 3rd.

REV. G. T. BIRCH, } *Hon Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

The Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Diocesan Branch —The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Woolton, to-day Saturday, September 3rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, September 10th, at 3 p.m, at St. John's schoolroom, Queen Street, Cardiff Election of officers, adoption of revised rules. The bells of St. John's will be available for ringing.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*
H. G. WHITE, *Assistant-Hon. Sec.*

Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tidenham, near Chepstow, on Saturday, September 10th. The towers of Chepstow and Caldecott will be open to members. Cheap fares from Bristol and Gloucester. Fuller particulars later.

C. E. D BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, *Broad Street, Bristol.*

The Lancashire Association.— Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, West Didsbury, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Wingerworth, on Saturday, September 10th. Meeting at The Hunloke Arms at 5 30 p.m.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.— South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey, at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, September 10. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Business meeting for the election of district officers to which all members are earnestly invited to attend. The practice nights at St. Mary's, Ealing, will be on Mondays at 7.30 p.m; at Isleworth on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Todmorden parish church on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 30. All ringing friends will be welcomed at the meeting. E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James, Higher Sutton, on Saturday, September 10th.

JOSEPH NORBURY, *Branch Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will take place at Dunster, on Saturday, September 10th. Short service in parish church at 4 p.m. with an address by the Rev. Prebendary Hook. Business meeting to follow. Towers open—Dunster (8 bells); Minehead (8); Carhampton (6); Old Cleeve (6).

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

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting will be held at Lindley on Saturday, September 10th, at 5 30 p.m. Business—Purchase of new cup, etc

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
*King's Mills, Knottingley.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, September 10th, at St. Paul's church, Walkden (8 bells). Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers invited.

H. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association —The next Quarterly and Committee Meeting of this Association will be held at Stoke Prior, near Bromsgrove, on Saturday, September 17th. A short service will be held in the church at 5.30, to which all are cordially invited. Business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. The Rev. C. Stockdale, Vicar, will preside. He has also kindly placed the tower and bells at the disposal of the members.

N.B.—The Secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding contributions.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.*

The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch. Particulars of arrangements will be announced in due course.

Members are reminded that the official year terminates on September 30th, on which date all subscriptions for the current year must be paid, or membership ceases. Those members whose subscription is unpaid at the meeting on September 17th, and are notified by circular, forfeit their right to a copy of the annual report. It is especially requested that in future all subscriptions be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Stainthorpe, Pynate Terrace, Carlinghow Batley, who has kindly undertaken to forward receipts and reports.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—It has been decided by the committee that the place of annual meeting be held at Bolton, instead of Preston, owing to the unveiling of the tablet to the memory of their late Secretary, Mr. Joel Redford. Nominations for the following offices are respectfully requested to be forwarded to Mr. Wreaks not later than the first week in September, viz: President, corresponding secretary, ringing secretary (unexpired), assistant secretary, treasurer. Notices of alteration of rules should be forwarded by same date. Committeemen are required for the following branches; Liverpool, 1; Rossendale, 2; Preston, 1; Fylde, 1; Blackburn, 1; Manchester, 1. Present members are respectively R. S Mann, J. B. Taylor, and Z. Lord J. Mather, G. Maries. W. Slater. R. Ridyard, and who are eligible for re-election. All members owing subscriptions are urgently asked to pay the same by the end of this month to their respective branch secretaries, or forward the same to the General Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

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## THE CRIPPLEGATE FIRE.

In an article on the Cripplegate fire contributed to an insurance journal, Mr. Charles H. Noverre, the London Manager of the Norwich Union Fire Office, expresses regret that the City Corporation and the Goldsmith's Company were unable to overcome the difficulties in the way of widening the streets in the devastated area, which has suffered three disastrous fires within fifteen years. If through lack of thought or effort, the public is content to leave the question of narrow thoroughfares, height, glass, frontage and construction to solve itself as best it may, the insurance offices must not pursue a like haphazard course, but must, in self defence, be ruled by business principles, and see that the just penalty is enforced in the shape of graduated increase in ratio such as the conditions of risk according to their judgment and experience justify. Mr. Noverre urges that, with a view to preventing the spread of fires, there are features of construction and separation which it seems criminal to neglect. In this connection, he emphasises the value of hand-made stock bricks as fire-resisting materials.

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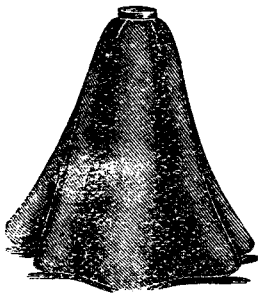

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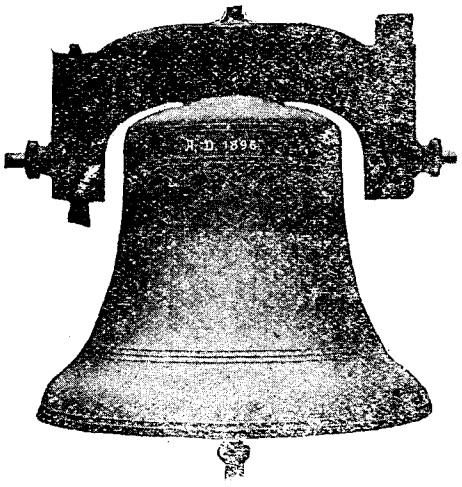


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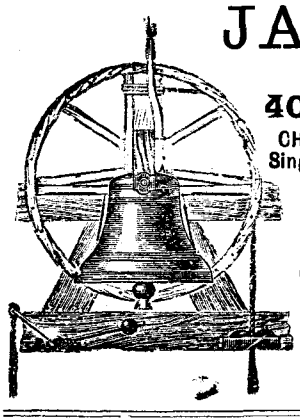

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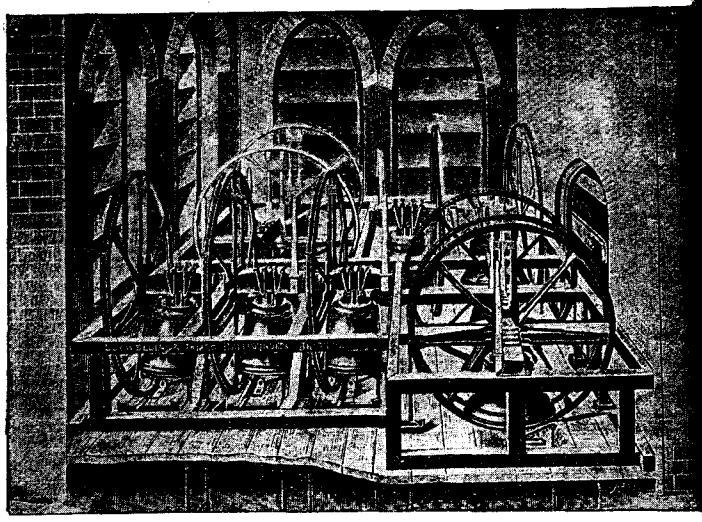

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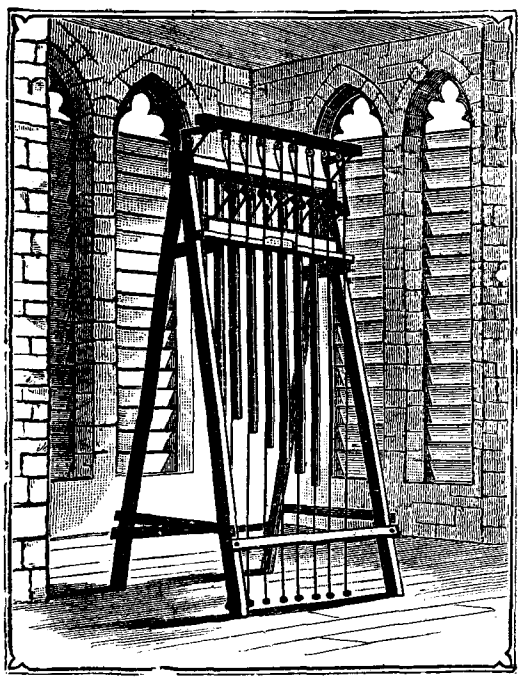

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## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MEETING AT RAUNDS.

By general desire of the members and the consent of the Rev. E. E. Law, a quarterly meeting took place at Raunds on Saturday, August 27th. Despite the unpleasant weather, representatives from Northampton, Wellingborough, Kettering, Wootton, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Addington, Desborough, Raunds, Wilby, Finedon, Irthlingborough, Earls Barton, and Wollaston, were present. A tea which had been arranged to take place in the Vicarage paddock had at the last minute to be held in the Church schools owing to the rain. Over fifty sat down to this at five o'clock. It was provided mainly by the local ringers, the proceeds being devoted to the church bells fund. Their wives kindly presided at the tables. On the proposition of Mr. E. J. Dennes, the vicar and churchwardens were most heartily thanked for the use of the bells, and the Raunds ringers for their genuine welcome. The visitors were unanimous in complimenting the parishioners of Raunds on the increase of their peal to eight.

The Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, of Wilbye, Mr. Hill (churchwarden), Mr. Black, and Mr. Shelmerdine were present during the afternoon and evening.

After tea there was dancing in the Vicarage paddock to the music of the Ringstead band.

At the business meeting Mr. Dennes referred to the loss the Warkton ringers and their association had sustained in the sudden death of the late Mr. T. Jones, who was one of their honorary members. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting take place at Rushton, if convenient, on Saturday, October 29th. The Rev. R. H. B. Crosthwaite, curate of Rothwell, was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. A. Green and R. Gilbert, jun. (of Raunds), and T. Tomkins (of Mears Ashby) ringing members.

There was evensong and an address by the Vicar in the church of St. Peter at eight o'clock.

The association's last visit to Raunds was in October, 1891. Since that time the top of the spire has been re-built, the bells re-hung in iron frames, the tenor re-cast, and two trebles added to make an octave, the latter being the kind gift of Mr. J. Kingsmith, one of the churchwardens. The new tenor weighs 22 cwt. 8 lbs., and is an exceedingly rich-toned, musical bell. The new trebles are equally good specimens of Messrs. Taylor's handiwork. The Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell Ringers was founded at Raunds in July, 1883, by the Rev. Hugh Bryan. When change ringing had virtually died out in this part of Northamptonshire it still survived here, whence it had migrated. It has since spread over the entire district. The lofty tower and spire of the church of St. Peter have been described by a reliable authority as amongst the finest, even in this district of spires, which contains some of the best in England. The tower is understood to date from the time of Henry III., and the body of the church was probably rebuilt in the reign of Edward III. An ancient clock-face fixed above the west arch inside the church has the 24 hours marked on it in accordance with the latest idea in modern timepieces. The spire has been struck by lightning three times during the present century, viz., in 1826, 1841, and on January 23rd, 1895. Whilst it was under repair on the last occasion, one of the steeplejacks fell and was killed.

The Raunds Ringers (who form a goodly company of seniors and juniors) are to be congratulated on at last obtaining the object of their ambition—a peal of eight bells—and the Vicar and the parishioners are also to be congratulated on having ringers who carry out their duties in a careful and considerate manner, and take an active and genuine interest in church work generally as well. Mr. Shelmerdine, the respected master of the Church schools (who was one of the first honorary members of the Association), was exceedingly kind to the members in showing them over his domain and looking after their comfort and convenience in many ways.

## HEAVITREE, DEVON.

A very interesting gathering took place at Heavitree on Saturday afternoon last, the Rev. Theophilus John Ponting, M.A., the worthy spiritual head of that parish, having invited the combined bands of ringers at St. Sidwell's, St. David's, and St. Edmund's to meet those of St. Michael's, Heavitree (in Doomsday, written, *Hevetrooe, i.e.*, hive-tree) to tea at the Vicarage, and to a friendly "smoke" afterwards.

About fifty responded to the hospitable invite, amongst them Mr. Harry Hems, in his position as Vice-President of the St. Sidwell's band of ringers. The weather being gloriously fine tea was served on the lawn, the reverend gentleman, his triplet of curates, and the fair residents at the Vicarage, and one or two other ladies vieing with each other in looking after the creature comforts of their guests.

After a refreshing meal the extensive grounds were wandered over at leisure, the beauty of the foliage, especially of the birches and Spanish chesnuts, to say nothing of the magnolia and tobacco plants (these latter all in full flower) pleased everyone. The fine new western church tower, pinnacled and embattled, and of distinctly Somersetshire type, was soon invaded, and the noble proportion of its belfry received general approval; although some regretted its timbers above were not of sturdy English oak, as in olden belfries, rather than of the less obtrusive and humbler wood of the fir. The bells, of which there are eight most musical ones, were cast by Messrs. Taylor, and it goes without saying the Exeter men swung them with zest and appeared to make them—in their change-ringing—speak out as they had rarely rung before. And before the church was left not a few paid a silent pilgrimage to the marble cenotaph erected to the memory of one of Exeter's former most skilled craftsmen, situated in the south wall of the edifice. The inscription thereon—"Stephen Shute, 13

years a member of the choir of this church. He was as a working statuary, singularly skilful; as a foreman beloved by man and master, as a Christian humble and sincere. Called away 3rd September, aged 42. This table was erected by one in whose service he died, and who mourns him as a brother."

Mention was made by the Vicar that the new carved oak choir stalls, which Messrs. Harry Hems and Sons, of Exeter, are at present making for the church, from the designs of Mr. E. H. Harbottle, F.R.I.B.A., architect, and which take the form of a memorial to the late Rev. Sackville Hamilton Berkeley, M.A., who died so suddenly whilst doing military-volunteer chaplain's duty in last camp at Aldershot; are to be *in situ* for first use on the dedication saint's (St. Michael's) day.

After good-byes had been said and the ringing men meandered homewards with faces set towards the twinkling lights of the "Ever Faithful," one question was asked amongst them, and none was there to answer. It was this: There are, in the tower of St. John's Church in Fore-street hill, six most sweet sounding bells, yet none are found to ring them! Why this silence? Cannot Mr. Councillor Linscott, always successful and energetic in whatsoever he takes in hand to do, see to this singular omission?

## PRESENTATION OF HANDBELLS AT NORTHAM, NORTH DEVON.

All who have visited that charming sea-side resort known as Westward Ho! will have passed through the village of Northam and had their attention arrested by its tall and graceful tower (adjacent to *Bone Hill*, appropriate name), which contains a ring of six bells. Very little ringing is now done in the parish, but twenty years ago a goodly number of enthusiasts met for practice two evenings each week, and by means of subscriptions amongst themselves, purchased a set of sixteen handbells at a cost of £8. No progress however was made in the Art of change-ringing, and the handbells remained in the custody of the late sexton.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., a meeting was held by the subscribers then resident in the parish, viz., Messrs. Geo. Gross, Jesse Hearn, Thos. Hearn, Jno. Penhorwood, and Chas. Saunders, and on the motion of Mr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Penhorwood, it was unanimously resolved to present the handbells to the then recognised ringers of the tower bells for their use, and the use of their successors from time to time, the said handbells to be kept in a box in the tower, and to be under the control of a Committee of not less than five persons, the first Committee to consist of those whose names are mentioned above.

Mr. Pickard, now a member of the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, was asked to in some way permanently record the passing of the resolution, and he does so by publishing a report of the meeting in these columns, a reference to this publication being placed in the tower.

We understand that Mr. Pickard's suggestion that the handbells be presented to the Vicar and churchwardens to be entered on the register of church furniture, was not approved.

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## DATE TOUCHES.

By J. J. PARKER, *Farnham Royal.*

In the issue of "THE BELL NEWS" for August 27th, I notice two date touches by E. Cook, of Cardiff, in which there does not appear to have been the slightest attempt to work in the odd changes by any rule or method. I should like to suggest how this can be done strictly to the method, at least as far as the Grandsire method is concerned.

For a touch of 1898, the treble should be made to make a double dodge in—

4-5 up and 6-7 up;
or, 4-5 up and 6-7 down;
or, 4-5 up and 4-5 down;
or, 6-7 up and 6-7 down;
or, 6-7 up and 4-5 down;
or, 6-7 down and 4-5 down (see example):

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Or, a single dodge 4-5 up, 6-7 up, 6-7 down, and 4-5 down; or there may be two single dodges and one double dodge. Thus we get nineteen different ways of lengthening the first lead to twenty-two changes, and a variety of different rows may be had as the first lead-end.

In proving it will be found that as soon as the treble leaves her customary path that the changes, as far as the next treble's lead, must be dealt with in pairs, as each pair (hand and back-stroke), will belong to a different lead-end, therefore these lead-ends must not be allowed to appear in the touch, and if singles are used there will be six other leads that must be avoided.

## TOWYN, WALES.

A large clock, with four illuminated dials and striking the hours, has just been erected in the Market Hall Tower at Towyn, Wales, by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

At a vestry meeting held at Holy Trinity church, Guildford, on Thursday evening in last week, to consider the improvement and redecoration of the church, strong opposition was raised to a proposal to paper the internal walls, made by the artist whom the architect (Mr. A. H. Powell, of Guildford), had consulted. An installation of the electric light was sanctioned; but a resolution was passed disapproving of papering, and requesting the architect to repaint the walls.

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## PRESENTATION TO A RINGER AT BATTLE.

On Tuesday evening, August 23rd, Mr. W. J. Thomas (of Battle), was presented with a very handsome eight-day clock in oak case, chiming the quarters on two gongs. Before the presentation took place, a touch of 210 Bob Triples was rung by Messrs. W. H. Eldridge, J. Mathis, W. J. Thomas, F. Lock, C. J. Hyland, C. R. Carter, W. Franks, and J. Sinden; after which the leader spoke of the object of the meeting, and asked Mr. Sydney Saker (Hon. Secretary of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association) to make the presentation.

Mr. Saker said it gave him great pleasure to come over from Hastings to perform the pleasant task of making the presentation. He had heard of presents being made to officials when they had dome something, or retired from office, but this was to a friend as a proof of their esteem and regard for him, he being always ready to take part in learning a new method or in ringing a peal. He considered that Mr. Thomas had done a wise thing in taking to himself a wife, and on behalf of the society would wish him and his wife long life and happiness.

Mr. Franks also made some complimentary remarks.

Mr. Saker then handed the clock over to

Mr. Thomas, who in returning thanks said that after the very flattering remarks made by Mr. Saker and Mr. Franks he hardly knew how to adequately express his feelings of thankfulness for himself and his wife. He thanked the members most heartily for their handsome present. He had been a member for over eleven years, and had spent many pleasant hours among them, and hoped to spend a great many more. He always had done and would continue to do all he could to advance the art of change-ringing.

Mr. Hyland proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Saker for his kindness in coming to make the presentation. He trusted that a report of their proceedings would appear in "BELL NEWS," and not be given to any local reporter, as they knew that local papers nearly always made a hash of ringing news.

Mr. Franks seconded, and it was carried.

The clock has the following inscription engraved on a brass gilt plate: "Presented to William John Thomas by the Battle Society of Church Bell Ringers, Honorary Members, and ringing friends, on the occasion of his marriage, 6th July, 1868."

The meeting was brought to a close by a well-struck touch of Oxford Bob Triples by Messrs. J. Mathis, W. Thomas, C. Hyland, F. Lock, S. Saker, C. Carter, W. Franks, and J. Sinden.

## ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

The above Guild had their annual excursion on Bank Holiday, August 1st, after being postponed from Whit-Monday on account of the Central Council Meeting in Bristol, as it was thought by the members that if they went on that day, it would mean shutting up one tower for the day. So they stayed at home and entertained (or at least, tried to entertain) their visitors.

Leaving Temple Mead Station at 7.15, in a saloon carriage, kindly secured by the conductor, Mr. J. Hinton, we were soon travelling at a good speed towards Torquay, which was safely reached at 11.15. We were accompanied by our President, the Rev. E. J. Houghton, M.A., and treasurer, C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq.. who with Messrs. A. E. Bawn and C. H. Tomkins, passed the time of the journey very comfortably playing whist, in which the Rector and Mr. Tomkins invariably came off best.

At the other end of the table, another game of whist was in progress, in which the Serretary and his partner satisfactorily accounted for their opponents by winning two of three games played. Refreshments were supplied on the way, and were evidently much appreciated.

On arriving at Torre, about ten of the members alighted, and proceeded to Upton Parish Church to have a pull, but owing to the go of the bells, very little was done.

It was arrrnged to meet at Marychurch at 12 o'clock, so each one made bis way there, some riding, others walking, but all thoroughly enjoying the journey, not excepting Jemmie London, despite numerous "oh's and ah's," caused by someone giving him a familiar dig in the ribs.

Arriving at Marychurch, the bells were soon being rose in peal, after which a start was made for a touch of Double Norwich Major, which however would not go, and after three unsuccessful attempts it was abandoned, and Stedman Triples substituted, a 504 being well struck. Afterwards another attempt for Double Norwich resulted in three courses being brought round. Another short touch of Stedman Triples, with the Rev. H. C. Courtney standing in, finished the ringing here, and tracks were made for Babbacombe Church, where Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major finished the ringing for the day.

The next item on the programme was tea at the London Hotel at 6.30. In the meantime the members occupied their time in taking a sea trip, the only difficulty in their way being the boarding of the boats, in which one member at least went a little lower than he bargained for, as he nearly disappeared from sight.

At 6.30 tea was provided at the London Hotel, to which twenty sat down, an excellent tea being provided by the hostess, Mrs. E. Scrivings, to which full justice was done. Tea over, the Rector proposed that a vote of thanks be sent to the Rev. C. H. Joberns, our late President, for kindly giving us such an excellent repast. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Boutflower then read two telegrams, one from Mr. Joberns, wishing us a good day's outing, and one from Mr. J. W. Pickard, who said, though not present in the body, he was in the spirit, and asked someone to give Grandsire, otherwise Jemmy London, a dig in the ribs, which needless to say was soon done.

A move was then made for a final look round, some going on the pier, and some accompanying the Rector to two beautiful churches, which were much admired, but in both instances it seemed one thing was missing, and that a peal of bells.

Eventually all met at Torquay Station for the return journey at 8.40. After getting our refreshments on board again, we were soon *en route* for Bristol, leaving our Rector behind to return the following day. As the train was starting, a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells was well struck, after which songs were sung by Messrs. Ellis, Millard, Tomkins, Bawn, Pring, and Cave, and a recitation given by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower.

Bristol was reached about 1.40, and thus ended a most enjoyable day.

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## ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

We are in what we may call a second summer, for the heat is as great as ever, so great in fact, and such a "long length" of it, that they say it is becoming serious. By "they" I mean the people whose financial position is likely to be unfavourably affected by such a long drought. Yet the country, at any rate that part of the West of England in which I have been staying, looks uncommonly lovely. The hilly pastures are certainly a little brown here and there, but those sheltered in valleys look green and smiling, cheering to the eye of the traveller. We live in hopes of copious showers, which, whenever they come, both man and beast will welcome.

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I think that's enough concerning the all-devouring topic—the weather. While writing these few lines to you hoping you are in good health, as it leaves me at present, thank—whatever am I doing? Ah! I see. This is the way we used to be taught at school in the early fifties how to commence a letter to our friends; and I think you will even now find something similar in that estimable publication "The Complete Letter-Writer." I was going to say that while writing these lines the climatic, meteorological, astronomical, geographical, barometical, atmospherical, and all the other conditions portend a heavy storm. A good honest steady English soaking rain for about twenty-four hours, would be (as I said last year) worth about a guinea a pint.

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Some of my friends want to distinguish themselves in this page. Verily a commendable ambition. I don't mind incorporating the few lines received this week, but [mind this, Mr. compositor] they must appear in small type, because I regret to inform my correspondents they are not original. They seem to be cuttings from a penny almanack of the year "eighteen hundred and fast asleep." Here is one of them :—

The first church bell was hung in the year 400, at Nola, in Campania; but in 610 so little were bells known that when Clothair was king of France his army was frightened from the siege of the city of Sens by the ringing of the bells of St. Stephen's Church. In the times of Popery bells were baptised and anointed, exorcised, and blessed by the bishop, from a belief that when all this had been done they had power to drive the devil out of the air, to calm tempests, to extinguish fire, and even to recreate the dead. The ritual of these ceremonies is contained in the Roman Pontifical; and it was usual in their baptism to give each bell the name of some saint.

This may be true for all I know, but I am not well up in ancient history. Intelligence of this kind is rather musty now-a-days, and does not satisfy the appetite. Here is another :—

It is said that the foundations of the Corsini family in Italy was laid by an ancestor of it, who, at the dissolution of religious houses, purchased the bells of abbeys and other churches, and by the sale of them in other countries acquired a very great estate. It is a common tradition that the bells of King's College Chapel, in the University of Cambridge, were taken by Henry V. from some Church in France, after the battle of Agincourt. They were taken down some years ago, and sold to Phelps, the bell-founder in Whitechapel.

The originals of the Corsini family would according to this be wide-awake people, "wide-uns," as they say in the East (of London). Perhaps the writer of this paragraph could tell us if there are any of these Corsini bells to be bought up cheap. The next paragraph, and the last of the batch I shall introduce, is :—

The practice of ringing bells in change is said to be peculiar to this country, but the antiquity of it is not easily to be ascertained. Sir Matthew Hale, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, was, in his youth, a member of a bell-ringers' society, and in the life of this learned and upright judge, written by Bishop Burnet, some facts are mentioned which favour this report. In England the practice of ringing is reduced to a science, and peals have been composed which bear the names of the inventors. Some of the most celebrated peals were composed by one Patrick, a maker of barometers, who, in his advertisements, styled himself Torricellian operator, from Torricelli, who invented instruments of this kind.

The writer of this no doubt thinks it a curious bit of history. But like those peals of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major which crop up now and then in new raiment, we have heard of it before. It is not original. Yet I am afraid there are some who would call it "bell-lore." Now for something fresh.

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My readers must have noticed that the pages of this paper are totally without any advertisements of those compounds known as "patent medicines." I am not aware if they are intentionally left out, but I think they are. Latter-day advertising is said to be "a fine art." Perhaps it is. Some advertisers illustrate their announcements in a most peculiar manner. Not only these medicine-vendors, but other people, have no scruple in mentioning the actual names of persons whom they assert have benefitted by their specifics. At last we have come to a change-ringer, who has been made young again by swallowing a cargo of pills. The following (omitting the actual name of the vendor of these boluses) will come as a surprise to many :—

A Bellringer's extraordinary "change."—*A few years back change-ringing was a popular art*, and there are many societies of bellringers in this country, one of the oldest being "The Ancient Society of College Youths." A "Peterborough Standard" Reporter recently interviewed a member of this fraternity in the person of Mr. George Skeef, who resides at Hill's Yard, Broad Bridge Street, Peterborough. Mr. Skeef has been a ringer for sixteen years, and on Wyldbore's Day, when the bells of St. John rang a merry peal, Mr. Skeef took his place in the belfry and manipulated the "fourth" in *a change* that occupied an hour and thirty-two minutes without a stop, *in spite of the fact that he had not touched a bell for ten months; the wonder is that his funeral knell had not been tolled instead.* To use Mr. Skeef's own words, "I had got into such a state of health that I had to give it up. *Owing to exhausting night work*, I fell into a low, weak condition, and used to get up in the morning feeling more tired than when I went to bed. I gradually became worse, and was told it was Consumption." "Yes," interposed Mrs. Skeef, "he could not eat his meals, and used to spit up blood; I thought I was going to lose him." "I spent a great deal on different medicines," continued Mr. Skeef, "but got no relief. One day my wife said that I had better try the pills, and insisted on sending for some. After taking about a box and half I felt much better. Now I have taken six boxes altogether and feel quite a changed man. Once the sweat used to hail off me, but that has gone off, and I have put on half a stone in weight in two months. As for eating, I can sit down and tackle any food, and relish it too."

Our friend Skeef has lowered six boxes of the pills (boxes included, I suppose) and feels quite a changed man. And so he ought to. To "shift" six boxes is certainly no small feat. I'll say no more about this. One naturally conceives that there is no difficulty in finding out the ingredients of all the patent medicines

known, and therefore physicians would not fail to use them in their practice if required.

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I take the following cutting from *The Western Times*, a paper published in Exeter :—

The sixth bell at Chagford Church has just been re-hung by Messrs. —— —— and ——. Defective bearings are the general causes of bells going badly, and this question has for years past received the serious attention of bell workers. Mr. —— ——, jun., has invented a new method. He has used it for the first occasion on the sixth in Chagford Tower, and it has proved a success. Its effect is not easily describable, the bell going with quite exceptional ease and steadiness.

The dashes represent the name of the firm. The junior partner "has invented a new method." He is a clever fellow, beyond all doubt. Let me advise him to make himself known in the usual business announcements of this paper.

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Mr. William Walmsley, of Macclesfield, sends up to the office the following novelty. He says :—"I herewith send you the result of all the changes being added up, which can be procured from two to twelve bells. Thus :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2 | Bells | ... 33 |
| 3 | ,, | ... 1,332 |
| Minimus | | ... 66,660 |
| Doubles | | ... 3,999,960 |
| Minor | | ... 279,999,720 |
| Triples | | ... 22,399,997,760 |
| Major | | ... 2,015,999,979,840 |
| Caters | | ... 201,599,999,798,400 |
| Royal | | ... 22,175,999,997,782,400 |
| Cinques | | ... 2,662,219,999,973,388,800 |
| Maximus | | .. 345,945,599,999,654,054,400." |

This looks bewildering at first sight. Put it thus :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2 Bells | ... | 12 |
| | | 21 |
| | | — |
| Then add | ... | 33 |

There is no practical use in such a table, I should say; but our friend Walmsley must have been at some trouble in getting it.

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In "The Life of Sir John Franklin," which forms one of the volumes of "The World's Great Explorers," we read that the hero was born at Spilsby in Lincolnshire, in the church of which town are tablets erected to the memory of several of the Franklin family. The writer of this life—Captain Markham—in alluding to Spilsby church, has the following footnote :—

"A description of the interior of the church would not be complete without allusion to a black board hanging up in the inner porch at the west end, on which, in large white letters, is quaintly announced that on the 31st December 1786 (the year in which Sir John Franklin was born), seven six-bell peals were rung in the church, consisting of 5040 changes, in two hours and forty minutes. The sturdy villagers who accomplished this feat, which has been considered sufficiently worthy of being chronicled, were, we are informed, J. and Jo. Haw, G. and J. Houlden, and T. and Rd. Martin."

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The erection of the tablet to the late Mr. Francis Lees in St. John's Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has been satisfactorily accomplished. This has been carried out in a quiet ostentatious manner, greatly in accordance with the character of him whose memory it is intended to perpetuate. We read sometimes of primroses, or violets, or other floral tributes being placed on statues or monuments on certain days of the year. Why should not the practice obtain among ringers? Such men as Mr. Lees deserve that their memory should be kept green, and I am really of opinion that a yearly tribute of flowers or evergreens is a very good way of so doing.

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Perhaps the following, which is an answer to a question in *Leeds Mercury Supplement* may be of interest to readers. It may as well be stated that during the Diamond Jubilee festivities in Leeds, this bell was raised a certain height and rung by seven or eight ringers from the parish church. No stay or slide being fixed, it could not be raised completely.

LEEDS TOWN HALL BELL.—The Victoria Bell, as it was christened, was fixed in the tower early in January, 1860. It weighs 4 tons 1 cwt. and 1 lb. Its diameter is 6 ft. 2 in., height 5 ft., thickness of sound-bow 6 in., and weight of clapper (wrought iron) 1 cwt. It cost £662 12s. Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, were engaged by the Corporation to supply the bell. It sounds the note B natural, which it was said at the time could be heard six miles off. One side of the waist of the bell bears a profile of Her Majesty, and on the other the Royal arms and "Messrs. Warner's Patent." For further particulars, see "Leeds Mercury," January 5th, 1860, p. 2.—Th. Hy.

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So Saml. Joyce is going to Africa. I am afraid he will find it very hot there. And his friends have given him a good send-off, a most practical one. Samuel is a worthy young fellow, not by any means aggresive, but civil, polite, agreeable, and obliging. As a ringer he has worked his way up to the front rank. But we must take care on these occasions that there isn't too much "gush."

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Every one has heard of Braintree, a small town in Essex, where they ring all manner of methods upon six bells. I think it was mentioned a few weeks ago that an endeavour was being made to increase the number of bells to eight. The leader of the company is Mr. Charles Howard, who initiated this movement, and who writes to say that it is progressing wonderfully, though he is working single-handed in the affair, I believe. He has collected between £60 and £70, and is promised more donations. He scorns not to receive the smallest sum, from one penny upwards.

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Grand news has arrived during the week from the seat of war in Egypt. The latest accounts report a great slaughter of the enemy, and the son of the ruffian Mahdi, the Khalifa—is said to be now a fugitive. As Britons we must be joyed at the success of the British arms in such a signal manner. This great victory has come in the nick of time as it were, to show foreigners that our nation is still the same old England. England yet! The particulars of this Soudan conquest reads very much like the old deeds of Indian warfare in the latter end of the last and the beginning of this century. PLAIN SPEAKER.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1898.


THE Central Northamptonshire Association is a body that cannot perhaps boast of age, but it is showing no small amount of spirit and activity, which if persevered in, will place it high on the roll of our ringing bodies. We shall not be breaking the canons of taste in saying that this Association rejoices in an excellent Honorary Secretary—Mr. E. J. DENNES—who throws his whole heart and soul into the work of his office, and in fact some considerable distance beyond it. Mr. DENNES, it may be said, has a mind of an ecclesiological bent, and he finds in almost everything appertaining to bells a great amount of matter for enjoyment and interest. For the antiquities of bell-lore he has a profound respect and admiration; he is such a man, in short, as would have delighted the late Rev. H. T. ELLACOMBE to have discovered and communicated with.

On another page is chronicled the proceedings of a quarterly meeting of this Association at Raunds, the

place of its nativity. By its operations the parish church of this town has received an augmentation of its bells from six to eight, and from Raunds it may be said an enthusiastic crusade has spread for the extension of change-ringing over the whole neighbourhood. The county has had good ringers in the past, and the present generation appear not one whit behind them, in fact, the science stands higher in the county than ever. That the existence of such an Association as the one in question has contributed to such progress, no one will deny. With their Hon. Secretary holding the reins of office, the members will make further progress towards bringing within their fold every ringer in Northamptonshire. This, it is to be hoped, will be the object of every member. As long as there is a half-pull ringer unconnected with any county or diocesan organization, there is work to be done by those who hope to see their Association or Guild embrace everything in the shape of a ringer.

We are pleased to hear, from a trustworthy source, that Mr. George Bolland is recovering. Every reader of this paper will join with us in hoping that the recovery may be speedy, and that such an ardent member of the Exercise may shortly be himself again.

PEASENHALL, NORFOLK.

On Friday, September 16th, a newly-augmented ring of six bells will be opened by the Bishop of Thetford, after rehanging. Ringing to commence at 10 a.m. JOHN MILLS.

## The Metropolis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

*On Saturday, September* 3, 1898, *in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

IR THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

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| HARRY BARTON .. .. | ..*Treble.* | FKEDERICK G. PERRIN .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM H. WEBBER* .. | 2. | THOMAS LANGDON .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. | 3. | DANSIE W. GRIGGS .. .. | 7. |
| HARRY R. PASMORE* .. | 4. | JOHN W. GOLDING .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

*First peal in the method.

## The Provinces.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, August* 30, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

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|---|---|---|---|
| J. PRESTON.. .. .. | ..*Treble.* | C. PRESTON.. .. .. .. | 4. |
| G. CLARKSON* .. .. | 2. | W. WHEELDON .. .. .. | 5. |
| D. PRESTON .. .. | 3. | W. TWIGG .. .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. WHEELDON.

*First peal with a bob bell.

GLOUCESTER.

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

*On Tuesday, August* 30, 1898, *in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| RICHARD A. JUDD* .. | ..*Treble.* | FRED G. MAY .. .. .. | 5. |
| JESSE GILLETT .. .. .. | 2. | HENRY MITCHELL .. .. | 6. |
| RICHARD BRUNSDON .. .. | 3. | ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .. | 4. | WILLIAM T. PEGLER | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, September* 1, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.**

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

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|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. | *Treble.* | THOMAS R. HENSHER .. | 6. |
| CHARLES CHASTY .. .. | 2. | FREDERICK HARVEY .. .. | 7. |
| ISAAC HILLS .. .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. | 8. |
| EDGAR TINGEY .. .. .. | 4. | HERBERT SHARP .. .. | 9. |
| WALTER C. HUNT .. .. | 5. | WILLIAM J. BARKER.. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

*On Saturday, September* 3, 1898, *in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5180 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

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| JAMES MOTTS .. .. .. | ..*Treble.* | HENRY BRUNDLE .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. | 2. | JOHN HOWARD .. .. .. | 7. |
| ROBERT HAWES.. .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM GRIMES .. .. | 8. |
| HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. | 4. | EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. | 9. |
| ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. | 5. | WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

William Grimes, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Debenham. Great credit is due to Henry Bowell for the way in which he rang his bell throughout the peal, as he is 69 years of age.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September* 3, 1898, *in Three Hours Eleven and ½ Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.** Tenor 30 cwt.

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| ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. | ..*Treble.* | ALBERT E. PARSONS .. | 5. |
| THOMAS WAKEMAN .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM BIRD .. .. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM SHORT .. .. | 7. |
| NOAH DAVIS .. .. .. | 4. | JOHN BARBER .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by JAMES PAGETT and Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Wakeman.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, September* 3, 1898, *in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

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| FRANK A. SMITH .. .. | ..*Treble.* | W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. | 5. |
| ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. | 2. | WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD | 3. | JAMES GEORGE .. .. .. | 7. |
| GEORGE A. RANSOM .. | 4. | THOMAS BEADLE .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Joyce, for his courtesy in granting the use of the bells, and for the special interest he took in the ringing.

### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September* 3, 1898, *in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

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| JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. | *Treble.* | *CHARLES CHASTY | 5. |
| ANDERSON TYLER* | 2. | CHARLES WM. CLARKE | 6. |
| WILLIAM PETTITT | 3. | *WILLIAM HENSHER | 7. |
| JAMES A. SMITH* | 4. | *WALTER C. HUNT | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. *First peal of Stedman Triples.

### WILLINGTON, BEDS.

### THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, September* 5, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| WALTER C. HUNT | *Treble.* | JAMES A. SMITH* | 4. |
| ISAAC HILLS | 2. | CHARLES WM. CLARKE | 5. |
| CHARLES CHASTY | 3. | WILLIAM J. BARKER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

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

*On Monday, September* 5, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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| H. SIMMONDS | *Treble.* | E. J. MENDAY | 5. |
| T. NEWMAN | 2. | G. ESSEX | 6. |
| R. T. HIBBERT | 3. | H. SMITH | 7. |
| E. W. MENDAY | 4. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This was Johnson's variation of Middleton's peal.

### DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September* 6, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES MOTTS | *Treble.* | WILLIAM RUMSEY | 5. |
| JAMES RUMSEY | 2. | WILLIAM BULLOCK | 6. |
| GEORGE ROWE, JUN. | 3. | ALFRED W. GRIMES | 7. |
| WILLIAM GROOM | 4. | WILLIAM H. BARBER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition has only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6ths place, the 4th and 6th being their extent, and is now rung for the first time.

## Miscellaneous.

### CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, September 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering in 28 mins. E. Williams, 1; W. Freestone, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson, 4; S. Hopton, 5; J. Morley (conductor), 6; F. Bye, 7; G. Vick, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, July 17th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Russell, 4; G. F. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles, with G. Frankham, 6. On Thursday, July 21st, for practice, 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 120 Plain Bob. E. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6 On Sunday evening, July 31st, for Divine Service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. L. Sparks, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service, 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 5; F. Carroway 6. On Sunday evening, August 21st, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; E. H. Tubb, 2; W. H. Tubb, 3; F. Sparks, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Thursday, September 1st, for practice, 360 College Single Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; F. L. Sparks, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also a 360 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. H. Tubb, 3: F. L. Sparks, 4; F. Carroway, 5; J. Cornell (conductor), 6.

### THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—At the annual meeting of the above Guild held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Chad's church, a course of Grandsire Cinques. E. Jones, 1; T. Burd, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; A. Morgan, 4: W. Rock Small, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6; J. Searle, 7; H. Jones, 8; G. Byolin, 9; A. Fullick, 10; T. Pritchard, 11; J. J. Wynn, 12. Also 650 Grandsire Caters. G. J. Taylor, 1; G. Tipton, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; H. Jones, 4; J. Searle, 5; T. Burd, 6; A Fullick, 7; C. E. D. Boutflower, 8; G. Byolin (conductor), 9; H. W. Jones, 10. Tenor 42 cwt. At St. Mark's church touches of Caters and Triples were rung. At St. Alkmund's 400 Grandsire Major. T. Burd, 1; W. Stockdale, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; H. Jones, 4; F. W. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; J. Searle, 7; G. Byolin (conductor), 8. Also 490 Grandsire Triples. W. Mansell, 1; F. W. Taylor, 2; W. Stockdale, 3; H. Jones, 4; A. Fullick, 5; G. J. Taylor, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; J. Wall, 8. On Sunday morning, September 4th, for Divine Service at St. Chad's church, 540 Grandsire Caters. C. Clarke, 1; E. Jones, 2; G. Tipton, 3; G. J. Taylor, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; T. Burd, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; A. Fullick, 8; F. W. Taylor, 9; J. Chant, 10. For evening service at St. Alkmund's church, 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Mansell, 1; W. Stockdale, 2; F. W. Taylor, 3; T. Burd, 4; G. Byolin (conductor), 5; G. J. Taylor, 6.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITTON, NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Thursday, August 25th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Johnson (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; G. Johnson, 4; A. Johnson, 5; W. Forster, 6. On Tuesday, August 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; R. Chantler, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6.

CHELFORD (Cheshire).—On Saturday, September 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; G. Johnson, 2; R. Chantler, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob standing as before.

KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).—On Saturday, September 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Johnson, 1; G. Johnson, 2; R. Chantler, 3; A. Johnson, 4: J. Bell, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. S. Hough, 1; S. Johnson, 2; G. Johnson, 3; W. Hamman (conductor), 4; T. Venables, 5; W. Forster, 6. Messrs. Hough, Hamman, and Venables are local ringers; the rest hail from Northwich. The Knutsford ringers belong to the Bowden and Stockport branch.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, September 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. in 47 mins. C. Fenn, 1; *E. Fenn, 2; *G. W. Faulkner, 3; T. Faulkner (conductor), 4; A. Carter, 5; R. Fenn, 6; A. Hardy, 7; E. A. Davies, Esq., 8. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, August 28th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob on the back six. J. Rose, 1; T. G. Deal, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; G. H. Daynes, 4; W. J. Jeffries, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, September 1st, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Durling, 1; H. Reader, 2; T. P. Richards, 3 J. Town, 4; W. T. Battson, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday. May 15th, for evening service, 720 Bob

Minor, composed by N. J. Pitstow. A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 19th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; H. Reader (conductor), 3; J. Hack, 4; A. Killick, 5; G. Harwood, 6. On May 29th, 720 in the same method. A. Lanaway, 1; H. Reader (conductor), 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Brown, 5; J. Hack, 6. On June 19th, 720 Bob Minor, composed by C. E. Wilson. A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On July 3rd, for morning service, 720 in the same method. A. Lanaway, 1; G. Harwood, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Brown, 4; J. Hack, 5; H. Reader (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure, Penning's one-part. F. Keech, 1; G. Harwood, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; H. Brown, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On July 31st, 720 Bob Minor. A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; G. Harwood, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On August 7th, 720 in the same method. A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; G. Harwood, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On August 29th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Town, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On September 4th, for practice, 720 in the same method. A. Lanaway, 1; H. Reader (conductor), 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Brown, 5; J. Hack, 6. For evening service 360 Kent Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. First 360 in the method by the local men.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, August 30th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. E. G. Lampard, 1; G. Smith, 2; *W. Tucker, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; C. Russell, 8. *First quarter-peal. On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service on the back eight, 532 Grandsire Triples. E. G. Lampard, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; W. Tucker, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; W. Andrews, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; C. Russell. 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, August 28th, at the church of St. Giles for Divine Service. 720 Bob Minor. H. Coffee, 1; T. Price, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. E. Evans, 4; A. W. Higgs, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. T. Price hails from Eastbourne.

## THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, LONDON.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday evening, September 4th, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, 658 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. H. Webber (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; W. E. Moss, 3; B. Quaife, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; T. Barber, 6; G. R. Fardon, 7; G. Chesterman, 8.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COITY.—On Sunday, July 8th, 720 College Single. J. South, 1; R. Bunston, 2; A. Spracklen, 3; D. J. Hurford, 4; J. Cox, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. On Friday, July 8th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Fowler, 1; A. Spracklen, 2; J. South, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 7th, 720 Bob Minor. J. South, 1; J. Evans, 2; A. Spracklen, 3; R. Bunston, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6.

BRIDGEND.—At St. Illtyd's church, 720 College Single. D. J. Hurford, 1; J. Evans (first in the method), 2; A. Spracklen, 3; J. South, 4; J. Cox, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, August 10th, 720 College Single. J. South, 1; A. Spracklen, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Bunston, 4; J. Cox, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to A. Spracklen, who left for South Africa on August 13th. On Sunday, August 14th, 360 Grandsire Minor and 360 Bob Minor. T. South, 1; J. Evans, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Bunston, 4; J. Cox, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. For evening service 1080 Grandsire, College Single and Bob Minor. J. South, 1; J. Evans, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; J. Cox, 4; R. Bunston, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. On Saturday, August 27th, for practice, 720 College Single. J. Evans, 1; J. South, 2; R. Evans, 3; R. Bunston, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 28th, 720 College Single. R. Evans, 1; J. Evans, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; J. South, 4; R. Bunston, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 College Single. J. Evans, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. South, 3; R. Bunston, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6.

LLANGWYND.—On August 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor W. Hardwick, 1; A. Spracklen, 2; J. Evans, 3; J. Cox, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. And several short touches of Grandsire and College Single, with E. Fowler, of Coity. This is the first of Minor on the bells. This is a nice handy ring of six, tenor 8 cwt., and want looking after properly.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service at Christ Church, 240 Kent. Joe Thackray, 1; B. Cowling (conductor), 2; Jos. Summersall (Pateley Bridge), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J Guy, 6. Also 240 Kent called differently, and 72 Oxford. B. Cowling (conductor), 1; J. Green (Pudsey), 2; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Kent. *B. Cowling (conductor), 1; J. Green, 5; †J. Summersell, 3; Joe Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. *First 720 as conductor when ringing the treble. †First 720 in the method, his longest length previous to this date being a plain course.

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BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; J. Mathis, 7; J. Sinden, 8.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, August 28th, at the residence of Mr, G. Williams, on handbells retained in hand, 112 Grandsire Triples. Mrs G. Williams, 1-2; G. Williams, 3-4; J. George (conductor), 5-6; V. Scardifield, 7-8.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, August 2nd, 720 Kent. G. Rice (conductor), 1; H. Perkins, 2; B. Pettit, 3; H. Evans, 4; E. Perkins, 5; G. Maxim, 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Maxim, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Friday, August 5th, another 720 Kent. G. Rice (conductor), 1; H. Perkins, 2; W. Underwood, 3; H. Evans, 4; E. Perkins, 5; P. Newman, 6. Rung on the occasion of the annual treat of the Church Sunday School. On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; H. Evans, 2; B. Pettit, 3; G. Rice, 4; E. Perkins, 5; P. Newman, 6. On Tuesday, August 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Underwood, 1; H. Perkins, 2; G. Maxim, 3; H. Evans, 4; E. Perkins, 5; P. Newman, 6. Rung on the twenty-first birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

GORLESTON (Norfolk).—On Sunday, July 24th, after evening service at St. Andrew's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Fuller, 1; D. Hayward, 2; H. Arnott, 3; A. Webber, 4; C. Fenn, 5; T. Faulkner (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 31st, after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Christian, 1; D. Hayward, 2; T. Faulkner (conductor), 3; ———, 4; C. Fenn, 5; F. R. Borrett, 6. On Thursday, July 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Tooley, 1; W. Blyth, 2; A. Webber, 3; D. Hayward (conductor), 4; G. Orford, 5; G. Read, 6.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Sunday morning, July 24th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicholas, 503 Grandsire Caters. G. Read, 1; W. Blyth, 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Secret, 4; C. Fenn, 5; T. Faulkner, 6; T. Tooley, 7; A. Webber, 8; D. Hayward (conductor), 9; R. Tooley, 10.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, July 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hall, 1; J. Potter, 2; H. Springall, 3; I. Dear, 4; W. H. Doran (conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. On Sunday morning, August 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). W. Hall, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. Pye, 3; I. Dear, 5; J. Dale, 5; I. Hills, 6. I. Hills hails from Bedford. On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Court. W. Hall, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. Pye, 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Dale (conductor), 5; W. Watson, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. Rung on the sixty-first birthday of A. W. Hall, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, August 31st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. R. Faux, 1; T. Verry, 2; A. Flowers, 3; S. Reeves, 4; T. Westwood, 5; W. H. Godden, 6; W. Verry, 7; R. Spackman, 8.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, September 4th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original in 44 mins. J. Chivers, 1; W. J. Wolfe, 2; W. Nightingale (first quarter-peal), 3; T. Card (conductor), 4; J. Smith, 5; G. H. Stonestreet, 6; G. Card, 7; W. Steed, 8.

WOOD GREEN (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Paul's church, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, composed by the late Henry Johnson, in 37 mins. A. Cooper, 1; J. Lloyd, 2; H. Tinsley, 3; J. Gough, 4; G. Newbold, 5; W. Johnson (conductor), 6; J. Malpass, 7; J. Hamilton, 8. This is the longest length by the treble, 5th and 7th men. This is a new company under the tutorship of W. Johnson.

## Compositions.

### PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAXIMUS.

*By* JOHN HOWES, *Kingston-on-Thames.*

5016.

| 23456 | I | 4 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34256 | | – | |
| 42356 | | – | |
| 35426 | | – | – |
| 54326 | | – | |
| 32546 | | – | – |
| 34625 | – | – | – |
| 46325 | | – | |
| 63425 | | – | |
| 42635 | | – | – |
| 26435 | | – | |
| 43265 | | – | – |
| 32465 | | – | |
| 24365 | | – | |
| 36245 | | – | – |
| 64235 | | | – |
| 23645 | | – | – |
| 24536 | – | – | – |
| 45236 | | – | |
| 23456 | | – | – |

This peal has the 5th and 6th only in sixths place at the course-ends.

### TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* F. E. W. MEADOWS, *Otley, Suffolk.*

5024.

| 23456 | W | 5ths | 4ths | B | M | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 43526 | | – | – | | – | – |
| 54326 | | | | | | – |
| 35426 | | | | | | – |
| 43265 | | | | I | – | – |
| 24365 | | | | | | – |
| 32465 | | | | | | – |
| 46325 | – | | | | | – |
| 34625 | | | | | | – |
| 63425 | | | | | | – |
| 42635 | – | | | | | – |
| 64235 | | | | | | – |
| 26435 | | | | | | – |
| 32546 | – | | | 2 | – | – |
| 53246 | | | | | | – |
| 25346 | | | | | | – |
| 25634 | | | | 2 | – | – |
| 62534 | | | | | | – |
| 45236 | | | | | – | – |
| 24536 | | | | | | – |
| 52436 | | | | | | – |
| 43256 | S | | | | | – |
| 24356 | | | | | | – |

Repeated.

The above has the 6th twenty-two times at home with the 2nd never in 6ths place at a course-end, and the 3rd only twice there.

5072.

| 23456 | W | B | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23645 | – | 2 | – |
| 62345 | | | – |
| 36245 | | | – |
| 24365 | – | | – |
| 32465 | | | – |
| | W | M | H |
| 45326 | –* | S | – |
| 34526 | | | – |
| 53426 | | | – |
| 42536 | – | | – |
| 54236 | | | – |
| 23546 | – | | – |
| 52346 | | | – |
| 35246 | | | – |
| 24356 | – | | – |
| 32456 | | | – |

Repeat the last part three times, with bob for single in 1st and 2nd parts, and single for bob at * in last part.

This peal has only the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6ths place at the course-ends.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* EDGAR WIGHTMAN, *Woodford.*

5216.

| 23456 | W | B | M | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 42356 | | | | – |
| 45263 | – | – | – | S |
| 32456 | – | | – | – |
| 53264 | – | – | | – |
| 42536 | – | | – | – |
| 54236 | | | | – |
| 25364 | | – | – | – |
| 32564 | | | | – |
| 63245 | – | – | | – |
| 26345 | | | | – |
| 32645 | | | | – |
| 43256 | – | – | | – |
| 24356 | | | | – |
| 24563 | | – | | – |
| 35246 | – | | – | – |
| 23465 | | – | – | – |
| 42365 | | | | – |
| 34265 | | | | – |
| 23654 | | – | – | – |
| 62354 | | | | – |
| 36254 | | | | – |
| 23546 | | – | – | – |

Repeated.

Reduced to 5088 by calling the course in one part W R will bring up the following course-end.

This peal has the full combination of 4, 5, 6, and the 2nd never in 5ths or 6ths at a course-end, and the 3rd only when the 6th is one way in that position.

### A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

*By* W. HOLMES, *Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

1898.

12345678

12436587
14263857
41628375
41263857
14628375
16482735
61847253
61482735
16847253
18674423

Odd Changes,

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54326 | | | 2 | 2 |
| 62345 | I | | I | I |
| 43265 | | | 2 | 2 |
| 35264 | I | | | 2 |
| 24653 | I | | I | 2 |
| 23456 | | – | I | I |

### A QUARTER PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

*By* JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

1259.

| 23456 | |
|---|---|
| 42356 | * |
| 64253 | ** |
| 45263 | 9th in three |
| 24563 | 8th in three |
| 32465 | 8th in three s |
| 53264 | 8th in three s |
| 25364 | 8th in three |
| 32564 | 8th in three |
| 43265 | 8th in three s |
| 54362 | 8th in three s |
| 35462 | 8th in three |
| 23564 | 8th in three s |
| 42365 | 8th in three s |
| 32546 | 8th in three |

*7th in with bob, 9th in with single, out at next lead with bob.

**7th in with bob and out at three with single.

This composition has the 6th twelve courses behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position.

### A 720 OF PLAIN BOB MINOR.

*By* E. G. GALE, *Melton Mowbray.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| B | 23564 | I |
| S | 63452 | 2 |
| S | 53246 | 2 |
| S | 35462 | I |
| S | 42356 | 4 |

Five times repeated.

Bob for single middle and end.

## PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

*By* JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

5075.

23456

42356 7th in and out at 3
35246 8th in 3 s
23546 9th in 3
52346 9th in 3
24356 8th in 3
32456 9th in 3
43256 9th in 3
25346 8th in 3 s
32546 9th in 3
53246 9th in 3
34256 8th in 3
23456 9th in 3
35426 8th in 3
42536 8th in 3 s
54236 9th in 3
65432 9th in 3 s
43562 8th in 3 s
24365 9th in 3 s
32465 9th in 3
53264 9th in 3 s
25364 9th in 3
32564 9th in 3
43265 9th in 3 s
23564 8-9
42365 9th in 3 s
34265 9th in 3
23465 9th in 3
52364 9th in 3 s
35264 9th in 3
56234 8th in 3
*23654
42356 8th in 3 s
25346 9th in 3
32546 8th in 3
53246 8th in 3
24356 9th in 3 s
32456 8th in 3
43256 8th in 3
35246 9th in 3
23546 8th in 3
52346 8th in 3
34256 9th in 3 s
23456 8th in 3
62354 8th in 3 s
25364 9th in 3
32564 8th in 3
43265 8th in 3 s
24365 8th in 3
32465 8th in 3
53264 8th in 3 s
23465 9-8
52364 8th in 3 s
35264 8th in 3
23564 8th in 3
42365 8th in 3 s

The 8th in with three bring rounds.

This composition contains all the 5-4s and 5-6s, with the bells in the tittums and inverted home positions.

* 9th in with s, out next lead with bob and, s next lead.

## PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

*By* S. WOOD, *Ashton-under-Lyne.*

5021.

23456

4235 1 4
3425 9th in 3
2345 9th in 3
3542 9th in 3
4352 8th in 3
3254 9th in 3
2453 8th in 3
5243 9th in 3
4523 9th in 3
5324 8th in 3
2534 9th in 3
3452 8th in 3 s
4253 8th in 3
5423 9th in 3
2543 9th in 3
5342 8th in 3
4532 9th in 3
5234 8th in 3
2435 8th in 3
3245 9th in 3
4325 9th in 3
3524 8th in 3
2354 9th in 3
5432 8th in 3 s
34625 M
6342 9th in 3
4632 9th in 3
6234 8th in 3
3624 9th in 3
6423 8th in 3
4326 8th in 3
2436 9th in 3
3246 9th in 3
2643 8th in 3
4263 9th in 3
6324 8th in 3 s
3426 8th in 3
2346 9th in 3
4236 9th in 3
2634 8th in 3
3264 9th in 3
2463 8th in 3
4362 8th in 3
6432 9th in 3
3642 9th in 3
6243 8th in 3
4623 9th in 3
2364 8th in 3 s
63542 M
56342 9th in 3
24653 8th in 2
62453 9th in 3
25463 8th in 3
42563 9th in 3

9th in and out at 2. This peal contains the extent of the 5th and 6th before the 7th in the tittums position.

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This quarter-peal contains all the twenty-four 5-6s the right way; also the seven 5-6s, five 7-6s, and all the possible leads with 5-6-7 coursing each other in that order, and is the first published containing these qualities.

*** A valued correspondent points out the following: Mr. Lucas's peal is false; the peal by Mr. Matthews belongs to Shipway, and the Bob Triples by Mr. Brettell is also false.

We have now cleared our composition file of all old peals. We trust that more care will be taken in the future in sending figures, that the peals may be true, and their notation clear.

Look out for the **EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS OF HANDBELLS.**

## 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 some to hand not later than Wednesday morning

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 3 p.m, at St. John's schoolroom, Queen Street, Cardiff Election of officers, adoption of revised rules. The bells of St. John's will be available for ringing.

Rev. D. H. Griffiths, *Hon. Sec.*
H. G. White, *Assistant-Hon. Sec.*

Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tidenham, near Chepstow, today, Saturday, September 10th. The towers of Chepstow and Caldecott will be open to members. Cheap fares from Bristol and Gloucester. C. E. D. Boutflower, *Hon. Sec.*
30, *Broad Street, Bristol.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, West Didsbury, to-day, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

W. Brown, *Branch Sec.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Wingerworth, to-day, Saturday, September 10. Meeting at The Hunloke Arms at 5.30 p.m.

T. Allibone, *Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey, at St. John's, Hillingdon, to-day, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Business meeting for the election of district officers, to which all members are earnestly invited to attend. The practice nights at St. Mary's, Ealing, will be on Mondays at 7.30 p.m; at Isleworth on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

C. Edwards, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Todmorden parish church to-day, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringing friends will be welcomed at the meeting. E. B. Shaw, *Branch Sec.*

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James, Higher Sutton, to-day, Saturday, September 10th.

Joseph Norbury, *Branch Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will take place at Dunster, to-day, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Short service in parish church at 4 p.m. with an address by the Rev. Prebendary Hook, Business meeting to follow. Towers open—Dunster (8 bells); Minehead (8); Carhampton (6); Old Cleeve (6).

Hy. W. Tomkins, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*
*The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting will be held at Lindley to-day, Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 5.30 p.m. Business—Purchase of new cup, etc.

Geo. H. Simon, *Hon. Sec.*
*King's Mills, Knottingley.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, Sept. 10th, at St. Paul's church, Walkden (8 bells). Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers invited.

H. Moss, *Branch Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Quarterly and Committee Meeting of this Association will be held at Stoke Prior, near Bromsgrove, on Saturday, September 17th. A short service will be held in the church at 5.30, to which all are cordially invited. Business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. The Rev. C. Stockdale, Vicar, will preside. He has also kindly placed the tower and bells at the disposal of the members.

N.B.—The Secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding contributions.

John Smith, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.*

The Sheffield and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, September 17th. Excursion leaves Great Central at 2.20., fare 1s. return.

John Mulligan.
113, *Fulton Road, Walkley, Sheffield.*

The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting on September 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch.

Half-day Excursion.—Arrangements have been made with Messrs. Thos. Cook and Sons for a half-day excursion to leave Leeds for Skipton at 1.10 p.m., returning from Skipton at 9.30 p.m. Passengers will be booked through from Bradford, travelling by ordinary trains to Saltaire, at which place they will join the trip. See small bills for particulars.

Members are reminded that the official year terminates on September 30th, on which date all subscriptions for the current year must be paid, or membership ceases. Those members whose subscription is unpaid at the meeting on September 17th, and are notified by circular, forfeit their right to a copy of the annual report. It is especially requested that in future all subscriptions be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Stainthorpe, Pynate Terrace, Carlinghow Batley, who has kindly undertaken to forward receipts and reports.

Ben. T. Copley, *Hon Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—It has been decided by the committee that the place of annual meeting be held at Bolton, instead of Preston, owing to the unveiling of the tablet to the memory of their late Secretary, Mr. Joel Redford. Nominations for the following offices are respectfully requested to be forwarded to Mr. Wreaks not later than the first week in September, viz: President, corresponding secretary, ringing secretary (unexpired), assistant secretary, treasurer. Notices of alteration of rules should be forwarded by same date. Committeemen are required for the following branches; Liverpool, 1; Rossendale, 2; Preston, 1; Fylde, 1; Blackburn, 1; Manchester, 1. Present members are respectively R. S. Mann, J. B. Taylor, and Z. Lord; J. Mather, G. Maries, W. Slater, R. Ridyard, and who are eligible for re-election. All members owing subscriptions are urgently asked to pay the same by the end of this month to their respective branch secretaries, or forward the same to the General Secretary. Further particulars by circular.

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## NOTES TO PEALS.

The Peal at Solihull, Warwickshire.—This peal contains the 6th eleven times behind the the 9th, ten times behind the 8th, and the 5th ten times behind the 9th and twelve times behind the 8th, with all the 5-6s and 6-5s in the tittums & handstroke home position, with six singles, and is now rung for the first time. (The report of this peal appeared last week.)

The Peal at Bedford.—This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times before the 9th, and seven times behind the 7th in the inverted tittum position, and twenty-four times behind the 8th in the handstroke home position. First peal on ten bells by ringers of 7 and 8, also first peal in the method with a bob bell by the ringers of 4 and 5. F. Harvey hails from Hertford; W. Lawrence from Little Munden; T. R. Hensher from Wellingborough; W. C. Hunt from North Shields; the remainder belong to Bedford.

Renovation of St. Paul's Cathedral Clock.—A body of about fifty workmen are busily engaged in repainting and renovating the the ironwork in St. Paul's Cathedral and painting the railings, etc., in the churchyard. The Dean and Chapter have decided this year to put a new face to the clock, and Wednseday half a dozen skilled workmen began the task. The new dial will be ready for fixing in a few days.

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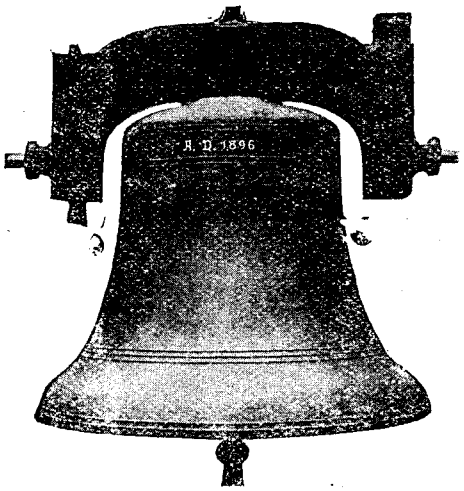


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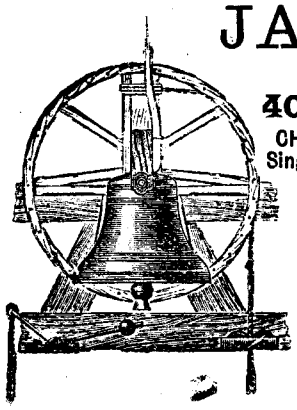

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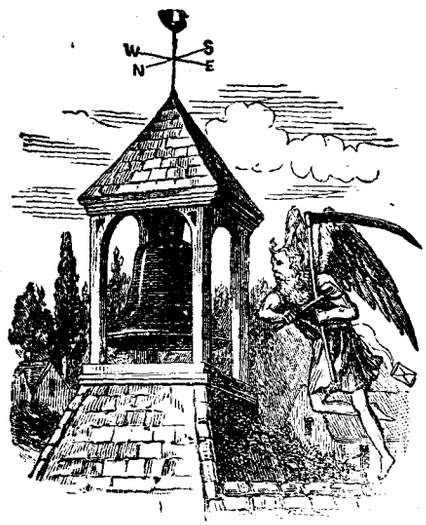


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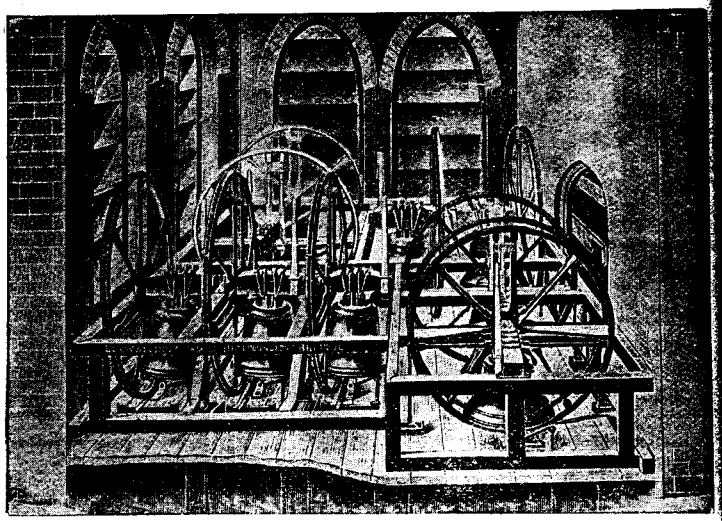

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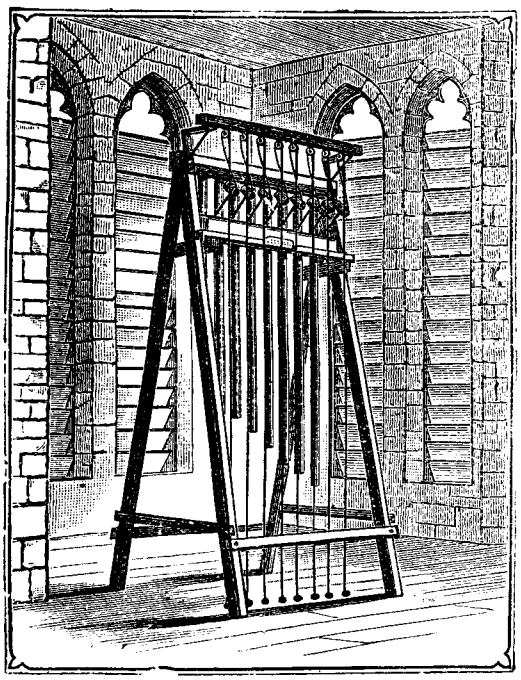

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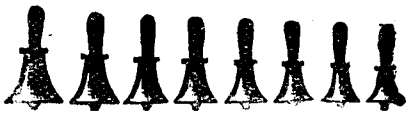

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# The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

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## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### Presentation to Mr. F. E. Ward.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Tidenham, near Chepstow, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when there were present representatives from the following towers, viz.: Bristol (St. Stephen's), Cheltenham, Chepstow, Gloucester (St. Michael's), Swindon, Thornbury and Tidenham. Proceedings commenced with a service in the church, when an able and thoroughly practical address was given by the Rev. V. C. Reynell Reynell, D.D., the Vicar. The subsequent meeting was, through the kindness of the Trustees, held at the Memorial Hall in the village, when the Vicar took the chair. Several new members were elected, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the churchwardens, the choir, a goodly number of whom kindly attended the service, and also to the trustees for kindly lending the hall.

At the end of the business the Master, Mr. F. G. May, of Gloucester, on behalf of the Association, asked Mr. Ward's acceptance of a silver-mounted oak tea tray, on the occasion of his recent marriage. In doing so he stated that Mr. Ward was for two years Master of the Association, and had been for the past nine years Hon. Treasurer; that he had scored seventy-three peals for the Association, eleven of which he had conducted; that he had taken part in all the peals in the more difficult methods which had been rung by the members. He had also given up a great deal of time in helping on young ringers, and thus had greatly promoted the art of change-ringing in the Diocese, and the interests of the Association. In conclusion, he wished Mr. and Mrs. Ward much health and happiness for very many years.

Mr. Ward in responding, thanked the members most heartily for making him such a handsome present. He said he found on looking back that he had taken part in more than a hundred peals, and thus might be said to have started married life in his second century. It was a work of love with him to do all he could to assist the Association. He had stuck to it through all its ups and downs, possibly he might occasionally have assisted in its ups, and he no doubt from time to time contributed to its downs.

In the evening a peal of Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Austin, and which will be found recorded in its proper place, was rung at Chepstow to mark this interesting event, Mr. Ward himself taking part. The bells at Tidenhall are a light but musical ring of six which have been recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the "go" of them is everything that can be desired.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above was held on Saturday, September 10th, at the St. John's Schoolroom, Queen Street, Cardiff. There was a fair muster of members, but not so large as we should like to see present at the annual meeting, when the most important business of the year in connection with the Association is transacted. Every member should make a special effort to put in an appearance at this meeting. They owe it to their respective towers no less than to the Association.

The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport. The proceedings opened with prayer, after which the Hon. Sec., the Rev. D. H. Griffiths, read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. The rules amended and revised at the 1897 meeting were adopted and confirmed. The balance sheet for the year displayed a good substantial balance in hand, viz.: £17 6s. 9d. We should like to see a considerable portion of this spent in sending instructors to various towers throughout the Diocese, where the members are not so efficient in the art of ringing as is desirable. Will any tower in need of instruction communicate with the assistant Secretary, Mr. H. G. White, 18, Cymmer Street, Cardiff, or Mr. Evan Davies, School House, Caerleon?

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. J. Vinnicombe, Penarth; Hon. Secs., Rev. D. H. Griffiths, M.A., and Mr. H. G. White, Cardiff; Hon. Treasurer, Rev. D. H. Griffiths; Auditors, Mr. W. Lloyd, Cardiff, and Mr. David Thomas, Penarth. Trevethin was fixed upon as the place of the next annual meeting. A vote of thanks to the chairman and the other officials present brought the meeting to a close.

The tower of the parish church of St. John the Baptist was open all day, and after the meeting the members availed themselves of the opportunity to have a few touches on the fine peal of ten bells hung therein. G.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27th, a meeting of this Guild was held at St. John's Church, Tue Brook, and considering the stormy weather that prevailed, a fair muster of members attended from Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, Upholland, besides the local company. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells, after which the members adjourned to St. John's Mission Room, where an excellent tea was provided and to which ample justice was done.

The business meeting was afterwards held, the senior curate, the Rev. J. R. McKee, presiding (the Vicar being away on his holiday). He said he was inexperienced to this kind of business, as this was his first meeting amongst ringers, but he was pleased to see the earnest way in which the business was carried out, and he should mix more amongst them. He was sorry the Vicar was away; and intimated his intention of becoming an honorary member.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit said, he was pleased to see the ringers who had braved the storm to attend the meeting, which spoke well for the interest taken in the Guild. It gave him great pleasure to propose a vote of thanks to the generous donors of the tea; and to the Vicar and other officials connected with St. John's Church for having everything in readiness, which made it an enjoyable meeting.

Several items of interest were discussed; one life, one honorary and two performing members were elected; and the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 6th, a number of ringers visited Benwell Church to attempt some change-ringing on the new peal after some alterations had been made in the tower. Between architects, carpenters and smiths, who are not professional bell-hangers, the bells have never been fairly ringable, and nowadays it would often appear that those who have charge of church tower building either lose sight of the object of such buildings, or are incompetent to carry out the intention of having a ringing peal properly installed. The simplest necessities of the ringer seem to be the last thought of, and as long as the tower looks right from the outside and the bells are got in, the ringers may shift for themselves. In this particular case, for one thing, the draught of rope was beyond the management of the most expert ringer, the bells being rung from the floor. This has now been remedied, and the ringers have been put into the loft above, where, after a few more alterations, which are expected to be shortly carried out, the peal may be decently ringable. Under various disadvantages, the following band succeeded in scoring first 720 on this peal, the method being Kent Treble Bob. J. Crawford (Chester-le-Street), 1; T. T. Gofton (conductor, Whitley), 2; W. Brown (Chester-le-Street), 3; R. S. Story (Whitley), 4; A. Meyers (Chester-le-Street), 5; W. Thompson (Whitley), 6. The bells are a very nice peal by Messrs. Carr and Son, and reflect great credit on them as founders. Tenor about 15 cwts.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above association was held at Wingerworth, on Saturday, September 10th, members being present from Clay Cross, North Wingfield, Ripley, Tibshelf, South Normanton, Ashover, Old Brampton, Wingerworth, also Mr. A. Knights, from Chesterfield.

The business meeting was held at The Hanloke Arms, being more central, the schoolroom being over a mile from the church. Mr. H. George, of Ripley, was voted to the chair. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were duly confirmed.

Three new members paid their entrance fee, thereby adding another tower to the Association, viz.: Old Brampton. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, Rev. F. Calder, for the use of the bells, also to the chairman for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

The bells, a musical ring of five, by Messrs. Taylor and Son, were kept merrily going during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands, to the tune of Grandsire, Old Doubles and Stedman, 120 being tapped off by the following members and visitors. J. Tarlton, 1; A. Knights (conductor), 2; B. Fletcher, 3; F. H. Kay, 4; H. George, 5.

T. A.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

The September meeting of the above was held at Lindley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday last. The meeting took place at The Globe inn, Mr. Sidney Goodhall, president, presiding over a well represented meeting. The most important business was the purchasing of another eight-bell competition cup, the other being won by Dewsbury three times in succession. It was ultimately agreed to write for catalogues to a few prominent firms, which catalogues will be laid before the annual meeting when, in the meantime, it is hoped that all members owing subscriptions will give this their attention. No other business was transacted: the remainder of the evening being spent in ringing. The next meeting will be held at Barnsley.

## SIR NICHOLAS CRISP.

The following extract, taken from *The Bury Post*, is forwarded in the hope that it may be interesting to our readers:—

"A ceremony, unique perhaps in its character, and of special interest to Bury St. Edmunds, which recalled to those who took part in it the stirring times of the Civil War, was some time ago performed in the church of St. Paul, Hammersmith. Against the spring of one of the arches on the south side of the nave is a memorial in black marble of King Charles I., beneath the bust a stone urn, and below this, on a marble slab, is the inscription: "Within this urn is enclosed the heart of Sir Nicholas Crisp, Knight and Baronet, a loyal sharer in the sufferings of his late and present Majesty." The body itself lay for over two centuries in the church of St. Mildred, Bread Street (now demolished), and recently on the application of Mr. Gibson-Cullum, Bury St. Edmunds, whose ancestor, Sir Thomas Cullum, first Baronet, married a first cousin of St. Nicholas, a faculty was issued for the re-interment in St. Paul's, Hammersmith. Therefore, after two hundred and thirty-three years, heart and body lie together in one God's Acre. The coffin was taken in the morning to the churchyard from Woking, and laid in a grave on the North-east side of the churchyard, and the ceremony afterwards consisted of the removal of the urn containing the heart to the same sepulchre. There are very few instances of heart burial, those of Richard Cœur de Lion and the gallant Montrose being perhaps the best known in this country. Sir Nicholas Crisp came of an old Leicestershire family, and was born in Bread Street, City, in 1598, a few years before Milton, the poet. He was an "adventurer," "a Rhodes of his day," as he was called by one of the speakers at the ceremony, and amassed a considerable fortune, which he spent in the Royalist cause. Before the Civil War he and Lord Mulberry, both living at Hammersmith, took a leading part in establishing a Chapel of Ease for the township, then part of Fulham parish. Crisp contributed, indeed, £700 in money and material, and the church was a fine one. Bowack tells of "the furious zeal" which which the rebels destroyed the ornaments and pictures therein. Before and after the war the Baronet was a constant worshipper at St. Paul's. Some of the bricks he gave are embedded in the wall of the fine new church, of which the late Duke of Albany laid the foundation stone; and six of the eight bells in the tower are those which Crisp presented to the first building. During the reign of Charles I. he was a farmer of the Customs.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAMD YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 9th, at the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, the bells were rung muffled, and the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Grandsire Caters. Performed as a tribute of respect and esteem to the memory of the late Lord Winchilsea, who was a member of the above society for several years, frequently meeting the society at St. Martin's, and taking great delight in ringing the tenor behind to touches of Stedman Cinques.

## Review.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—["BELL NEWS" Office.]—It may seem a misnomer to call this clean-printed pamphlet "the First" report, because reports of Middlesex Associations have previously been *en evidence*. At one period the county had two Associations, totally distinct and apart from each other; and it will be within the recollection of every reader that a fusion of the two was brought about somewhat recently. The proposals for amalgamation were not received at first very cordially in some quarters, and there may have been apparent reasons for the apprehension that the blending of the two bodies would not be altogether beneficial. The issue of the Report under consideration, however, proves that any dolorous conjectures of such a nature have been effectively dispelled, and that the amalgamation has greatly consolidated the ringers of the Metropolitan county into one harmonious whole.

This therefore is the First Annual Report of the new County Association. It consists of no less than fifty pages of clean sharp printing, upon an excellent paper. There is very little in its usual formal parts—members' names, rules, and the like—needing particular notice. It is produced in the well-known form and style peculiar somewhat to the office wherein it was printed, and the regularity of its order is of that cast, so to speak. The peals are but nineteen in number for the year, but they comprise three of Superlative, and three of Stedman Triples. There are the figures also of several compositions, some of which, though the author's name is given, have a questionable origin. They are however put together in a most compact manner, showing the advantages of having engaged upon such work those who know its meaning, and understand its proper and clear interpretation. The balance-sheet shows that a sum of £5 17s. 0d. is in hand; and taking into consideration that this Association is fast becoming a favourite with metropolitan ringers of every description, a much greater balance can be looked for after the operations of another year.

The Report proper is a document of very interesting nature, and we may suppose it is from the pen of Mr. Arthur King. This gentleman has previously been mentioned in this paper as an ideal officer, and the representations made to us before writing this review establish his value as a grand mainspring of a ringing Association. While there is nothing to cavil at in this report, there is much to admire; and if the space at our disposal allowed us to extract passages here and there for the interest of readers, we should hardly tell how to do so. We should, in fact, be led into giving the whole of it without the slightest abbreviation.

There is one very excellent feature in the Middlesex Report, a feature not often seen, but which it is hoped may become frequent. What we allude to is the publication of a short history of some ring of bells belonging to to a tower which is in union with the Association or Guild. That selected for this treatment in the Middlesex Report is entitled "The Bells of All Saints, Isleworth." Five pages of very interesting information are given, in which the lore and traditions of the bells appear in full; conjectures upon the origin of the name "Isleworth;" glances at the church's history, its building and restorations, its picturesque position; the traditional music of its bells, their inscriptions, etc., and much other kindred lore.

Thus we read that Isleworth church is picturesquely situated on the Middlesex shore of the Thames, and the bells send back answering music along the river to the distant bells of Richmond.

> Melodious echoes for the sportive winds
> To waft around in fitful cadences.

We are told in a reference to the bell inscriptions that "the founders of the last century seemed to have 'dropped into poetry' after the fashion of Silas Wegg, spending their quaint conceits far and wide, in the ordinary course of business. Stonemasons have done the same for our monumental epitaphs. In both cases the spelling is often atrocious," and lest the feelings of readers of this report "should be harrowed by productions which sadly display the need of a schoolmaster abroad," the liberty of reproducing the inscriptions with the spelling modernised is taken.

We could really find a pleasure in culling extracts *ad lib.*, but the usual cause prevents us. Mr. King and his colleagues must be complimented on the production of this Report, the singular features of which is very worthy of imitation.

## 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,—Will you be good enough to allow me to make the following corrections:—

1st.—In your issue of August 20th a 504 of Grandsire Triples rung at Wellingborough is, by a printer's error, put *Stedman* Triples (a method we do not at present practice).

2nd.—In report of Central Northamptonshire Association's meeting at Raunds on August 27th, a paragraph referring to change-ringing at Raunds is made to end abruptly "whence it migrated." It should have read: "whence it migrated from Irthlingborough by means of those old veterans Messrs. J. Houghton and R. Neville, the former being present at the meeting, and the latter having been dead several years."

I should also like to add that when Irthlingborough tower was rebuilt and the bells rehung as a ring of eight, half-pull ringing travelled back from Raunds to Irthlingborough by the teaching of Mr. Stubbs, where, as your columns have testified for several years past, it has taken firm root and spread into various intricate methods.

*Wellingborough.* E. J. DENNES.

### DATE TOUCHES.

SIR,—I very much disapprove of date touches which cannot be composed and rung to the method, and therefore do not agree with Mr. J. J. Parker's suggestion in "The BELL NEWS" of September 10th. I consider he is as far away from the method by suggesting the treble to dodge as Mr. E. Cook, of Cardiff, is by allowing the treble to lie still, and, in my opinion, such touches should be condemned until 1904, when the anxious composer will be able to get the full treble lead. In my opinion the following example would be better than recommended by Mr. Parker for 1898:—

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.—The second annual outing of this Guild took place on August 1st, in lovely weather, Wraysbury and Old Windsor being the places selected. A start was made from Paddington at 9.15, Windsor being reached soon after 10.0. Here we were met by Mr. A. Virgo Buckland, a member of the Guild, who conducted us to the church, where we were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Hake, and Mr. Harwood, the latter having come over from Old Windsor to meet us. The bells having been previously raised by our cycle contingent, who had arrived first, 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. S. Davie, W. E. Garrard, H. W. Cotton, A. E. Bradley, A. F. Harris, T. E. Harwood (conductor), W. Fox and J. Judd. This was followed by 258 in the same method, then a quarter-peal by S. Davie, W. E. Garrard (conductor), H. W. Cotton, A. E. Bradley, A. F. Harris, W. E. Judd, W. Fox, A. V. Buckland (first quarter-peal). This was followed by two courses of Stedman Triples, in which Mr. Harwood took part. The Vicar then rung the treble through a short touch of Grandsire, in a manner which spoke well for his future performance in the art. This concluded the ringing at Wraysbury, which was much enjoyed, the bells going perfect, and the hearing all that could be desired. A move was then made to the Church Institute, where an excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Virgo Buckland. The Vicar having said grace, an attack was made on the good things provided, the course-ends being brought up in fine style. This over, the Vicar expressed his pleasure at the company visiting his parish, and invited the members to come and ring a 5000 at an early date. Mr. Garrard proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Buckland for his kindness in providing such an excellent spread; also to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for giving so much of his valuable time, which was much appreciated. Another visit was paid to the church, where we found Mr. R. A. Daniell awaiting us, having been unavoidably prevented joining the party earlier. While some courses were being rung on the handbells, the Vicar conducted the rest of the party over the church, and pointed out some very old brasses, the font, and other matters of interest. Goodbyes were now exchanged, and a start made for Old Windsor, where, by the courtesy of the Vicar, the bells were at our disposal for a peal, and an attempt was made for Holt's Original. The attempt, however, was not successful, and some touches were afterwards rung, concluding with five courses of Stedman Triples by R. A. Daniell, 1; W. E. Judd, 2; T. E. Harwood, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; W. Fox, 5; A. F. Harris, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; H. Wilson, 8. After tea had been partaken of, we walked to Windsor, whence we returned in the evening to town, after a very pleasant day. D.

THE WINSHILL SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Saturday, September 3rd, this society held its annual outing, Shepshed being the place selected; starting from Winshill at 8.30 by brake, via Woodville and Ashby Belton to Shepshed, arriving at 11.15, they were met by some of the local band. After the usual introduction and light refreshments, a move was made to the church, were a 720 of Plain Bob was rung in 27 mins. T. Gilbert, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; W. Wylde, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. Afterwards two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by W. Wylde, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; George Wright (conductor), 3; F. Shepherd, 4; the rest being local men. A move was then made for dinner at The Vine inn, which consisted of roast beef, veal, fowl, duck, plum pudding, cheese and salad. The Brothers Shepherd played a few tunes on the handbells. The tower was again visited, when a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. on the back six by C. Brown, 1; G. Wright, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; W. Wylde, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., conducted by one of the local band. Six-scores of Grandsire Doubles by Messrs. Wylde, Gilbert, Plummer, Parker, Gilbert, and J. Woodward, concluded the ringing on tower bells. Walking round the town with the local ringers a halt was made at The Britannia, kept by a brother-string, where songs were the order, contributed by Messrs. Hoyle, Johnson, and F. Shepherd. A smoke with the landlord, in memory of his old friend John Austin, of Gloucester, who was formerly a member of Winshill, brought to a close a good day at 7 o'clock. With a good shake hands and hearty thanks to the local ringers for their kindness, which will not be forgotten, a start was made for home, a halt being made at Ashby for refreshments. The final destination of the party was reached by 10 o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" (which is taken in by the Shepshed company), to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also all who helped to make the outing pleasant. G. W.

THE MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.—The annual picnic of this company took place on Saturday, September 3rd, and the place chosen was Rhyl. They were accompanied by the members of the voluntary choir, the total number being about forty-six, which was again augmented after dinner by those who were unable to go earlier. The arrangements were carried out under the supervision of the Rev. H. A. Hudson, curate; the weather being beautiful and fine. Leaving Exchange Station at 7.45 a.m., they arrived at Rhyl at 9.40 a.m. Breakfast was partaken of at 10.40, to which all did ample justice. The ringers then visited the church of St. Thomas's, and through the kind permission of the Vicar rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. C. Fairley, 1; A. Wilson, 2; R. Ravenscroft, 3; E. Hewitt, 4; C. Bridgford, 5; J. Morris, 6; J. Eachus (conductor), 7; W. H. Court, 8. Arrangements were made in the meantime for a drive to Bodelwyddan church, at 2.30 p.m., arriving there about 3 o'clock. Here the visitors were shown through the interior, and various objects were explained by the attendant. Permission was kindly given by the Vicar to ring on the bells. On ascending the belfry, only seven ropes could be seen. However, while the bells were being raised, one of the local ringers came to the rescue, and hastily put on a rope to the treble, and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung in the following order: C. Fairley, 1; A. Wilson, 2; R. Ravenscroft, 3; C. Bridgford, 4; E. Hewitt, 5; J. Morris. 6; J. Eachus (conductor), 7; W. H. Court, 8. Leaving here, they then rode on to St. Asaph and visited the Cathedral. Many objects of interest were shown and explained to them. Afterwards an ascent was made to the top of the tower, from which a magnificent view was obtained of the surrounding country. The return journey was made at five o'clock, arriving at Rhyl a little before six o'clock. Dinner was served at 6.30, after which short strolls were made in the town previous to train time. During the return journey songs and glees were rendered, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rev. H. A. Hudson for his kindness in making such admirable arrangements, to which he responded. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. Canon Jones, of Bodelwyddan church, and the Rev. D. Edwards, of St. Thomas's, Rhyl, for their kindness and permission to ring on the bells. E. H.

THE KILLAMARSH SOCIETY.—This society had their second outing of the year on Saturday, September 10th, (the first one being on Whit-Saturday to the Potteries). This time the places chosen were Blyth, Bawtry, and Tickhill. The order was given to be seated at 7.30, and upwards of twenty ringers and friends responded to the call. The route chosen was by Harthill and Anston, then on by the Lindrick Golf Link, thence by the sleepy village of Carlton. Reaching Oldcoates, a stop was made for refreshment. Boarding the vehicles once more *en route* for Blyth, we were going in fine style, when an overcoat got away, trying to recapture it Mr. Emsen treated us to a gymnastic feat which landed him on his back in the middle of the road (oh for a camera). Reaching Blyth we were met by R. Burston and another of the locals, who gave us a hearty welcome. Making our way to the tower, the bells were raised, and were soon swinging to London Surprise, but this coming to grief another start was made, and a 720 was the result, being the first of Surprise on the bells. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; W. Lambert (Treeton), 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. W. Allwood (Treeton) made his appearance, and taking the treble a 360 of New London Pleasure was rung, R. Burston ringing the 5th. While this was in progress the Vicar came into the tower and gave us greeting, expressing his pleasure at seeing and hearing us ring. A look round the church was then made, still under the guidance of Mr. Burston. A very ancient coat of arms is preserved, and a splendid effigy of one of the Mellish family.

Time pressing, a hasty glance was given to the squint-holes, and a very ancient alms box found in the debris when the church was restored ten years ago. This belfry is lighted by electricity, which is installed in the church. Returning to The Oddfellows Arms (a ringing host), some refreshments were had, and bidding our Blyth friends adieu, we were once more on the road. Reaching Bawtry we were met by Mr. H. Wilson, who conducted us to the church. The bells were raised, and a 720 of Cambridge Surprise rung, followed by a 240 of Coventry, then lowering the bells we had a peep at the interior of the church, which was taken from the gallery. The large old-fashioned pews being in vogue here, gave the church a quaint appearance. Our guide having left us, we hope he will accept our regrets for not being able to stay any longer. Tickhill was reached shortly after three o'clock, where we found a substantial tea awaiting us at The Carpenters' Arms, provided by Mr. Jenkinson, one of the local ringers, to which justice was done by all. Wending our way to the church, the back six were raised with the assistance of one of the local men, and a 240 of Duke of York rung. It was intended to try for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but one or two being out of sorts, it was given up, and several touches were rung on the eight; a 720 of Primrose on the back six bringing the ringing to a close. C. Severn, 1; W. Lambert, 2; W. Allwood, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Ainley (Tickhill), 6. The ladies of the party wishing to hear the chimes play, the interval before eight o'clock was spent by some in looking round the town, others trying to sample the liquids supplied by host Jenkinson. One of the party attempted a comic reading of The Village Blacksmith, which was hugely enjoyed. Time flying apace, we had to take our seats once more, and bidding our Tickhill friends good-night, a start was made, and home safely reached by 11 p.m, having spent a very enjoyable day. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the respective vicars for granting us the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having the bells in readiness, and their uniform kindness at each place visited.

T. B.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 20th, Mr. Thomas Hollingsworth, President of the above Society, gave his annual trip, the place selected being Repton. A start was made by brake at 1.0 p.m. After an hour and a half's pleasant ride, Willington was reached, where the company was met by Mr. S. Cook. Repton was soon afterwards sighted. All arrangements had been made with the Vicar for ringing, and Mr. Brown, of The Shakespeare, for tea, which was served in grand style. Tea being over, a move was made to the church, which has a nice little ring of six, where a 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins.: L. Hollingsworth, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; H. Hollingsworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; J. Warren, 5; W. Earle (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: W. Malins, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; H. Hollingsworth (conductor), 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earle, 5; F. Hollingsworth, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with S. Cook at the treble. Lowering the bells the visitors adjourned to their head quarters, where handbell ringing was indulged in, and songs given by the members. The return journey was commenced about 9.30, home being reached about 11 o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They wish to thank the Vicar of Repton for the use of the bells.

THE PRESTWICH SOCIETY.—On Saturday, September 3rd, this Society held their annual picnic, the place selected being Disley, Cheshire. Arriving there at 2.30 p.m., we were met by Mr. James Johnson, one of the local band, who escorted us to The White Hart hotel. After refreshing the inner man, we made tracks to the parish church tower, and the bells were raised in peal, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. J. Gratrix, 1; A. Percival, 2; J. Heywood, 3; W. Stevens (conductor), 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Brooks, 6. We then adjourned to Mr. Platt's, confectioner, were a good knife and fork tea was partaken of, which needless to say, was done full justice to. Afterwards we met by appointment the Brothers Johnston and Mr. Atkinson, three of the local ringers, and they showed us through that splendid estate, Lyme Park, where deer and rabbits were running about in hundreds. We viewed the Old Hall and grounds, arriving back in the village soon after 7 o'clock, when we made for The Dandy Cock inn, were the remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, songs being given by Messrs. Percival, Heywood, Gratrix, Stevens, and the landlord. Train time came all too soon and goodbyes had to be said. We wish to thank, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, also the ringers for having everything in readiness; especially the Brothers Johnston and Mr. Atkinson for so kindly endeavouring to make our outing such a success.

J. G.

## MR. J. WILSON'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

Mr. J. Wilson, of Leicester, wishes us to insert the following particulars of ringing done while on his holiday :—

*Sunday, September 4th.*—At Pinchbeck met with two friends, Mr. J. Lackson and Mr. G. Ladd. Grandsire Doubles was rung for morning service. For evening service met with Mr. R. Creasey, the instructor at St. Paul's Fulney, Spalding, and rung some well-struck Grandsire Triples.

*Tuesday, September 6th.*—For practice at SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, met Mr. J. S. Wright and Mr. R. Mackman, and some Grandsire Triples was rung.

*Wednesday, September 7th.*—Visiting Holbeach I met with an old ringer, Mr. C. Hardy, who has been a ringer there for fifty-four years on a grand peal of eight.

## THE BELLS OF MONMOUTH.

For the general information of the Exercise generally, particularly our Gloucester friends, who some few years back had practically arranged for a peal on the bells of Monmouth, and which had to be postponed indefinitely owing to our diocesan architect forbidding the bells being rang for more than a 500 at the outside, and that only on special occasions, I am very pleased to be able to inform one and all that the Vicar and his co-workers haveenergetically took the matter in hand. The money required, nearly £150, has been got together. The advertisement duly appeared for estimates for the restoration of the four pinnacles at the base of the tower, two of which has been held together for some years past with cramps and strong wires. Tenders were received from—

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| Blackburn (Nottingham) ... ... ... | £193 | 15 | 0 |
| Edwards (Monmouth) ... ... ... ... | 142 | 0 | 0 |
| Mackie (Monmouth) ... ... ... ... | 127 | 0 | 0 |
| Lockwoods (Monmouth) ... ... ... | 119 | 0 | 0 |
| Jones (Monmouth) ... ... ... ... | 93 | 7 | 6 |

The contract was let to Jones, of Monmouth, and all being well will be completed by the middle of October, and after three months from passing the job by the architect, we again hope to hear the bells going once more. The first peal of course is for our Gloucester friends, who were more than disappointed in the days gone by.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1898.


THE brief account of a visit paid by a few members of the Durham and Newcastle Association to a place called Benwell, accentuates the deficiencies of architects and others concerned in designing a tower which is to contain bells. These deficiencies are known to most ringers; their name is legion; and we cannot attempt to point them out singly. It is high time that architects and all concerned were taught, in fact compelled to take into consideration first, that bells are placed in a church to be rung: secondly, that the arrangements for the ringers to efficiently perform such duties must be as perfect as possible, light and air, and room being most important factors. Nor does the necessity exist for the ringers' compartment to be placed within reach of the bells, or on the other hand at an unmeasurable distance away from them. Those who have to design churches ought to know what provision to make for bells and ringers, and their failure in such cases is either from sheer incapacity or culpable neglect. It depends, we suppose, on those who are interested in church building to see that a reform in this direction is effected in the future.

## The Metropolis.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, September* 10, 1898, *in Three Hours and Forty-seven 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 S. LANGDON | *Treble.* | CALEB FENN | 6. |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY | 2. | ROWLAND FENN | 7. |
| EDWARD P. O'MEARA | 3. | EBENEZER ANDREWS | 8. |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER | 4. | JAMES GEORGE | 9. |
| GEORGE R. FARDON | 5. | ALFRED W. BRIGHTON | *Tenor.* |

Composed by W. BOOTH, of Sheffield, and
Conducted by ALFRED WALTER BRIGHTON.

First peal in the method by W. S. Langdon. First peal of Royal by Messrs. Fenn (2) and Andrews.

## The Provinces.

### SPELDHURST, KENT.

### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Sunday, September* 4, 1898, *in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF TRBBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

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| JAMES BAKER | *Treble.* | GEORGE H. STONESTREET | 5. |
| JAMES MAYNARD | 2 | GEORGE TURLEY | 6. |
| EDWARD MANKELOW | 3. | THOMAS CARD | 7. |
| RICHARD PELLING | 4 | GEORGE A. CARD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.

### WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, September* 8, 1898, *in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN DRONFIELD | *Treble.* | JOHN PARKIN | 5. |
| GEORGE PARKIN | 2. | THOMAS ROBBINS | 6. |
| THOMAS MCKEGG | 3. | WILLIAM DRONFIELD | 7. |
| LEONARD JACKSON* | 4. | DAVID BREARLEY | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and
Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

This peal has the 4th twenty-two times in 6ths place, and the 6th the extent in that position, and is now rung for the first time. *First peal of Plain Bob.

### SHREWSBURY.—THE SALOP GUILD.

*On Saturday, September* 10, 1898, *in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| GEORGE J. TAYLOR | *Treble.* | FRED. W. TAYLOR | 5. |
| ARTHUR BENNETT† | 2. | *ALFRED FULLICK | 6. |
| WILLIAM J. TAYLOR | 3. | GEORGE BYOLIN | 7. |
| HERBERT JONES | 4. | *JOSEPH J. WYNN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by G. BYOLIN.

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

### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September* 10, 1898, *in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

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| JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. | *Treble.* | ALPHAEUS PERKINS | 5. |
| CHARLES CHASTY | 2. | WALTER PERKINS | 6. |
| THOMAS R. HENSHER | 3. | JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. | 7. |
| WILLIAM R. HENSHER | 4. | CHARLES WM. CLARKE | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

### BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September* 10, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.** Tenor 19 cwt.

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| GEORGE BOURNE | *Treble.* | THOMAS J SALTER | 6. |
| WILLIAM H BARBER | 2. | GEORGE HAYWARD | 7. |
| NOAH DAVIS* | 3. | *WILLIAM H. SMITH | 8. |
| ALBERT E. PARSONS | 4. | ADOLPHUS ROBERTS | 9. |
| WILLIAM SHORT | 5. | JOHN BARBER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by J. MARTIN, of Liverpool, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal of Royal. This is the conductor's 100th peal, and W. Short's 150th. Further reference will be found elsewhere.

### BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, September* 11, 1898, *in Three Hours,*

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

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

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

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| STANLEY HUTSON | *Treble.* | EDWARD FOREMAN | 5. |
| ERNEST ALLEN | 2. | SIDNEY WADE | 6. |
| CHARLES MILLWAY | 3. | GEORGE WILLSHIRE | 7. |
| RICHARD STAINES | 4. | EDWARD GOLDER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

First peal as conductor. S. Wade hails from London; E. Foreman from Herne Hill, Faversham; S. Hutson, C. Millway and R. Staines from Borden; the rest belong to Quex Park.

### CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September* 10, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| JOHN AUSTIN | *Treble.* | ROBERT THOMPSON | 5. |
| JOHN PRICKETT | 2. | JAMES MORLEY | 6. |
| ALFRED LAWRENCE | 3. | FRANCIS E. WARD | 7. |
| OWEN W. LAYNG | 4. | FRED G. MAY | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

### MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, September* 14, 1898, *in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

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| JAMES GRATRIX | *Treble.* | JOHN R. PRITCHARD | 6. |
| ALFRED WILSON | 2. | JOHN EACHUS | 7. |
| EDMUND HEWITT | 3. | RICHARD RIDYARD | 8. |
| WALTER BROWN | 4. | FRANIE HYDE | 9. |
| FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE | 5. | RICHARD NEWTON | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. EACHUS.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, September 12th, for practice at the Cathedral, 1260 Plain Bob Royal in 56 mins. B. Hill, 1; A. Hill, 2; W. Powell, 3; G. Checketts 4; W. Bright, 5; G. Hinton, 6; E. Jones, 7; W. H. Johnson, 8; W. Page (composer and conductor), 9; W. Lebbon, 10. Longest touch of Royal on the bells.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

HIGHER SUTTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, September 7th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Davenport, 1; W. H. Ingham (conductor), 2; W. Steele, 3; J. W. Davenport, 4; W. Matthews, 5; J. Minshull, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by all the band. Also touches of Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters on the

handbells. On Saturday, September 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. D. Wheelton, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; W. Steele, 3; A. Lomas, 4; J. M. Davenport, 5; J. Minshull (conductor), 6. Touches of Kent Treble Bob were also rung during the evening.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, September 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; S. Perkins, 2; A. Welsh, 3; W. Pollard, 4; W. Latter, 5; G. Kimber, 6; G. Smithers (conductor), 7; E. Mankelow, 8. On Sunday, September 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Smithers, 1; T. Groombridge, 2; H. Porter, 3; W. Latter (conductor), 4; W. Pollard, 5; J. Muggridge, 6; S. Perkins, 7; B. Page, 8. First 504 by W. Smith. T. Groombridge hails from Sevenoaks.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORNCASTLE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service, 180 and 216 Bob Minor. G. Belton, 1; J. Walsh, 2; W. Taylor, 3; G. M. Morton, 4; A. Howes (conductor), 5; W. Pickworth, 6. Tenor 18¼ cwt. W. Pickworth hails from South Tottenham. Recently on handbells 720 Bob Minor. G. M. Morton, 1-2; W. Taylor, 3-4; A. Howes (conductor), 5-6. Composed by J. Howes, of Kingston-on-Thames.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THEALE (Berks).—On Saturday, September 10th, at the church of The Holy Trinity, 720 Bob Minor. H. Stevens, 1; T. Herridge, 2; W. Horne, 3; C. Giles, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; A. W. Higgs (first 720 as conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. W. Higgs, 1; T. Herridge, 2; W. Clark, 3; C. Giles, 4; W. Horne (conductor), 5; A. E. Reeves, 6. On Sunday, September 11th, at 50, Connaught Road, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. A. E. Reeves, 1-2; C. Giles (conductor), 3-4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5-6; W. Horne, 7-8. First 500 on handbells by W. Horne.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Collins, 1; F. Richardson, 2; F. O. Nicholls, 3; J. S. Hawkins, 4; W. E. Taylor, 5; C. Green, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; J. C. Truss, 8. First 504 of Stedman by this band.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—On Sunday, September 4th, being Hospital Sunday, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before and after service, the following taking part: J. West, W. Wheatley, J. Garrell, F. Couzens, F. Malim, F. Wheeler, J. Howard, A. E. Nye, and W. E. Yates.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, September 11th, for the Harvest Festival at St. Mary's church, rounds were rung for morning and evening service to encourage the young ones. V. Sear, 1; A. Crane, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meagor, 4; R. Sear, 5; E. Marks, 6; A. N. Atkins, 7; J. Sear, 8. For evening service 560 Grandsire Doubles on the back six with 1-2 leading. L. Meagor, 1; A. N. Atkins, 2; V. Sear, 3; F. Hedges, 4; R. Sear, 5; E. Marks, 6; A. G. Crane, 7; J. Sear, 8. After service another 360 was rung with E. Tompkins, 1; L. Meagor, 2; A. N. Atkins, 6; the rest as before. J. Sear belongs to St. Paul's, Bedford; E. Tompkins to Newton Longville; F. Hedges to Newport Pagnell. V. Sear conducted during the day.

## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEFTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, September 10th, at St. Helen's church, 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Bentham, 1; W. Fairclough, 2; J. Taylor (conductor), 3; J. Marsh, 4; J. R. Park, 5; W. Arnold, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Roughley, 1; J. Marsh, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. Bentham, 4; J. R. Park, 5; W. Fairclough (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Roughley, 1; W. Fairclough, 2; J. Marsh, 3; J. Taylor, 4; W. Bentham (conductor), 5; J. R. Park, 6. Messrs. Roughley and Arnold belong to Sefton; the rest belong to Christ Church, Aughton.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, June 21st, at St. James' church, 720 Oxford Single Bob. H. Dakin, 1; F. Brace, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; A. J. Skelding (first with a bob bell), 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 5th, 720 Oxford Trenle Bob. G. H. Pagett, 1; F. Brace, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; A. J. Skelding, 4; W. Fryer, 5; A. Roberts (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. J. Skelding, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; F. Brace, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. On Monday, July 25th, 220 Grandsire Minor. J. H. Parsons, 1; F. Brace, 2; T. Heathcock, 3; A. Roberts (conductor), 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6. On Tuesday, August 9th, 720 College Single. T. Heathcock, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; A. Roberts, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakins (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the birthday of J. H. Parsons. On Tuesday, August 23rd, 720 Double Oxford Bob. A. Roberts (conductor), 1; F. Brace, 2; H. Dakin, 3; A. J. Skelding (first in the method), 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6. On Thursday, September 8th, for the Harvest Fesiival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Fryer, 1; F. Brace, 2; H. Dakin, 3; A. J. Skelding, 4; A. Roberts, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 11th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. H. Parsons, 1; F. Brace, 2; H. Dakin, 3; A. J. Skelding, 4; W. Fryer, 5; A. Roberts (conductor), 6.

OLDSWINFORD (Worcestershire).—On Monday, July 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Whitehouse, 1; H. Skelding (first with a bob bell), 2; W. Newman, 3; T. Heathcock, 4; A. Roberts, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 3rd, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Single. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 10th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. On Sunday, July 17th, 720 Grandsire. On Sunday, August 14th, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). On Tuesday, August 15th, 720 College Single. R. Parkinson (conductor), 1; R. Sharples (first 720 away from the treble), 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; J. Bentley, 6. On Sunday, August 28th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6.

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BLACKPOOL (Lancashire)—On Sunday, September 4th, at St. John's church for afternoon service, 240 Bob Minor. G. Maries (conductor), 1; W. Gillett, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; J. Tipping, 4; J. Fell, 5; E. Tipping, 6.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, September 11th, for Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Day, 1; G. Moss, 2; E. Broom, 3; A. W. Symonds, 4; W. H. Symonds, 5; J. Buckenham, 6; C. Palmer, 7; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service, a course of London Surprise Major. W. Newman, 1; T. R. Hensher, 2; J. Garratt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; W. Pettitt, 6; *C. W. Clarke (Bedford), 7; A. Tyler, 8. Also a course of Superlative. A. Perkins, 1; W. Newman, 2; A. Tyler, 3; T. R. Hensher, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; *W. Perkins (Finedon), 7; Also a course of Stedman Triples. *First course in the method.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 4th, at St. Peter's church, 216 Grandsire Minor. G. Maries (conductor), 1; W. Gillett, 2; C. Pendlebury, 3; E. J. Gale, 4; E. Forsell, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (composed by E. J. Gale) in 24 mins. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; C. Kerr, 4; R. Seddon, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. An attempt for a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure was also made in the morning, but it came to grief after ringing 576 changes. The above touches were kindly arranged for E. J. Gale, of Melton Mowbray, during his holiday at Blackpool, and he desires to sincerely thank all those who so kindly made the holiday a most enjoyable one, especially Mr. Fell and Mr. Maries.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Saturday, August 27th, 416 Double Norwich, 224 Double Norwich, 224 Superlative Surprise, and a course of Stedman Triples. W. Perkins, W. Hensher, A. Tyler, J. Houghton, jun. J. Houghton, sen., W. Roughton, A. Robinson, H. Stubbs, W. Newman, J. Mawby, J. Martin, C Newman, T. Abbott.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. On Monday, September 5th, at St. Stephen's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 5th the observation. G. G. Rawson, 1; G. Pickering, 2; S. O. Ferry, 3; J. W. Dawson, 4; J. Foreman, 5; E. Ferry (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor by Messrs. Rawson, Pickering, and Foreman. Pickering and Foreman belong to St. Stephen's; the rest to St. Matthew's.

YAXLEY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 11th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 360 St. Simon's Minor. E. Buckenham, 1; W. H. Symonds, 2; J. Buckenham, 3; G. Moss, 4; A. W. Symonds, 5; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles with E. Symonds, 3.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

The practice of disingenuous composition will, I regret to say, receive an impetus through the contribution of Mr. Joseph J. Parker. I am afraid that coming from such an illustrious exponent of figures as the Master of the Farnham Royal Company, those who practice illegitimate composition will be encouraged. I do not mean to say that Mr. Parker has not made the best of a bad thing, but from him we should have looked for uncompromising censure of any method-deviation. I hope shortly to see in this paper a ukase to the effect that compositions (save the mark) of date touches and other things which cannot be procured legitimately shall not appear in its columns, at any price.

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I have been shown a reply to Mr. Parker's letter from my old friend George of Rugby. This letter is to appear this week, so that it will, like the references to peals, "be found elsewhere." Mr. George had better have thought twice before entering into a conflict of this sort, at any rate with one of Joseph Parker's calibre. In his first sentence he grandiloquently tells us that he disapproves of date-touches which mutilate the method; yet at the close of his letter he cannot resist the tempation of showing how such mutilations can be effected "better than that recommended by Mr. Parker." Modest this, and consistent. George, my old friend, stick to your last. Don't go away from your adaptations, or variations, of Grandsire Caters, and you may do well.

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Scarcely a number of this paper appears without some account of a testimonial being presented to a ringer for some reason or other. One of our brethren of Battle (Sussex) Mr. W. G. Thomas, is the latest recipient. The present (an 8-day clock) was given to him on the occasion of his marriage. Such a gift is sensible and practical; much more appropriate and valuable than a useless offering of a fanciful, or merely sentimental character. I hope Mr. Thomas and partner will live long enough to do more than mark time by their horologe.

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The death of the Earl of Winchilsea removes a nobleman from the ranks. I mean, of course, ringing ranks. Some time back we read of him ringing the tenor at the opening of the ten bells at Ewerby Church, Lincolnshire. He was anything but an idle man. He took great interest in the fortunes of agriculture, and even established a newspaper in its interests. He founded the National Agricultural Union, which was successful, among other things, in inducing railway companies to reduce their rates for farm produce. He also re-opened the famous Kirby quarries on his Northamptonshire estate. Among Lord Winchilsea's other outdoor recreations were bricklaying, glazing, and even the digging of dykes, in which accomplishment, it is said, he was not surpassed by any workman in the county. In the summer of 1895 he spent nearly all his holidays in repairing the roof of Ewerby church. He was in his forty-eighth year.

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My allusion last week to the great at Leeds Town hall has brought me a communication from an old friend who sends the following cutting from the *Leeds Mercury* of January 5th, 1860. This journal (it should be premised) at that time was published three times a week, viz., Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, and consisted of 2 sheets or 4 pages, the charge for the sume being 3d. per copy. Here followeth the extract:—

"THE VICTORIA BELL AT THE LEEDS TOWN HALL.—The Victoria Bell cast for the Leeds Town Hall by the well-known firm of Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, London, has this week been permanently fixed in the tower and can now be rung, tolled, or chimed, on special and festive occasions, and applied to denote the hour to the inhabitants of the borough, so soon as the clock shall have been fixed by Mr. Dent. The instructions to Messrs. Warner by the Town Hall Committee was to provide a bell of 4 tons, and they have produced one almost exactly that weight, viz.: 4 tons 1 cwt. 1 lb. The design for the Victoria bell was prepared by Mr. Boswell, the foreman of the establishment under whose superintendence it was cast. Its composition was three of copper and one of tin; the note produced, B natural, is rich, full and sonorous, and the tone has been acknowledged by competent judges to be perhaps the best and purest of its kind in the country. The diameter of the bell is 6 ft. 2 ins., height 5 ft., thickness of sound bow 6 ins., and weight of the clapper (which is of wrought iron) 1 cwt. Upon one side of the waist of the bell there is a profile of Her Majesty, and upon the other the Royal Coat of Arms, and Messrs. Warner's patent. The bell, it may be remembered, was brought down to Leeds in the last week of August, and successfully raised temporarily for trial on the 30th of that month, the framework on which it rested weighing between three and four tons. It was deemed advisable to raise the whole of the framework six feet from the ground to allow of the expansion of its sound and its ready escape from the tower, but beyond this and the first trial, nothing further was done until the present week, when the bell was permanently hung upon a wheel, and provided with the apparatus by which it may be rung upon all festive occasions. The wheel is ten feet in diameter, or thirty in circumference, having two grooves for a couple of ropes by means of which the bell may be effectively rung. All the preliminaries having been concluded, the trial ringing took place on Monday and Tuesdays evenings. Six or eight ringers from the parish church were engaged, and it took them three minutes to raise or set the bell, or popularly speaking, to reverse its position, the mouth upwards. The bell having thus attained its full swing, it was rung on both evenings for an hour and a half or two hours, the quality of tone emitted being pure, clear and powerful, and it was tried both "right and wrong" to test its powers of bearing the weight of the clapper with the most successful results. On Tuesday the night was considered favorable for the experiment, and the rich and mellow sound was heard for a considerable distance in a favorable wind blowing in the direction of Woodhouse Moor and Headingley. It is believed that the bell when rung will be heard a distance of about six miles, and when tolled or chimed, three or four miles. The Victoria Bell, by comparison, is far from being a large one, but it has the advantage, which the more unwieldy bells do not possess, of being perfectly under control and of presenting no impediment to its constant employment. The Great Peter of York Minster, which excepting Big Ben of Westminster, is the largest and heaviest in the United Kingdom (weighing 27000 lbs., or nearly three times the Victoria Bell, and having a diameter of 7 ft. 7 inches) is practically rendered almost valueless owing to its ponderous weight, and can only be tolled, not rung. Great Tom of Oxford was rehung in 1834 by Messrs. Boswell and Son, but it was only rung three parts up, when the wheel gave way, and since then the bell has been chained down by order of the church authorities, though occasionally tolled, like Great Peter, with a hammer. Great Tom of Lincoln which weighs 12000 lbs. and the great bell of St. Paul's, London, which weighs 11,500 lbs., and has a diameter of 9 ft. and a circumference of 28 ft. are in the same undignified condition, and simply strike the hours. The whole of the fittings and framework of the Victoria Bell, which are of English oak, are of so substantial a character that they remove all cause of anxiety for the safety of the tower. They were erected under the direction of Mr. Boswell, to whom great praise is due for the great care and workmanlike ability in which he has superintende the completion of his difficult task. The cost of the bell and fittings we understand will be about £1000. When used simply in connection with the clock the bell will be struck upon the outside, with a hammer weighing about two hundredweights, and which will be raised about nine inches from the sound-bow."

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## Compositions.

### FOUR PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

*By* F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

5040.

| 23456 | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32654 | 2 | | 2 |
| 56234 | | 2 | 2 |
| 52364 | | 1 | 2 |
| 53624 | | I | 2 |
| 24365 | I | 2 | 2 |
| 23645 | | I | 2 |
| 52436 | 2 | I | 2 |
| 43526 | | I | I |
| 25346 | | 2 | 2 |
| 23456 | | I | 2 |

5000.

| 23456 | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32654 | 2 | | 2 |
| 56234 | | 2 | 2 |
| 52364 | | I | 2 |
| 36524 | | I | I |
| 23645 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 63425 | | 2 | I |
| 35426 | I | | 2 |
| 24536 | | 2 | 2 |
| 25346 | | I | 2 |
| 23456 | | I | 2 |

5080.

| 23456 | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32654 | 2 | | 2 |
| 56234 | | 2 | 2 |
| 52364 | | I | 2 |
| 36524 | | I | I |
| 23645 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 26435 | | I | 2 |
| 34625 | | 2 | 2 |
| 43526 | 2 | | 2 |
| 25346 | | 2 | 2 |
| 23456 | | I | 2 |

5000.

| 23456 | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32654 | 2 | | 2 |
| 56234 | | 2 | 2 |
| 52364 | | I | 2 |
| 53624 | | I | 2 |
| 24365 | I | 2 | 2 |
| 23645 | | I | 2 |
| 34625 | | 2 | |
| 43526 | 2 | | 2 |
| 25346 | | 2 | 2 |
| 23456 | | I. | 2 |

Look out for the **EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS OF HANDBELLS.**

### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

*By* THE SAME AUTHOR.

5400.

| 23456 | W | M | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42356 | | | – |
| 63254 | | – | – |
| 26354 | | | – |
| 23654 | | | S |
| 62354 | | | – |
| 36254 | | | – |
| 25364 | – | | – |
| 32564 | | | – |
| 35264 | | | S |
| 23564 | | | – |

Twice repeated.

By calling the single at the 8th course-end in any one part reduces the peal to 5040, which was first rang at Appleton on Monday, August 1st, conducted by F. Hopgood.

The 2nd or 3rd are never in 5-6 at a course-end.

### A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

*By* THE SAME AUTHOR.

5024.

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 32654 | 2 | | | 2 |
| 56234 | | | 2 | 2 |
| 52364 | | | I | 2 |
| 36524 | | | I | I |
| 23645 | | – | | 2 |
| 63425 | I | – | | I |
| 35426 | I | | | 2 |
| 24536 | I | – | | 2 |
| 25346 | | | I | 2 |
| 23456 | | | I | 2 |

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* THE SAME AUTHOR.

5072.

| 23456 | W | B | M | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 64235 | – | | – | I |
| 36245 | – | | | 3 |
| 32465 | – | | | 2 |
| 26354 | | I | | 3 |
| 52364 | – | | | 3 |
| 62354 | S | | | 3 |
| 56324 | – | | | |
| 32564 | – | | | I |
| 26345 | | I | | 3 |
| 23465 | – | | | 2 |
| 42536 | – | | – | 3 |
| 45326 | – | | | 2 |
| 24356 | – | | | 3 |
| 52346 | – | | | 3 |
| 34526 | - | | | I |
| 52436 | S | | | I |

*Continued*—

| | W | B | M | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35426 | – | | | 3 |
| 34256 | – | | | 2 |
| 53246 | – | | | 3 |
| 45236 | – | | | |
| 23456 | – | | | I |

The last eleven courses with the 6th at home.

### THREE PEALS OF BOB ROYAL.

*By* WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

5000.

| 23456 | W | M | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42635 | – | – | |
| 34625 | – | | |
| *46325 | | | |
| 32465 | – | | – |
| 63425 | – | | |
| 26435 | – | | |
| 43265 | – | | – |
| 52436 | – | – | – |
| 35426 | – | | |
| 42356 | – | | – |
| 54326 | – | | |
| 25346 | – | | |
| 34256 | – | | – |
| 32456 | | | S |

*Bobs at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Last part twice repeated; single only last call. This part can be used as a four-part peal (5040).

5040.

| 23456 | W | M | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42635 | – | – | |
| 34625 | – | | |
| 62345 | – | | – |
| 36245 | | | – |
| 24365 | – | | – |
| 32465 | | | – |
| 43265 | | | – |

Three times repeated; single, middle and end.

5040.

| 23456 | W | M | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64235 | – | – | – |
| 36245 | – | | |
| 43265 | – | | |
| 26435 | – | | – |
| 32465 | – | | |
| 46325 | – | | – |
| 24365 | – | | |

Three times repeated; calling single first call in 2nd and 4th parts.

*** All compositions sent for insertion must be written plainly with ink, on one side of the paper only.

## PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR.

*By* WILLIAM WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield.*

5008.

23456

53426 8th with 3
65324 7th ,, 2
65423 7th ,, 2 & H

42563 8th ,, 2
54263 7 ,, 3s
25463 7 ,, 3s
52463 7 ,, 3
45263 7 ,, 3s
24563 7 ,, 3s

54362 M
35462 7 ,, 3s
43562 7 ,, 3s
345'2 7 ,, 3
53462 7 ,, 3s
45362 7 ,, 3s

35264 M
23564 7 ,, 3s
52364 7 ,, 3s
25364 7 ,, 3
32564 7 ,, 3s
53264 7 ,, 3s

23465 M
42365 7 ,, 3s
34265 7 ,, 3s
43265 7 ,, 3
24365 7 ,, 3s
32465 7 ,, 3s

The last twenty-four courses twice repeated completes the peal. It contains the twenty-four 847s, 857s and 867s, and the 5th twelve times, and the 6th thirteen times right.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

*By* G. R. NEWTON, *Oxton, Cheshire.*

5280.

| 23456 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34652 | | s | | – |
| 56432 | – | | | – |
| 52463 | | – | – | |
| 53426 | | – | – | |
| 24356 | – | | | – |
| 26345 | | – | – | |
| 25364 | | – | – | |
| 63524 | – | | | – |
| 43625 | | – | | |

Five times repeated; omit S in every part except the fourth. Has 5th and 6th each fourteen times wrong and twelve right.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

*By* CORNELIUS CHARGE, *London.*

5000.

| 123456 | 4 | 5 | 16 |
|---|---|---|---|
| *365214 | | | |
| 165432 | – | – | – |
| 162534 | | | – |
| 164235 | | | – |
| 461532 | | – | – |
| 462135 | | | – |
| 465231 | | | – |
| 564132 | | – | – |
| 562431 | | | – |
| 265134 | | – | – |
| 264531 | | | – |
| 261435 | | | – |
| 261534 | | s | – |
| 264135 | | | – |
| 265431 | | | – |
| 562134 | | – | – |
| 564231 | | | – |
| 561432 | | | – |
| 165234 | | – | – |
| 164532 | | | – |
| 461235 | | – | – |
| 465132 | | | – |
| 562341 | – | | – |
| 561243 | | | – |
| 163452 | – | | – |
| 162354 | | | – |
| 261453 | | – | – |
| 263154 | | | – |
| 362451 | | – | – |
| 361254 | | | – |
| 364152 | | | – |
| 463251 | | – | – |
| 461352 | | | – |
| 462153 | | | – |
| 264351 | | – | – |
| 264153 | | s | – |
| 263451 | | | – |
| 362154 | | – | – |
| 364251 | | | – |
| 463152 | | – | – |
| 462351 | | | – |
| 461253 | | | – |
| 164352 | | – | – |
| 162453 | | | – |
| 163254 | | | – |
| 361452 | | – | – |

*Produced by bobs at 3, 6, 11, 14.

Start with a quick six.

Round by bobs at 3, 5, 8.

This peal has the 5th twenty-two courses behind the 9th, with the 6th in 2nds place throughout.

## A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

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Twice repeated.

We have now cleared our composition file of all old peals. We trust that more care will be taken in the future in sending figures, that the peals may be true, and their notation clear.

## Notices.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association—The next Quarterly and Committee Meeting of this Association will be held at Stoke Prior, near Bromsgrove to-day, Saturday, September 17th. A short service will be held in the church at 5.30, to which all are cordially invited. Business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. The Rev. C. Stockdale, Vicar, will preside. He has also kindly placed the tower and bells at the disposal of the members.

N.B.—The Secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding contributions.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Sheffield and District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley to-day, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Excursion leaves Great Central at 2.20., fare 1s. return.

JOHN MULLIGAN.
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The Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice.—An invitation to hold the next general meeting to-day, Sept. 17th, has been received from the Skipton Branch.

Half-day Excursion.—Arrangements have been made with Messrs. Thos. Cook and Sons for a half-day excursion to leave Leeds for Skipton at 1.10 p m., returning from Skipton at 9.30 p.m. Passengers will be booked through from Bradford, travelling by ordinary trains to Saltaire, at which place they will join the trip. See small bills for particulars.

Members are reminded that the official year terminates on September 30th, on which date all subscriptions for the current year must be paid, or membership ceases. Those members whose subscription is unpaid at the meeting on September 17th, and are notified by circular, forfeit their right to a copy of the annual report. It is especially requested that in future all subscriptions be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Stainthorpe, Pynate Terrace, Carlinghow Batley, who has kindly undertaken to forward receipts and reports.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—After the ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 20th, a business meeting will be held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane. As a question of Finance is to be brought forward, it is to be hoped that all members who can possibly attend will do so.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon Secretary.*
37, *Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

The Royal Cumberland Society.—The election of Officers of this Society will take place on Friday, September 23rd, at The Bedford Head hotel, Maiden Lane Strand. All members who can make it convenient are requested to attend. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, September 24th, at The White Hart hotel at 5 o'clock. Eight bells available for ringing during the afternoon. Important business relating to the Cup Contest. Members are especially requested to attend.

E. JAMES. *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.*

The Lancashire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, September 24th. Service in the church at 3.45 p.m., immediately followed by unveiling of tablet to the late Secretary. Tea in the school adjoining the church at 5 p.m., for which members must send in their names to Mr. H W. Jackson, 87, Crescent Road, Great Lever, Bolton, not later than Wednesday, the 21st instant. Charge for tea 1s. each. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon. Secs.*
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The Essex Association.—A District Meeting of the above will be held at Newport, on Saturday, October 1st. The towers following will be open: Newport, Littlebury, Arkesden, and Rickling. Tea and meeting at 4.30 p.m. Members intending to be present should notify me before the previous Tuesday. Certificates of membership are now ready, post free 9d.

H. T. W. EVRE, *Asst. Sec.*
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The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich on Wednesday, October 5th. Special service at the church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Preacher: The Right Rev. the Bishop of Thetford. Dinner at 1 30 in Blackfriars Hall. Hon. members and friends, 2s. 6d. Company members, 1s. 6d. Business meeting after dinner for election of officers, etc., when the annual report will be read. Notice should be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Thursday, 29th September.

H. EARLE BULWER. *Hon. Sec.*
*Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, Sept, 12, 1898.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, October 15th, at Christ Church, Southgate. Tea will be provided at 7 p.m. at The Cherry Tree hotel, and the subsequent business meeting will be presided over by the Vicar of Southgate, the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. It is requested that members will do their utmost to attend.

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

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BROMSGROVE.—This was William Short's 150th peal, made up as follows: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 30; Bob Major, 17; Grandsire Triples, 16; Seven different methods on six bells, 16; Stedman Triples, 13; Kent Treble Bob Major, 10; Superlative Surprise Major, 8; Stedman Caters, 7; Canterbury Major, 4; Bob Triples, 4; Stedman Cinques, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Double Oxford Major, 3; Grandsire Caters, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Canterbury Royal, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Bob Caters, 1; Grandsire Major, 1; Canterbury Triples, 1; Union Triples, 1; five different methods on six bells, 1; four different methods on six bells, 1; total rung, 150; conducted 40. The peals rung on handbells are Stedman Caters, 5; Stedman Triples, 2; Bob Major, 2; Treble Bob Major, 1: Grandsire Triples, 1.

This is supposed to be the first peal of Royal in the method, and was rung without any previous practice. It was W. H. Barber's 100th peal, made up as follows: On six bells 8, conducted 2; Grandsire Triples 4, conducted 2; Grandsire Caters, 1; Double Oxford, 2; Canterbury Major, 2; Royal 1, conducted 1; Duffield 1; Double Norwich 10, conducted 2; Superlative 8; Cambridge Surprise 3, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 7, conducted 2; Oxford 4, conducted 2; Royal 4, conducted 2; Maximus 2; Bob Major, 5, conducted 1; Royal 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Major 1; Stedman Triples 11, conducted 1; Caters 2, conducted 1; Cinques 3. Handbell peals—Grandsire Triples 5 conducted 2; Bob Major 4, conducted 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 2; Caters 8, conducted 2; total rung 100; conducted 25. Mr. Barber is only twenty-one years of age.

## ST. GILES'S, CRIPPLEGATE.

At St. Giles's Church, Cripplegate, E.C. which was restored five years ago, the organ is being removed from the north to the south aisle, and operations are proceeding in the former portion of the building. In the course of the excavations a portion of the doorway of the original church has been unearthed. It has escaped notice hitherto, owing to the fact that the top part has apparently been broken off, and the foundations of the present building laid over the relic. The work now being carried on in no way interferes with the Sunday services; but visitors will not be admitted on weekdays while the alterations are in progress.

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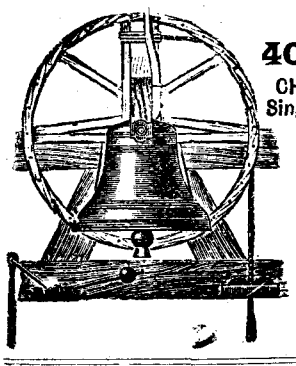

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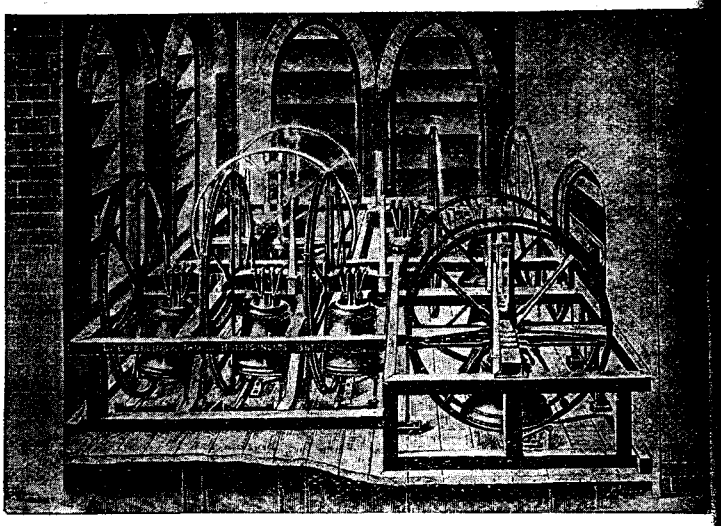

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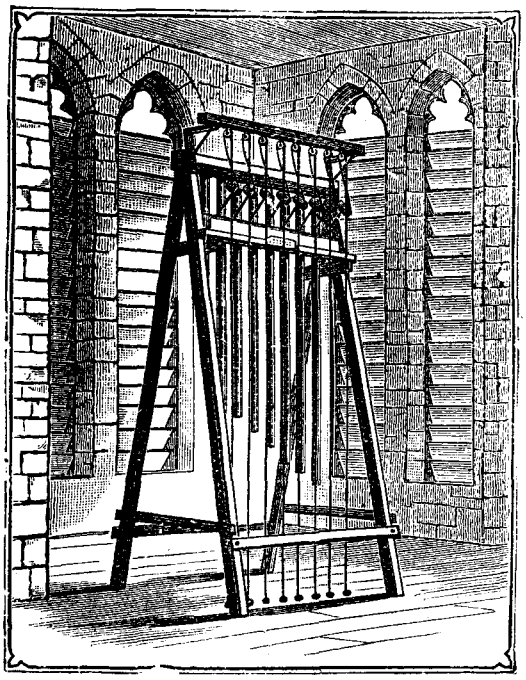

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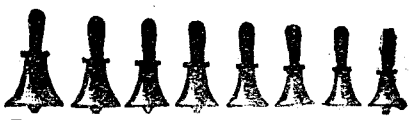

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# The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

"The sun was shining brightly, its rays tempered by a gentle cooling breeze. All the world looked gay in its summer garb. The very birds of the air and beasts of the field flitted and frisked about, in keeping with the pleasant and peaceful surroundings." And so forth. I think that is about the stereotyped style of prefacing a story when the scene is laid in a rural situation during the all but too brief summer months. Anyhow, if this description of the atmospheric surroundings of Airedale last Saturday be too antiquated to be considered original, it is not far off the mark. I looked anxiously in the morning for the daily weather forecast, which was "Fair, warm, with light westerly breezes." Just the very thing for me, thought I, so not troubling to pack up any traps save what would go conveniently into my side pockets (main of which of course was the indispensable gun and pouchful of ammunition, my tribute to St. Nicotene), I took an earlier train than I had previously intended, and set off to join the Yorkshire Association at Skipton. The train was what is locally known as the "Morecambe train," and there was abundance of evidence of that fact in the innumerable boxes, trunks, "bikes," and other paraphernalia necessary (and unnecessary) for a week-end "by the sad sea waves." Well, the capacious guard's vans got loaded at length, and we set off, leaving the smoke and dust, the hum and turmoil, of the busy town behind us, gradually emerging into more rural and peaceful scenes. The corner at Shipley was soon rounded: Saltaire was passed as of no account; then we stopped a moment at the quaint old town of Bingley, now losing much of its quaintness through the "renovating" (?) hand of the modern builder, with now very little "outward and visible sign" of its antiquity save the grand old parish church, which nestles at the foot of the slope near the river. However, sentimentality forms no portion of the constitution of a railway train, and as I mused, we were once more moving on the iron path through fields and plantations, up the dale, till we reached the more modern and go-a-head town of Keighley. This was our last "stop" prior to reaching our destination, and we bowled along, past Silsden with its puny tower and light ring of six; next Kildwick, with its ancient and celebrated parish church—"the lang Kirk o'Craven"—which is now gaining a name as one of the principal centres of six-bell ringing in the North; till Skipton station was reached—a modern erection which has replaced the more picturesque Elizabethan structure which previously did duty.

I then wended my way to the main street, at the top of which was the Church and Castle; along the sides of it (the street I mean) was the usual array of stalls, replete with various articles of merchandise, while carriers' carts were waiting to take their freights of goods to the various hamlets and villages for many miles around. I was a little too early for the main body of ringing visitors, so I strolled through the churchyard, into the church, to feast my eyes once again upon its fine interior, with its historic monuments which bore mute but lasting testimony to those troublous times when the Cliffords and the Howards were doing their level best to devastate the "whole country side" through their internecine quarrels. Retracing my steps, I went to the local head-quarters, where I found some members of the committee preparing for their afternoon's work, and soon the bells (a fine-toned ring of eight with a 19 cwt. tenor) were swinging in the old tower to the tune of Kent Treble Bob, while visitors were arriving in goodly numbers.

At the National School in Otley Street, the official committee of the Association was assembled, where various items of business were transacted, and a number of new members elected.

At five o'clock, an all-round excellent tea was served in one of the large schoolrooms, which was evidently by no means least agreeable amongst the arrangements of the day.

Immediately after tea, an adjournment was made to an adjoining room for the business meeting, where Mr. W. Snowdon, President of the Association, occupied the chair, who was supported by the Rev. H. L. Cook, M.A., Rector, the Rev. W. T. Barrett, curate, Messrs. E. Wood and A. H. Dawes, Churchwardens; W. Stainthorpe, Hon. Treasurer; B. T. Copley, Hon. Secretary; W. Gill and F. P. Powell, Committeemen.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and approved, the President gave a brief *resumé* of the proceedings at the Central Council Meeting; and afterwards referred to the illness of Mr. George Bolland, one of the Vice-Presidents, reporting with pleasure that he was improving satisfactorily, a statement which was greeted with cheers. No invitation was forthcoming for the place of holding the annual meeting, the arrangements for which will thus be left in the hands of the Committee. Messrs. J. W. T. Holgate (Bramley), and Thomas Neil (York), were unanimously appointed Auditors.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. F. P. Powell, a cordial vote of thanks was given to the Rev. H. L. Cook, Rector, for the use of the bells and schools.

The Rector replied in a chatty little speech, assuring the Association of a warm welcome to Skipton whenever it might choose to pay them a visit.

The President then read the list of retiring officers, which was as follows:—George Bolland, *Vice-President;* J. H. Hardcastle, *Steward;* B. T. Copley, *Hon. Secretary;* Frank Prince, Charles Jackson, John Holden, Joseph Yeadon, *Committeemen.* For a seat on the Committee the following members were also nominated:—Messrs. D. Stephenson (Ossett), H. Holmes (Birstall), W. Billows (Skipton), and H. Williams (Leeds).

Mr. H. Holmes then called the attention of the meeting to the case of Mr. David Wilson, a member of the Birstall branch, who was in distress through illness, and who in all probability would not be able again to perform any manual labour. The ringers in the district had given him what assistance lay in their power, and he now asked if the Association could take up an appeal in his behalf, or assist him in some way. The President, in

reply, pointed out the inability of the Association itself to promote an appeal, although the case was undoubtedly most deserving; but suggested that the local branch should take the initiative, which would undoubtedly be supported by the members not only of their own but other associations. He concluded by offering a donation, which was accepted, and his advice agreed to.

Mr. B. T. Copley, Hon. Sec., then moved, and Mr. T. Lawson (Lightcliffe) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Skipton branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies of the church who had so efficiently assisted at the tea tables. This was carried amid much cheering, and briefly acknowledged by Mr. Billows. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

Directly after the meeting, the tower was again occupied, while others strolled through the streets of the old town. I should not omit to mention, that, through the kindness of Mr. R. B. Barrett, Lord Hothfield's steward, members were enabled to pay a visit to Skipton Castle during a portion of the afternoon.

"The shades of night were falling fast," when I found it necessary to bring my visit to a termination: and so I reluctantly turned my steps stationwards, yet withal carrying with me reflections altogether pleasant of this my latest visit to venerable Skipton.

## BELFRY REFORM AT HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 17th, the Horsley company had their photographs taken, standing in a group near the belfry door. The number of the bells at Horsley is five, and there are the like number of ringers. They are the first local band of change-ringers at the above place. Considerable improvements have been made of late at Horsley, change-ringing taking the place of rounds and Churchyard Bob. The ringing-chamber has been put into nice order; the walls, thanks to the Vicar, have been wood-panelled all round; lamps taking the place of candles. The refuse has been cleared out from beneath the bells, and wire netting put over the sound holes, and over all, right up to the spire, to keep out the birds. There is also a proper set of muffles, thanks to Mr. Harry George, who kindly presented them, and also instructed the company in the Art of change-ringing. They possess a set of handbells, fifteen in number, subscribed for by the parishioners, for the use of the ringers. Our correspondent kindly adds: "A deal of this reformation has come about through the introduction of 'The Bell News.'"

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### South and West District.

A meeting of the above Association was held at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, September 10th. Representatives were present from Ealing, Isleworth, Heston, St. John's and St. Andrews, Hillingdon, also the Rev. H. G. Bird, President, and Mr. A. T. King. Touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman Triples and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung A business meeting was held at which the Rev. H. G. Bird presided. The Hon. Sec., Mr. C. Edwards, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. Next the accounts of the past year were read and adopted. The President then announced the names of the retiring officers, and it was unanimously agreed that they all be re-elected.

## A SUNDAY VISIT TO HEXHAM ABBEY.

On Sunday, September 16th, six of the Newcastle company, accompanied by Mr. R. Chichester, of Sunderland, journeyed to Hexham in response to an invitation from the Rector, the Rev. E. S. Savage, to ring the Abbey bells for the Sunday Service on the above date, the Very Rev. Dr. Farrar, Dean of Canterbury, being the preacher at both services.

Newcastle was left at 9.10 a.m., Hexham Abbey being reached at 10.15; when it was found that Messrs. W. Story and C. L. Routledge had everything in readiness, and a 420 of Stedman Triples was rung for service and 224 of Double Norwich after service.

Dinner was the next item, which was provided at The Royal Hotel through the kindness of the Rector, and to which ample justice was done. This being over ringing topics were discussed, until the renowned Alf. awoke from his afternoon slumber, when a start was made to Causeway Hill Cottage, the residence of Mr. W. Story, and on reaching that place, the visitors found him awaiting their arrival.

A back volume of "The Bell News" was eagerly scanned until the password went round that tea was ready, and by the way that the President and his brother were kept busy, it gave one the idea that Hexham air was a splendid appetizer.

Tea being over, a move was made back to the Abbey and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung for service, and the bells lowered in peal, by W. Holmes (conductor), 1; E. E. Ferry, 2; R. S. Story, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; W. Story, 5: A. Hillier, 6; R. Richards, 7; R. Chichester, 8. This finished the day's ringing, which is the first time that Triples and Major have been rung for Sunday service on these bells, also the first time for about fifteen months for services on Sundays; but it is to be hoped that under the new Rector's supervision and the tuition of Mr. W. Story, that an equal performance will be achieved at some future time by a local band.

The station was next made for, leaving friend Routledge behind; Newcastle being reached a little before 9 o'clock. The visitors wish to tender their thanks to the Rector, the Rev. E. S. Savage, and Mr. W. Story, for the gracious hospitality shown to them during their visit.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### Macclesfield Branch.

A meeting of the above branch was held at St. James's, Higher Sutton, on Saturday, September 10th, twenty-two members being present from the different towers. An excellent tea was partaken of, to which ample justice was done. The meeting was held in the school and five new members were made. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the Rev. E. Smith, for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for making all the arrangements.

The bells at this church are a very nice ring of six, and go very well. Ringing has been stopped for some time, but the parish having now a ringer for churchwarden, the bells are being rung by a young band under the leadership of W. Ingham.

The day was beautifully fine, and the church being situated on a hill, very good views were obtained of the surrounding country. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung, also touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob, with touches of Grandsire Triples, Major and Caters on the handbells,

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Dunster, on Saturday, September 10th, when there were thirty members present, the towers being represented being Dunster, Minehead, St. Mary and St. James, Taunton, Old Cleeve and Carhampton. A short service was held in the parish church at four p.m., the Vicar, the Rev. A. Wynell-Mayow, officiating, and an appropriate address was given by the rural dean, the Rev. Prebendary Hook, of Porlock.

After service a first-class tea was partaken of at The Foresters' hotel, and then the usual business meeting was held. The Master, the Rev. H. C. Courtney, presided, and there were also present the Rev. J. U. Todd (Minehead), Mr. A. J. H. Iles (Taunton), Mr. Harold Malkin (organist of Dunster), and the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Tomkins, of Old Cleeve. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, several new members were elected, and it was decided that the next quarterly meeting should take place at Weston-super-Mare.

An adjournment was made to the tower, where change-ringing was engaged in, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Bob Major being rung; while several members drove to Minehead, and had a short pull on St. Michael's bells.

## RINGERS' SUPPER AT BEESTON, NOTTS.

On Saturday, September 17th, the local ringers were invited to a supper by Mr. F. S. Price, one of their number, on the occasion of his marriage, which took place a few weeks before. Seven o'clock prompt found all the ringers at the supper table, and full justice was done to the good provision. The table cloth being cleared, the handbells were brought out, and touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Bob Major, were rung during the evening by Messrs. Price, Paling, Clifford (3), Hutchby, Oldham, and Wolley (Lenton). Songs were rendered by Messrs. Hutchby and Price (2), while Mrs. Price kindly assisted at the piano until about twelve o'clock, when the proceedings were brought to a close by wishing Mr. and Mrs. Price long life and happiness.

## WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

On Monday evening, September 15th, the ringers met to have a farewell ring with Mr. W. Hobbs, who is leaving the parish to take up his abode at Rochester. After several touches of Treble Bob had been rung, the secretary (Mr. E. J. Dixon), said he had a pleasant duty to perform, and that was to present one of his brethren with a small present from the Rector and his brother-ringers, a present which he thought he well deserved, for when Mr. Hobbs came to the parish some eighteen months ago they could only ring Plain Bob Minor, while they could now ring four different methods. He wished Mr. Hobbs every success in his new home, and he hoped the young members would pull together and try to fill his place. He then presented Mr. Hobbs with an inkstand.

Mr. Hobbs responded, saying it came as a surprise to him. He wished to thank the Rector and ringers for the present, for what he had done had been a pleasure to him, and he hoped to meet them again at some future time, and have another ring together.

Mr. Spice (Charing), said a few words, thanking Mr. Hobbs for what he had done, saying he had not only taught the Willesborough ringers, but some of those at Charing as well.

## INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BELLS OF ST. PETER, RAUNDS.

*Treble.*

IN MVLTIS ANNIS RESONAT CAMPANA IOHANNIS KINGSMITH + CVM VOCO AD ECCLESIAM VENITE + A.D. MDCCCXCVII. J. TAYLOR ME FECIT.

(Diam. 30in. Weight 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.)

*Second.*

IN DEI LAVDEM ET VICTORIÆ REGINÆ HONOREM IOHANNES KINGSMITH ME DEDIT + NON CLAMOR SED AMOR CANTAT IN AVRE DEI + A.D. MDCCCXVII. J. TAYLOR ME FECIT.

(Diam. 31. in. Weight 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs.)

*Third.*

GRATA SIT ARGUTA RESONANS CAMPANULA NOCE ANNO DOM 1732.

(Diam. 34¼ in. Weight 8 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.)

*Fourth.*

HENRY PENN MADE ME 1723.

(Diam. 36½ in. Weight 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.)

*Fifth.*

OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI. RICHARD ROWLINGS AND JOHN WOODRUFFE CHURCHWARDENS EAYRE KETTERING 1732.

(Diam. 38¼ in. Weight 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.)

*Sixth.*

GRATUM OPUS AGRICOLIS. OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI ANNO DOMINI 1732.

(Diam. 38¼ in. Weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs.)

*Seventh.*

GEORGE TYMMS VICAR RICHARD RAWLINGS AND JOHN WOODRUFFE CHURCHWARDENS ANNO DOMINI 1732. RECAST BY JOHN WARNER & SON LONDON 1878.

(Diam. 42½ in. Weight 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 16 lbs.)

*Tenor.*

+ IN DEI GLORIAM IN ECCLESIÆ COMMODVM IOHANNES LANGHAM BARR MARIA MILINGTON ET ANNA MILINGTON BENEFACTORES ANNO DOM 1732. J. TAYLOR ME REFECIT 1898.

(Diam. 50½ in. Weight 22 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs.)

Next week we shall publish a list of the peals rung by the late James Barham, of Leeds in Kent. This list is very interesting to most ringers, Barham it is alleged having taken part in the 40,000 of Bob Major rung at Leeds. An opportunity of securing Barham's list of peals may never again occur.

Recent investigations in Canterbury Cathedral have established the fact that the present position of the chained Bible in the North aisle of the choir was the original site of the Easter sepulchre. In a niche at this spot the Host consecrated on Maundy Thursday was in former times solemnly placed on Good Friday, and continually watched from that time until Easter Day, when it was taken out and replaced upon the altar with special ceremony. When Cranmer adopted this niche for the chained Bible the upper portion of the arch was filled in with a thin curtain of stone.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A Record of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 6d.; cloth do., 9d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Berks.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

This week I have what is known as "a record." The number of correspondents to your humble servant has this week been greater than at any former period. Very pleasant and affable correspondents, too. Their letters are full of compliments, appreciation, and good wishes. Very different to what was received some time ago from one poetically inclined. This gentleman:—

> To fill the measure of his verse,
> Would have "Plain Speaker" in a hearse.

This was not kind. He continued:—

> I only speak in metaphor
> But really 'twould be better for
> "Plain Speaker" to confine his pen
> To pars akin to great "Big Ben."
> Bell-lore is what we want to see,
> Else hang "P.S." upon a tree.

These may not be the exact words of our poet, but they are very near them. I am not at all angry with my friend, not in the least.

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Now here is a letter received by the editor:—

"Dear Sir,—Your correspondent "Plain Speaker," whose pars are usually up to date, gives us in the current number of your excellent journal, some excellent cuttings he describes as from a penny almanack of "eighteen hundred and fast asleep," and he finishes up these pars with the sentence "Now I'll begin something fresh." If he bad been in the know as to what appears on the preceding page, he would have seen an account of a presentation to a ringer at Battle, from which it appears that it took the ringers of that town thirty years to recognise the worth of their brother-string, Mr. W. J. Thomas, who was married on July 6th, 1868. This is rather ancient, and not quite up-to-date."

This is a show-up for the Battle people, but it is quite outside my department.

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We are getting a surfeit of compositions of Grandsire Caters. To me they all seem the same thing over and over again, and a knowing blade in this part of the science thinks so too.

> Of "9th in three" we've had enough,
> And "8th in two" gives one the huff.
> These "adaptations" are so stale,
> That over them we'll draw the veil.
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> Look out another, fresher, job,
> And take a spell at Treble Bob
> Of complex variation; then
> You may become composing men.

I am being betrayed beyond my depth, so will enter upon the next paragraph.

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Down in the West of England there is no ringer more respected than Mr. Francis E. Ward of Cheltenham, formerly Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The members of this Association at Chepstow the other day presented Mr. Ward with a very useful domestic article, on account of his recent marriage. Mr. Ward's reply—or what we have of it—to this presentation was characteristic. I cannot quote any of it here, but it is worthy of preservation. That is all I need say, only that I may be allowed to join with other members of the above-named Association in the sincere wishes expressed that Mr. and Mrs. Ward man enjoy much happiness and much prosperity.

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The information concerning the bells of Monmouth calls to my mind a notable circumstance which happened in connection with Monmouth bells a many years ago. I give it as I heard it; perhaps, however, my account may be faulty in some respects, but if so I shall soon be corrected. Whether it was to "open" the Monmouth bells after their erection in the tower, or re-open them after a re-hanging, for which a company of the College Youths was engaged, I am nnable to say. Certain it was that a party of members of this Scciety were engaged to ring there, and the sum of £10 was said to have been offered them for their services. This amount was inclusive of everything. Well, £1 5s. each did not err on the side of liberality, you will say.

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They arrived at Monmouth, rung what was required of them, and enjoyed themselves, we may suppose. The usual stereotyped phrase—"all were very much satisfied (or gratified) with their day's outing" cannot be asserted in this particular instance, as will be seen directly. I said they rung the bells, and no doubt rung them well; as they would do. Plenty of it, mind you, at which the good folk of Monmouth were pleased. As time drew on, and thoughts of returning to London had to be faced, the item of cash became an important and immediate consideration; and feelers were thrown out having a reference to the ten sovereigns alleged to have been promised. And then came the rub.

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The Monmouth gentlemen lodged a demurrer, as the lawyers say. In plain language, they repudiated the promise and, would any one believe it? the letter sent from Monmouth making the engagement was brought forth, and instead of £10 being the sum named it was actually ten shillings!

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Here was a precious go. I think single tickets had only been taken by the party, and they had to get back to London. It is a long time since I heard the story, but if I mistake not, the local *monte de piete* had to be visited to get over the difficulty. My old friend Bob Haworth was of this party I think.

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Many readers of "The Bell News" would be interested, and surprised a little as well, if they were present at the office on Thursday afternoon or evening. There is always a great commotion in the office of a newspaper on the days of "going to press," as it is called, and a stranger in the way at such times would not be likely to receive the most ceremonious treatment. Then the orders given here, there, and everywhere by those in command would appear inexplicable to most people. A change-ringer would no doubt open his ears at such a question as this: "Now Mr. Jones, how long will that touch be!" The number of changes is not meant, of course, but the period when it will be in type. Then again "Make that tenor a bit heavier, will you?" indicates not additional metal to the particular bell in question, but that a trifle more ink may be added to make it appear darker in colour. Again: "Is that page of

compositions proofed, Mr. Smith?" This certainly does not mean that these compositions have been examined for their truth or otherwise; O dear no. Something quite different. Just as the last page is made up ready to print, perhaps, the office-boy rushes in—"Another peal; must go in this week;" or "A notice of meeting just received by wire; must go in;" and so on. To most of these the foreman printer turns a deaf ear, and they are left to lie in the drawer until the following week, unless the highest authority intervenes. To be in the office on a Thursday is, as an amazed friend said the other week, "quite a barney."

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I have suggested to the authorities the wisdom of at once giving the full particulars concerning the next handbell gifts. Through my representations you will, either in the present number or the next, be made acquainted with the full particulars of this affair.

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A gift of handbells is not to be obtained every day. No ringing company who is desirous of mastering the principles of change-ringing can get on so quick without them. Here they are, ready for you all who want them. But let me beg of you to regard the conditions of this contest, else you will be sure to meet with disappointment.

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The practice adopted of inserting free the advertisements of ringers wanting situations is a very useful one, and does some amount of good in a very quiet way. Some who are known to have benefitted by these advertisements make no sign or recognition of the service which has been rendered to them; others are prompt in so doing. Here is an acknowledgement received this week: "Dear Mr. Editor,—I have accepted the job offered to me, which I hope will prove satisfactory. You may therefore withdraw the advertisement in your valuable paper, and I will do my very best to spread the circulation of the same." This shews gratitude and good feeling.

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One would think the labour market was empty, for no less than three advertisements of situations vacant are now running each week. Yet a look through the daily papers is positively saddening. The number of persons out of employment is great, unfortunately. These people however are not ringers, and their attainments would not therefore be quite up to the standard required by the advertisers who publish their wants in this paper. I hope these situations will be filled by deserving men, and that those who employ labour will always think of their fellow-ringers.

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The report of the meeting of the Llandaff Association contained a word of a sort to some of the members. We read that there was a fair muster of those concerned, "but not so large as we should like to see present at the annual meeting, when the most important business of the year in connection with the Association is transacted. Every member should make a special effort to put in an appearance at this meeting. They owe it to their respective towers no less than to the Association." This is the sort of language to use. The Llandaffians are breaking away, it is to be feared. They made a good beginning, very good indeed. Now my brave Welshmen, pull yourselves together, and second the action of your excellent Hon. Secretary, who is doing everything possible to bring your Association to the very front.

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Who was Sir Nicholas Crisp? This worthy was mentioned in a newspaper cutting last week. Whoever he was he gave eight bells to a church, so we ought to revere his memory a little, at any rate. What a grand thing it would be if we could get some particulars of those worthy men who of yore were interested in bells. What do we know about Lord Brereton, Sir Cliff Clifton, who are said to have founded the College Youths? Then there was the great Sir Matthew Hale, whose "golden maxim" anent the Sabbath is about all we know of him. Then there was Admiral Geary and others. Is every bit of the history of the worthies practically lost for ever? It is to be feared such is the case, unless we can enlist the services of some profound antiquarian among bell-ringers. What do we know of Annable or Holt? Awfully little. The time shall never arrive when future generations shall be in doubt regarding the acts of "P.S." and all that he did, because that institution known as The British Museum will possess an accurate chronicle of his doings.

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The following extract from the *Coventry Free Press* has been sent:—

"The new tenor bell for Trinity Church was delivered by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, on Wednesday, and it is now hung in the belfry. In addition to the names of the Vicar and wardens, the bell bears the inscription:—"Vox mea ad gloriam sanctæ Trinitatis clamst adeste fideles." It will be rung for the first time on Sunday during the five minutes before the eleven o'clock service."

Every one knows that there are three churches in Coventry each with splendid spires. Alas! the beautiful ring of ten which used to hang in St. Michael's, where are they? At Trinity Church, where Messrs. Taylor have just put in this new bell, the eight bells were not in the tower, but in a wooden shed, and were only chimed. We are told by the foregoing extract that the new bell will be "rung." Can any kind friend say if these eight bells have been hoisted into their recognised position?

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Among the several public topics of the day the most prominent are the dearth of water, the operations of the Hooligan gang, and the story of M. Rougemont. This gentleman is undergoing a severe examination, as his story is open to doubt. The gang of ruffians who invest London are getting their deserts at the hands of the judge at the Old Bailey. It was time. The water famine is a big affair: but we may hope soon to hear that such a necessary element of life has again become plentiful. The temperature is lowering, and more pleasant to all concerned. We shall soon be full of ringing news of all kinds.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1898.


WE are apt to boast of the march of civilization among the leading nations of the world, but it is a moot point whether in connection with such a subject we are not living in a fool's paradise. The forces that make for social order and development, and comprehended in what is called civilization, seem to involve antagonisms and contrasts which carry us back to the earliest chapters in human history. The world presents races and nations in very unequal stages of progress, and the struggle between primitive and archaic communites and accumulated science and experience of the West, is constant. The world has been startled by the assassination of an amiable and blameless woman, whose only crime in the eyes of her murderer was that she was an Empress. The violent death of Alexander of Russia, the grandfather of the present Czar, is not forgotten, and the various attempts at assassination and murderous outrage in nearly all parts of the world, many of which, fortunately, have been unsuccessful, go to prove that civilization, as we understand the word, is but in its infancy.

Outrages like these we have mentioned seem to partake of lunacy. But lunatics of this sort must have their game stopped, no matter at what cost. Anarchists who bounce their devilish intentions before the world should have their courage damped by repressive measures, wherein that instrument called "the cat" or some other physical punishment, should be employed.

The life of the venerated Emperor of Austria has been a troubled one throughout his whole reign. The hand of affliction has not been sparing in his case; this last blow being the worst of all. It is consoling to learn that he bends with humility to the Divine will, looking for consolation and relief to the only source which can afford him the slightest solace under his present trial. If the sympathy of the civilized world is any relief to him, he has that in overflowing measure.

THE HANDBELL GIFTS.—These Gifts will be conveyed to those sending up to our office the most favorable number of coupons on Friday, the 30th of December next, and they must reach us by the first post on the morning of that day. Any collection of coupons will disqualify, and those who have hitherto received a similar gift cannot enter into the present competition. In awarding the gifts we reserve the right to know how the coupons have been obtained, with a certificate from the local newsagent, if we think it necessary. These arrangements are made with the view of giving our regular subscribers, who are unable to secure more than one number weekly, a chance to obtain a peal of handbells.

## The Metropolis.

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

*On Monday, September* 19, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5016 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| ALFRED FLOWERS .. | ..*Treble.* | BERNARD WITCHELL .. | 6. |
| THOMAS RUSSAM .. .. | 2. | ALBERT WALKER .. .. | 7. |
| SAMUEL REEVES .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM KENT .. .. .. | 8. |
| CHARLES DICKENS .. .. | 4. | JAMES W. DRIVER .. .. | 9. |
| THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. | 5. | WILLIAM PAINTER .. | ..*Tenor.* |

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

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

## The Provinces.

### QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Monday, September* 12, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. | ..*Treble.* | FRED. G. MAY .. .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .. | 2. | ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. | 3. | HENRY MITCHELL .. .. | 7. |
| JESSE GILLETT .. .. .. | 4. | JOHN W. GOLDING .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

### BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, September* 14, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.

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

Conducted by HENRY MOSS.

Rung to commemorate the marriage of Miss A. H. Crompton, eldest daughter of Mr. J. B. Crompton, of Thorncliffe, Heaton, who a short time ago defrayed the cost of rehanging the bells.

### PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOLVERHAMPTON.

*On Wednesday, September* 14, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. | ..*Treble.* | GEORGE BURROWS .. .. | 5. |
| HUGH J. BALCOMBE .. .. | 2. | AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. | 6. |
| ROBERT PICKERING .. .. | 3. | JOHN JAGGAR .. .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM G. HALL* .. .. | 4. | HERBERT KNIGHT .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

This peal, Sir A. P. Heywood's variation of Thurstans' was rung to celebrate the twenty-third birthday of Mr. Hugh Balcombe. *First peal in the method.

### GLOUCESTER.

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

*On Thursday, September* 15, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| RICHARD A. JUDD .. .. | ..*Treble.* | ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. | 6. |
| WALTER T. BENNETT .. | 2. | JOHN W. GOLDING .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .. | 3. | ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. | 8. |
| SIDNEY E. ROMANS .. .. | 4. | WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. | 9. |
| FRED. G. MAY .. .. .. | 5. | JOSIAH STEPHENS .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

### ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN [illegible]

*On Saturday, September* 17, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Being 720 of College Single, and two 720s each of Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM VINCE* .. .. | ..*Treble.* | CHARLES GILES .. .. .. | 4. |
| JAMES ABERY .. .. .. | 2. | HENRY TUCKER .. .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM T. HORNE .. .. | 3. | ALFRED E. REEVES .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

*First peal.

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

*On Sunday, September* 18, 1898, *in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.** Tenor 18 cwt.

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| HARRY FLANDERS† .. .. | ..*Treble.* | STAFF-SERGT. ALFRED PYE | 5. |
| GEORGE R. PYE .. .. | 2. | ERNEST PYE .. .. .. | 6. |
| EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. | 3. | ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. | 7. |
| FREDERICK A. NUNN .. | 4. | WILLIAM PYE .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

*On Tuesday, September 20, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

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| G. T. MARSHALL .. .. | *Treble.* | W. SOUTHWICK .. .. .. | 5. |
| G. T. MILLER .. .. .. | 2. | F. MERRISON .. .. .. | 6. |
| T. STOCKDALE .. .. .. | 3. | J. W. STICKNEY .. .. | 7. |
| C. JACKSON .. .. .. .. | 4. | J. W. DALE .. .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by J. W. STICKNEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. B. W. Mason, of Hull, and Miss M. E. Sylvester, of Castleford.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Canterbury Pleasure Royal rung at Bromsgrove on the 10th inst., was the first by the Association and by all the band.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, August 7th, for Divine Service, 305 Grandsire Caters. C. Stenner, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; W. Lloyd, 2; J. Harris, 4; C. Winfield, 5; J. H. Aldridge, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; B. Tilley, 10. Also 250 in the same method. C. Stenner, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; W. Lloyd, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Winfield, 5; J. H. Aldridge, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes, 9; B. Tilley, 10. On Sunday, August 14th, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; J. H. Aldridge, 2; J. Harris, 3; A. Rowley, 4; C. Winfield, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; B. Tilley, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Clutterbuck, 1; W. Lloyd, 2; J. Harris, 3; R. C. Balcombe, 4; C. Winfield, 5; P. W. Davies, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8. On Thursday, August 18th, for practice, 336 Bob Major. W. Lloyd, 1; P. W. Davies, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; A. Rowley, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8. Also 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Lloyd, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; J. H. Aldridge, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Winfield, 5; A. Rowley, 6; P. W. Davies, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; H. G. White, 10. And 324 in the same method. W. Lloyd, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; P. W. Davies, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Winfield, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. H. Aldridge, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; B. Tilley, 10. On Sunday, August 28th, 305 in the same method. W. Lloyd, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor). 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Winfield, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. H. Aldridge, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes, 9; H. G. White, 10. On Sunday, September 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. G. White, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; P. W. Davies, 4; C. Winfield, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; A. Rowley, 8. On Sunday, September 11th, 349 in the same method. C. Stenner, 1; P. W. Davis, 2; W. Lloyd. 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. H. Aldridge, 5; A. Rowley, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; B. Tilley, 8. P. W. Davies hails from Bangor, North Wales.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; T. Seed, 3; J. Kenyon, 4; F. Timbrell, 5; W. Timbrell, 6. On Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. W. Timbrell, 1; T. Seed, 6; the rest as before. On Sunday, August 28th, 720 Kent and 720 Woodbine. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell, 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On Wednesday. August 31st, 720 Violet, standing as before. On Sunday, September 4th, 720 Kent. W. Timbrell, 1; I. Whalley, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Slater (Blackburn), 4; J. Brown (Hoghton), 5; J. Smith (Blackburn), 6. All conducted by W. Timbrell.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, September 18th, at the residence of Mr. Hammond, on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Aspinwall, 1-2; T. Hammond (conductor), 3-4; G. Woodhall, 5-6; T. Hammond, jun., 7-8. First 504 by T. Hammond, jun. and G. Woodhall. On Monday, September 19th, at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. S. Mann, 1; T. Aspinwall, 2; R. Jones, 3; J. Dillon, 4; G. Woodhall, 5; W. James (conductor), 6; T. Hammond, 7; J. Martin, 8. First quarter-peal by R. Jones, who hails from Wrexham.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire). — On Sunday, September 4th, for evening service, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; A Whitmore, 3; S. W. West, 4; H. Partridge, 5; L. Partridge, 6: J. A. Moult (conductor), 7; W. Fern (longest length), 8.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Saturday, September 10th, at St. Saviour's church, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 3500 changes, in 2 hrs. 5 mins, owing to a change-course. F. A. Nunn, 1; W. Pye, 2, W. H. Doran, 3; J. Mardell, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; E. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; E. Wightman (composer and conductor), 8.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 9th, for practice, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original in 1 hr; 30 mins. G. Dent (conductor), 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Taber, 3; I. Cavill (Roydon), 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin, sen., 7. A. Bass, 8. Tenor 21½ cwt.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYLAM.—On Saturday, September 17th, at St. Oswald's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor G. Atkinson, 1; J. Pattison, 2; F. Sheraton, 3; R. S. Story, 4: A. Meyers, 5; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, by the same band, the 2nd and 3rd men changing bells, and it being the first in the method by J. Pattison. Tenor 22 cwt.

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

WOODCHURCH —On Saturday, September 17th, 720 College Single. A. Inglefield, 1; G. R. Newton, 2; G. Taylor, 3; W. Hughes, 4; J. Hughes (conductor), 5; W. Bennett, 6. Also 720 Oxford Single. A. Inglefield, 1; J. L. Grant, 2; G. Taylor, 3; G. R. Newton (conductor), 4; J. Hughes, 5; W. Bennett, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. A. Inglefield, 1; G. R. Newton, 2; G. Taylor, 3; W. Hughes, 4; J. Hughes (conductor), 5; W. Bennett, 6. First 720 of College and Oxford Single by A. Inglefield, G. Taylor, and W. Bennett, who belong to the local band; the rest belong to St. Saviour's, Oxton. A 720 of Grandsire was attempted with S. Walters (Bidston), on the treble, but failed owing to the 3rd and 4th bells changing places.

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, September 15th, for practice, 742 Grandsire Triples. A. Castle, 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Gray, 3; J. Cawdle, 4; T. Webb, 5; R. Jackson, 6; G. Spice (conductor), 7; C. Castle, 8. This is the longest length on the bells since the 5th was recast by Mears and Stainbank, and great credit is due to them for the excellent splice, the tone and go of the bell being all that can be desired.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Thursday, September 1st, at St. Peter's church, 980 Grandsire Triples. W. Holme, 1; S. Wood (conductor), 2; J. Donald, 3: W. Jakeman, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; H. Palmer, 6; J. Harrison, 7; W. Wolstencroft, 8. On Sunday morning service, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor and 180 Plain Bob. W. Jakeman, 1; J. Leigh, 2; J. Donald, 3; J. Harrison, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft (conductor), 6. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Holme, 1; F. Jakeman, 2; J. Donald, 3; W. Jakeman, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft (conductor), 6; J. Harrison, 7; H. Palmer, 8. On Thursday, September 15th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Jakeman, 1; W. Jakeman, 2; S. Wood (conductor), 3; J. Harrison, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft, 6. This is the first touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all except the conductor.

### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME LACEY.— On Sunday, September 18th, at St. Andrew's church for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Davis, 1; C. Davis, 2; C. F. Sadler, 3; J. H. Price, 4; J. H. Bussell, 5; F. Voyce, 6; A. Bird, 7; J. Watts, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

HORTON.—On Saturday, September 3rd, at the monthly meeting of the Association, 720 Woodbine. J. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; H. Birch (conductor), 4; H. Shuker, 5; W. Twigg, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. W. Scragg, 1; W. Twigg, 2; E. Johnson, 3; D. Preston, 4; H. Shuker, 5; W. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. H. Birch hails from Cheddleton; Shuker from Manchester (late of Leek), Scragg and Johnson from Norton; the rest from Bucknall.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 28th, for morning service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 2; D. Preston, 3; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. For evening service 720 Duke of York, standing as before. On Sunday, September 4th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 6th, for practice, 720 London Surprise. C. Preston, 3; J. C. Wheeldon, 4; W. Wheeldon, 5; the others as before. Also 720 Lichfield Surprise. G. Clarkson, 3; the others as before. On Sunday, September 11th, for morning service, 720 College Pleasure, standing as above. This is W. Twigg's 10ooth 720, which have been rung in forty-six different Minor methods. For evening service, 720 Bristol Surprise. G. Hobbs, 5; the rest as before. On Tuesday, September 13th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Twigg, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. Preston, 3; D. Preston, 4; C. Preston, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. Also 720 Durham Surprise. J. Preston, 1; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Twigg (conductor), 6; the rest as before. This is G. Clarkson's first 720 in in the method with a bob bell.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 49 mins. G. Kirk, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; F. Kirk, 6; F. Stubbs, 7; A. Kirk (longest length), 8. On Thursday, August 18th, 504 Bob Triples. E. J. Dennes, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; H. Sharman, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; F. Kirk, 5; F. Stubbs, 6; W. Gilbert, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. On Saturday, August 20th, 784 Bob Major. R. Gilbert, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; H. Sharman, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; F. Kirk, 6; F. Stubbs, 7; F. Gilbert, 8. On Saturday, September 10th, 714 Bob Triples. H. Stubbs, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; H. Sharman, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; E. Baker, 5; F. Stubbs, 6; F. Kirk, 7; A. Kirk, 8. And 420 Bob Triples. R. Rowell, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; F. Stubbs, 3; H. Sharman, 4; E. Baker, 5; F. Kirk, 6; W. J. Gilbert, 7; A. Kirk, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. R. Rowell, 1; F. Kirk, 2; H. Sharman, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; E. Baker, 5; F. Kirk, 6; F. Gilbert, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. And 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Stubbs, 1; F. Kirk, 2; H. Sharman, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; E. Baker, 5; F. Stubbs, 7; F. Gilbert, 8. All conducted by F. Gilbert except the 336 Bob Major which was conducted by H. Stubbs. Messrs. Baker and Rowell hail from St. John's, Peterborough; E. J. Dennes from Wellingborough.

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ALTON (Hants).—On Monday, September 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Chalcraft. A. Evans, 1; Miss F. Whyley, 2; Miss W. Whyley, 3; R. Applegath, 4; *A. Davies, 5; A. Burgess, 6; W. Bramley (conductor), 7; F. Noakes, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 11th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). E. Kinsey, 1; J. Horrex, 2; W. Kinsey, 3; R. Wilding, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; H. Horrex, 6.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffollk).—On Sunday, September 4th, after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). F. Fosker, 1; R. Keeble, 2; C. Parker, 3; A. Symonds, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; W. Green, 6.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday morning, September 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Gomm (first quarter-peal), 1; G. Martin, 2; W. Walker, 3; W. Brown, 4; T. Price, 5; J. Eldridge, 6; E. Dentry (conductor), 7; A. Harding, 8. T. Price hails from Eastbourne, but formerly of the local band.

NEWARK (Notts).—On Sunday morning, September 18th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Ireland, 1; C. H. Chapman, 2; A. S. Foster, 3; L. Thorpe, 4; E. C. Thrale, 5; J. W. Elsee, 6; C. H. Newbald (conductor), 7; H. Thrale, 8. Rung without outside assistance. First touch of over 200 by the local band.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Wednesday evening, September 14th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Brooks' Variation, in 46 mins. S. Thomas (conductor), 1; W. Goodwin, 2; W. Noble, 3; T. Sawyer, 4; F. Green, 5; R. W. Collier, 6; W. S. Plant, 7; C. R. Sawyer, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, September 18th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 720 Grandsire Triples. G. F. Smith, 1; A. Jolly, 2; J. Johnson, 3; S. Bingham, 4; W. Bingham, 5; H. E. Smith, 6; W. H. Judd (conductor), 7; G. Bradley, 8. Longest touch by the local company.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, after an unsuccessful attempt for 504 Stedman Triples, a 252 in the same method was rung. A. Burchell, 1; J. Phipps, 2; W. Symes, 3; J. J. Poole, 4; J. Cullimore, 5; J. Alsop, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; D. Clark, 8.

TORTWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday evening, September 17th, the following members of the Thornbury amateur company visited this place by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev P. Arthur, and rung several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. J. J. Poole, A Burchell, S. Smart, Cullimore, T. Alsop, F. K. Howell, S. Phipps and W. Gale. This is supposed to be the first Stedman ever rang on the bells. The company wish to thank the Rector for permission to ring; also the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 15th, for practice at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, 1064 Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. C. Tyley, 1; J. Farmer, 2; E. Tyler, 3; J. Tinsley, 4; G. Newbould, 5; W. Johnson (conductor), 6; J. Malpass, 7; T. Cooper, 8. Longest touch by the treble, 3rd, 5th and 7th men.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Monday, August 29th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Roberts, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; W. Spice, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; E. J. Dixon, 6. On Monday, September 12th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Roberts, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; W. Spice, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; E. J. Dixon, 6.

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## A RINGER'S SISTER'S WEDDING.

On Thursday, September 15th, the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Leigh Hammond with Mr. William Henry Jenner was solemnised at St. Bridget's church, West Kirby. A large sprinkling of friends and relations witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. F. Trimbell, M.A., and at its conclusion the bells were fired, after which a 720 Grandsire Minor was rung. S. Wharton, 1; J. Rowland, 2; J. Pownall (conductor), 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Hammond, 5; A. Smith, 6; E. Hampson, 7 (covering). Also 720 Plain Bob, the ringers standing as before. After lowering the bells the ringers were invited to the bride's home, where ample justice was done to the good things of the table, the ringers all wishing the bride and bridegroom much happiness.

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## WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.-RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Wednesday, September 14th, the marriage was solemnised between Mr. B. West (vice-captain of the local society of change-ringers), and Miss S. A. Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward. At the conclusion of the service 1320 Grandsire Doubles were rung, after which the ringers adjourned to The Railway hotel, where an excellent tea was done justice to, most generously provided by the bride and bridegroom. After tea the ringers were joined by the wedding party, who went to the belfry and witnessed the ringing of a short touch in which the bridegroom took part. The belfry was then cleared, and a start was made for a date touch of Grandsire Triples which was successfully brought round in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; S. W. West, 3; W. West, 4; H. Partridge, 5; L. Partridge, 6; J. A. Moult (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8. The rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, the company separating about eleven o'olock, after having enjoyed a good half-holiday.

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## Compositions.

### SIX PEALS OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5038.

| | |
|---|---|
| 23456 | |
| 62354 | 1 1 2 |
| 25364 | 9th in 4 |
| 56324 | 9th in 4 |
| 35624 | 7th in 4 |
| 42536 | 9th in 3 |
| 54236 | 7th in 4 |
| 25436 | 7th in 4 |
| 63524 | 9th in 3 |
| 32564 | 9th in 4 |
| 26534 | 9th in 4 |
| 43625 | 9th in 3 |
| 32645 | 9th in 4 |
| 24635 | 9th in 4 |
| 62435 | 7th in 4 |
| 46235 | 7th in 4 |
| 63245 | 9th in 4 |
| 34265 | 9th in 4 |
| 23465 | 7th in 4 |
| 42365 | 7th in 4 |
| 26345 | 9th in 4 |
| 64325 | 9th in 4 |
| 36425 | 7th in 4 |
| 52634 | 9th in 3 |
| 43256 | 9th in 3 |
| 35246 | 9th in 4 |
| 23546 | 7th in 4 |
| 34526 | 9th in 4 |
| 53426 | 7th in 4 |
| 45326 | 7th in 4 |
| 52346 | 9th in 4 |
| 24356 | 9th in 4 |
| 32456 | 7th in 4 |
| 65234 | 9th in 3 |
| 53264 | 9th in 4 |
| 36254 | 9th in 4 |
| 23654 | 7th in 4 |

5126.

| | |
|---|---|
| 23456 | |
| 62354 | 1 1 2 |
| 25364 | 9th in 4 |
| 56324 | 9th in 4 |
| 35624 | 7th in 4 |
| 42536 | 9th in 3 |
| 54236 | 7th in 4 |
| 25436 | 7th in 4 |
| 63524 | 9th in 3 |
| 32564 | 9th in 4 |
| 26534 | 9th in 4 |
| 43625 | 9th in 3 |
| 52346 | 9th in 3 |
| 35246 | 7th in 4 |
| 23546 | 7th in 4 |
| 64325 | 9th in 3 |
| 42365 | 9th in 4 |
| 26345 | 9th in 4 |
| 32645 | 7th in 4 |
| 24635 | 9th in 4 |
| 53426 | 9th in 3 |
| 45326 | 7th in 4 |
| 34526 | 7th in 4 |
| 62435 | 9th in 3 |
| 46235 | 7th in 4 |
| 63245 | 9th in 4 |
| 34265 | 9th in 4 |
| 23465 | 7th in 4 |
| 36425 | 9th in 4 |
| 52634 | 9th in 3 |
| 43256 | 9th in 3 |
| 24356 | 7th in 4 |
| 32456 | 7th in 4 |
| 65234 | 9th in 3 |
| 53264 | 9th in 4 |
| 36254 | 9th in 4 |
| 23654 | 7th in 4 |

Round with bobs at 1 1 2 2.

These two peals are in the inverted tittum position, and have the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place.

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[The remaining four peals of Grandsire Cinques by Mr. Knights are to be found at the top of the two following columns. This arrangement is to prevent their division.]

5148.

| | |
|---|---|
| 23456 | |
| 65324 | 2 3 |
| 36524 | 7th in 4 |
| 62534 | 11th in 4 |
| 23564 | 11th in 4 |
| 46325 | 11th in 3 |
| 34625 | 7th in 4 |
| 42635 | 11th in 4 |
| 23645 | 11th in 4 |
| 62345 | 7th in 4 |
| 24365 | 11th in 4 |
| 32465 | 7th in 4 |
| 43265 | 7th in 4 |
| 36245 | 11th in 4 |
| 64235 | 11th in 4 |
| 26435 | 7th in 4 |
| 63425 | 11th in 4 |
| 52364 | 11th in 3 |
| 26354 | 11th in 4 |
| 32654 | 7th in 4 |

The 12-course part repeated, produces:

52436

| | |
|---|---|
| 63254 | 11th in 3 |
| 35264 | 11th in 4 |
| 56234 | 11th in 4 |
| 25634 | 7th in 4 |
| 53624 | 11th in 4 |

Round with bobs at 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1.

5147.

| | |
|---|---|
| 23456 | |
| 53624 | * |
| 32654 | 11th in 4 |
| 45236 | 11th in 3 |
| 53246 | 11th in 4 |
| 25346 | 8th in 4 |
| 54326 | 11th in 4 |
| 42356 | 11th in 4 |
| 34256 | 8th in 4 |
| 23456 | 8th in 4 |
| 35426 | 11th in 4 |
| 43526 | 8th in 4 |
| 32546 | 11th in 4 |
| 24536 | 11th in 4 |
| 52436 | 8th in 4 |
| 63254 | 11th in 3 |
| 35264 | 11th in 4 |
| 56234 | 11th in 4 |
| 25634 | 8th in 4 |
| 62534 | 8th in 4 |
| 23564 | 11th in 4 |
| 52364 | 8th in 4 |
| 26354 | 11th in 4 |
| 65324 | 11th in 4 |
| 42563 | 11th in 3 |

The 12-course part repeated produces:

62345

Round by 11th in and out at 2, with a double.

*This course is called 2s, 3s, 5s, 2, 2.

The 5148 contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place.

The 5147 contains the 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's, and the 4th eleven times in that position.

### A ½-PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES.

*By* J. HOWES, *Kingston-on-Thames.*

1260.

234567

| | |
|---|---|
| 642573 | 3 |
| 726534 | 3 |
| 367542 | 3 |
| 643275 | 4 |
| 736254 | 3 |
| 567243 | 3 |
| 645372 | 4 |
| 756324 | 3 |
| 267345 | 3 |
| 532467 | 1 |

Twice repeated.

5016.

| | |
|---|---|
| 23456 | |
| 35426 | 2 3 1 |
| 62534 | 11th in 3 |
| 56234 | 7th in 4 |
| 63254 | 11th in 4 |
| 26354 | 7th in 4 |
| 65324 | 11th in 4 |
| 52364 | 11th in 4 |
| 35264 | 7th in 4 |
| 23564 | 7th in 4 |
| 42365 | 7th in 4 s |

The last six courses five times repeated, calling the first course 11th in 3, produces:

23456

Round with bobs at 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1.

5081.

| | |
|---|---|
| 23456 | |
| 35426* | |
| 43526 | 8th in 4 |
| 32546 | 11th in 4 |
| 24536 | 11th in 4 |
| 52436 | 8th in 4 |
| 23456 | 11th in 4 |
| 42356 | 8th in 4 |
| 34256 | 8th in 4 |
| 45236 | 11th in 4 |
| 23546 | 11 in 4 s |
| 52346 | 8th in 4 |
| 24356 | 11th in 4 |
| 32456 | 8th in 4 |
| 43256 | 8th in 4 |
| 35246 | 11th in 4 |
| 54236 | 11th in 4 |
| 25436 | 8th in 4 |
| 53426 | 11th in 4 |
| 45326 | 8th in 4 |
| 34526 | 8th in 4 |
| 42536 | 11th in 4 |

The first 15 courses to be repeated, calling the first course 11th in 3, and calling the single in the 9th course instead of the 10th, produces:

62345

Round by 11th in and out at 2 with a double.

*This course is called 2s, 3s, 5s, 2, 1.

### A ½-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

*By* J. WRIGHT, *Kingston-on-Thames.*

1260.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4352 | s | | s | | 2354 | | - | s | |
| 5342 | | | | s | 3524 | | | | - |
| 3542 | - | - | s | | 2534 | | | | s |
| 4532 | | | | s | 5324 | | | | - |
| 5432 | - | - | s | | 3254 | | | | - |
| 3452 | | | | s | 5234 | | | | s |
| 5423 | s | | s | | 3425 | | - | s | |
| 2453 | | | | s | 4235 | | | | - |
| 4253 | - | - | s | | 3245 | | | | |
| 5243 | | | | s | 2435 | | | | - |
| 2543 | - | - | s | | 4325 | | | | - |
| 4523 | | | | s | 2345 | | | | |

This contains the twenty-four 6-7s.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* F. E. W. MEADOWS, *Otley, Suffolk.*

5136.

| 23456 | W | B | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23645 | – | 2 | – |
| 43256 | s | 1 | – |
| 24356 | | | – |
| 35246 | – | | – |
| 23546 | | | – |
| 54236 | – | | – |
| 25436 | | | – |
| 42536 | | | – |
| 34526 | – | | |
| 52346 | – | | – |
| 45326 | – | | |
| 32456 | – | | – |

Repeat last eleven courses three times with bob for single except in last part. This peal has the 6th twenty-two times at home and the 2nd or 3rd never in 6th's place at the course-ends.

Three leads are cut out and the peal reduced to 5088 by calling the first two courses thus:

| | W | M |
|---|---|---|
| 52436 | – | |
| 43256 | s | – |

The 6th is then twenty-three times at home.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

*By* C. W. CLARKE, *Bedford.*

5088.

| 23456 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53624 | – | – | – |
| 36524 | | | – |
| 65324 | | | – |
| 23564 | – | | – |
| 35264 | | | – |
| 52364 | | | – |
| 32465 | – | 5 | |
| 24365 | | | – |
| 43265 | | | – |
| 62345 | – | | – |
| 23645 | | | – |
| 43526 | – | – | – |
| 25346 | – | | – |
| 54326 | – | | |
| 42356 | – | | |
| 53246 | – | | – |
| 34256 | – | | |
| 45236 | – | | |
| 32546 | – | | – |
| 24536 | – | | |
| 35426 | – | | – |
| 52436 | – | | |
| 32456 | s | | |

Repeated.

Has the 6th twelve times wrong and her extent right.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS

*By* FRANK HOPGOOD, *Reading.*

5007.

| 231456 | 5 | 16 |
|---|---|---|
| 512463* | | |
| 215364 | – | – |
| 214563 | | – |
| 213465 | | – |
| 312564 | – | – |
| 314265 | | – |
| 315462 | | – |
| 513264 | – | – |
| 514362 | | – |
| 415263 | – | – |
| 413562 | | – |
| 412365 | | – |
| 412563 | s | – |
| 413265 | | – |
| 415362 | | – |
| 514263 | – | – |
| 513462 | | – |
| 512364 | | – |
| 215463 | – | – |
| 213564 | | – |
| 312465 | – | – |
| 315264 | | – |
| 314562 | | – |

Bobs at 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14 produce:

315462879

from which call twenty-two courses as before.

*Bobs at 3, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 26, 27.

## A 720 OF BOB MINOR.

*By* E. FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

720.

| 23456 | |
|---|---|
| s | 32564 |
| | 26345 |
| s | 62453 |
| s | 26534 |
| s | 62345 |
| | 24653 |
| | 45236 |
| s | 54362 |
| s | 45623 |
| s | 54236 |
| s | 45362 |
| | 56423 |
| | 62534 |
| | 23645 |
| s | 32456 |
| | 25364 |
| | 56243 |
| | 64532 |
| | 43625 |
| s | 34256 |

Twice repeated.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* WILLIAM WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield.*

13440.

| 23456 | W | M | R |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64235 | – | – | – |
| 26543 | – | – | |
| 52364 | – | – | |
| 35426 | – | – | |
| 43652 | – | – | |
| 26435 | – | – | – |
| 42563 | – | – | |
| 54326 | – | – | |
| 35642 | – | – | |
| 63254 | – | – | |
| 42635 | – | – | – |
| 64523 | – | – | |
| 56342 | – | – | |
| 32564 | – | – | s |
| 53426 | – | – | |
| 64532 | – | – | – |
| 56243 | – | – | |
| 25364 | – | – | |
| 32456 | – | – | |
| 43625 | – | – | |
| 56432 | – | – | – * |
| 45263 | – | – | |
| 24356 | – | – | |
| 32645 | – | – | |
| 63524 | – | – | |
| 45632 | – | – | – |
| 64253 | – | – | |
| 26345 | – | – | |
| 35264 | – | – | s |
| 43256 | – | s | |

Three times repeated; single for bob * R on 5 6 in the second and fourth parts.

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Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, writes:—"The peal of Bob Royal published last week by F. Bennett, appeared in your issue of August 19th, 1893, under my name."

HERBERT TUCKER (Bristol).—The commencement of the latter half of your 5219 is not clear. Send again, explaining "By 9th in with a single, out with bobs a double." We bring up a different course-end. The 5285 cannot be interpreted. Write in ink, and distinctly, please.

NOTICE.—As so much opposition has been expressed from different quarters, respecting mutilations of the method to effect what is supposed to be a particular number of changes, we are compelled in future to decline to insert such productions

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## 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 some to hand not later than Wednesday morning

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Eckington to-day, Saturday, September 24th, at The White Hart hotel at 5 o'clock. Eight bells available for ringing during the afternoon. Important business relating to the Cup Contest. Members are especially requested to attend.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.*

The Lancashire Association. — The Annual Meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, to-day, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service in the church at 3.45 p.m., immediately followed by unveiling of tablet to the late Secretary. A. E. WREAKS, J. WILSON, *Hon. Secs.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The meeting-house of this Society has been removed to The King's Arms, Milbank Street, Westminster, where the next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, the 29th inst.

C. J. IRISH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—A District Meeting of the above will be held at Newport, on Saturday, October 1st. The towers following will be open: Newport, Littlebury, Arkesden, and Rickling. Tea and meeting at 4.30 p.m. Members intending to be present should notify me before the previous Tuesday. Certificates of membership are now ready, post free 9d.

H. T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*
*Great Totham Vicarage.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 1st, at St. Mary's church, Luton. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Leek on Saturday next, October 1st. Members intending to be present must send notice to Mr. Thomas Turner, Westwood, near Leek, no later than Wednesday, September 28th.

REV G. T. BIRCH, W. TWIGG, *Hon. Secs.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The Quarterly Meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, October 1st, 1898, at St. Martin's church, Tipton. Bells will be available from two o'clock. As this is the centenary of the opening of the bells the members are requested to muster up in full force.

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

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich on Wednesday, October 5th. Special service at the church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Preacher: The Right Rev. the Bishop of Thetford. Dinner at 1 30 in Blackfriars Hall. Hon. members and friends, 2s. 6d. Company members, 1s. 6d. Business meeting after dinner for election of officers, etc, when the annual report will be read. Notice should be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Thursday, 29th September.

H. EARLE BULWER. *Hon. Sec.*
*Stanhoe Rectory King's Lynn, Sept, 12, 1898.*

The Middlesex County Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Godding, at Hayes, on Saturday, October 8th. All friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, October 15th, at Christ Church, Southgate. Tea will be provided at 7 p.m. at The Cherry Tree hotel, and the subsequent business meeting will be presided over by the Vicar of Southgate, the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. It is requested that members will do their utmost to attend.

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

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 22nd. Further particulars later.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
5, *Manor Parade, Sutton, Surrey.*

## AN OLD BELLRINGER.

The *Devon and Exeter Gazette* publishes the following:—

Two years ago, at Sampford Courtenay, writes a correspondent, C. L. W., I came across a native of that place, named George Brealey or Brailey, who was born in 1812, but was a hale-looking man still, though he had been for the last few years incapacitated from work through rheumatism in his arms. He had many interesting recollections to relate, and he paid me what was evidently to be understood as a special and rare compliment, by drawing forth from his bosom (where he always kept it for security) a little unbound hymn book, which enclosed a well-worn scrap of paper on which were enumerated the various Devonshire church towers in which he had rung since he was twenty years old. I afterwards wrote for a copy of the list, but Brealey's relatives informed me that he had been ill, and kept the list under his pillow, where they could not get at it. A few days since I again visited Sampford Courtenay, and found George Brealey or Brailey looking not a day older. Again he drew forth with honest pride the list, which he permitted me to copy at not too great a distance from his elbow. Here is a copy of the paper: "George Brailey was born 12th June, 1812, commenced to ring in 1832, and rang up to 1892 in the undermentioned towers: Sampford Courtenay, Northtawton. Exbourne, Honeychurch, Bondleigh, Broadwood Kelly, Winkleigh, Eggesford, Coleridge, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Spreyton, Bow, Crediton, St. John's Exeter, St. Thomas' Exeter, Ide, near Exeter, Alphington, Exminster, Tedburn St. Mary, Drewsteignton, Moretonhampstead, Bridford, Trusham, Torquay, Southtawton, Belstone, Okehampton, Bridestowe, Beer Ferrers, Launceston, St. Stephen's, Hatherleigh."

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEXHILL BRANCH.—A few old friends of this branch of the above Association had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, September 10th. Arriving at Heathfield station they were met by a conveyance, which took them to Brighton, where they were met by T. J. Ades, of Bexhill, and at four o'clock "go" was called for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. and 15 mins. A. Dawes, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; J. Beal, 3; T. J. Ades, 4; A. Reed, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; F. Price, 8. A. Dawes, A. Reed and J. Beal hail from Waldron; H. Rann and R. J. Dawe from Brighton; B. Hobbs and T. Price from Eastbourne; T. J. Ades from Bexhill. At seven o'clock a start was made for Waldron, where they arrived about ten o'clock, leaving R. J. Dawe behind to walk to Warbleton in the dark. On Sunday, September 11th, they were met by Mr. A. J. Turner, of Lewes, and rang a few touches of Grandsire Triples for morning and evening service, everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT FULHAM.—This peal contains eighty-four courses, the 6th the extent wrong and right, with 348 calls, and is the first on the plan ever rung in London. The band tender their best thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also Mr. J. W. Driver for having everything in readiness, he being made a member of the Guild before starting for the peal.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—T. J. Ades, Secretary of the Bexhill branch of the Sussex County Association, has removed from Sidley Green to 56, Hamilton Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

We have a word to say to Mr. Kensit. Personally, we know nothing about him, and we even share his opinion as the legality of certain ceremonies which have been recently introduced into the Church of England. But we suggest that he would be well advised to read an article in yesterday's *Truth*, repeating against him certain grave charges as to the literature he has sold which that journal made some years ago. If the charges are true, Mr. Kensit is no fit person to conduct a religious crusade. If they are not true, Mr. Kensit should sue *Truth* for libel, for he would be sure of damages ample enough to secure him a modest fortune. When Mr. Kensit has set himself right with Mr. Labouchere, who is not, so far as we know, a Jesuit in disguise, he can speak with his enemies in the gate. But not before.—*Daily Chronicle.*

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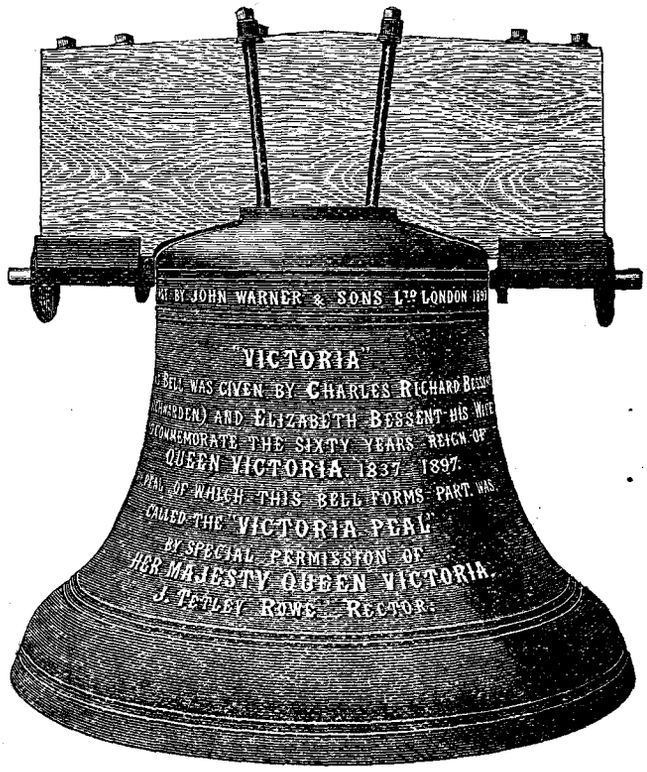


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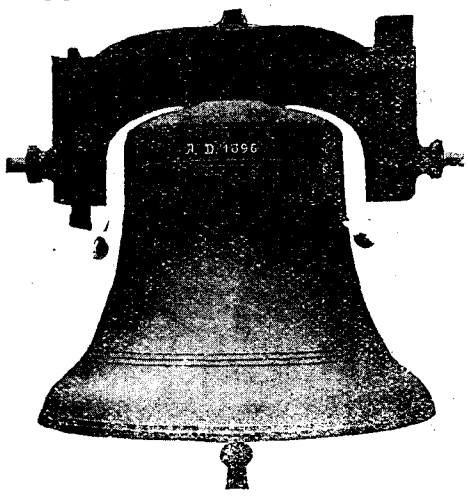


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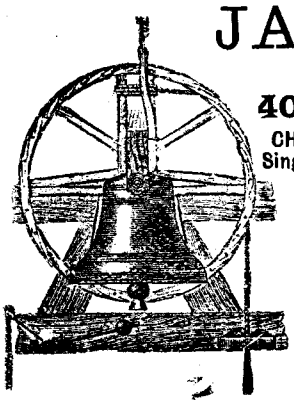

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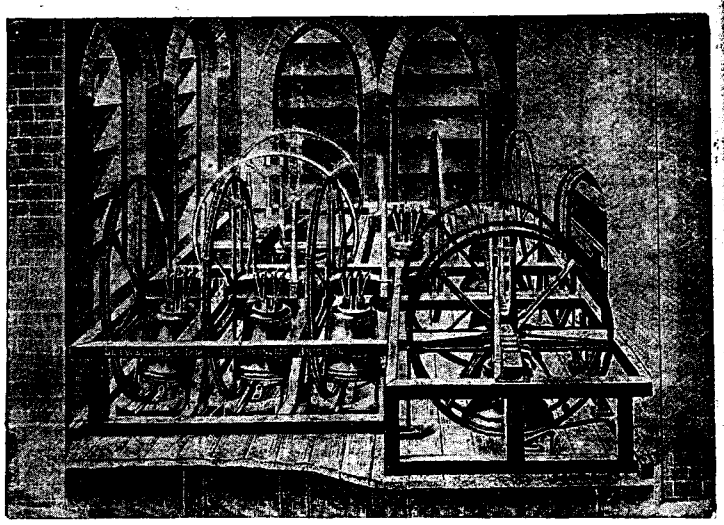

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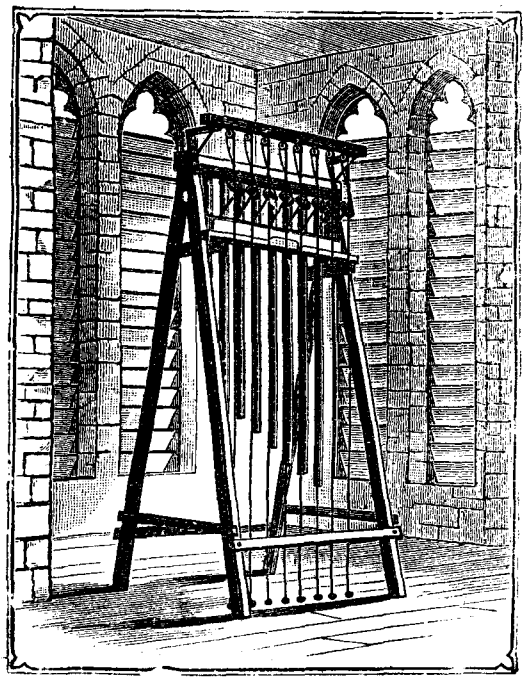

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On Tuesday evening, September 20th, the members of this Company met at "Garrett's Dining Rooms," Westgate Street, in response to an invitation sent out by Mr. F. G. May, the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and also a leading member of the above company. The idea of the meeting was to celebrate the first peal rang on the newly-augmented ring of ten in St. Michael's tower. The party was augmented by the presence of one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association in the person of the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward; and Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham; while a letter of apology was received from Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol), who owing to business engagements was prevented being present. Advantage was taken of the Archdeacon's presence in asking him to perform a very pleasing and interesting ceremony, viz.: to present Mr. Ward with a small token, on behalf the Juniors, on the occasion of his marriage. The present took the form of an address, with a mahogany table inlaid with a plain lead and also with a bob lead of Gloucester Surprise, in eight different kinds of wood, the work of a very valued member, Mr. J. Austin, and which was suitably inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Mr. F. E. Ward by the St. Michael's Juniors Society of Ringers, on the occasion of his marriage, July 16th, 1898." The address was: "To Mr. F. E. Ward.—"We, the undersigned members of the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, ask your acceptance of this address, together with an inlaid table, as a slight token of the respect and the esteem in which you are held by the members, and as a mark of high appreciation of your services to the Juniors. We very cordially wish you every happiness in your wedded life." Then follows the names of the subscribers. It may be added that the St. John's Company, Cardiff, handsomely subscribed to this testimonial.

The Ven. Archdeacon, on making the presentation, spoke of Mr. F. E. Ward in glowing terms. As he had had the pleasure of making him a present on some former occasion he was afraid he could hardly find words to express the feelings of the members present towards him, but he did hope, now that he had taken unto himself a wife, he would still pay the same attention to the manipulation of the bell-ropes, and go on ringing the great number of changes he had heard so much about. He was sorry to say he knew nothing of the subject, but was always pleased to do what he could for ringers and ringing. In conclusion, he wished both Mrs. Ward and himself every happiness, and asked him to accept the presents he saw before him, on behalf of the St. Michael's Juniors.

Mr. Ward, who was loudly cheered on rising, said it was a very agreeable surprise to him on entering the room to find the Ven. Archdeacon among the company. Regarding the object for which he was there, he said he could hardly find words to express his feelings to one and all connected with the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol for their kind wishes, and especially the St. Michael's Juniors (a company he was proud to belong to), for their kindness in getting for him so unique a present. As a ringer he was always too pleased to be able to assist when business allowed, and that though married he should always have pleasant recollections of his single days while with the St. Michael's Juniors. He hoped the day was a long way off when he should have to part company with them. He concluded by again thanking all subscribers for their handsome present, and also their good wishes to Mrs. Ward and himself.

As the Ven. Archdeacon had another engagement to keep, the presentation was made before dinner, so as to allow of his getting away in time to keep it. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the ven. gentleman by Mr. F. G. May, on behalf of those present, for his kindness in coming to make the presentation. The proposition was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Ven. Archdeacon suitably responded, and hoped the company would spend a very pleasant evening.

Mr. Ward was then asked to fill the vacant chair, which he most kindly consented to do, being supported on his right and left respectively by Messrs. F. G. May, W. T. Bennett, E. E. Davis and J. Austin. Dinner over, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony. songs, tunes on the handbells and touches of Grandsire and Stedman. As the time for closing was drawing near, Mr. W. T. Bennett rose to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. F. G. May for his generous hospitality in inviting them that evening to dinner, to celebrate the opening peal on St. Michael's bells. He was also pleased to congratulate him on being appointed Master of the Association, an honour he well deserved, as he had shown by the interest he had taken in ringing, and the way he had come to the front during the last year or two.

Mr. Ward seconded, and in doing so, said that he fully endorsed all that had been said by Mr. Bennett. He then proposed "The Health of the Donor of the Feast," which was musically and enthusiastically honoured.

Mr. May, in responding, said he was very pleased to see them all that evening, and hoped to see them all together again on some future occasion to spend an enjoyable evening. What he had done that evening he did for the good of ringing, at the same time wishing he could do more to further the cause. He thanked them most heartily for the kind way they had drunk his health.

The following contributed to the evening's enjoyment on the handbells: Messrs. F. E. Ward, F. G. May, F. E. Hart, J. Austin, W. T. Pegler, R. A. Barrett and R. Brunsdon. Songs were sung by Messrs. A. Franklin, J. Gillett, W. R. Wright, W. T. Pegler and J. Stephens. Mr. R. Brunsdon kindly officiated at the piano.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CLOCK.

**The dials of the great clock at St. Paul's are having new skeleton iron centres put in. When the clock was erected some five years ago, the centres were filled with white glass for illumination at night, but the lights were never set behind, and it is now thought better to revert to the old design.**

**The work is being carried out by the makers of the clock, Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.**

## THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, WHITCHURCH, HANTS.

Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have quite recently re-hung the bells of this church. A new iron frame has been supplied, with entirely new fittings, wheels, beadstocks, etc.; and the work is in every way admirably carried out. It was noticed that all the cannons of the bells had been removed, and the new stocks consequently rested upon the crowns of the bells. Sir A. P. Heywood's improved grease-boxes have been put in, perhaps the most perfect form of assisting the lubrication of the gudgeons which has yet been invented. A very clever stay and slider, invented by the Rev. E. H. Horne, curate of St. Stephen, Walbrook, has been supplied to all the bells, and Messrs. Taylor always use this on their iron frames. The whole peal has been quarter-turned.

The reopening of the bells took place on Wednesday, September 21st, and with it was combined the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

Ringing by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild commenced shortly after 3 p.m. with the following results. 120 Stedman Doubles. Alice White, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; J. Ballard, 3; F. Hopgood, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; H. White, 6. 360 Bob Minor. Dora White, 1; Alice White, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; H. Lawes, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; H. White, 6. An attempt for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob came to grief in the last course, owing to the opening of a door and the sun striking full in the face of one of the ringers. Dora White, 1; W. Horne, 2; J. Ballard, 3; H. White. 4; F. Hopgood, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. The next item, Bob Minor, was lost after ringing just over 600 changes.

The band were now entertained at the rectory, where a capital tea had been provided by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Hodgson, who although busy with other guests and friends arriving for the service later on, found some time to devote to the ringers. Tea being over the party were invited by Mrs. Hodgson to take a stroll round the Rectory grounds, and while two or three availed themselves of this privilege, the remainder made their way to the tower, where 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by H. Lawes, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; J. Ballard, 3; W. Horne, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Messrs. Hopgood and Horne now bade good-bye to the company, and mounting their bikes turned their face Readingward. The members of the local band having now put in an appearance, were pleased to be able to take a turn at the ropes, it being five years since a like privilege had been theirs, the bells not having been in ringing condition during that period. (It may here be added that the bells go remarkably well, and reflect great credit on the firm entrusted to carry out the work, the cost of which has been about £180). The visitors then rung 720 Bob Minor. Dora White, 1; Alice White, 2; H. Lawes, 3; J. W. Whiting, 4; J. Ballard, 5; H. White, 6. A few more rounds by the local band and then Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung for service, at the commencement of which the Vicar read three prayers relating to to the rehanging and rededication of the bells. The church presented a very charming appearance, being exquisitely decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, the work of which was undertaken by several ladies of the congregation, eliciting the admiration of all.

The service, which was fully choral, was taken by the Vicar, the lessons being read by the Rev. F. G. Hume, the Rector of Oakley, and the Rev. Canon Carpenter, Precentor of Salisbury Cathedral. A capital sermon was preached by the latter, who took for his text the words "What mean ye by this service," Exodus xii. 26. The speaker remarked that it was very appropriate that the bells should have been re-opened and as it were dedicated afresh to the service of Almighty God on such an occasion as this, when their joyful music might be heard calling the people together to give thanks to the Great Giver of all things for the fruits of the earth. He dwelt on the different ways in which the bells expressed the feelings of the people, sometimes ringing out merrily and rejoicing with those who rejoice, as at the festivals of the church, local, public and national rejoicings. At other times tolling sadly, telling of a soul departed, or perhaps as the remains of some friend were being carried to their last resting-place, ringing out slowly and mournfully in a muffled peal, voicing the feelings of the people in sorrow and sympathy with those bereft of the company of one now taken home. The influence of the bells was also shewn in a marked degree in the character of a people, as the general principle of life gradually declined as one got farther and farther from the sound of the church bells.

After service the ringers were again invited to the Rectory to partake of supper, but though unable to accept this kind invite, train time being so close, they much appreciated the offer, and their hearty thanks are hereby tendered to the Vicar and Mrs. Hodgson for their kindness, and their endeavours to make the visit in every way a very pleasant one.

The six bells deserve to be noticed; two of these, the 2nd and 4th, date from the Reformation period, and were probably cast before A.D. 1570. The 2nd bell bears this inscription in what is known as black lettering: "Virgo Parens Patum Fac Nobis Propitetur;" while the 4th bell is inscribed with similar lettering, "Sancta Margareta Ora Pro Nobis." The capital letters in each case have a crown pattern above them, and there is also the "Lion's Head," a well-known foundry stamp, which may be seen in Stahlschmidt's "Bells of Surrey," page 84.

The treble measures 2 feet 5 inches across, and weighs about 5 cwt., 1-2 qrs. On it is the following inscription: "R + CATLIN FECIT + + + THE GIFT OF COLONEL SHRIMPTON 1700 NEW CAST 1748."

3rd bell:—(cross) "ELIZABETH WARREN GAVE THIS BELL ANO 1612 H.K."

5th bell:—(cross) HENRI KNIGHT MADE THIS BELL ANO 1611.

Tenor:—Measuring 3 feet 6 inches across; and 2⅝ in. thick at sound bow:—RALPHE ETWALL +OHN BENHAM CVRCH WARDENS (bell) W+LL+AM TOS+ER CAST ME (bell). On a second line beneath above:—WHEN + DOO TOLL YE LORD RES YE SOVL (bell) +N THE YEAR OF OVR LORD 1724 (bell).

We may add that Messrs. Taylor have left ample space for a couple more trebles, and if these should be added some day, the interesting old Church of All Hallows, Whitchurch, will have a very handy ring of eight. The bells are rung from the ground floor of the tower, which also has to serve as a vestry.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, September 17th, at Stoke Prior. Evensong was said in the church, at which members were present from Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Clent, Dudley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Stoke Prior, Tipton, Wollaston, Worcester, etc.

The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. C. Stockdale, Vicar. Letters of apology were read from the Revs. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, and the Rev. W. C. Gibbs (Clerical Secretary), Rector of Hagley. The rev. gentleman gave a hearty welcome to the members of the Association, hoping it would not be the last time he should have the pleasure of meeting them at Stoke Prior.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Rev. Maitland Kerry and John Clarke (Ross-on-Wye) were elected life members, and nine performing members were admitted from Kidderminster, Pershore, and Sedgley. The auditors, Messrs. A. E. Parsons and W. Micklewright, were re-elected. Hagley was selected for the next quarterly meeting to be held in January 1899. A vote of thanks was given to the rev. chairman for presiding, for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells, and for the service in the church, which was suitably responded to.

During the evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung on the tower bells; also courses of Grandsire Cinques and Caters on the handbells on the vicarage lawn.

The ancient parish church at Ockbrook, Derbyshire, was re-opened on Sunday week by the Bishop of Southwell, after repairs. The fabric has not been touched, but in the interior there has been a renovation, including reseating, reflooring with concrete over the vaults, a new pulpit, and the whole of the chancel has been refurnished, new candelabra have been provided, and there is a general renewal, the organ having been also enlarged by four additional stops.

## THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES BELLS.

The Committee who have this scheme in hand have issued another statement and list of subscriptions received and promised. In asking for further funds to complete the work they say:—

"The appeal in aid of the scheme for adding four larger bells to the existing peal of six in the Parish Church as a Permanent Memorial of the Queen's sixty years' reign, has been very generally responded to, over twelve hundred subscriptions, amounting to £569, having been received from all classes and creeds in the town. But for the prolonged dispute in the Engineering Trade, which compelled the Committee to desist for a time from soliciting further subscriptions, the greater part of the £750 required would have already been raised. As it is, the bells have been cast, and brought to the town to await the necessary funds to provide the additional framework and the requisite fittings. For this the Committee now appeal to the generosity of those who have not subscribed. It may be mentioned that two firms were approached before the order for the bells was given, the Committee being particularly anxious to have the new bells assimilated to the old ones, rather than that any of the old bells should have to be recast to suit the new ones. They eventually succeeded in making arrangements with Messrs. Llewellins and James, of Bristol, who have undertaken, under a stringent guarantee, to follow the exact pattern of the old bells, and to supply the new ones to suit them, at a cost of £363, delivered in Stockton. The peal will be the only one of ten bells between York and Ripon to the south, and Newcastle to the north; and if the requisite alterations are made in the striking arrangements of the clock, a splendid addition of the Westminster chimes can be obtained on the fourth, fifth, sixth, and ninth bells; leaving the hour to be struck on the largest or tenor bell, which is five notes deeper than the existing hour bell, and three times its weight.

"In accordance with the terms of the original offer of £63 for the first new bell, the officials of the Parish Church have subscribed £89 17s. 6d. for the second new bell. The third new bell is the gift of the Freemasons, whose subscriptions amount to £164 9s.; leaving the largest or tenor bell to be regarded as the special gift of the town at large, and each of the new bells has been suitably inscribed accordingly.

"In addition to the cost of the bells, viz.:—£363, delivered in Stockton—the estimate for the new framework and fittings, including the re-hanging of the old bells at a higher level, flooring, and other requisites, is £365, or a total of £726; to meet which the Committee have in hand, after paying £300 on account of the bells, sundry accounts and expenses for printing, postage, &c., £247, leaving a sum of £180 still to be raised."

The catholicity (as it may be termed) of the list of subscribers to this movement is worthy of note. Among them there are: 1 Presbyterian; 2 Roman Catholics; 3 Wesleyans; 4 Unitarians; 5 of the Society of Friends; 9 Congregationalists; 7 Primitive Methodists; 8 Jews.

Certainly the enterprise of its chief mover—Mr. J. G. Clarkson—is most worthy of imitation.

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On Tuesday night, September 13, a meeting of the committee was held, at which further subscriptions to the amount of £28 6s. was paid in, bringing up a balance in hand after paying £300 on account of the bells and sundry accounts to £224 12s. Altogether a total of £570 has now been received, leaving a balance of £180 still to be raised to complete the work. It was decided to give the order to proceed with the fittings as well as the frame. Everything will be ready for erection at an early date, and funds are still flowing steadily in. The committee meet again on the 13th October.

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## A HOLIDAY AT BRIGHTON.

The peal of Superlative at Buxted, Sussex, was arranged for Messrs. Matthews and Inglesant, who were spending their holiday in Brighton, the visitors staying at Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams' residence, 2, Grove Street, Brighton, who made them so comfortable that they almost thought they were at home, and can confidently recommend any other ringing friends who spend their holidays in the south to visit Brighton, and above all to put up with our friend, and to enjoy a ring on Mrs. Williams' grand peal of handbells, and to have the honour to ring a touch or two with this well-known lady change-ringer. The visitors wish to take this opportunity to most sincerely thank all friends whom they met, (especially Mr. and Mrs. Williams), during their stay in the Brighton district, for their kindness and courtesy.

W. H. I.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### Committee on Railway Fares.

Dear Sir,—In accordance with a request made at the last Central Council Meeting, I now send you for publication in the next issue of "The Bell News," a draft of the petition which it is proposed that the Secretary of each Association or Guild throughout the country should forward, on a given date, after having obtained the signatures of (if possible) all the members of the Association, to the General Managers of the various Railways in his district. I shall be obliged if any suggestions as to alterations in the wording of the Petition, or additions thereto, which may seem desirable to any of your readers, may be sent to me with as little delay as possible.

The form of petition, when finally amended by our sub-committee, will be printed and sent to the Secretary of every Association with full instructions as to procedure. I may add that the delay in the publication of this scheme is due to our having been advised that our petition is more likely to meet with favourable consideration at this time of the year, than it would be during the busy summer months.

Believe me, yours etc.,

Herbert A. Cockey.

*Oldland Vicarage, near Bristol, September 28th*, 1898.

[draft.]

*To the General Manager of the.....Railway.*

Sir,—We, the undersigned members of the Association (Guild of Society) of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese (or County) or ....., beg to ask your kind consideration of the facts hereinafter set forth, with a view to the concession of greater facilities in Railway travelling to the members of our Association. We are aware that return tickets are now issued at a single fare and a quarter to parties of eight ringers travelling from the same station; but we desire to point out that it is very seldom that so many as eight of our members start from the same station when attending meetings of the Association, or other meetings for the purpose of ringing; the chief object of such meetings being to bring together ringers from all parts of our district, they come from different places by twos or threes or even singly to the centre arranged.

Under these circumstances we venture to ask that some such concession as now obtains in the case of Fishing Clubs may be made to our Association, viz.: that our members on presenting their cards of membership for the current year at any booking office on your railway, may be allowed a return ticket to the place of meeting, at a single fare and a quarter.

If such a concession were granted, our officers would use every endeavour to prevent any abuse of the privilege, and if any such abuse should be brought to their notice, would deprive the offender of his member's card, and would refuse to grant him one for the following year.

The object of our Association is to encourage intercourse amongst Church Bell Ringers, and to further the art of change-ringing, by bringing our members together at quarterly (or otherwise) meetings held at some convenient centre, and by arranging frequent meetings for practice in all parts of our district. And there can be no doubt that not only would the attendances at these meetings be largely increased if the concession we ask for were granted, but that many more ringers would join our Association with a view to sharing this privilege. We have at present (number) members; a large number of whom belong to the artizan class, and would find this reduction in fares a very great boon, as they are frequently prevented from attending our meetings on account of expense.

We venture therefore to hope that you will give the matter your favourable consideration, and that you will use your influence at the next meeting at the Railway Clearing House to obtain the concession, which we understand is being petitioned for at this time by all the ringers' Associations and Guilds throughout the country.

[*** The following is an exact copy of a large, broad sheet "printed by George Naunton, Ipswich." It has been thought best to place it before our readers without any alteration or comment.]

# ACCOUNT OF PEALS, RUNG IN DIFFERENT METHODS, BY JAMES BARHAM, OF LEEDS, IN KENT, IN THAT AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTY, FROM 1744 TO 1813.

| No. | Date. | No. of Changes. | Denomination of the Peal. | Place where rung. | Time in Performance. H. M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1744. | ... | 5040 ... Plain Bob Tripples | ... Harrietsham | |
| 2 | 1745. | June 24 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Ditto ... | |
| 3 | 1746. | Dec. 8 | ...10080 ... Bob Major Double | ... Ditto ... | ... 7 0 |
| 4 | 1747. | May 30 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Wingham ... | |
| 5 | 1748. | Dec. 1 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... New Romney | |
| 6 | 1749. | Jan. 25 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Harrietsham | |
| 7 | ,, | May 12 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Faversham... | |
| 8 | ,, | Oct. 16 | 5040 ... Bob Major Tripples | ... Ditto ... | |
| 9 | 1750. | Easter ... | 6720 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Harrietsham | ... 4 18 |
| 10 | ,, | May 24 | ...10080 ... Bob Major Double | ... Ditto ... | ... 6 50 |
| 11 | ,, | July 6 | 5040 ... Bob Major... ... | ... Ditto ... | |
| 12 | ,, | Nov. 24 | 5040 ... Bob Major Tripples | ... Maidstone ... | |
| 13 | ,, | Dec. 19 | 5040 ... Bob Major... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 30 |
| 14 | 1751. | Mar. 23 | 5040 ... Bob Major Double | ... Harrietsham | ... 3 20 |
| 15 | ,, | May 17 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Lenham* ... | ... 3 14 |
| 16 | ,, | ,, 27 | 5040 ... Bob Major Tripples | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 5 |
| 17 | ,, | Nov. 2 | 6480 ... Bob Major Caters | ... Leeds ... | ... 4 13 |
| 18 | ,, | ,, 30 | 8100 ... Plain Ten In ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 5 26 |
| 19 | ,, | Dec. 12 | 6480 ... Bob Major Caters ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 4 11 |
| 20 | 1752. | Jan. 25 | 7200 ... Plain Ten In ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 4 40 |
| 21 | ,, | Dec. 30 | ...14500 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 9 30 |
| 22 | 1753. | Jan. 13 | ...20160 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 13 34 |
| 23 | ,, | Dec. 25 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 12 |
| 24 | 1754. | Feb. 9 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Faversham ... | ... 3 16 |
| 25 | ,, | Nov. 22 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Wrotham ... | ... 3 16 |
| 26 | ,, | ,, 26 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 12 |
| 27 | 1755. | Feb. 10 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 14 |
| 28 | ,, | ,, 22 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 15 |
| 29 | ,, | ,, 24 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Wye ... ... | ... 3 10 |
| 30 | ,, | Mar. 31 | ... — ... — | Leeds ... | ... 16 0 |
| 31 | ,, | May 26 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Wye ... | ... 3 22 |
| 32 | 1756. | Jan. 13 | 6720 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Leeds ... | ... 4 27 |
| 33 | ,, | ,, 20 | 5040 ... Bob Major Double | ... Maidstone ... | ... 3 20 |
| 34 | ,, | Feb. 7 | 5040 ... London Court Bob | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 17 |
| 35 | 1757. | Feb. 10 | 6720 ... Morning Pleasure ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 4 21 |
| 36 | 1758. | Aug. 6 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Harrietsham | ... 3 16 |
| 37 | 1759. | June 3 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 10 |
| 38 | ,, | Dec. 25 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 16 |
| 39 | 1760. | April 12 | 5400 ... Oxford Treble Bob Royal... | Ditto ... | ... 3 45 |
| 40 | ,, | May 25 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... St. Mary Dover | ... 3 20 |
| 41 | ,, | Dec. 25 | 5184 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 17 |
| 42 | 1761. | Mar. 23 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Leeds ... | |
| 43 | ,, | Apl. 7&8 | ...40320 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 27 0 |
| 44 | ,, | Oct. 21 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Lenham ... | ... 3 16 |
| 45 | ,, | ,, 26 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 2 54 |
| 46 | ,, | Dec. — | ... 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Chiddingstone | ... 3 20 |
| 47 | 1762. | May 31 | 5184 ... Ditto ... ... | ... New Romney | ... 3 22 |
| 48 | ,, | Dec. 1 | 5040 ... Oxford Treble Bob Royal... | Leeds ... | ... 3 16 |
| 49 | ,, | ,, 25 | 6220 ... Court Bob ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 4 34 |
| 50 | 1763. | Jan. 1 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Maidstone ... | ... 3 34 |
| 51 | ,, | ,, 8 | 6720 ... London Court Bob | ... Harrietsham | ... 4 27 |
| 57 | ,, | May 22 | 6000 ... Treble Ten In ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 4 3 |
| 58 | 1766. | Mar. 2 | 5056 ... Morning Exercise ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 17 |
| 59 | ,, | Dec. 26 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Headcorn* ... | ... 3 26 |
| 60 | 1769. | April 30 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Headcorn ... | ... 3 22 |
| 61 | 1770. | Mar. 14 | 5184 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Sevenoaks* ... | ... 3 24 |
| 62 | ,, | Nov. 17 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 20 |
| 63 | ,, | ,, 29 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Maidstone ... | ... 3 24 |
| 64 | ,, | Dec. 26 | 5376 ... Treble Place Bob ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 27 |
| 65 | 1771. | Mar. 25 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 17 |
| 66 | ,, | April 28 | 5376 ... Treble Place Bob Double | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 27 |
| 67 | ,, | ,, 30 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 10 |
| 68 | ,, | May 20 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Tenterden ... | ... 3 27 |
| 69 | ,, | June 15 | 5184 ... Ditto... ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 17 |
| 70 | ,, | ,, 23 | 5040 ... Ditto Ten In ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 16 |
| 71 | ,, | Aug. 4 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 20 |
| 72 | ,, | Dec. 26 | 5184 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Salehurst, Sussex*... | ... 3 15 |
| 73 | 1772. | June 9 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Elham ... | ... 3 16 |
| 74 | 1773. | Feb. 11 | 5760 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 34 |
| 75 | ,, | ,, 28 | 5040 ... Court Bob ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 10 |
| 76 | ,, | May 27 | ...13440 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... — |
| 77 | ,, | ,, 29 | 5760 ... Court Bob ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 42 |
| 78 | ,, | June 19 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Bromley ... | ... 3 10 |
| 79 | 1774. | ,, 4 | 5088 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 9 |
| 80 | ,, | Aug. 7 | 5184 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Rye, Sussex* | ... 3 7 |
| 81 | 1775. | Dec. 23 | 5184 ... New Morning Exercise | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 16 |
| 82 | 1776. | May 27 | 5184 ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Goudhurst ... | ... 3 14 |
| 83 | ,, | Dec. 26 | 5184 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Wye ... | ... 3 13 |
| 84 | 1778. | Jan. 1 | 5040 ... Treble Bob Ten In | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 10 |
| 85 | ,, | ,, 10 | 5184 ... New Place Treble Bob | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 12 |
| 86 | 1780. | Nov. 17 | 5088 ... Treble Bob ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 18 |
| 87 | 1781. | Jan. 1 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 13 |
| 88 | 1783. | Nov. 1 | 5088 ... Treble Bob ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 11 |
| 89 | ,, | ,, 24 | 5088 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Cranbrook* ... | ... 3 16 |
| 90 | 1784. | May 25 | 5760 ... Treble Bob Ten In | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 59 |
| 91 | ,, | ,, 30 | 5120 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Maidstone ... | ... 4 6 |
| 92 | ,, | Nov. 8 | 5088 ... Treble Bob ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 34 |
| 93 | 1785. | Mar. 25 | 5120 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Biddenden* ... | ... 3 35 |
| 94 | ,, | Nov. 17 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 14 |
| 95 | 1786. | Dec. 30 | 6480 ... Bob Major Caters... | ... Maidstone ... | ... 4 22 |
| 96 | 1791. | Mar. 21 | 5000 ... Treble Bob Ten In | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 12 |
| 97 | 1792. | April 4 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 14 |
| 98 | ,, | Dec. 25 | 5088 ... Treble Bob ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 17 |
| 99 | ,, | ,, 26 | 5088 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Lenham ... | ... 3 14 |
| 100 | 1793. | Jan. 15 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 10 |
| 101 | ,, | Mar. 20 | 5088 ... Treble Bob ... ... | ... Faversham ... | ... 3 11 |
| 102 | 1795. | April 16 | 5040 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 10 |
| 103 | 1796. | ,, 6 | 5040 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 13 |
| 104 | ,, | June 3 | ...10080 ... Treble Bob ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 6 26 |
| 105 | 1798. | May 19 | 5088 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Ditto ... | ... 3 13 |
| 106 | 1799. | ,, 28 | 5760 ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Harrietsham | ... 3 29 |
| 107 | ,, | Dec. 20 | 5760 ... Ditto ... ... | ... Leeds ... | ... 3 31 |

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| 52 ... | „ | Mar. 15 | ... 5184 | ... Oxford Treble Bob | ... Ashford | ... | ... 3 23 | 108... | 1800. | Jan. 11 | ... 5040 | ... Bob Major ... | ... | ... Ditto | ... | ... 3 13 |
| 53 ... | „ | Nov. 17 | ... 5184 | ... Morning Pleasure ... | ... Leeds | ... | ... 3 16 | 109... | 1803. | Mar. 9 | ... 5088 | ... Treble Bob Double | | ... Ditto | ... | ... 3 10 |
| 54 ... | 1764. | Nov. 10 | ... 5040 | ... Bob Major ... ... | ... Ditto | ... | ... 3 10 | 110... | 1809. | Dec. 18 | ... 5184 | ... Old Oxford Bob | ... | ... Ditto | ... | ... 3 16 |
| 55 ... | 1765. | Jan. 25 | ... 6720 | ... Court Bob Ten In... | ... Leeds | ... | ... 4 42 | 111... | 1813. | Oct. 25 | ... 5040 | ... Bob Major ... | ... | ... Ditto | ... | ... 3 12 |
| 56 ... | „ | Feb. 2 | ... 5400 | ... Morning Pleasure Ten In... | Ditto | ... | ... 3 35 | | | | | | | | | |

The above is nearly a correct copy from the Manuscript of James Barham,* which is in the possession of W. Lover, North End, Fulham, Middlesex. Some trifling emendations being necessary, in a few instances, it is hoped the Author (who is living) will see was from no motive but to transmit his performances with more precision to his living friends and to posterity, he having rung peals for the space of 69 years.

No. 30. This number cannot be clearly ascertained, nor can it be deemed a Peal, in consequence of the breaking of a clapper, when the said James Barham stood 14 hours 44 minutes under the 7th bell, drank two glasses of wine, and called all the Bobs, which the Proprietor of this Work has a Certificate signed by a respectable person who is willing to satisfy upon oath the truth of it.

No. 43. The whole Peal of Changes on 8 bells having never been performed before or since.

No. 110 was rung by James Barham, aged 84 years; Thomas Bigg, 45 years; W. Tilby, 73 years; James Bolden, 41 years; W. Sweetlove, 49 years; Benjamin Bottle, 41 years; Thomas Austen, 74 years; George Tilbv, 62 years: all these ages added together make 509 years.

No. 111 was rung by James Barham, aged 88 years, with two other men and five young hands who never rung a peal of 5000 before.

NOTE.—Those marked thus * were first Peals at the respective places.

## THE WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17th, the members of this Guild celebrated their fifth annual outing in London. Leaving the ancient capital at 8.20 and reaching Waterloo at 10, thence by the Waterloo and City Electric Railway to the Mansion House, running under the Thames. From there on the top of a 'bus a fine view of the busy thoroughfare was much appreciated to Trafalgar Square, and at 12 o'clock arrangements had been made for a pull on the melodious peal of ten bells at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Time having arrived to supply the inner man, a pleasant stroll across St. James' park brought us to Ye Olde Bell hotel, Pall Mall, where a most excellent dinner was provided by host Harrington, comprising five courses, the course-ends rolling up in splendid style, in a chamber said to be 400 years old, and situated in the shortest street in London according to a report and picture in the *Daily Mail* of August 24th.

After the removal of the cloth the Master, Mr. W. H. George, gave the toast of "Queen and Church," including the Dean and Chapter of Winchester.

Mr. D. Froome, the Deputy Master, then said he had great pleasure in asking the members to drink the health of their worthy Master, and in the course of his remarks spoke of the very excellent way in which he had carried out his duties, and that they ought to be pleased to think they possessed a man with such ability to rule and govern a large body in such a practical manner. He also alluded in praiseworthy terms to the assistance rendered by Mr. G. Smith, who is also leader of the Twyford band; W. J. Sevier, a well-known ringer, formerly of Gloucester; C. J. Chooet, and A. E. Macey, of Eastleigh, and W. C. Lampard, of Winchester.

The Master, Mr. W. H. George, thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and said that they could now boast of having the best band of ringers that Winchester ever possessed, not altogether from a scientific point of view, but as regards character, and that was a great thing in a place like theirs, being the chief church of the diocese. He was pleased to see they were steadily progressing in that intricate method of Stedman, in which he hoped before very long to pilot them through a peal, and also another peal of Grandsire Caters, as there had only been one peal rung in the county, and that he conducted on the cathedral bells. In conclusion, he stated that there bad been a few changes in the band during the past year, but those had been conducive to more harmony and unity, and hoped that this outing would bind them still further in friendly feeling, which should exist in all societies to make them a success.

Mr. W. C. Lampard then proposed the health of absent members, after which a move was made to Westminster Abbey, where special permission had been obtained to look through the principal places of interest, until it was time to proceed to St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung, conducted by W. H. George.

It was then time to be thinking of getting homeward bound, most of them leaving at 8.5 train, arriving home soon after 10, all having spent a most enjoyable day.

## THE LIVERPOOL BRANCH OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Eleven members of this branch of the Lancashire Association journeyed to Whitchurch, Salop, on September 5th. On arriving at the church they were met by the Churchwarden, who invited them to lunch at The Black Bear, when after justice had been done to the same, a move was made to the tower. When all the ringers and Churchwardens had got into the belfry, the Rector (Rev. W. H. Egerton) came all the way up the steps, although he is in his 87th year, and gave the ringers a most hearty welcome. Then a start was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing for 1 hour and 50 minutes, it came to grief through a change-course. The ringers stood as follows: R. S. Mann, 1; T. Aspinwall, 2; Geo. Woodhall, 3; W. James, 4; J. Martin, 5; T. Dillon, 6; T. Hammond (conductor), 7; H. Coley, 8. It was very doubtful if the peal would have been got if it had gone right, as the new ropes bad been made by a local man, and such hard thick ones that they blistered the ringers' hands so badly. It seemed a pity for the Rector and Churchwardens to be done like this, as it is seldom they are found so ready to do everything at the bells; and no one to tell them the proper place from where to get the ropes. After ringing a few touches an adjournment was made for dinner, and a pleasant hour was spent in The Black Bear, when an early start was made for home, all of the company expressing themselves well pleased with their day's outing. They wish to thank the Rector and Churchwardens for their kindness, trouble, and expense, in getting everything in readiness, and also Mr. Geo. Wright, the steeple-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

## THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A practice meeting of the above Society was held at Staveley, on Saturday, September 17th, ringers attending from Chesterfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, Ranmoor, and Staveley, when touches were rung in various methods by mixed bands, also a few plain courses of Double Norwich Court, by: J. H. Bell, 1; T. Bettison, 2: J. Emsen, 3; T. Sawyer, 4; S. Smedley, 5; A. Knights, 6; S. Thomas, 7; A. Worthington, 8. It was decided to hold the next meeting at All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 15th.

The alabaster pulpit which has been given to St. Peter's Church, Highgate-hill, was dedicated and used for the first time last Sunday.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1898.

## THE CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17th, the second quarterly meeting of the above Association was held in the Church schoolroom, Magor, Monmouthshire, when members were present from Chepstow, Tidenham, Caldicot, etc. The Vicar, the Rev. B. Birkbeck, presided.

In making a few remarks at the opening of the meeting, the chairman said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to his parish, and he hoped that this their first visit to Magor would be a success. He was a thorough believer in unity, and he did not see why every parish in the Deanery should not become allied to the Association, as its objects were so good, and for his part he had great pleasure in proposing the whole of the members of his tower (eight in number), to become members of the Association. He hoped the success which had attended the Association hitherto would still continue, and that its influence would soon be felt throughout the whole of the adjacent parishes. He advised the members to rally round their respective captains and the Secretary, and give them all the help in their power, not become apathetic, and success would surely attend their efforts.

Matherne was the next place selected for the next meeting, which will take place on December 26th. Then followed the other business of the usual character, and at the close the mem-

bers passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, also for his kindly advice.

An adjournment was then made to the church tower, where hangs a very pretty ring of six bells, tenor in F sharp, which would go a lot better if proper attention were paid to the nuts and bolts, oiling, ropes, etc. An attempt was made for a 720 of Minor, but owing to the very bad "go" of the bells it had to be abandoned. Some six-scores were rung, and the bells were lowered, and after some refreshment the visitors left for their respective homes, one and all having enjoying their visit.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 23rd, at the society's headquarters, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The following were elected: *Master*—Mr. R. E. Daniell; *Senior Steward*—Mr. H. Barton; *Junior Steward*—Mr. H. Stubbs; *Treasurer*—Mr. W. Baron, sen. (re-elected); *Secretary*—Mr. A. Jacob (re-elected).

# The Metropolis.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Thursday, September 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ISAAC GEORGE SHADE | *Treble.* | HARRY HOSKINS | 5. |
| WILLIAM FOREMAN | 2. | WILLIAM PYE | 6. |
| WILLIAM BERRY | 3. | FREDERICK W. THORNTON | 7. |
| JOHN JAMES LAMB | 4. | HARRY FLANDERS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

# The Provinces.

## HEMEL HEMPSTED, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 23, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES GOLDING* | *Treble.* | *HARRY GOLDING | 5. |
| GEORGE HARDING* | 2. | †WILLIAM H. NEWELL | 6. |
| JAMES FLOYD* | 3. | WILLIAM CHARGE, JUN. | 7. |
| WILLIAM SHEPHARD | 4. | WILLIAM CHARGE, SEN. | *Tenor* |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NRWELL.

This is the first peal on the bells. *First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by the local band. 7-8 covering.

## BUXTED, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. | *Treble.* | JAMES N. FROSSELL | 5. |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 2. | WILLIAM H. INGLESANT | 6. |
| ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS | 3. | KEITH HART | 7. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM GROOM | *Treble.* | STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. | 5. |
| ALFRED W. GRIMES | 2. | JAMES DURRANT | 6. |
| WILLIAM WIGHTMAN | 3. | GEORGE WIGHTMAN | 7. |
| WILLIAM GRIMES | 4. | ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN | *Tenor.* |

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

*On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM A. CAVE | *Treble.* | JOHN D. MATTHEWS | 6. |
| CHARLES H. GORDON | 2. | CHARLES H. TOMKINS | 7. |
| RICHARD CLARK | 3. | FREDERIC W. ELLES | 8. |
| CHARLES H. HORTON | 4. | THOMAS W. RADFORD | 9. |
| RAYMOND J. WILKINS | 5. | JAMES R. JONES | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal by Messrs. Clark and Jones. First in the method by Matthews and Radford. *First peal as conductor in the method.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOSEPH FAULKNER | *Treble.* | SAMUEL J. HUGHES | 5. |
| FREDERICK BYWATER | 2. | JOHN W. SMITH | 6. |
| WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT | 3. | SAMUEL SPITTLE | 7. |
| HARRY PRICE* | 4. | CHARLES ROLINSON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Townsend, the leader of this society.

## CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

*On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST JONES* | *Treble.* | HERBERT JONES | 5. |
| WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE* | 2. | *ALFRED CHESTER | 6. |
| WILLIAM J. TAYLOR | 3. | JAMES E. GROVES | 7. |
| PERCY LANE | 4. | GEORGE J. TAYLOR | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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|---|---|---|---|
| FRANK A. SMITH | *Treble.* | WILLIAM PICKWORTH | 5. |
| CHARLES BROWN | 2. | WILLIAM HEWITT | 6. |
| WILLIAM JAY | 3. | CHARLES R. LILLEY | 7. |
| GEORGE GIBBARD | 4. | WALTER CARPENTER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal by Messrs. Brown and Carpenter.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOSEPH MADDOCK | *Treble.* | REV. H. C. COURTNEY | 5. |
| ALEXANDER EVANS | 2. | JAMES GRABHAM | 6. |
| HENRY PEARCE | 3. | EDGAR E. BURGESS | 7. |
| HENRY J. POOLE | 4. | GEORGE H. YENDALL | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

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

*On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST C. HUNT | *Treble.* | THOMAS J. SALTER | 5. |
| NOAH DAVIS | 2. | ADOLPHUS ROBERTS | 6. |
| THOMAS WAKEMAN* | 3. | JOHN CRANE | 7. |
| ALBERT E. PARSONS | 4. | RICHARD E. GROVE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

*First peal of Cambridge. This is the first peal of Cambridge in the county of Salop.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 24, 1898, 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.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WALTER PERKINS | *Treble.* | WILLIAM PETTITT | 5. |
| JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. | 2. | CHARLES CHASTY | 6. |
| WILLIAM V. NEWMAN | 3. | CHARLES W. CLARKE | 7. |
| WILLIAM BARKER | 4. | JAMES GARRATT | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This composition has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

*On Saturday, September 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs.

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| CHARLES CARTER | *Treble.* | THOMAS MUDGE | 5. |
| FRANK DAVEY | 2. | FERRIS SHEPHERD | 6. |
| WILLIAM DRAKE | 3. | JAMES MOSS | 7. |
| EDWIN SHEPHERD | 4. | JOHN MARTIN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

This is the first peal on the bells.

DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

*On Sunday, September 25, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being Forty-two Six-scores of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

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| EDWARD TOLLEY | *Treble.* | *FREDERICK SALLIS | 4. |
| EDWARD HOPKINS* | 2. | FRANK COOK | 5. |
| NORMAN GRINNELL* | 3. | GEORGE LAMPITT | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

*First peal, and are local men; the rest hail from St. Peter's Evesham. This is the first peal on the bells

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.)

*On Monday, September 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

THURSTANS' REVERSED BY THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

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| RICHARD S. MANN | *Treble.* | THOMAS HAMMOND | 5. |
| JOHN ASPINWALL | 2. | WILLIAM JAMES | 6. |
| GEORGE WOODHALL | 3. | JAMES MARTIN | 7. |
| JAMES DILLON | 4. | †RICHARD PHIPPS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM JAMES.

†First peal. J. Dillon hails from Bromborough, Cheshire, and this is his first peal in the method.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

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| WILLIAM HY. ELDRIDGE | *Treble.* | CHARLES J. HYLAND | 5. |
| WALTER FRANKS | 2. | CHARLES R. CARTER | 6. |
| HAROLD THORPE† | 3. | WILLIAM J. THOMAS | 7. |
| WILLIAM EASTLAND | 4. | JOHN SINDEN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

†First peal and first attempt. H. Thorpe, for whom this peal was arranged hails from Rye, Sussex.

## Date Touches.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 74 of Kent, 384 Woodbine, and 720 each of Duke of York and London Scholars' Pleasure. W Marshall, 1; T. Stroud, 2; T. E. Eilis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; F. Trussler, 5; J. Lee, 6.

RIPON (Yorks).—On Saturday, September 24th, eight members of the Cathedral society, assisted by two members from Middlesbrough and Stockton-on-Tees, rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal. T. Ingleby, 1; J. Baines (aged 77), 2; W. Pick, 3; W. Gibson, 4; R. Watson, 5; J. Rumbold, 6; W. Newton, 7; F. Shepherd, 8; C. Swires, 9; T. Metcalf (conductor), 10. Composed by W. Holmes, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. W. Newton hails from Stockton, and this is his longest length in the method; T. Metcalfe from Middlesbrough.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—*Handbell Ringing*.—Recently for practice at the residence of J. Hunt 504 Grandsire Triples. Also two 168s in the same method and a course of Grandsire Major. J. Hunt, 1-2; J. J. Jones, 3-4; C. Willshire (conductor), 5-6; T. Radford, 7-8. For practice at the church of St. Nicolas, 560 Bob Major. W. Treevin (Shalford), 1; G. Foster, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; A. E. Barrow, 4; T. Radford, 5; C. Willshire, 6; J. Hunt, 7; F. Blondell (conductor), 8.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHARING (Kent).—Recently 720 Grandsire Minor. P. Edwards, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. And 720 of Doubles in the following methods: Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. E. Archer, 1; J. Willis, 2; W Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. P. Edwards, 1; J Willis, 2; W. Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; E. Archer, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. E. Archer, 2; J. Willis, 2; W Goode, 3; W. Hadlow (Lenham), 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6. On Saturday, September 10th 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hadlow, 1; W. Hills (Willesborough), 2; W. Spice, 3; H Ward, 4; E. Archer, 5; T. Tabrett (Ashford, conductor), 6. On Wednesday, September 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hadlow, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Goode, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; W. Spice, 5; T. Tabrett, 6. And two 120s

of Stedman (non-conducted). E. Archer, 1; J. Willis, 2; H. Goodwin, 3: W. Hobbs, 4; W. Spice, 5; J. Clifford, 6. First 720s of Bob Minor by Messrs. Archer, Goode, Willis, and Ward.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Saturday, September 17th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland (first 720), 1; G. Dennis, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; W. J. Walker, 4; J. Champion, 5; H. Shipp, 6. Rung in honour of the Rev. C. O. Trew, the newly-appointed Vicar of this parish. On Sunday, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; G. Dennis, 5; H. Shipp, 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, June 12th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 2; P. F. Harman, 3; R. Hims, 4; J. Hack, 5; E. Dunn, 6; T. Harford (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday morning, July 31st, for Divine Service, 672 Bob Major. E. Dunn, 1; T. Harford, 2; F. C. Newman, 3; R. Hims, 4; J. Hack, 5; R. Humphrey, 6; J. Emery, 7; G. Durling (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, September 14th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. R. Grindstead and Miss E. Lloyd, of Bromley, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling, 4; J. Hack, 5; F. Sanders, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMHAM (Wilts).—On Sunday, September 25th, for the Harvest Festival Service at the church of St. Nicholas, 960 Grandsire Doubles. A. Webb, 1; G. Minty, 2; A. Powney, 3; T. Jones, 4; J. Bush, 5; H. Hughes, 6. Conducted by A. Powney. Longest touch by A. Webb. All the above are local men.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, September 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford in 28 mins. W. Price, 1; †W. Rhodes, 2; G. Norman, 3: †S. Robinon, sen., 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; S Robinson, jun., 6. †First 720 and first attempt. On Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service. 720 Kent Treble Bob in 38 mins F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; S. Morton, 3; †S. Robinson, 4; G. Marsden, 5; G. Norman (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the method. Tenor 17 cwt.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Madin, 1; W. Worthington, 2; —. Mottershall, 3; —. Daffin, 4; J. Worthington, 5; S. Robinson, 6; S. Smedley, 7; A. Worthington (conductor), 8. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs. S. Robinson hails from Eckington.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, September 20th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6.

WEAVERINGHAM (Cheshire).—On Saturday, September 24th, the above ringers visited this place and rang 720 Bob Minor at St. Mary's church, standing in the same orderas above. It was intended to ring a 720 of Treble Bob Minor, but owing to the bells going so badly it was not attempted.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 25th, for the Harvest Festival at St. Wilfrid's church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Wilkinson, 1; J. Ashmole, 2; T. Bush (conductor), 3; A. Booth, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; T. Wilkinson, 6. After service three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Booth, 3; T. Wilkinson (conductor), 4; T. Bush, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob (thirty singles). Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich. W. Hine, 1; T. Bnsh, 2; A. Booth, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6. After service 360 Plain Bob. H. Yarwood (conductor), 6; the rest as before.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Saturday, August 27th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Bob Minor. T. Duxbury, 1; R. Sanderson. 2; T. Newhall, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; A. Heap, 5, T. Redman (conductor). 6. Messrs. Ashworth and Redman hail from Burnley; Sanderson from Preston; Newhall and Heap from Accrington; Duxbury from Padiham.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 4th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Redman, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Hartley, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. T. Mouncey, 1; D. Campbell, 2; D. Heys, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 11th, for Divine Serviee, 720 Bob Minor. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; D. Heys, 3; J. W. Taylor, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor). 6. On Sunday morning September 18th, for Divine Service 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; T. Redman, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Knowles, 1; D Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3. R. Ashworth, 5; R. Hartley, 5; T. Redman (conductor). 6. On Tuesday, September 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F Towns, 1; R. Hartley, 2; T. Knowles 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys (conductor), 6.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, STAMFORD.

STAMFORD.—The Harvest Festival was held at St. Martin's church, on Thursday evening, September 22nd, the sermon being preached by the Rev. H. L. James, Vicar of Surfleet. After service a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung in 23 mins. E. Gale, 1; R. Christian, 2; C. Harper, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; F. Dennison, 5: Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 6.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Sunday, August 28th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., taken from the *Clavis*. S W. Shoesmith, 1; A. Rooke, 2; A. S. Langridge, 3; J T. Rickman, 4; W. Pelling, 5; A J Turner, 6; J. S. Goldsmith (conductor). 7; J. F. Stedman, 8. On Monday, September 18th, for practice, 546 Union Triplee. H. S. Langridge, 1; J. S Goldsmith (conductor), 2; A. Rooke, 3; A. J. Turner. 4; W. Pelling 5; R J. Dawe, 6; C. Painter, 7; J. F. Steadman, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 1; A. S Langridge, 2; A. Rooke, 3; R. J. Dawe, 4; W. Pelling, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; C. Painter, 7; J. F. Stedman, 8.

RINGMER (Sussex).—On Sunday afternoon, September 25th, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of deep respect on the occasion of the death of Mrs. Gribbell, wife of the Vicar, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, in 29 mins. A. Cosham, 1; J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 2; C. Painter, 3; H. Jones, 4; A. J. Langridge, 5; T. Miller, 6; T. Taylor, 7; J. F. Stedman, 8.

## CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire). — On Sunday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Vick, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Prickett 3; S. Hopton, 4; W. Freestone, 5; R. Thompson (conductor). 6; J. Morley, 7; F. Bye, 8. On Monday, September 26th, 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Hobson, 1; G. Vick. 2; J. Prickett, 3; J. Smith 4; W. Freestone (conductor), 5; R. Thompson, 6; J. Morley, 7; B. Tamplin, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering G. Hobson, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. Prickett, 4; W. Freestone, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; B. Tamplin, 8 Tenor 21 cwt. First 720 by Messrs. Smith and Hobson, and first touch of Triples by G. Vick. Messrs. Hobson, Smith, and G. Vick hail from Tidenham, Gloucestershire.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Essex).—On Saturday, September 24th, the Stansted company paid a visit to this place and rang at the parish church 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jordan. 1; T Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor H. Lear (first 720 and first attempt), 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. J. Watts, 5, J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 120 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—Recently, for practice at the parish church, by the locals and a few friends, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 26 mins. A. A. Waite, G Miles, G. Smith, A. Pegler, H. Mitchell, R. A. Barrett (conductor). On Sunday, May 22nd, prior to evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor), G Smith, R. A. Barrett, C. Browett, G. Condick. On Tuesday, May 24th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins. A. A Waite, H Mitchell (conductor), G. Smith, G. Condick. C. Browett, L. Robinson; finishing with rounds and firing to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday. On Sunday morning, May 29th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor (four bobs and two singles) E. Davies, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, R. A Barrett, C. Browett, G Condick (conductor). On Tuesday, June 21st 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins A. A. Waite, J. Austin, G. Smith, T. Newman, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Condick. On Tuesday, July 5th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. G. Miles, G. Price, G. Smith, A. A. Waite,

H. Mitchell, G Condick (conductor). On Sunday afternoon, July 3rd, for the children's Flower Service, 180 and 360 Bob Minor, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Miles, F. Pri e, G. Smith, W Perks, A. A Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor) On Tuesday, July 12th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. Waite (aged 14 years, first 720), A. A Waite, G. Smith, F. Price, H. Mitchell (conductor), W. T. Pegler. On Sunday evening, July 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. E. Davies, H. Mitchell, G. Smith, F Price, C. Browett, A. A. Waite (conductor). On Tuesday, July 26th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 27 mins. J Waite, A. A Waite, G. Smith, F. Price, H. Mitchell (conductor), C Browett. This 720 is the composition of E. Gale, of Melton Mowbray. On Sunday evening, August 7th after a memorial service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 29 mins. E. Davies, W. Perks, G. Smith, F. Price H. Mitchell (conductor), C. Browett. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. B. Bonnor, churchwarden of this parish, who was interred the day previous. On Tuesday, August 9th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Waite, A. A. Waite, G. Smith, F. Price, H. Mitchell (conductor), C Browett. On Tuesday, September 6th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Waite, A. A. Waite, G. Smith, F Price, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. Browett. Also several 6-scores of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Dunstan's and Bob Doubles were rung at the various practices.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, July 14th, at the church of St. Mary de Crypt, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and twenty singles), in 27 mins. R. Judd, F. Brunsden, T. Newman, J. Gillett, H. Mitchell, W. T. Pegler (conductor).

MAISEMORE (Gloucestershire). — On Sunday evening, September 4th, after Divine Service, six members of the St. Michael's Juniors visited this place and rung 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. T. Pegler (conductor), J. Gillett, R. A. Barrett, T. Newman, H. Mitchell, J. Austin. Three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles were rung, conducted by W. T. Pegler, and then the bells were lowered.

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ALDENHAM (Herts).—On Tuesday, September 6th, an attempt for a peal came to grief, after which 518 Grandsire Triples was rung G. Layzell, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 2; G. Gibbard, 3; W. Newell, 4; W Hewitt, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6; T. Smith, 7; W. Carpenter, 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. John's Deritend, after the Harvest Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. A. Flowers, 1; J. Porter, 2; W. G. Ellis, 3; C. Carmel, 4; T Collinson (composer and conductor), 5; J. T. Perry, 6; H. Middleton, 7; R Speakman, 8.

BERKHAMPSTEAD (Herts).—On Monday, September 12th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Smith, 1; G. Gibbard, 2; B. Prewett, 3; W. Newell, 4; C. R. Lilley, 5; E Humphry, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham 7; W. Carpenter, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

BRISTOL.—On Friday, September 16th, for practice at St. George's church, 360 Grandsire Minor in 12 mins. A. Knight, 1; F. Isaacs, 2; A. Liversedge, 3; W. Floock, 4; S. Thomas, 5; H. Howell (conductor), 6. First 360 by Messrs. Knight and Isaacs. *First as conductor. Also several six-scores with J. Thomas on the treble.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late W. S. Smith, ex churchwarden of the parish church. C. Faulkes, 1; H. Faulkes, 2; J. W. Smith, 3; W. Micklewright, 4; A. Spittle, 5; S. J. Hughes, 6; S. Spittle (conductor), 7; J. Smith, 8; J. Goodman, 9; H. Sheppard, 10. Smith (2) hail from Netherton; the rest are of the local band.

GRUNDISBURGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Last, 1; S Wightman, 2; W. Wightman, 3; F. Clarke, 4; J. Last, 5; S. W. Martin, 6; J. Durrant, 7; G. Wightman (conductor), 8 And 640 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Wightman (conductor) 1; T. Sadler, 2; J. Durrant, 3; F. Clarke, 4; J Last, 5; S. W. Martin, 6; W. Wightman, 7; S Wightman, 8 Also 508 Grandsire Triples. S. W. Martin, 1; T. Sadler, 2; W Wightman, 3; F. Clarke, 4; J. Last, 5; J. Durrant, 6; G. Wightman (conductor), 7; S. Wightman, 8.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, September 25th, after Divine Service, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Dye, 1; W Wightman, 2; J. Sadler, 3; A. Dowsing, 4; W. Whiting, 5, S. Smith, 6; G. Sharman, 7; G. Wightman (conductor), 8. And 240 Bob Major, with W. Weedon 1; the rest as before.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (Herts).—On Wednesday, September 14th, at St. Mary's church, 2540 Bob Minor in 1 hr. 35 mins. G. Golding, 1; G Harding, 2; J. Floyd, 3; W. Shephard, 4; H. Golding, 5; W. H Newell (conductor), 6; W. Charge, jun, 7; W. Charge, sen., 8. This is the first half-peal on the bells.

NORTHCHURCH (Herts).—On Tuesday, September 20th, at St. Mary's church 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Golding, 1; H Golding, 2 J. Floyd, 3; W. Shephard, 4; W. H. Newell, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 11th, 720 Bob Minor. H Gladwell, 1; C. Parker, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; R. Wilding, 4; H. Horrex (conductor), 5; W. E. Kinsey, 6 Also 720 Oxford (nine bobs). A. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Bigg, 4; H. Horrex, (first in the method), 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hollocks, 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; R. Wilding, 6 For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles) Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich A. Symonds (conductor), 1; J. Moore, 2; W. Hollocks, 3; H. Gladwell, 5; W. E. Kinsey, 5; H. Horrex, 6.

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, September 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Wall, 1; W. Verry, 2; G. A. Martineau, 3; R. Faux, 4; F. Rowley (conductor), 5; J A. Bragg, 6; S. Bragg, 7; W. H. Smith, 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service at St. Hilda's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) R. Hopper, sen., 1; F. Scrafton, jun., 2; R. Scrafton, sen., 3; J. Crawford, 4; J. Hopper, jun., 5; G. W. Dix (conductor), 6.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday evening, September 25th, for the Harvest Festival, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. L. Waddington, 1; F. S. Barnes, 2; A. Hallett, 3; R. Hammond, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; W. H. L Buckingham, 6; T. Waller, 7; H. Walker and G. W. Steabben, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

WOBURN (Beds).—On June 27th, at St. Mary's church, 800 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; M. Matthews, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; S. A. Avis, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; D. Harris, 7; E. Herbert, 8. On July 4th, 576 Treble Bob. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; M. Lane, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Chasty, 8 On July 11th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; E. Herbert, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; H. D. Harris, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8. On Monday, July 25th, 288 Kent Treble Bob. M. Matthews, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; W Chibnall, 4; H. Toll, 5; H. D. Harris, 6; E Herbert, 7; M. Lane, 8. On Monday, September 12th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5. W. Chibnall, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8. Recently on handbells 900 Bob Royal. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; D. Harris, 3-4; E. Herbert, 5-6; Cyril Herbert, 7-8; S. Avis, 9-10. On Monday, September 26th, at St. Mary's church, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major. Cyril Herbert, 1; M. Lane, 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; E. Herbert, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall, 8.

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## In Memoriam.

WILLIAM WOOLSTON
OF "WESTLANDS,"
WELLINGBOROUGH
*(A Member of the Society of Friends)*,
DIED SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1898.
AGED 81 YEARS.

He was the kind donor of "Carillons" to the parish church, Wellingborough, of two treble bells to his native place, Irthlingborough, and, as a much valued honorary member of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell Ringers, he was also a liberal helper to most of the belfry improvements in the district of late years.

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## Situations Vacant.

GARDENER WANTED.—Thorough knowledge of vegetables, out-door flower gardening and conservatory; bell-ringer.—Apply, Rector, Goldhanger, Witham, Essex.

WANTED.—Young man as Gardener, to look after pony and trap, at once, must be good change-ringer. Apply, E. E. Huntley, Busney, Herts.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

"Our own Correspondent" is always to the front, I have noticed, whenever a meeting of the Yorkshire Association takes place. Perhaps this fact has presented itself to the minds of most of you. Evidently "our own" is a prominent member of the above-named body. Be this as it may, the fact remains that his contributions have always a freshness about them which is charming in the highest degree; a kind of homeliness; at the same time without the least approach to what is known by that euphonious term, "snobbism." We have all heard the phrase "Go Yorkshire," many a time. This does not imply that any method is intended—Yorkshire Court, for instance, or anything else. "Go Yorkshire" is meant to indicate that those concerned will go Yorkshire, of course. Not "go to Yorkshire," understand, like we sometimes say "go to Jericho" or any other eastern spot. "Go Yorkshire!" I really am in a kind of fix how to accurately explain the phrase, and begin to wish I had not introduced it. We'll have a further endeavour in the following paragraph.

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"Let's go Yorkshire." Ah! here is an addition making it a trifle more thick in the clear. Now my friends, take notice: "Let us go Yorkshire." We are getting to see it a bit plainer, are we not? Let us share and share alike in all our troubles and joys; rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep; bear one another's burdens; in other words, "Let's go Yorkshire!" We ought to think of this more and more, and feel gratified that in connection with the name of a County to which the art of change-ringing is so much indebted, we have a catching phrase so full of exquisite meaning.

"The shades of night were falling fast,"
The members had to run at last,
Right through the town to catch their train,
Saying, as they had their parting drain—
"Go Yorkshire."

I hope I have at last succeeded in making it clear. Excuse the poetic flight: one gets drawn by these subtle influences.

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The paragraph following the report of the Yorkshire Association meeting headed "Belfry Reform at Horsley, Derbyshire," ought to be read more than once or twice. Be kind enough, my dear readers, to take up your copy and read it again. True the church has only five bells, and there are at present but the same number of ringers. But affairs may improve, and there may be more bells and ringers at Horsley. It is some time since I read a more encouraging paragraph than this one. Every one of these ringers, every one, mind you, read this paper every week. I should like to hear of other five-bell companies as hearty in the cause of ringing as that of Horsley.

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An allusion to five-bell towers brings to mind circumstances attending a ring of this number in a village in one of the large counties. At this place five bells had been just re-hung. While the work was going forward, the sexton scraped a close acquaintance with the bellhanger. When the latter had finished, he instructed Mr. Sexton how the bells should be treated: screwing-up, oiling, etc. The sexton took it all in, as well as the very liberal gratuity the hanger anointed his palm with. In a few months the parishioners began to feel nervous about their bells. They heard unearthly noises from the belfry when the bells were rung; and began to be afraid that the bells would take it into their minds to come down some night into the churchyard bolus bolus. Then of course the fault was laid upon the bellhangers, who were called upon to set things to rights without delay. The bellhanger who did the job goes to see what is the matter, and finds that the long period of dry weather has made every thing loose; the worthy sexton never having put his finger to one single nut or screw at all.

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Had one of our esteemed ringing clerics been incumbent here, such a condition of things would not have arisen; or if it had, this chawbacon of a sexton would quickly have found his occupation gone. And serve him right.

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My remarks last week about Monmouth has brought the follow ing lines from my old friend Bob Haworth:—"Plain Speaker gives a fairly correct account of the Monmouth disaster. It was under Mr. Green's management. It must be forty years ago. I can only remember five of the band—Haworth, Green, Nelms, Stockham and Booth. They are all gone, I think, except myself. Best wishes to yourself and Mr. Plain Speaker."

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I may have been incorrect in saying that this was a College Youths' party, because I don't think J. Nelms ever belonged to that body. But there, it is of no consequence.

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My poetical friend, or rather *our* poetical friend, who the other week so extensively dealt in metaphor, sends the following:

Speaker Plain, we've had a treat
This week's would be hard to beat.
Most amusing and instructive—
To the "poet" most destructive!
All the "poet's" ire has gone
Leaving "Speaker Plain" alone
In his glory: with a hope
He may still enjoy his rope.
Forgive a poet-ringer's pose
As a critic—now he knows
"Speaker Plain" *can* write on ringing,
Pleasure to the "poet" bringing.

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Mr. Prickett, of Chepstow, I look towards you. Thanks for your kind line at the bottom of the report sent by you, and which has been just shown to me. I haven't a bottle of wine handy, else I would send you a toast by Atlantic cable, but I light my pipe of old Virginia, and blow the smoke Chepstowards. May your shadow become greater, and the Chepstow Company flourish more and more. PLAIN SPEAKER.

## STOKESLEY, DURHAM.

On Saturday, September 3rd, the Stockton ringers paid a visit to Stokesley as the guests of the Rev. W. P. Wright. The party drove over in a waggonette, reaching Stokesley about four o'clock. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung, and then an attempt was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, with some of the Stokesley band taking part. An adjournment was then made to Rectory Cottage, where the visitors and the local ringers were entertained to tea in the garden. After tea the handbells were brought out, and an attempt for a 720 of Bob Minor was made with four of the local band, the Rev. W. P. Wright taking part, this resulting in a break down soon after the midway single. On returning to the church, the Stockton ringers completed a 720 of York Surprise in good style, and then included the Rev. W. P. Wright in a touch of Kent Treble Bob, which concluded the proceedings of a very pleasant outing. The enthusiasm of the rev. gentleman for the art of change-ringing is evidently bearing fruit at Stokesley, where a little more patience and assistance will result in a 720 by the local band.

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The Essex Association.—A District Meeting of the above will be held at Newport, to-day, Saturday, October 1st. The towers following will be open: Newport, Littlebury Arkesden, and Rickling. Tea and meeting at 4.30 p.m. Certificates of membership are now ready, post free 9d

H. T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*
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The Bedfordshire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held this Saturday afternoon, October 1st, at St. Mary's church, Luton. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leek to-day, Saturday October 1st.

REV G. T. BIRCH, W. TWIGG, } *Hon. Secs.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The Quarterly Meeting of the above Society will be held to-day, Saturday, October 1st, at St. Martin's church, Tipton. Bells will be available from two o'clock. As this is the centenary of the opening of the bells the members are requested to muster up in full force.

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

The Crayford Society.—On and after Monday next, October 3rd, the practice-night at Crayford church will be Monday, instead of Tuesday. Any visiting friends will be welcome. G. CONYARD, *Hon Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich on Wednesday, October 5th Special service at the church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Preacher: The Right Rev. the Bishop of Thetford. Dinner at 1 30 in Blackfriars Hall. Hon members and friends, 2s. 6d. Company members, 1s. 6d. Business meeting after dinner for election of officers, etc., when the annual report will be read.

H. EARLE BULWER. *Hon. Sec.*
*Stanhoe Rectory King's Lynn, Sept*, 12, 1898.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held on Saturday, October 8th at St. Bartholomew's church, West Houghton Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited. HY. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Godding, at Hayes, on Saturday, October 8th. All friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Didsbury, on Saturday, October 8th Wanted a good muster. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o p m

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Berkhamsted on Saturday, October 15th, when the tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at the coffee tavern, business meeting to follow. All members or visitors intending to be present are requested to so inform me by Wednesday, October 12. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association — North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, October 15th, at Christ Church, Southgate. Tea will be provided at 7 p m at the Cherry Tree hotel, and the subsequent business meeting will be presided over by the Vicar of Southgate, the Rev. J Beardall The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. It is requested that members will do their utmost to attend.

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

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 22nd. Further particulars later.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
5, *Manor Parade, Sutton, Surrey.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, on Saturday, October 22nd. Further particulars will follow.

W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 261st Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, 15, Aldersgate Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

The Yorkshire Association.—An invitation to hold the Annual Meeting has been received from St. James's, Bolton, Bradford.

B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ROTHERHITHE.—The first peal of Stedman upon these bells, which were placed in the tower 150 years ago, viz.: in 1748. The "go" of them is, to put it mildly, abominable, and one visit alone will suffice to verify this statement. Nevertheless, the band wish to convey through "THE BELL NEWS" their thanks to Canon Beck and the churchwardens for their permission accorded on this and previous occasions, as well as to the veteran ringer, Mr Pead, for his endeavours to make their task as easy as possible under disheartening conditions. The band (with the exception of W. Pye) all belong to St. Alfege, Greenwich.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NUX.—All these things have been done years ago.

EMBLEM.—In these practical times the suggestion would be laughed at.

NEPHEW.—There is a maze at Hampton Court.

ROB THE GRINDER.—We cannot tell the *exact* charity school referred to.

PUPIL.—We have no hesitation in advising you to get the whole of them, See advts. on the leader page.

FALSE PEALS.—Mr. F. Dench writes: "The 5088 of Double Norwich by C. W Clarke in the issue of the 24th ult., is false; also the 5152 by E. Wightman, Woodford, published September 3rd.

Look out for the EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS OF HANDBELLS.

### CROWLAND ABBEY.

The Rev. T. H. Le Bœuf, Rector of Crowland, makes a fresh appeal for financial assistance in repairing and rendering secure the fragment of the magnificent abbey church of which he is the incumbent. On Wednesday in last week the whole north wall of the eastern chapel moved, he says, ½in to the north, and must be speedily taken down and rebuilt from the foundations, as in the case of the two bays next the tower The sum still required is about £1,100. During the present year not only have the two bays just named been rebuilt, but the north wall of the north aisle or present parish church has been underpinned on the outside face; a cross wall between two chapels rebuilt, and the east window in the tower repaired and cemented. The portion of the abbey which has caused so much work this year was built by Abbot Ulketyl in 1061. In 1091 this portion suffered from fire during the abbacy of Ingulphus the Historian. There are many reasons for this decay to the fabric beside age and the drainage of the Fens. The abbey has suffered from fire on three occasions, from earthquake (1114) and the walls were built on the peat bed, having no spreading footings. The foundations are perfectly rotten, and how the building has held together for so many centuries is, the rector remarks, a mystery. One relieving arch was imbedded only about 1-in., having a projection of 6-in. In the peat bed last week a cluster of oysters was found unopened. The underpinning of the abbey proves the statements by Ingulphus to be perfectly correct, and the oak piles may be seen by visitors which have been since 947 A.D. the stay of the foundations.

### NOTICE OF PEALS.

On Saturday next, October 1st, several members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild intend starting on a four days' ringing tour in Hants. Saturday evening, Fareham; Monday morning, Soberton; Monday afternoon, Soberton; Tuesday morning, Westmeon; Tuesday afternoon, Privett; Wednesday morning, Petersfield; Wednesday afternoon, Havant or Portsea. The tower of All Saints, Eastmeon, will also be available if wanted.

G. W.

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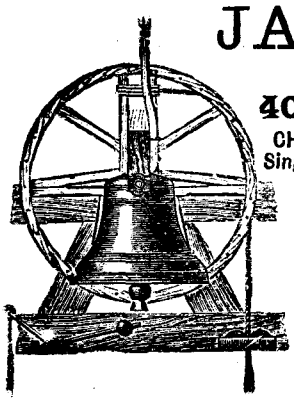

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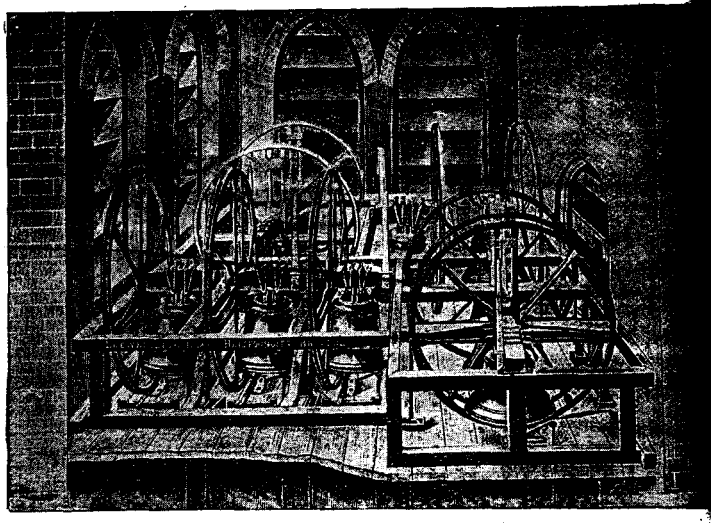

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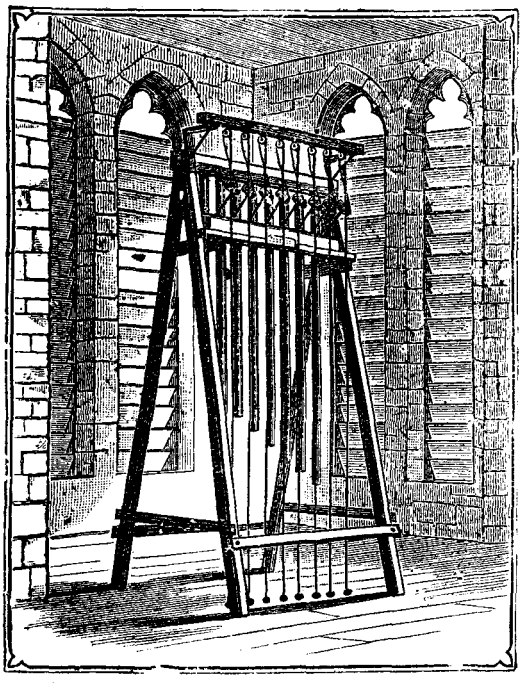

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## DEDICATION OF BELLS AT AXMINSTER, DEVON.

For something like two years work of one kind or another has been in progress at Axminster parish church, and has only recently been completed. It comprises the rebuilding of the external portion of the tower; the perfecting and rehanging of the peal of bells; the improvement of the clock in the tower; the restoration of the chancel, and the provision therein of a new roof of handsome design in oak; the erection of oak choir stalls; and the re-tuning, etc., of the organ.

The old peal of bells, eight in number, had long since ceased to be regarded with satisfaction, being out of tune, difficult to handle, etc. Two of the bells, the treble and second, cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, were given in 1886 by Lady Tulloch; the third bell was cast in 1710 by Wroth; the fifth in 1647 by W. Perdue: the sixth in 1821 by Pannell; and the fourth, seventh and tenor in 1760-65 by Bayley. A curious and very rare accident in connexion with bells happened at Axminster in 1662. A man named John Brocas was then ringing the fifth, when he by some means or other got strangled by the rope. The King claimed the bell as a deodand, but the judges differed in opinion, and the bell remained in the tower. This said fifth bell has been eliminated from the new peal, but it is retained for use in connexion with services, etc., and will obviate the necessity of using for that purpose any of the new bells, a necessity which is found to work very disadvantageously at times in other towers.

The new peal, like its predecessor, consists of eight bells, but is much heavier. For instance, the tenor, which has been recast, weighs 25½ cwt., whereas the late tenor was several cwt. lighter. It is also a maiden bell, and the others have been cast to it. The seventh, sixth, fourth and third bells have been recast, and, of course, increased in weight proportionately to the tenor. A new fifth has been provided, but the 1886 treble and second have been retained. The tenor bears the following inscription: "This tenor bell was given by William Edwin Pitfield Chapple in the year of our Lord 1897, the sixtieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria." The seventh has the following: "We five were recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank." The bells have been placed in a new oak cage, carried on new massive oak beams, and provided with new fittings throughout, while a new oak floor has been placed underneath. The restoration committee have been responsible for the rehanging, etc., to the extent of £200. Mr. W. E. Pitfield Chapple and family have borne the cost of the remainder of the work connected with the bells, which will amount to over £400. The founding and recasting have been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank; the rehanging, etc., by Mr. Harry Stokes, the well-known bellhanger, of Woodbury, with his accustomed ability.

The clock has been cleaned and refixed, and provided with two new copper dials, each 6-ft. in diameter. It has also been fitted with Westminster chimes for striking the hours and quarters. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, have done this section of the work. The expenditure on the tower, clock, and organ has amounted to about £1000, and has been raised with the exception of £100, still required, by public subscription. The architect has been Mr. G. Vialls, of Crewkerne. With regard to the chancel restoration, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners bear the cost. Mr. W. Dart, of Crediton, supplied the stalls: Mr. G. Cloud, of Axminster, has been the contractor for the whole of the work unconnected with the bells; and supplies have been, as far as possible, obtained through local tradesmen.

The dedication of the bells and the reopening of the tower, chancel, etc., took place on Thursday, September 29th, at 11 o'clock, and was attended by a large congregation. Shortly before 11 o'clock the Lord Bishop of Exeter, clergy and choir entered the church in procession from the old schoolroom, and the service commenced with the singing of the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell." The clergy comprised the Revs. A. Newman (Vicar), A. Ball (curate), J. Owen (Kilmington), J. H. Coplestone, R.D. (Offwell), J. M. Morrell (Shute), C. R. Chope (Combe Pyne), W. Farrar (Hawkchurch), A. Bennett (Winchester Diocese), and J. Southcomb (Roseasn). At the conclusion of the hymn the Bishop cut a riband of blue silk, which set the clock in motion, and then conducted a special form of service for the dedication of the bells. At a suitable interval the following members of the St. Sidwell's (Exeter) Society, who had been specially engaged to open the bells, rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples: Messrs. F. Shepherd, E. Shepherd, J. Moss, T. Mudge, C. Carter, F. Davey, W. Drake and J. Martin. A hymn written for the Winchester Diocesan Guild concluded the dedication. The hymn, by-the-bye, is an extremely appropriate one, and commences—

**The sacred bells of England,**
**How gloriously they ring!**
**From ancient tower and steeple**
**For cottager, for King.**

Morning service followed, and was fully choral, with special Psalms (24, 84, and 92) and hymns (395, 396, and 397). The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop, who took for his text the last verse of the first chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews—"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

His Lordship said he felt it no small privilege to be permitted to be present to share in the rejoicing upon the fact that the tower of the church had been completed, the chancel restored, and the peal of bells perfected, and when the parishioners met with one heart to thank God for His mercy which had given them success in that work upon which the hearts of so many had been set for years past. His Lordship then proceeded to dwell on the words of the text, and incidentally remarked that angels were mentioned no less than 256 times in the Holy Scripture. He commended the study of angels as a glorious subject, and expressed wonder that it did not command more general attention.

It may be mentioned that the choir acquitted them-

selves well, and that Mr. T. N. Webber presided at the organ with much ability. He is probably the oldest organist in England, having played at Axminster at the Queen's accession, and been in office ever since. Mr. Webber was originally a chorister at Exeter Cathedral.

At the close of the service a few rounds and call-changes were rung by the local band, comprising Messrs. C. Enticott, H. Sansom, J. Hayes, C. Daniells, W. J. Enticott, C. Perham, A. Peach, and W. E. Pitfield Chapple.

Both the local and Exeter ringers were entertained at The Western hotel, where the catering of Mr. Morgan gave general satisfaction. The Lord Bishop of Exeter and the clergy were entertained at luncheon at the vicarage.

During the afternoon the Exeter ringers attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, the bells being taken as follows: C. Carter, 1; F. Davey, 2; W. Drake, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; T. Mudge, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; W. E. Pitfield Chapple, 8. Mr. F. Shepherd conducted, and selected Hollis' five-part peal for calling. After ringing 1 hr. 10 mins., it was discovered that two bells had changed course, and the bells were brought round, much to the chagrin of the ringers themselves and of a large number of listeners. Subsequently short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung by the Exonians, who were joined by Mr. Searle, while the local ringers also did some creditable striking on the bells. By both sets the utmost satisfaction was expressed with the "go" and musical character of the peal, which, without doubt, will now rank as one of the best in the county.

A public tea was held at the Board Schools, and attended by about 400 persons. The tables were prettily laid, and those presiding at them, and who, by-the-bye, personally provided the supplies, were Mesdames Newman, Caley, Knight, Spottiswoode, Bucknole, G. Heal, England, Ramsay, Snell, Stevens, Morgan, Southwood, Cunningham, and Lombard, Misses White, Jefford, and Stone.

Evening service was held at the parish church at seven o'clock, and, despite the wet weather, which set in about noon, there was a numerous congregation. The clergy present were the Vicar, the Revs. A. Ball, R. Newman, and R. Knight (Crediton), the latter being the preacher.

The collections at the services and the proceeds of the tea were devoted to the restoration fund. The morning collection amounted to nearly £10.

Considerable approval was expressed at the appropriate and tasteful decoration of the sacred edifice, which had been effected for the occasion and undertaken by Mrs. and the Misses Cunningham, Miss Jefford, Miss Pinney, Miss White, Mrs. Caley, Miss Thorn, Miss England, Miss Stone, Miss E. M. Spottiswoode, and the Misses Chapple.

Mr. Pitfield Chapple, who is the esteemed and respected Hon. Secretary of the Devonshire Guild, and has taken the utmost interest in the bells, entertained all the ringers at tea and supper at his house, where a very pleasant time was spent.

A meed of praise is due to the Restoration Committee, and especially to the Vicar, the churchwardens (Messrs. G. A. Spottiswoode and W. J. Jefford), and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. R. Cornish), for the manner in which they have performed the duties entrusted to them.

## THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Eckington, on Saturday, September 24th.

The business meeting was held at The White Hart hotel. The President, Mr. W. Hopkinson, in the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes, which were confirmed subject to minute 7 being rescinded. This minute related to the method for the next cup contest.

In consequence of the greater portion of this meeting's business being to clear up some unpleasant incidents caused by an unsuccessful competitor at a recent cup contest, this gentleman was called upon to apologise to the secretary and other officials, the Secretary having in the mean time given notice to resign. The President handed the Secretary a letter from the offending member to read, in which he tendered his resignation as a member of the association, which was accepted. This having cleared up the matter the Secretary was requested by the President to withdraw his resignation, which was complied with. The meeting passing a vote of thanks.

The meeting passed a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Mr. H. Allen, of Dronfield.

It was arranged that the next meeting be held at Killamarsh, on the third Saturday in January, 1899.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Hopkinson for so ably presiding; the chairman replied, thanking all present for the support given him.

A move was made for the tower, where touches of Grandsire Treble Bob were rung by mixed bands from Wingfield, Treeton, Killamarsh, Staveley, Norton and Eckington; members from Beighton also being present. The Rector kindly postponed the prayers so that the ringers could continue at the ropes during the usual hour of service, for which they thanked the rev. gentleman.

It seemed quite evident that all six-bell ringers prefer eight for no six-bell ringing, to my knowledge, took place, all seeming bent on having a touch on eight. This looks promising for some new trebles for Treeton, Killamarsh, and Wingfield, and sudden death to our six-bell cup contest, and if recent brawls are to be repeated I shall be pleased to attend its funeral. J.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1st, a quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Luton, which was well attended by members from St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Bedford, Woburn, Bromham, Leighton, Ware (Herts.), and London. Touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire, Double Norwich, and Bob Major were rung upon the tower bells, but owing to the wretched condition the bells were in, nothing worthy of note could be done. Nothing has been done in the way of repairs except a little to the clappers for 100 years. The grand old church of Luton, and a town with a population of upwards of 40,000 inhabitants, and one peal of bells, it only wants an effort to get something done. About 4.30 the members adjourned for tea, which was presided over by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, after which the usual business meeting was held, at which the election of several new members were confirmed. It was also very gratifying to learn from Mr. Nicholls that the fine peal of eight at Leighton Buzzard are in the hands of the bell-hanger, and it was proposed by Mr. I. Hills, and seconded by Mr. C. Clarke, that the next quarterly meeting be held there on the first Saturday in the New Year. In the event of the Leighton bells not being ready, Turvey was chosen. This finished the business. The remainder of the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner with the local ringers, when courses of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung upon the handbells.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, September 25th, for Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 210 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harfley, 2; A. Miles, 3; H. Fayers, 4; G. H. Howes, 5; J. Osbourne, 6; G. A. Head, 7; F. Elms, 8. On Tuesday, September 27th, for practice, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Deadman, 1; A. Miles, 2; G. A. Howes, 3; H. Fayers, 4; G. H. Head, 5; D. Duly, 6.

## MIDDLEWICH PARISH CHURCH BELLS, CHESHIRE.

[*From the "Middlewich Guardian."*]

The date when bells were first hung in the old tower of St. Michael's Church, Middlewich, is enshrouded in the mists of the distant past, as bells are of great antiquity. Saxon chroniclers inform us there were bells in the churches of that period, and possibly the Norman churches of Midlestwich and Newton could boast of them. The first traceable record bearing upon the existence of bells in the present edifice is the certificate of the Sheriff of Cheshire respecting bells and plate in churches, in 1548, from the records of the Augmentation Office. In this document it is certified that Midlestwyche Parisshe Churche, in the Hundrede of Northwyche, possessed iiij (four) belles and one chales (chalice). Thus we have proof positive that our old church had a peal of four bells nearly 350 years ago. In 1651 the large bell was taken down, and later on recast and rehung, the casting of the bell costing the parish £11 10s. 8d. The chimes seem to date back as far as the beginning of the 18th century. In 1691 another of the bells seems to have got out of order, and it was found necessary to have it recast. The bell was weighed before it went to the founder, so that the churchwardens could make sure of having the full weight of metal back. This bell was entrusted to a Congleton man, and cost £8 17s. One of the bells was then named "Old Jeone." In 1708 the "great bell" was broken, and a founder named Gabrell Smith was commissioned to recast it, his bill amounting to £17 10s. The year 1711 is an important one in the history of the bells, for then it was that all four bells were recast and two others added. Several charitable persons subscribed over £60 with the object of purchasing two extra bells, so as to make a peal of six, and it was resolved by the parishioners to have this number. The four bells were taken down, and sent to a man named Ruddell, whose initials, "A.R." are on No. 4. The old framework which has just been taken out was then made, the chimes put in, and at the same time was executed "worke in ye chaimeing loft." Naturally enough, there was a demonstration when the six were hung, and they first rang forth in the calm of the evening, when bells are heard at their best. The bells were paid for. Two payments are recorded to Ruddell, one of £3 and the other £3 5s. Possibly these sums were equivalent to the balance of the bell-founder's account after giving credit for the voluntary payments. Two items of £4 7s. and £4 8s. are put down for chimes. In 1797 it was agreed that the treble bell should be recast or exchanged, and in 1806 an item of £1 appears in the churchwardens' accounts for "expenses at banging the new bell," which cost, with the carriage, £21 2s. The vane was purchased at this time for the sum of £11 14s. 1d. On the 24th August, 1840, we find the third bell was cracked, and it was resolved to have it recast. On the treble there is no inscription, but No. 3 bears the following: "Cast at Gloucester by T. Mears." The inscriptions on the other bells are:—

No. 2. "Let the people say Amen, 1711."

No. 4. "To all our Benefactors Bee A.R. 1711."

No. 5. "And may our melodious harmony echoe their generosity."

No. 6. "T. Warburton, W. Wrench, I. Hockenhall, I. Lowe churchwardens, 1711."

No doubt these inscriptions were intended to rhyme, the arrangement of them probably being:—

Let the people say Amen
To all our Benefactors Bee;
And may our melodious harmony
Echoe their generosity.

Thus we see that probably four of our present bells have for 350 years, and the remaining two for over 180 years, been ringing out the old and ringing in the new.

The following curious rules for the ringers were formerly up in the old tower, but are now illegible:—

Anyone who does ring here
Must ring well with hand and ear;
And if he rings in spur or hat.
One quart of beer must pay for that
And if a bell he overthrows
'Twill cost him eighteenpence before he goes.
Our rules are old, they are not new
Therefore the ringers must have their due.

Somewhat similar rules to these are in Wybunbury Church. The following rhyming description of the bells and those of neighbouring churches was once popular in the district, and gives an impression that years ago the bells in St. Michael's tower were considered of no small importance in the county, and probably were the "dons" in comparison with those of the neighbouring towns:—

Barthomley kettles, and Alsager pons,
Sandbach big Britons, and Middlewich dons.

Most of the old customs regarding the ringing of bells have been adhered to at Middlewich. A former curate of Middlewich wrote a number of interesting verses concerning one of these customs—the pancake bell.

One of these verses will suffice:—

What sound is that which greets mine ear
As it sweeps along through the sky so clear?
Of millions of chickens it rings the knell,
For I wot it is the Pancake Bell.

The curfew (cover-fire) bell is still rung, but not the passing bell. Formerly the bells rang at Middlewich for a quarter or halff-an-hour after divine service, "to give notice to those who cou'd not conveniently come to church yt prayrs and sermon is ended and yt that may goe about their lawfull and necessary occasions." These were the sweet Sabbath bells. Then there are the bells that

When men in Hymen's band unite,
Their merry peals produce delight;
But when death goes his dreary rounds,
They send forth sad and solemn sounds.

It should be recorded that on a massive oak beam in the roof of the belfry was the inscription:—"R.I., 1607. T.Y., F.I.S., R.F." This beam has been taken down, but a similar inscription has been cut on its successor with the addition, "Renewed. 1897," The brackets which supported this old beam were inserted in 1807, when the church tower underwent considerable restoration.

There is a curious statement in Ormerod's "Cheshire," that "the chimes were set by Rousseau," but this seems erroneous. There is no trace in the parish records of any "Rousseau" setting them, although it should be mentioned that there was a noted clockmaker of that name living in the last century. It was probably intended to read that they were set to "Rosseau's Dream." Numbers remember an occasional visit to Middlewich by the effect the musical chimes, the "poor man's music," produced upon them—effects which many have felt as well as Cowper, but which few can express so well.

Some there are, no doubt, who are insensible to "the music nighest bordering unto heaven," and who rail against the ringers as one ill-conditioned mortal did in the following lines:—

Disturbers of the human race,
Whose ceaseless ringing has no checks;
I wish the ropes would change their place,
From 'tween your hands to round your necks.

Surely no one can be imbued with this feeling of antipathy towards the musical bells of Middlewich, those bells which "rejoice with them that do rejoice" and toll in sympathy with bereaved and sorrowing ones. This article on campanology would be best concluded by giving Cowper's expressive lines:—

How sweet the music of those village bells,
Falling at intervals upon the ear
In cadence sweet! now dying all away,
Now pealing loud again and louder still,
Clear and sonorous as the gale comes on.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Bolton on Saturday, September 24th, the proceedings taking the form of an afternoon service in Holy Trinity church, followed by tea and business meeting in the schools. The shortened evening service in the church was attended by a considerable number of the members. The preacher was the Vicar of Holy Trinity (Rev. T. Taylor-Evans), who was assisted in the service by the Revs. H. J. Elsee (Vicar of St. George's and President of the Association), H. F. Lloyd (Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, Wigan), and A. W. Baxter (curate of Holy Trinity). The Rev. the Vicar preached from 2 Pet. i. 10, 11. He said that it was a saddening reflection that so very large a proportion of mankind should, because they were living under the dispensation of grace and not of the law, think themselves justified in living a life of carelessness, indifference, and apathy. The fact that they were living under grace was, on the contrary, an additional reason for diligence in the cultivation and development of the Christian character. It was only by diligence that the benefits of God's temporal gifts could be secured by men, and it was equally so with the spiritual, and if men would not use them the time would come when God would take them away. Of all Christian workers he knew of none to whom belonged a greater privilege than that which was attached to the bellringers of God's Church. It was the ringer's privilege to ring for his Master, and to tell that Master's people that He desired their presence at His house to worship Him. That was the message of the bells, neither more nor less, although it was true that at times they told of other scenes and messages. A peculiarity of the bellringer was that whilst other workers for God were seen, and their names and work trumpeted abroad and emblazoned, he rang out his message unseen and unknown. In woe and sadness, in pleasure and gladness, now softly stealing, now loudly pealing, the bells had a message for all. That day they were peculiarly called together, because they were remembering one of their members who had gone to his rest, but who, for very many years had rang out his Master's message, and came at the call himself to worship his God. The rev. gentleman then alluded to the esteem in which the late Mr. Joel Redford (for sixteen years secretary to the Association) had been held, and said they could pay no better tribute to his memory than to copy the good example he had set, by so answering the message of the bells themselves that when their turn came and the Master called upon them, they might answer "Ready, aye ready."

At the close of the service the Rev. H. J. Elsee, as President of the Association, unveiled a marble tablet in the west porch, to the memory of Mr. Redford, whose valuable and assiduous services to the association he highly eulogised. He said the association probably owed more to him than to any other single member. The memorial was formally accepted on behalf of the church and its clergy and officers by the Vicar and Mr. H. De Bell, one of the wardens, the other church officers present being Messrs. G. H. Makin and Albert Horridge. The inscription on the tablet is as follows: "To the glory of God this tablet is erected by the Lancashire Association of Change-Ringers in affectionate remembrance of Joel Redford, a ringer in this tower, who for sixteen years gave faithful service as secretary of the association. He entered into rest on February 13, 1898, aged thirty-eight years, and his body lies in the churchyard of St. James's, Breightmet."

After tea, which was served in Trinity schools, the annual meeting was held. The President (Rev. H. J. Elsee) took the chair. About 200 officers and members were present, including Messrs. J. Eachus (Vice-president), A. E. Wreaks (General Secretary), J. Wilson (Assistant Secretary), H. W. Jackson (Treasurer), and the Revs. H. F. Lloyd and C. A. Clements (Southport). The reports presented showed that the income for the year had been £44 9s. 2d., and the expenditure £64 6s. 1d., showing a loss on the year's working of £19 16s. 11d. On the income side of the account interest on bank investments had not yet been received, so that the income of the past year had really been almost exactly the same as in the preceding year, whilst the large excess of expenditure was more than accounted for by items of an extraordinary nature. In regard to the peals both in quality and quantity, if any proof were needed of the continued vitality of the society it was to be found there. The membership stood at present as follows: honorary and life 58, honorary 31, life performing members 47, performing members 725, non-resident 55—total 916. The performing members were distributed as follows: Manchester 168, Liverpool 104, Rossendale 118, Blackburn 83, Preston 85, Bolton 98, Rochdale 63 and the Fylde 53. During the year 116 new members had been elected, whilst 123 had from various causes been removed from the books. Reference was made at the close to the long and valuable work of Mr. Redford.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee delivered an excellent address to the members, and congratulated them on the fact that during the year eighty-one peals had been scored against fifty the previous year, thus establishing a record. He urged upon them the importance in their work of exercising due consideration for those who lived in the immediate neighbourhood of the churches in which they rang. Sometimes it was really trying for residents close to a belfry if the bells were rung for three hours at a stretch, especially when there were cases of sickness. Complaint had been made that injury was being done to the popularity of bells in England by want of such care and by too frequent bell-ringing in certain centres. He was as deeply interested in the bells as anyone in that room, but he wished them to keep these points in mind, and as hints for their guidance he suggested care as to the choice of places for ringing, and a greater use of handbells when trying new methods.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, and the President, General Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, and Treasurer whose names are given above, were re-elected, with Mr. Shepherd as ringing secretary. The Rev. A. W. Baxter was elected an honorary member. The following were nominated as the Committee:—Messrs. R. S. Mann (Liverpool), Z. Lord, J. B. Taylor, and J. E. Whitaker (Rossendale), J. Mather (Preston), G. Maries (Fylde), W. Slater (Blackburn), and R. Ridyard (Manchester).

Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to the officers and to the Bolton friends for the excellent arrangements made.

It was remarked that Bolton was the best ringing centre in the county, and that the members were better received at Holy Trinity than anywhere else in Lancashire. Preston was fixed upon as the place for the next meeting. The following towers were placed at the service of the members for ringing during the evening: the parish, Trinity, St. George's, All Souls', The Saviour's, Deane, and St. Peter's, Halliwell.

Mr. Redford's widow was present at the service, and kindly presided at one of the tables for tea. She desires to thank the officers and members generally for the handsome tablet which they have erected to the memory of her late husband.

## FORMATION OF A BELL-RINGERS' GUILD.

A meeting with a view to forming a bell-ringers' society in connection with Southover church, Lewes, was held in the parish Mission Room on Friday evening, September 9th. The proceedings commenced with a substantial supper, kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. W. E. Richardson), who presided at the subsequent meeting. It was pointed out that a recognised society would be more advantageous than the present order of things, and it was unanimously decided to form a Guild. Rules were then adopted, and the Rector was elected President. The assistant-clergyman (Rev. F. Evelin), and the churchwardens were elected vice-presidents, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Secretary). Mr. A. J. Turner was appointed captain and steeple-keeper, and Mr. W. Pelling, vice-captain. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in providing the supper, and for presiding over the gathering.

NEWARK (Notts.).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Gofer, 476 Grandsire Triples. H. Ireland, L. Thorpe, A. S. Foster, J. Miller, E. C. Thrale, J. W. Else, C. H. Newball (conductor), and H. Thrale. "Gofer," according to tradition, was a Dutchman who got lost in the dark in the marshes, and, eventually finding his way by the sound of the Newark bells, is said to have left a sum of money that the bells might be rung annually on Sunday evenings in October and November. The money is only traditional, but the ancient custom of ringing for an extra hour on Sunday evenings in October and part of November is kept up.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 25th, in response to a cordial invitation from North Weald, Messrs. Gowers, Wightman, Mardell, and Kimberly, drove from Woodford, picking up on the road, Messrs. Clark and Rann, of Loughton, for the purpose of ringing for the Harvest Festival. After a most enjoyable drive they arrived at their destination only to be surprised they were not first, for one who is fond of a morning stroll was already on the scene, having "padded the hoof" the thirteen miles from Leyton. After a hearty handshake with Mr. and Mrs. Gridley, an adjournment was made to the tower and the bells were soon set in motion to Kent Minor. But the peal was not to be, for time did not allow it to be brought home.

All expressing a wish to have a pull at Bovinger, three miles further on, they, under the guidance of Mr. Gridley, took "shanks's pony" with an idea of ringing after the morning service; but ringers propose and bell hangers dispose, for on making inquiry upon arrival we were informed that something was wrong with the tenor, and that a member of the firm of Mears and Stainbank had advised that it would not be safe to ring her till the necessary repairs had been carried out.

This tower would be an ideal ringing place for hot weather, for you ring in the porch, which faces north, and with nothing to prevent the wind circulating around you but an iron gate. But oh! what must it be like when "The north wind doth blow?"

No time was lost in getting back, for dinner was awaiting, and needless to say all did ringers' justice to the same. After dinner the handbells were brought out and a couple of touches of Grandsire Triples rung; then again taking the ropes, 720 of Kent was rung in 27 mins., being, as far as can be ascertained, the first 720 on the bells. H. Gowers, 1; J. Mardell, 2: J. Rann, 3; J. Kimberly, 4; E. Wightman, 5; T. H. Beams (conductor), 6. After a brief pause Messrs. Mardell, Gowers, Rann, Carter, Clark, and Wightman (conductor), standing in the order named, rung another 720 of Kent. This brought tea time, and having discussed this meal we again went into the tower and rang for the evening service touches of Bob Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, in the latter of which two of the local band were coached. The church was crowded, and a hearty choral service rendered, the anthem being "Praise the Lord" —*Smart.*

A short touch after service, closely followed by many of the congregation who stood around, brought the time of departure. A moonlight drive home through the well-known Epping Forest closed a most enjoyable day.

In thanking the vicar, the Rev. R. S. Dewing, and Mr. and Mrs. Gridley, for their kindness, we wish to say that no band could have been more cordially received and hospitably entertained than we were, and this in a place where change-ringing is as a closed book.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHWICH BRANCH.)

The members of the above held their usual quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 24th, at Great Budworth. There was an excellent muster of ringers. The bells were set going early in the afternoon by the various bands, but were found by some somewhat too heavy for them, the go of the 7th and tenor not being all that could be desired.

The Vicar, the Rev. Canon Holme, entertained the members to tea, which was admirably served by host Wright of The George and Dragon hotel.

The business part of the meeting was held in the schools, and presided over by the Vicar, who, in his usual cheery style, welcomed the branch to Great Budworth, and also addressed a few words to the ringers on their work as Church officials.

Ringing was indulged in until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered and the meeting terminated.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

COMMITTEE ON RAILWAY FARES.

DEAR SIR,—In accordance with a request made at the last Central Council Meeting, I now send you for publication in the next issue of "THE BELL NEWS," a draft of the petition which it is proposed that the Secretary of each Association or Guild throughout the country should forward, on a given date, after having obtained the signatures of (if possible) all the members of the Association, to the General Managers of the various Railways in his district. I shall be obliged if any suggestions as to alterations in the wording of the Petition, or additions thereto, which may seem desirable to any of your readers, may be sent to me with as little delay as possible.

The form of petition, when finally amended by our sub-committee, will be printed and sent to the Secretary of every Association with full instructions as to procedure. I may add that the delay in the publication of this scheme is due to our having been advised that our petition is more likely to meet with favourable consideration at this time of the year, than it would be during the busy summer months. Believe me, yours etc.,

HERBERT A. COCKEY.

*Oldland Vicarage, near Bristol, September 28th, 1898.*

[DRAFT.]

*To the General Manager of the.....Railway.*

SIR,—We, the undersigned members of the Association (Guild of Society) of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese (or County) or ....., beg to ask your kind consideration of the facts hereinafter set forth, with a view to the concession of greater facilities in Railway travelling to the members of our Association. We are aware that return tickets are now issued at a single fare and a quarter to parties of eight ringers travelling from the same station; but we desire to point out that it is very seldom that so many as eight of our members start from the same station when attending meetings of the Association, or other meetings for the purpose of ringing; the chief object of such meetings being to bring together ringers from all parts of our district, they come from different places by twos or threes or even singly to the centre arranged.

Under these circumstances we venture to ask that some such concession as now obtains in the case of Fishing Clubs may be made to our Association, viz.: that our members on presenting their cards of membership for the current year at any booking office on your railway, may be allowed a return ticket to the place of meeting, at a single fare and a quarter.

If such a concession were granted, our officers would use every endeavour to prevent any abuse of the privilege, and if any such abuse should be brought to their notice, would deprive the offender of his member's card, and would refuse to grant him one for the following year.

The object of our Association is to encourage intercourse amongst Church Bell Ringers, and to further the art of change-ringing, by bringing our members together at quarterly (or otherwise) meetings held at some convenient centre, and by arranging frequent meetings for practice in all parts of our district. And there can be no doubt that not only would the attendances at these meetings be largely increased if the concession we ask for were granted, but that many more ringers would join our Association with a view to sharing this privilege. We have at present (number) members; a large number of whom belong to the artizan class, and would find this reduction in fares a very great boon, as they are frequently prevented from attending our meetings on account of expense.

We venture therefore to hope that you will give the matter your favourable consideration, and that you will use your influence at the next meeting at the Railway Clearing House to obtain the concession, which we understand is being petitioned for at this time by all the ringers' Associations and Guilds throughout the country.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1898.

THE annual meeting of the Lancashire Association, held on the 24th ultimo, at Bolton, was of an assuring character. One important feature of the gathering was the unveiling of a marble tablet erected to the memory of the late MR. J. REDFORD, who, for no less than sixteen years, was an honoured official of the Association. In fulfilling the office of Principal Secretary, MR. REDFORD went through his duties quietly and unostentatiously, but not the less effectively, and the memorial raised to his memory is an act upon which the members of the Association may be more than complimented.

The address given to the congregation assembled in Holy Trinity Church, by the Vicar—the REV. T. TAYLOR-EVANS—was most appropriate to the occasion. His hearers must have felt its value when he pointed out that "a peculiarity of the bellringer was that whilst other workers for God were seen, and their names and work trumpeted abroad and emblazoned, he rang out his message unseen and unknown." Such words must have touched a chord in the hearts of those present, who knew full well that the conditions under which ringing is done

were exactly as the preacher illustrated. But it is a matter for the deepest thankfulness that our Art is practised under such conditions. We are apt to court popularity for change-ringing; let us be careful lest we have vulgarity. The approval of the mob we can do best without; what we wish for is the sympathy and admiration of men of thought and leading. And, happily, we are having this more and more day by day.

The Church Congress of 1898 has met at Bradford, and dissolved without the slightest reference being made to Church Bells or Ringing. The great question of Church Ritual now so prominently before Churchmen, combined with the sacrilegious violence of those rabid members of the "no-church" party, prevented any topic being brought forward which, like bells and ringing, might not be considered as prominent subjects. There were some excellent papers read, among them being a masterly and interesting one on The Sabbath, by the Ven. the Archdeacon of London, who by the way, is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. We think this paper of the Archdeacon's ought to be sown broadcast, and those who are desirous of preserving our English Sabbath in its entirety, would do well to make an effort in this direction.

## The Provinces.

### BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| FREDERICK ALCOCK* | *Treble.* | JOHN MASON | 5. |
| JABEZ EADES | 2. | ALBERT JACKSON | 6. |
| GEORGE HAYWARD | 3. | GEORGE BOURNE | 7. |
| OLIVER JAMES | 4. | JAMES PARRY | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

*First peal.

### BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, September 28, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| HARRY SAMPSON* | *Treble.* | JOHN DRONFIELD | 5. |
| LEONARD JACKSON | 2. | WILLIAM DRONFIELD | 6 |
| THOS. MCKEGG | 3. | GEORGE JACKSON | 7. |
| REGINALD DYSON | 4. | DAVID BREARLEY | *Tenor.* |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, of London, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

*First peal.

### FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, October 1, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN BASDEN | *Treble.* | JAMES ELDERFIELD | 5. |
| JOSEPH J. PARKER | 2. | REUBEN FLAXMAN | 6. |
| GEORGE BASDEN | 3. | CHARLES CLARKE | 7. |
| GEORGE ALLDER | 4. | JOHN BOVINGTON | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

First peal upon the bells, and was rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

### GLOUCESTER.

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

*On Thursday, September 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| FRED. G. MAY | *Treble.* | WILLIAM PAGE | 6. |
| ERNEST E. DAVIS | 2. | ROBERT A. BARRETT | 7. |
| FRANCIS E. WARD | 3. | WILLIAM T. PEGLER | 8. |
| JOHN AUSTIN | 4. | ARTHUR E. PEGLER | 9. |
| ERNEST BISHOP | 5. | JOSHUA STEPHENS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Hart.

### IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 1, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES.** Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4lbs.

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| WILLIAM V. NEWMAN | *Treble.* | ALPHAEUS PERKINS | 5. |
| WILLIAM R. HENSHER | 2. | †JAMES GARRATT | 6. |
| JOHN J. MAWBY* | 3. | JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. | 7. |
| WILLIAM PETTITT | 4. | JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

*First peal of Norwich with a bob bell. This composition has the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, the 2nd never in 5-6, and the 3rd never in 6th's place at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time. †Sixtieth peal.

### WYLAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 1, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWIN,

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

Being 720 each of College Singles, Oxford Bob, Bob Minor, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 22 cwt.

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| GEO. ATKINSON | *Treble.* | ROBERT S. STOREY | 4. |
| FRED. SHERATON | 2. | ANTHONY MEYRS | 5. |
| JOE PATTISON | 3. | THOMAS T. GOFTON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by THOS. T. GOFTON.

First peal on the bells, and the first with a bob bell by the ringer of the 2nd. J. Pattison was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

### BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

*On Monday, October 3, 1898, 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.

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| WM. G. WHITEHEAD* | *Treble.* | HERBERT MARTIN | 5. |
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM | 2. | WILLIAM J. S. THORN | 6. |
| CHARLES GEORGE | 3. | ERNEST E. HUNTLEY | 7. |
| BERTRAM PREWETT | 4. | FRANK A. SMITH, WILLIAM I. OAKLEY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.

This peal was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Henry Thompson, Esq., J.P., who was buried that afternoon. *First peal as conductor.

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ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Thursday, September 15th, for the Harvest Festival at St. Peter's church, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Little, 1; H. Lewis, 2; E. Hull, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 5; W. Newell, 6; A. Hull, 7; A. Hallett, 8; C. R. Lilley, 9; J. Porter, 10. On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Caters. W. Little, 1; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 2; E. Hull, 3; W. Liitlemore, 4; F. J. Sharpe, 5; W. Newell, 6; H. Warner, 7; A. Hull, 8; C. R. Lilley, 9; J. Porter, 10. Tenor 22 cwt. Lilley hails from Watford; Newell from Berkhampstead. On Thursday, September 22nd, at St. Stephen's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. E. Huntley, 1; F. A. Smith, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; H. G. Rowe, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. A. Hallett, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3; W. Pickworth, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Tuesday, September 20th at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. E. Jepson, 1; T. F. Hindle, 2; A. Thompson, 3; W. E. Wilson, 4; M. Kearney, 5; W. Kearney, 6; J. Walker, 7; J. Hargreaves, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Composed and conducted by J. Walker. A. Thompson, W. E. Wilson and J. Walker belong to the Blackburn parish church society.

### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE EDITH (Herefordshire).—On Friday, September 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. W. Davies, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; G. Williams, 3; A. Brace, 4; A. Bowers, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. This is believed to be the first 720 on these bells.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, September 15th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, 1; A. Welsh, 2; W. Pollard, 3; G. Smithers, 4; P. Brooker, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; B. Page, 8. On Sunday, September 18th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Latter, 1; W. Pollard, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; E. Allen, 5; G. Smithers, 6; G. Head, 7; J. Muggridge, 8. On Sunday, September 25th, 224 Double Norwich. J. Muggridge, 1; A. Welsh, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Pollard, 4; S. Perkins, 5; H. Ford, 6; H. Porter, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. Allen hails from Margate; Head from Eastbourne; Brooker from Eastbourne.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. John-on-the-Walls after morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; C. E. Boutflower, 2; R. Clark, 3; C. H. Horton, 4; H. West, 5; W. A. Cave, 6. H. West hails from Swansea. After evening service 720 in the same method. E. Hanbury (first 720), 1; F. W Ellis, 2; C. H. Tomkins, 3; C. E. Boutflower, 4; F. Price, 5; C. H. Horton (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. HELENS (Lancashire).—On Saturday, September 24th, at the church of St. Thomas, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. J. Clitheroe, 1; J. Lamb (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. Ellis, 3; J. Witter, 4; J. T. Love (conductor), 5; R. Johnson (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. The first three belong to the St. Thomas' company; the last three to Farnworth parish church.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 11th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles). W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Farrow, 4; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. P. Holmes, 1; W. Hammond, 2; E. Wachter, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; W. Webb, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and six singles). W. Hammond, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. G. Melbourne, 4; H. Collins, 5; E. Wachter, 6. On Sunday, September 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. P. Holmes, 1; W. Hammond, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Farrow, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, September 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; F. Slade, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Webb, 6. On Sunday, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor. P. Holmes, 1; H. Collins, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; H. Coote, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, September 25th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Warren, 1; H. Collins, 2; W. Moore, 3; W. Bearman, 4; F. Radley, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Sunday, September 25th, at the parish church, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Keeble, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Sadler, 5; H. Elliott, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8. On Saturday, October 1st, 784 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Sadler, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Dyer, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8.

### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Snnday morning, July 20th, for Divine Service at St. Augustine's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; T. Northey, 6. For evening service 720 Kent. J. Cooke, 2; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, July 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Tuesday, August 16th, for practice, 720 Kent. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss (conductor), 2; D. Thomas, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; T. Northey, 5; P. W. Davis (Bangor), 6. For practice on Tuesday, August 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Thomas (conductor), 1; W. B. Biss, 2; P. W. Davies, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Tuesday, August 30th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. B. Biss (conductor), 4; T. Northey, 5; P. W. Davis, 6. On Tuesday, September 6th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 3; T. Northey, 5. On Wednesday, September 7th, 720 Kent. J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Brain, daughter of Councillor S. Brain, to Mr. Vivian. On Sunday morning, September 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. J. Jones, 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Cox (Bridgend), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles and eight bobs). J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. C. Cooke, 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6. On Tuesday, September 13th, for practice, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). O. W. Layng (Swindon), 1; W. B. Biss, 2; P. W. Davis, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D, Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. First in the method and first attempt by P. W. Davies. On Sunday, September 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-SEA.—On Tuesday, September 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Townend, 1; J. Fisher, 2; W. Gillett, 3; G. Maries, 4; W. Atkinson (conductor), 5; G. Miller, 6; T. Singleton, 7; W. Miller, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. Messrs. Townend and Singleton are local men; the rest hail from Lytham.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WINSHILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Mark's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. C. Brown, 1; W. Wylde, 2; G. Wright, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; R. W. Logie, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. T. Gilbert, 1; W. Wylde, 2; R. W. Logie, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Shepherd, 3; the rest as before. Also six 6-scores of Grandsire and two 6-scores of Bob Doubles, with R. Blower treble; E. Plummer, tenor.

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, September 24th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Pickering, 1; W. G. Hall, 2; H. Knight, 2; W. Smith, 4; J. Buckingham, 5; A. Griffiths, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 7; I. Purser, 8. On Monday, September 26th, for practice, 600 Stedman Caters. G. Burrows, 1; H. J. Balcombe, 2; R.

Pickering, 3; B. Dalton, 4; H. Knight, 5; W. G. Hall, 6; S. Hodges, 7; A. Griffiths, 8; J. Jaggar (conductor), 9; F. Jones, 10. W. Smith hails from Darlaston; Buckingham from Eye, Suffolk, and this is his first touch of Stedman. Longest touch of Stedman by several members of the band.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH.—On September 20th, by the junior members of the belfry, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. A. Jackson, 1; G. M. Ette, 2; F. J. Tompkins (conductor), 3; W. H. Ette, jun., 4; H. Pettit (Castle Ashby), 5. On September 22nd, with the bells full muffled, in memory of the late Mr. W. Woolston (donor of the chimes), 168 Grandsire Triples E. J. Dennes, 1; F. Wood, 2; M. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. H. Ette, jun., 5; E. West, 6; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; F. Tompkins, 8. Also 630 Grandsire Triples, with G. Turrell ringing the treble, and T. Craddock the tenor. And 290, with G. M. Ette, treble, and H. Key, of Northampton, ringing the third. Every ringer young and old connected with Wellingborough belfry took part in this ringing, out of respect to one who had been such a benefactor to the church and town. On Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service in the evening, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. E. J. Dennes, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette, 7; F. Jones (Earls Barton), 8. First touch in the method by all the band.

WILBYE.—On September 22nd, 1008 Grandsire Doubles, in 29 mins. A. Fairey, 1; C. Fairey, 2; F. Tompkins, 3; O. Bayes, 4; T. Fowler, 5. Tenor 9 cwt. Conducted by F. Tompkins, of Wellingborough. Bayes belongs to Ecton, the others to Wilbye. The Rector and churchwardens of Wilbye recently decided to fit a set of Taylor's iron ceiling bosses in their belfry. Investigations preparatory to this improvement revealed the alarming fact that the supporting timbers were very rotten, and must soon have given way. New oak beams and panelling have now been put up at a considerable expense. The stone steps of the tower have also been carefully repaired. The Rector of Wilbye (the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell) takes a great personal interest in his bells and the comfort and convenience of the ringers.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—September 29th, on the occasion of the dedication of a memorial window by the Lord Bishop of Guildford, a 720 Bob Minor. C. Privett, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. After service some Grandsire Doubles was rung, when the ringers were entertained at tea in the schoolroom. After tea they again visited the belfry and rung 720 Oxford Single Bob. J. Harris, 1; C. Privett, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. Rev. H. Wheat, 1; C. Privett, 2; J. Harriss, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; S. Cumming, 6. Also 280 Grandsire Doubles. J. Harris, 1; Rev. H. Wheat, 2; C. Privett, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And 720 Oxford Single. W. Singleton, 1; C. Privett, 2; J. Harris, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. The window is in memory of the the late Admiral Sir Augustus Phillimore, a most devoted worker of the Church; it cost £300.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Wednesday, August 31st, four members of the Portsea band paid a visit to this place and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Harper, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; J. Harris, 3; E. Newman, 4; F. S. Bayley, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Harris, 1; J. Harper, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; E. Newman, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6. On Wednesday, September 14th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Singleton, 1; J. Harris, 2; S. Cummins, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And 360 Oxford Single. W. F. Churcher, 1; W. Singleton, 2; J. Harris, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 2nd, for Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. F. Churcher, 1; I. G. Shade (Greenwich), 2; C. Giles (Reading), 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; H. White (Basingstoke, conductor), 6. And 240 Bob Minor. J. W. Whiting, 1; I. G. Shade, 2; C. Giles, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; H. White (conductor), 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 25th, for the Harvest Festival service, in the morning, 896 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Creasey, 1; J. Rumsey, 2; S. Collins, 3; W. Groom, 4; A. W. Grimes, 5; W. Bullock, 6; W. Grimes (conductor), 7; W. Rumsey, 8. During the afternoon several touches were rung, including 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Grimes, 1; G. Rowe, jun., 2; W. Crickmer, 3; W. Rumsey, 4; W. Groom, 5; W. Bullock, 6; J. Rumsey, 7; A. W. Grimes (conductor), 8. Also 700 Grandsire Triples. W. Groom, 1; A. W. Grimes, 2; W. Grimes, 3; W. Crickmer, 4; G. Rowe, jun., 5; W. Bullock, 6; W. Rumsey, 7; J. Rumsey, 8. Also before Divine Service in the evening, 640 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Rumsey (conductor), 1; S. Collins, 2; J. Rumsey, 3; A. W. Grimes, 4; W. Bullock, 5; W. Groom, 6; W. Crickmer, 7; G. Rowe, jun., 8. Also 240 Bob Major. W. Rumsey, 1; W. Crickmer, 2; S. Collins, 3; W. Grimes (conductor), 4; W. Bullock, 5; W. Groom, 6; J. Rumsey, 7; A. W. Grimes, 8. After service in the evening, 560 Bob Major. A. W. Grimes, (conductor), 1; S. Collins, 2; W. Crickmer, 3; W. Groom, 4; W. Bullock, 5; J. Rumsey, 6; G. Rowe, jun., 7; M. Rumsey, 8. On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major, J. Creasey, 1; S. Collins, 2; W. Rumsey, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; A. W. Grimes, 5; J. Rumsey, 6; W. Groom, 7; W. Grimes (conductor), 8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY.—Recently, at St. Peter's church, for Sunday evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. F. Stonely, 1; A. L. May, 2; J. M. Davenport, 3; H. P. Harman (conductor), 4; W. Matthews, 4; J. D. Wheelton, 6; W. Mayers, 7; W. H. Smith, 8.

## THE CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. S. Hopton, 1; R. Hughes, 2; W. Freestone, 3; J. Prickett, 4; J. Morley, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6. R. Hughes hails from Tidenham, Gloucestershire. For evening service 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Vick, 1; R. Thompson, 2; S. Hopton, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Freestone, 5; W. Biss (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; G. Hobson, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

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BRISTOL.—On Thursday, September 8th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 500 Bob Minor. E. Hanbury, 1; W. Lea, 2; F. Isaacs, 3; J. Burford, 4; A. Isaacs, 5; S. Thomas (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 15th, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. E. Hanbury, 1; S. Thomas, 2; W. H. Thomas, 3; F. Isaacs, 4; A. Isaacs, 5; A. Harrington, 6, On Thursday, September 22nd, several 6-scores of Bob Doubles. G. Thomas, W. W. Lea, W. H. Thomas, E. Hanbury, A. Isaacs (conductor), A. Lea. On Thursday, September 29th, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. E Hanbury, 1; W. Lea, 2; W. H. Thomas, 3; F. Isaacs, 4; A. Isaacs, 5; S. Thomas (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Thomas, 1; F. Isaacs, 2; A. Brooks, 3; E. Hanbury, 4; W. Lea (conductor), 5; G. Davis, 6. Another 6-score with P. Lea, 3. Messrs. Brooks and Davis hail from Henbury.

LONDON.—On Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service in the evening at All Saints, Fulham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. C. Charge, 1; J. Aldridge, 2; H. Adams (first quarter-peal in the method), 3; W. T. Elson, 4; J. Nicholls, 5; R. Charge, 6; E. H. Adams (conductor), 7; S. How, 8.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On October 2nd, for morning service at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor. E. Hern, 1; J. Browell, 2; A. Tully, 3; W. Hunt, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; E. Waugh (conductor), 6; J. Hern, 7. These bells have been silent three months, and were re-opened on Sunday, October 2nd, owing to the inability of the church to pay the ringers.

SEDGEFIELD (Durham).—On Saturday, October 1st, on the chiming apparatus, 120 Grandsire Doubles by G. J. Clarkson.

## 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."*

### STOCKTON TEN-BELL SCHEME.

SIR,—In referring to the subscriptions received from the various religious bodies of this town, you have fallen into a curious error, for which I am perhaps to blame. The figures quoted are simply reference figures, 1 denoting the subscriber to be a Presbyterian, 2 a Roman Catholic, 3 a Wesleyan, and so on. It would be quite impossible to allot to each religious body its exact share in the 1200 and odd subscriptions to hand, but several of them are well represented not excluding the higher amounts. A desire is now being expressed in certain quarters to revive the curfew, which not many years ago was rung night and morning throughout the year. It may be said that both Stockton and Thornaby are passing through a wave of enthusiasm in the matter of bells which might under different circumstances have been turned to the advantage of the Durham and Newcastle Association, an opportunity which in the nature of the case can of course never return.

G. J. CLARKSON.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The list of performances by James Barham (the late) is new to many readers. Those who have some of the old ringing books, such as "The Clavis," and "Shipway," know how those fathers of the science estimated such doings. They never believed the 40,000 was ever rung at all, either at Leeds in Kent, or anywhere else. You will all understand that neither Barham nor any of his colleagues rang the 40,000 straight off the reel; they had relays of men ready to catch hold when desired, but if the Leeds Association are to be believed, some of these bucolic "joints" stood up to their work an inordinate number of hours. And they continued without being fed with raw meat or sliced orange impregnated with some kind of stimulant.

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So the story goes, or something like it. But Londoners don't believe it was ever done. Well, perhaps not. But Londoners, collectively or individually, may not be an authority upon these things. From time immemorial, until a very few years ago, the seniors of the London Exercise always stoutly maintained that the first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in London, and to contradict such statement was downright criminal heresy. Barham and his companions may have done all they are reported to have done. The extent of Bob Major is only a matter of endurance (that we all are sure of). I feel certain I could find a band of ringers outside or inside the metropolis, who would pull it off like winking. James Washbrook would undertake the job readily, I feel sure, if it was thought necessary, and give the Kentish men half-an-hour's start. I wouldn't mind knocking out a few thousand of it myself.

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The Stockton-on-Tees scheme of augmentation is going along merrily, I am very pleased to find. If I understand rightly, there is some new departure in the mode of casting in the Stockton new bells. The pattern of the old bells is said to be accurately followed. Perhaps these old ones are long-waisted bells, if so, they are a novelty. Some care will have to be taken in hanging them, because long-waisted bells are said not to go well, as a rule. There is one at Sherborne Abbey which gave a heavy-bell man a tightener to ring.

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The Rev. H. A. Cockey has unfolded the scheme of the "Committee on Railway Fares." It speaks for itself and needs no comment. Those concerned are expected to do the duty required of them without any unnecessary delay. It has been found out by practical experience that in order to *move* portions of the ringing community to any slight exertion, one solicitation is by no means sufficient, and therefore it is intended that Mr. Cockey's communication shall appear again this week. Should the railway people continue obdurate, what is to be done? Agitate to take the railways over—or under. I know a better plan. Put Kensit on to them; or De Rougemont; or the Empress (Dowager) of China.

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In connection with the recent presentation at Battle, a correspondent has written me a letter which is beyond my understanding. This gentleman means well, I dare say, when he writes:—"Mr. Plain Speaker, look to your laurels, for no doubt your 'ancient' correspondent is living in the village of 'eighteen hundred and fast asleep.' Awaking (*sic.*) too slowly to discern something was upside down." This seems hardly clear. The Battle gentlemen have in this correspondent not the most skilful of advocates. I have no "laurels" to look to that I know of.

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Another correspondent sends me a whole page taken from a popular periodical full of puff in favour of those identical pills to which allusion was recently made. A whole page, mind you. Among them there is "the bell-ringers' story" again, and an illustration of a sort, wherein two men clad in nondescript apparel, are supposed to be ringing. They each have hold of the sally, with the end of the rope on the floor. My correspondent asks: "Cannot such rot as this be shown up?" It may.

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That report of the Winchester Cathedral Guild excursion to London was slightly "high-falutin." Nevertheless, it is better like this than the other way. The members of the Guild are a happy lot of fellows, apparently, and the master, my old friend "P.," always comes up smiling. The career of this gentleman establishes the repute of the phrase—"Never say die!" What extraordinary endeavours he made to succeed as a ringer, to be sure. No wonder his old friends say "Who'd have thought it?" when they read of his being a bob-caller, and a composer to boot! "Never say die," W. H. G., all your old friends are glad to hear of your distinguishing yourself. But one word—never forget that true genius is always modest.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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## OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE NOTES.

BY Ex-Q.C.

Our Killamarsh friends have again been on the war-path with their Surprise methods at their annual trip. I have taken great interest in this young band's success at the ropes; now they are giving us a new Surprise in doing acrobat feats from the waggonette. Better call "stand," friend Emsen, before you make another bob.

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By the way the O.E.D. having had two meetings, washing up their recent dirty linen, the final wash at Eckington lost them one member. Never mind lads, better one than ten.

If the Eckington meeting is taken as a criterion, six-bell contests will die a natural death. All the six bell experts prefer a touch on eight. A step in the right way for new trebles.

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The Eckington Rector is the man to advance change-ringing. A company of eight was at the ropes when time arrived for service. "Stand" was called, when the rev. gentleman said, "If you wish to ring, go on, I will dispense with the service." Thanks, Mr. Morgan.

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Recently at a certain Derbyshire church a party of eight ringers went on a outing, taking with them a note from the Vicar, asking permission for a touch. When they arrived, three of the band made for the rectory, little thinking what was in store. Being ushered by the servant to the front door, his reverence soon appeared and

read the note. "Then you want to ring our bells?" "Yes Sir." "Are you competent ringers? because our bells cost a lot of money, and we don't want them breaking." "Yes Sir, we will take every care." "Are you all Churchmen?" "Yes Sir." "Do you all attend regular?" A pause—"Not all Sir." "Do you all attend Communion?" "No Sir, but some do." This sort of examination went on for twenty minutes, when a sealed note was handed to one of the three, to deliver to the captain of the local ringers. Let these men ring thirty minutes. They make it sixty. If that parson did not unwittingly tempt those three men to tell lies, I'm a Scotchman.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, CARDIFF.

It is not often that a parishioner in his private capacity will take upon himself the duties of arranging and organising a treat for a body of men like the ringers of a parish. Such, however, has been the good fortune of the St. John's ringers this year. Mr. Fred. Dovey, Cromer House, Cathedral Road, volunteered to get together the funds for the purpose. He called upon about fifty people in the parish to accomplish his self-imposed task, and we were pleased to learn that his appeal was met on all hands by a ready and willing response. It shows that the men whose duty and privilege it is to summon the people to the services of the old parish church, are kindly thought of, and their services, voluntarily rendered, valued and appreciated by the worshippers at St. John's. The place chosen by Mr. Dovey was the delightful and interesting city of Gloucester, and the date, Saturday, October 1st. The day was fine and bracing, and immediately on arriving at our destination we proceeded to the Cathedral, the chief ornament and glory of the city, and pleasantly spent the hours of the morning in inspecting the interior, and strolling about the beautiful grounds by which the exterior is surrounded. Gloucester stands in the front rank of English Cathedrals, and possesses features—more particularly the tower, the Lady Chapel, the choir stalls, and the cloisters—which are almost unrivalled for elegance of work and stateliness of appearance. We very much enjoyed inspecting these, and were taken round every part of the glorious pile by one of the vergers, who spared no pains to explain everything to us, and made the visit instructive as well as interesting.

A well-served and substantial dinner awaited us at the Gresham Restaurant, and re-invigorated us for the work of the afternoon. Two after-dinner toasts were proposed by the chairman (Mr. Dovey), viz., "The Queen," and "The Vicar and churchwardens of St. John's," both of which were most heartily received by the men, who are as loyal to the throne and parish as they are to the bells they love so well.

The Rev. D. H. Griffiths, M.A., curate of St. John's, and Hon. Secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, accorded the chairman on behalf of the ringers their warmest thanks for the very great interest he had exhibited in their welfare, and for his kindness in bringing about a treat which was in every way a delightful success.

Dinner and post-prandial speeches over, we made our way to St. Michael's church, in the massive perpendicular tower of which is a peal of ten bells. Here the men spent a couple of hours manipulating the ropes.

Tea was partaken of in the same rooms where we had dinner, After tea Mr. William Coombes entertained the company by discoursing sweet music from a sweet-toned concertina, which he touched and handled with a masterly hand. All too soon the time arrived for us to make tracks for the station for the homeward-bound train.

We have to thank the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Austin and Pegler of the St. Michael's ringers for their kindness in meeting us at the station, and devoting the day in taking us round the various places of interest in the city.

We reached home safely, thoroughly well pleased with an outing which gave us all great satisfaction and enjoyment. It is to be hoped that next year Mr. Dovey will see his way clear to repeat the kindness of, and accomplish the task he undertook and so efficiently carried out this year. G.

## Belfry Rhymes.

### TO THE GRAPPENHALL YOUTHS.

Let those who would good ringers make,
Learn off this glorious tale,
And from these men example take,
Then shall they never fail.

And first of all James Mainwaring,
The sexton here we see,
For he who would the treble ring,
Must learn to ring like he.

George Lewis rings the second,
A gardener he by trade,
Both sure and ready reckoned,
Of him let note be made.

To Thomas Burrows here we come,
A ringer bold and true,
Of all the men that ever rung,
A better ye ne'er knew.

Sam Horsfall here is sighted,
The king of methods he,
To split them up delighted,
Let him your copy be.

The next is Frederick Spence,
A man of talent grand,
The greatest head and greatest sense,
Of all that goodly band.

John Booth the tenor ringer
Here at his post doth stand,
His sounding bell, this stringer
Controls with skilful hand.

H. Moston too comes after,
A ringer of rare mould,
With jokes and hearty laughter,
The soul of all the fold.

While not the latest on the view,
The poet here he stands,
Tho' all the deeds that he can do,
He leaves to other hands.

So round then go with meryy chime,
And all who ring these bells,
Let them be sure to add this rhyme,
For God, our Queen, and selves.

C. R. G.

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Who fails at special times to meet;
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The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held to-day, Saturday, October 8, at St. Bartholomew's church, West Houghton. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited. HY. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.–The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Godding, at Hayes, to-day, Saturday, October 8th. All friends are cordially invited.
C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Didsbury, to-day, Saturday, October 8th. Wanted a good muster. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.
WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Anston, near Kiveton Park station, G.C.R., to-day, Saturday, October 8th. Tea provided at 5 p.m at 1s. per head. B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Waterloo Society, London. — Meetings at Vassal Road, Brixton, will be held on every alternate Monday, commencing on October 10th. Members please attend.
The above Society will be glad if Mr. Albert Church, late of Earlsfield, will forward his address to their Secretary,
VICTOR W. WEST.
*71, Langton Road, Brixton, S.W.*

The Lancashire Association. — Blackburn Branch. — The next ringing meeting will be held at Mytton, on Saturday, October 15th. R. PARKINSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 5 o'clock. Tea at The King's Head at 5.30. 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 two shillings will be allowed to all members present at 5.30. C. WILFRID BLAXLAND,
*Hythe, Kent.* *Dis. Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association — Rossendale Branch.— A meeting will be held at Helmshore, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells ready at 3 o. J. H. BANKS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Berkhamsted on Saturday, October 15th, when the tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at the coffee tavern, business meeting to follow. All members or visitors intending to be present are requested to so inform me by Wednesday, October 12. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, October 15th, at Christ Church, Southgate. Tea will be provided at 7 p.m. at The Cherry Tree hotel, and the subsequent business meeting will be presided over by the Vicar of Southgate, the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. It is requested that members will do their utmost to attend.
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
*18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18th, 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.*

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 22nd. Further particulars later.
CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
*5, Manor Parade, Sutton, Surrey.*

The Kent County Association. — Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, on Saturday, October 22nd. Further particulars will follow.
W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths. —The 261st Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, 15, Aldersgate Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be bought of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Albert Coles, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Horrex, Hoskins, T. Mash, McLaughlin, J. C. Mitchell, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, Winney and
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Further donations will be most thankfully received. £25 is still required to complete £100 which I have undertaken to raise. If those who have collecting cards, and have been able to assist, would kindly forward the same at their earliest convenience I should be greatly obliged. I am anxious to give the order for the bells, but do not care to do so until I have actually the money in hand, as we have so many existing debts in connection with the church, one of which is £32 for rehanging the present peal.
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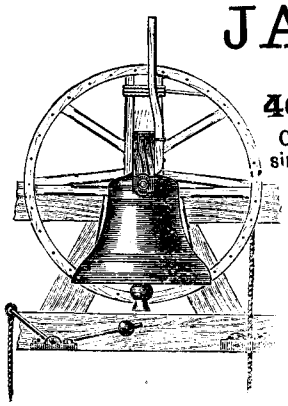

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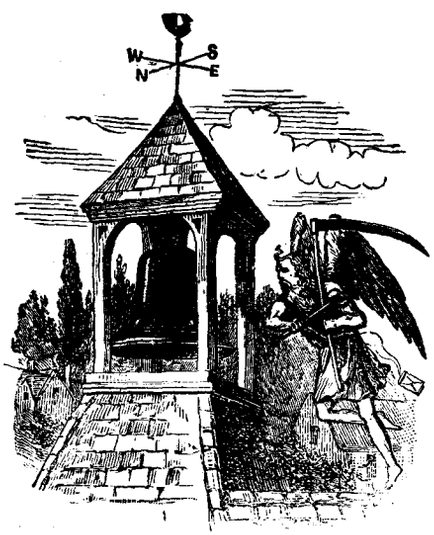


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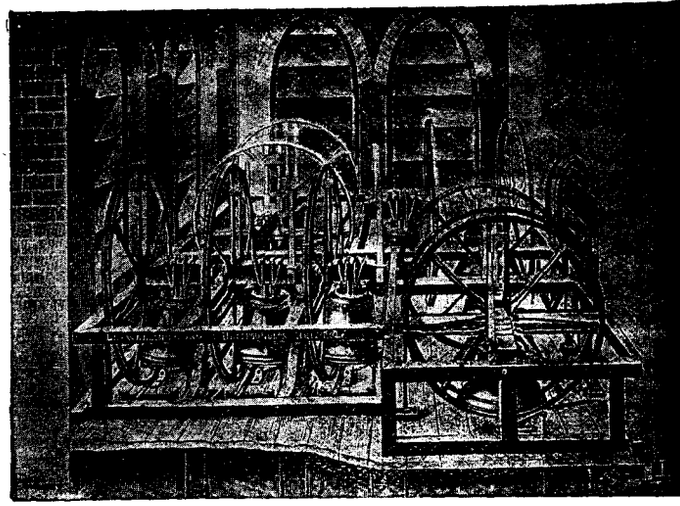

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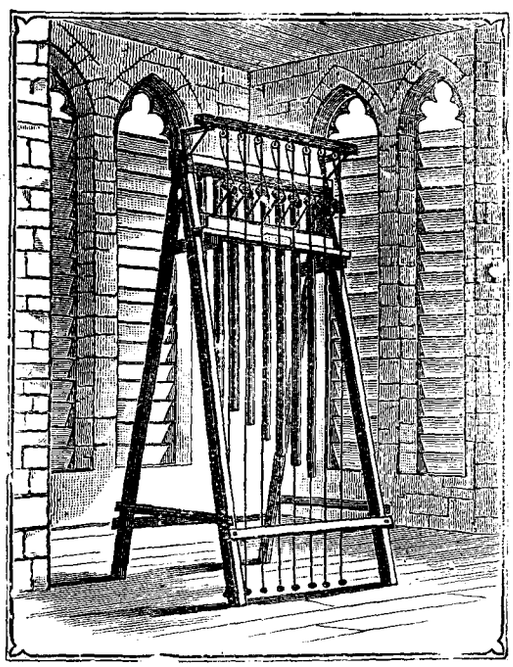

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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at Norwich on Wednesday, October 5th. The attendance was not so large as on some previous occasions, about 130 assembling from all parts of the diocese; the number of towers represented being as many as thirty-five. At the special service in St. Peter Mancroft church the attendance of ringers was fairly good, though not all were there who came to the meeting. This was much to be regretted, as so popular a preacher, and one usually so happy in his manner of speaking to men as the Bishop of Thetford, delivered a very interesting and earnest address to those present from Psalm xix. 4. After tracing the history of church bells and of change-ringing, and touching upon the ancient uses of the bells in connection with the services of the Church, and the social life of the community, he commended the revival of the more distinctively religious use of the bells as one of the objects of Associations and Guilds of ringers. He would not for a moment discourage the pursuit of the Art and Science of change-ringing, which commanded his respect on account of the qualifications, physical and mental, which it demanded and fostered in those who pursued it. No one who was an adept in that Art or Science could possibly be a stupid man; and he would encourage them by all means to cultivate the Art and become proficients in it. It must never be forgotten, however, that the uses of the bells and the practice of the Art were inseparably connected with the Church, and hallowed by association with it; and it would ill become those who rang to be conspicuous by their absence from Church services and abandonment of Church principles. Their position as Church workers and helpers entailed upon them a sacred obligation to be earnest and sincere Churchmen as well as good ringers.

At the conclusion of the service the members proceeded to Blackfriars Hall for dinner, the chair being taken, in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Raven (the President) by the Rev. W. Pelham Burn, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, who was supported by the Bishop of Thetford, Archdeacon Crosse, the Revs. T. H. Marsh, H. J. Coleman, J. H. Pilkington, C. F. Blyth, A. G. Blyth, E. C. Hopper, W. Morley Smith, F. W. J. Rees, Esq., T. L. Wilson, Esq., and the Hon. Secretary; the following District Secretaries and helpers in the work of the Association being also present: Messrs. J. W. Spratt, J. A. Trollope, G. Day, F. Day, H. Hopson, W. Taylor, F. R. Borrett, C. E. Borrett, G. Moy, F. N. Powell, E. Hudson, etc., etc.

The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Mr. Rees proposed that of "The Bishop and Clergy," with thanks to the Bishop of Thetford, for his admirable address, and to the clergy of Norwich for the use of the bells in their churches, especially the grand ring at St. Peter Mancroft, which it was always such a pleasure to listen to.

The Bishop of Thetford briefly responded, saying that ringers would always be able to count upon the sympathy and encouragement of the clergy and church authorities so long as they faithfully carried out their duties, and were alive to their position as Church workers. He was glad to think there was growing up among them a body, not only of stalwart ringers, but of stalwart Churchmen.

The Hon. Secretary then read the Annual Report, in which special reference was made to the recent augmentation of the ring at St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, to twelve bells, making the third twelve-bell ring in the Diocese; and also to the completion of the twenty-first year of the Association's work.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the Report, and in giving the toast of "The Association," referred to the meeting of the Central Council next Whitsuntide in Norwich, which he hoped might be the occasion for the ringing of a peal on St. Peter's bells by some of the visitors, for although he was aware that the meeting would be for business and not ringing, no doubt either before or after the business was transacted time would be found for a visit to St. Peter's belfry, where a cordial welcome would await them. He congratulated the Association on the attainment of its majority, and coupled the toast with the name of the Hon. Secretary, who had laboured so earnestly and constantly to promote its welfare, that he might well be called the life and soul of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary replied, thanking Mr. Burn for the way in which he had spoken of him and his work for the Association. He had been described as the "life and soul" of the society, but he could not help wishing, at the same moment, that he had a little more life left in him with which to serve their interests, for he was conscious that the lapse of time had made him less active and efficient than a secretary should be. There were two points in connection with Association work on which he desired to say a few words, one was "progress," and the other "discipline." Having attained the age of twenty-one years as an Association, he thought the time had come for them to step out a bit, and make more progress in the direction of bringing towers and companies into union, which had hitherto held aloof. There were a great number of five and six bell towers, especially in Norfolk, which had never joined the Association, and the time had come to make some effort to draw them in. Perhaps it would be advisable for the committee to issue a new circular, but they ought not to leave everything to the committee, but every member, as he had opportunity, ought to endeavour to strengthen the Association by persuading those whom he knew or came in contact with, to join. The importance of belonging to the Association was considerable, but was not generally recognised. Men were too fond of asking themselves "What shall I get by it?" But there was something more than selfish advantage to be thought of. The bringing together of isolated companies of ringers into one central organisation worked for the good of the whole body. Only in that way could discipline be maintained among them. And discipline was a most important thing where bodies of men acting together was concerned. No real success could be obtained without it. The parochial clergy alone were unable to preserve discipline among their ringers, but

experience had proved that with the support and backing supplied by the Association there was some chance of doing so. He had to complain, however, of a grievous breach of discipline which had occurred that morning, through some of them, he knew not who, indulging in ringing at one of the church towers while the annual service was being held. The rule, well-known to most of them, was that at the Annual Meeting all ringing should cease at 12.30; and he trusted such a scandal as he had to complain of on this occasion would never again be repeated. He desired to express his thankfulness to Mr. Burn for his kindness in taking the chair, and before sitting down would, on behalf of the President and himself, formally resign office.

On the motion of Mr. Frank Cooper, seconded by Mr. J. W. Spratt, the President and Secretary were re-elected. This, with the election of two honorary and eleven performing members, concluded the business of the meeting, and those present dispersed to the various towers for more ringing, until train time arrived.

## HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

(Reopening and Dedication of the Bells.)

On Tuesday evening, September 20, the above-named village was all astir, it having got abroad that the bells of the parish church would again be heard. For some time the bells had been in the hands of Messrs. Taylor. Formerly there were five bells in the tower in an oak frame. The whole were conveyed to Loughborough, the tenor to be recast, the other four tuned, and a new treble added to make a ring of six, which have been rehung with new fittings of improved design, in a new iron frame standing on steel girders. The following ringers from Bedford: Messrs. C. W. Clarke, W. Barker, C. Chasty, H. Toll, and S. Constant, with Mr. E. D. Taylor (of Loughborough), rang a 700 of Kent and a 6-score each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The Bedford ringers expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the work carried out by Messrs. Taylor.

On Wednesday, October 5th, Dedication Service was held at 5.30. As the clergy entered the church, hymn 166, "All people that on earth do dwell," was sung as a processional. The Rev. J. M. Walker (Vicar) intoned the first part of the service. Special psalms were sung. The Rev. W. M. Lethbridge (Vicar of Felmersham) read the lesson; after the prayers, hymn 242, "We love the place, O God," was sung. Then the Rural Dean, the Rev. G. F. W. Munby, M.A. (Rector of Turvey) ascended the belfry and read the dedicatory prayers. Before the sermon hymn 239, "Christ is our corner stone," was sung. The sermon was preached by the Rural Dean from Exodus xii. 26. "What mean ye by this service?" After which hymn 240, "Pleasant are thy courts above," was sung during the offertory for the Bell and Tower Fund.

The Bedfordshire Association were invited to kindly open the bells; six members responded to the invitation. I. Hills (local secretary), Charles Chasty, S. Constant, H. Sharpe, Wm. J. Barker, and Harry Toll. A well struck 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, Double Court and several 120s of Doubles were rung after the service.

The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. C. Le Fevre at his house.

Ringing was again resumed until 7.30, when the bells were lowered in peal, and a thanksgiving service was held, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Steel, M.A., Rector of Odell (late Vicar of Harrold).

## STONE, ISLE OF OXNEY, KENT.

The bells of this church were re-opened after rehanging, etc., on Thursday, September 29th. The local ringers, with Mr. C. Tribe, from Tenterden, their former instructor, the churchwardens, and the men who did the work in the tower, were invited to a capital meat tea in the schoolroom, provided by the Vicar, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Afterwords the Vicar addressed the company, and gave them some kindly advice and counsel. Then all adjourned to the church to attend the Harvest Thanksgiving, the tenor being tolled for this service. After the sermon a collect was read with reference to the dedication of the bells, and then about twenty rounds were struck, which concluded the service, and then the bells were rung up till ten o'clock.

The bells are a nice musical ring of six by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 12 cwt., and have been hanging silent for nearly two years. The Vicar finding he could not get any assistance from his parish or outside, took the job in hand himself, assisted by workmen from Jones and Co., The Foundry, Rye, and a real good job has been made of it so far as stability and soundness of the frame, etc., goes, but as is usual with most all local attempts to hang bells, the most important part is wanting, and that is their easy running, the back four requiring about three times the pulling that should be necessary for bells of their weight.

The following are the ringers who took part in the re-opening: F. Wenham, F. N. Bates, W. Cook, W. Foord, W. Dawe, T. Weller, J. Rayner, G. Johnson, and C. Tribe.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at the village of Anston, near Kiveton Park Station, on Saturday, October 8th, under most favourable climatic conditions. It was a gloriously fine autumnal afternoon, without a cloud in the blue sky, and the picturesque villages of North and South Anston, crowning with their red roofs the steep hills on either side of the valley through which runs the stream forming the head waters of the Ryton, presented a very pleasing view to those members who stood in the churchyard listening to the bells which were swinging merrily in well struck touches of Treble Bob Minor, under the guidance of their mates in the tower. There was a fair attendance of members, and those who were unable, or too lazy to come, missed a very pleasant walk from the station to the village, and an equally pleasant social gathering. The following five towers each sent representatives:—Anston, Harthill, Ordsall, East Retford, and Shireoaks. Ringing began early in the afternoon, and three well struck 720s were brought round before tea. This was held in the National Schoolroom at 5 p.m, when 22 members sat down to dispose of the many good things provided for them by their Anston brethren, the chair being taken by the Rev. W. H. Rigg, Vicar of the parish, who presided at the business meeting which followed. The members having done justice to an excellent repast, proceeded to discuss the business brought before them by the Secretary, in the course of which it was decided to hold the next Quarterly Meeting at Shireoaks, on Saturday, January 14th, 1899, subject to the consent of the Vicar of the parish. The business was brought to a conclusion by a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Anston for the use of the bells, and for his kind reception of the Association. One or two more members turned up after tea to take the place of those who had to catch an early train home, and ringing was successfully continued till late in the evening.

The following touches were brought round in the course of the meeting:—720 Oxford.—J. Gilbert, C. Fowler, G. R. Winter, T. Smith, W. Newbury (conductor), J. White; time 26 mins. This was the first 720 in any Treble Bob method by the treble-man. 720 Kent.—M. Philipson, G. R. Winter, J. Guest, T. Smith, W. Newbury (conductor), C. F. Fowler; time 25 mins. 720 Oxford.—H. Unwin, J. Guest, H. Stenton, W. Hargreaves (conductor), B. Hall, T. Laking; time 25½ mins. 720 New London Pleasure.—J. Gilbert, R. Smith, W. Allwood, C. F. Fowler (conductor), S. Smith, B. Hall; time 25½ mins. 720 Violet.—H. Unwin, S. Haigh, J. Guest, T. Smith, S. Smith (conductor), H. Stenton; time 25 mins. 720 Woodbine.—J. Foulds, H. Haigh (conductor), G. R. Winter, H. Stenton, C. F. Fowler, W. Allwood; time 25 mins.

Mr. Allwood is a member of the Old East Derbyshire Association, and hails from Treeton.

Stockton-on-Tees.—On Friday evening, September 8th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; C. Hall, 3; W. Rudd, 4; A. Macfarlane, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. After service another 720 in the same method. W. Newton, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; A. P. Howcroft, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; T. Metcalf, 6. Messrs. Hall, Rudd, Macfarlane, Blakiston, Howcroft and Metcalf came up from Middlesbrough to help the local men who were short handed.

## THE ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 8th, the members of this Society had their annual excursion to Penn, Staffordshire. Arriving in Wolverhampton at 10 a.m., the party made their way to the Old Square, where a conveyance awaited them. After a pleasant drive, Penn was reached about noon. The bells were soon raised in peal and a first-class quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples tapped off in 40 minutes, by B. Black, 1; T. Miller, 2; R. Hunt, 3; J. Porter, 4; R. Hackley, 5; W. A. Hancox (conductor), 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. Hunt, 8. By this time, Mr. C. H. Watts, who had journeyed that morning from Peterborough, arrived on the scene, and was soon whistling a course-end outside (Ye Old Stag's Head), which attracted the ears of Mr. Roland Cartwright, of Wombourn, who had been quietly concealed in an old-fashioned chimney on the pretence of listening to the bells. The ringers adjourned to partake of a sumptuous repast, provided by host Smith. Ample justice being done to the good things provided, and the health of mine host being drank with musical honours, the following rang three courses of Stedman Caters: R. Hunt, 1-2; W. A. Hancox, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; C. H. Watts, 7-8; R. Hackley, 9-10; much to the delight of all present. Tunes being the next item on the programme, we were soon listening to "The Blue Bells of Scotland," "The Harvest Home," "Liverpool Hornpipe," &c., &c., very ably rendered by Messrs. Miller and Hunt. The party once more ascended the tower, where touches of Stedman Triples and Major were successfully brought round, Messrs. Cartwright and Watts taking part. The bells were then lowered in peal. A little more refreshment, and songs by Messrs. Cartwright and Watts, brought a pleasant outing to a close. Tracks were then made for the station, Birmingham being reached about 10.30 p.m. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for so kindly granting the use of the bells, and Mr. R. Cartwright for joining the party. Mr. Jaggar was to have been present, but on arriving in Wolverhampton we found the veteran ringer too ill to attend; the band expressed the hope that he may soon have a speedy recovery.

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The October meeting of the above was held at Barnsley on Saturday last, and as very few members were present, no business was transacted, and the evening was spent in ringing the tower bells. Ringers were present from Batley Carr, Cowthorne, Silkstone, Dartfield, and Barnsley. Seeing that this is the first meeting of this Association at Barnsley, the local ringers regretted to see so few turn up, and it is to be hoped that at the next meeting, which will be held at Halifax, that members will avail themselves of the opportunity to be present.

## IRCHESTER (NORTHANTS.).

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.—On September 15th there was buried in the churchyard at Irchester a veteran ringer, Joseph Bayes. He died at the age of 76, having been connected with the belfry of St. Katharine's Church since 1849. When a 5000 was rung on Irchester bells in the year 1852, he rang the treble. Joseph Bayes was a good sample of the old school of ringer who loved good striking whether chiming or ringing. The five bells (of whose music he was so fond) were rung, muffled, on Saturday, the 17th, as a token of the respect of the ringers, church authorities and villagers generally for this old campanologist.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Monday, September 26th, 1056 Bob Major. J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 1; W. Pettitt, 2; J. Garratt, 3; W. B. Meadows, 4; G. Lines, 5; J. Mawby, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Perkins, 8. Longest length of Major by Messrs. Meadows and Lines, who hail from Burton Latimer.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Friday, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. J. Sinacare, an old resident of the parish, who during his lifetime filled with honour many public offices; also at one time being a leading manufacturer in the parish.

## DEDICATION OF BELLS AT WOODBURY, EXETER.

This village, which is seven miles or so south-east of Exeter, was en fete on the Feast of St. Wilfrid (Wednesday last), two new treble bells there being dedicated in the western tower of its ancient church, which is dedicated to the perpetual honour of St. Swithun of Winchester. The tower already held six bells, five of them respectively dated 1629, 1677, 1605, 1624, and 1737. The fourth bell is not dated, but has inscribed upon it a prayer to the Virgin in ancient characters. The new bells, now making the peal one of eight, have been subscribed for by the parishioners as a memorial to their late and beloved vicar, the Rev. John Loveband Fulford, M.A., who went to his rest early this year, after being their hardworking Vicar since 1842. A memorial brass, fixed on the south side of the chancel, immediately over the place which the late revered gentleman so long occupied, was also solemnly unveiled. It is inscribed: "The two trebles were added to the peal of bells in this church A.D. 1898, by the parishioners, relatives, and other friends, to the glory of God, and in memory of the Rev. John Loveband Fulford, M.A., for upwards of fifty-two years Vicar of Woodbury, who fell asleep 12th March, 1898." This brass was the handiwork of Messrs. Harry Hems and Sons, the well-known Church workers of Exeter, and the hanging of the bells was carried out by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury. The late clergyman was one of the original founders of the Exeter Architectural and Archæological Society in 1842, and to him in no small measure was due the commencement of that wave of church restoration which has since swept through the breadth of the country.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY.—On Saturday the 8th instant, this village was enlivened by the wedding of the conductor of the belfry, Mr. T. T. Gofton, to Miss Stratford; the Vicar, the Rev. E. Smith, officiating. A very large congregation was present and great interest was taken, especially by the residents in the old village. The bride, who carried a handsome bouquet, looked most pleasing in her bridal costume, and was accompanied by a large party of relations and friends. After the ceremony, the wedding march was played, and after some rounds and firing the following rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob on the bells. W. Hunt, 1; R. S. Story, 2; W. Holmes (conductor), 3; R. Richards, 4; Joel Hern, 5; W. Thompson, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. A reception was held at the house of Mrs. Stratford, the bride's mother, at which the ringers were unable to attend, to their regret, as they had just time for the train, but their hearty wishes for the happiness of the newly-married pair were none the less sincere.

## ANOTHER RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Wednesday, September the 28th, was solemnised at All Saints' Church, Besthorpe (Norfolk), the marriage of Mr. J. Gaymer Miles with Miss Pleasance Rogers. The church was filled with an expectant congregation, a lively interest being taken in the happy event. On the arrival of the bride, the hymn, "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," was sung, Miss Preston presiding at the organ. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Utten-Browne, assisted by the Rev. T. C. Mouriylon, curate of Attleborough. On the arrival of the bridal party at their home at Attleborough, the bells of St. Mary's church rang out their melodious changes. On Thursday, October 6th, at the Rectory, on behalf of the Attleborough band of ringers and subscribers, the Rev. Maxwell Webb presented the bridegroom with a tribute of their esteem in the form of a handsome eight-day marble clock, and at the same time Mr. Pinnock, on behalf of the Besthorpe company, with a silver-mounted inkstand. Mr. Miles thanked them sincerely for their beautiful gifts, which would always be prized by his bride and himself, not alone for the presents themselves, but for the kindly feeling and respect shown to him by the members of the two towers respectively.

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## RINGING TOUR IN HAMPSHIRE.

### Six Peals in Eight Attempts.

Notwithstanding the suggestion of "Plain Speaker" at the conclusion of last year's ringing tour by several members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild that "fresh fields and pastures new" should be found for the outing, a party was organised to visit Hampshire again this month, and had "P.S." been one of the number he would have had to admit that for such a holiday it would be easily posible to go farther and fare worse. An outing of the character of which this partakes, as everyone knows, requires, for its successful issue, a large amount of organisation, and Mr. G. Williams and Mr. J. W. Whiting were busy for some weeks before-hand arranging details. Saturday, October 1st, was the day settled upon to start, and Fareham was the meeting-place. To make sure of being there in time one of the party arrived overnight, and about 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon the remainder of the band put in an appearance. Tea was the first order, and with his usual kindness Mr. Whiting invited the travellers to his home. Unfortunately his good wife was away, but Miss Whiting had everything in readiness to avoid delay. The party which gathered round the table included Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams (Brighton), Mr. K. Hart (Brighton), Mr. W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), Mr. C. Giles (Reading), Mr. H. White (Basingstoke), Mr. I. G. Shade (Greenwich), Mr. F. S. Bayley (Portsmouth), and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Lewes). There were one or two absent faces from the party of the year before, while some of the others had not met since the last tour, and a jolly reunion it was. After tea a peal of Superlative Surprise was attempted, and after ringing 2 hrs. 53 mins. "this is all" announced that the first 5000 of the tour had been accomplished. After some refreshment Mr. Bayley, who had come from Portsmouth on his bicycle, had to return, being unable to be with the party for the whole of the outing. Messrs. Shade, Giles, and White stayed for the night with friend Whiting, while the rest of the party had a eight mile drive to Soberton. En route a nice touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman were rung on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, Mr. Gifford, and Mr. K. Hart. The night was almost as light as day and the drive was most enjoyable, the keen wind putting an edge on the appetites of the travellers. Soberton was reached shortly before eleven, and the party were welcomed by Mrs. Holmes, of The White Lion inn. At this house, which is a pattern country hostelry, the band made their head-quarters until Tuesday morning.

After breakfast on Sunday morning Messrs. Gifford, Hart, and Goldsmith visited Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who were staying at Brockbridge. A touch of Grandsire and 504 of Stedman Triples were rung. On getting back to dinner those who had been left at Fareham overnight were found to have arrived. On the way they called at Wickham, and with two of the local men rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor for morning service. W. F. Churcher, 1; I. G. Slade, 2; C. Giles, 3; G. Chappell, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; H. White (conductor), 6. A 240 Bob Minor was also rung. It is said that from this village William of Wykeham, the founder of Winchester Cathedral, derived his name. At Soberton Church in the afternoon two touches of Stedman Triples were rung for service and afterwards touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the handbells, while Messrs. Hart, White, and Giles also accomplished a 720 of Bob Minor. For evening service 448 Superlative and 420 Stedman Triples were rung at the church, and later in the evening more handbell ringing was done, the touches including Stedman and Grandsire Triples, a 504 of the latter being rung by C. Giles, K. Hart, H. White, and J. S. Goldsmith. Three leads and a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor were also rung.

Two peals on Monday at Soberton was the order, and early in the morning some of the band visited the tower and greased the bells and repaired the ropes, which were in a very bad condition. A start was made about nine o'clock for Superlative, and all went as well as the proverbial marriage bell for an hour and a quarter, when—and down came the third rope, an old splice having given out. The break having been repaired a fresh start was made, and this time three hours' ringing brought the bells into rounds. By the time the peal was concluded the Rev. F. E. Robinson had arrived and he pronounced the peal a good one. After a rest in the afternoon "Go, for Cambridge" was called about half-past five, and in 3 hrs. 6 mins. the first peal in the method in Hampshire, and the first by the Winchester Guild had been rung.

Subsequently the visitors were joined at The White Lion by the members of the local band, and an enjoyable smoking concert was held. A couple of touches were rung on the handbells, and songs were rendered by Messrs. J. Hoad, J. L. Putman, G. Crouch, H. Withers, K. Hart, etc. Before dispersing, Mr. Putman, captain of the local ringers, proposed the health of the visitors, and called for three cheers for them. These were heartily given, and Mr. Gifford briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Connected with Soberton church tower there is a legend that it was built by servants. Just under the battlement there are two carved heads, supposed to represent a butler and a milkmaid, and there is a Death's head between them. The legend is that this butler and milkmaid built the tower out of their savings, and in the neighbourhood this is supposed to be true. The question is, whose butler was he? The tower was built in 1525, in the reign of Henry VIII., just before the Reformation. In the time of Henry VIII., Arthur Plantagenet. Lord Lisle, had a house and an estate at Soberton, and it is thought very likely that Lord Lisle's steward was the butler referred to. It is very possible, too, that Lord Lisle's money assisted very greatly in the building of the tower. It might also be mentioned that the tower was restored by servants in 1881, and there is a tablet in the belfry to that effect.

After an early breakfast on Tuesday morning, Soberton was left behind, and we turned our faces to West Meon. A pleasant drive of six miles through most charming country, brought us to this village, and after giving an order to the landlord of the inn to have a good rump steak dinner ready in about three hours and a half's time, a peal of Stedman Triples was started for. In the second course the 6th slipped wheel, and another start had to be made. This time the efforts of the band were attended with success, and the first peal on the bells was brought round in a little over three hours. West Meon church is constructed of faced flints, and was built some fifty years ago at a cost of £13,000. The villagers say that every flint in the building cost fourpence. Having demolished the steak, the party set off to Privett, three miles distant, and the first peal of Cambridge on this grand peal of bells was successfully accomplished. At first it was suggested that 5184 should be rung, but Middleton's 5056 was after all attempted, which was very lucky, as the 4th rope broke when the bell was pulled off to be lowered after the peal, and it is doubtful if it would have stood the few extra changes. No tea was to be obtained at Privett, so the band had to move on to Petersfield before appetites could be appeased. Here the night was to be spent, and the local band had kindly looked out lodgings for the visitors. Not having done much ringing during the few previous days, it was thought advisable to have a little practice, and as a consequence two courses of London and a course of Superlative was rung. Double Norwich was on the programme for the next morning at Petersfield, and London Surprise in the afternoon at Havant. Chichester Cathedral bells also being available for the evening, it was suggested that three Surprise peals should be attempted on Wednesday.

This idea was taken up by the majority, and at 7.5 a.m. on Wednesday morning Petersfield bells were going to the tune of Cambridge Surprise, which was knocked off in 3 hrs. 10 mins., and was the first peal of Major on the bells. As on the previous day, the inner man had not been forgotten, and over-night, dinner, or lunch, rather, was ordered for 10.30. After the meal, train was taken for Havant, where the tourists were met by Mr. Staples. The tower was at once visited, but the bells did not seem to like London Surprise, and would not go to it, consequently as Chichester was on the board for the evening, the attempt was abandoned. Mr. Staples having kindly invited the party to tea, a move was made to that gentleman's residence, and touches of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major, were rung on his musical handbells. Mrs. Staples meanwhile placed on the tables a most sumptuous repast, which was appreciated to the full. The time for parting was now at hand, and eight of the party went on to Chichester, leaving Messrs. White and Whiting to make tracks homewards. At Chichester Cathedral the bells were set going to Superlative,

and all went well for 2 hrs. 40 mins., when a bad trip upset the contract, and put an end to the ringing of the tour. The ringers were: I. G. Shade, 1; J. S. Goldsmith, 2; C. Giles, 3: G. Williams, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6; K. Hart, 7; W. W. Gifford, 8. The Rev. F. E. Robinson and Messrs. Bayley and Giles were then left to go their various ways, and the others left for Brighton. *En route* a touch of Stedman Triples on handbells was attempted, but it could not be got round, owing, no doubt, to the sudden stoppages which the train made. Brighton was safely reached shortly before 11 o'clock, and Messrs. Shade and Goldsmith left for London and Lewes respectively. So ended one of the most successful and enjoyable trips which has ever taken place in Hampshire.

ONE OF THE PARTY.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, September 12th, the members of the above society had their annual outing, Yarmouth being the place selected. Starting by brake about 5.20 a.m, they arrived at Framlingham Station, and embarked on board the 7.20 train, Yarmouth being reached about 9.30. After attending to the wants of the inner man in a satisfactory manner, they wended their way to the church of St. Nicholas, where a look round the interior was much appreciated. Permission having been readily granted by the Vicar for a ring on the bells, they ascended the tower and inspected the bells and fittings, which have lately been rehung and augmented to twelve. With the assistance of two or three members of the Yarmouth company, and Mr. J. Hardy, of Norwich, they were then able to ring the twelve bells in rounds. Courses of Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, and Treble Bob Major were also rung, the bells being much admired by the visitors. A few more rounds on the twelve then brought the ringing to a close. Dinner at The Criterion hotel was the next item, which was successfully brought round, no one missing his place. After dinner the visitors amused themselves in various ways on the beach, and finally caught the 6.25 train for home, arriving there about 10.15, one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Yarmouth for so kindly granting the use of the bells; also Messrs. Tooley and Matthews of the St. Nicholas society, and J. Hardy, of Norwich, who assisted them in the ringing. The party consisted of Messrs. Grimes (2), Rumsey (3), Rowe, Groom, Collins, Bullock, and Creasey.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The ringers and the adult members of the choir of St. Nicolas church, Wickham, Hants., had their annual excursion on Thursday, September 22nd, London being the place selected. Unfortunately several members could not go, but it was decided they should receive their share of the funds, which are raised by subscription. The party to the number of fourteen, started from Wickham by brake at 7.30 a.m to Fareham, and thence by train, reaching Waterloo at 11.20, where they divided in small lots, each going their own way. Some visited the Tower; some Madame Tussaud's, others the City; all eventually meeting at Earl's Court in the afternoon, where a very pleasant time was spent examining the big wheel and the great naval spectacle in the Empress Theatre and other places, leaving the grounds in time to visit some place of amusement in the evening, some going to St. James' Hall, some to the Adelphi, others to the Pavilion and Aquarium; all meeting at Waterloo about 11 p.m. for the return journey home, reaching Wickham about 3 a.m. all satisfied with their day's enjoyment. The best thanks of the party are given to those ladies and gentlemen who so willingly contributed towards the expenses of the day.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evensong, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; C. Hill, 2; T. Waterhouse, 3; H. Harvey, 4; S. Watson, 5; G. Watson, 6; F. Kennett, 7. H. Denman, 8. On Monday, October 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; C. Hill, 2; *T. Waterhouse, 3; H. Harvey, 4; *F. Medhurst, 5; G. Watson, 6; F. Kennett (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; H. Denman, 8. *First quarter-peal.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A very enjoyable meeting of the above society was held at Tipton on Saturday, October 1st. The gathering of ringers was largely representative, and the occasion one of much interest. That well-known ringer, Mr. W. R. Small, the tower-keeper of Tipton parish church, had been anxious that the one hundredth anniversary of the bells, the care of which is entrusted to him, should be appropriately celebrated; and very largely owing to his energy, supported by the generosity of the Vicar and churchwardens, and other good people at Tipton, a hospitable invitation was extended to the members of the society. About fifty ringers in all responded, and altogether, twenty-one bands were represented. Amongst those present were J. S. Pritchett, Esq., of King's Norton, Messrs. Carter (Birmingham), Spittle (Dudley), J. Smith (Netherton), H. Mills (Smethwick), H. Knight (Wolverhampton), H. Dawkes (St. Luke's, Blakenhall), B. Dalton (Tettenhall), W. Griffin (Walsall) J. Timms (Tamworth), W. H. Godder (Handsworth), Harry Mason (Old Hill), T. J. Elton (Bloxwich), T. Horton (West Bromwich), R. Cartwright (Wombourn), and the Hon. Secs., the Rev. Donald Jones (Lichfield), and Mr. Samuel Reeves (West Bromwich). The afternoon was devoted to ringing, and touches were brought round in the Grandsire, Stedman, and Double Norwich methods.

At five o'clock, service was held in the church, when the authorised form of service was used. There was a good attendance of the ringers and of parishioners interested in the meeting, and the singing, supported by the fine new organ, most kindly and ably played by the organist of the church, was bright and hearty. The service was read by the curate, the Rev. M. Harrison, whilst the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. de Vine, read the selected lesson, and gave a most useful and appropriate address.

After service a Committee Meeting was held, and then the members, or at any rate some of them, adjourned to the tea-room. Double Norwich however was going strong in the beltry, and not until the touch was successfully brought round did the ringers remember that other folk possessed appetites. Then however no time was lost, and the good things so kindly provided received every possible mark of appreciation. A goodly band of Tipton ladies had done all they could to have the good things ready, and now most kindly ministered to the wants of their guests. It was in no way necessary we believe for them to encourage the bashful or to coax the delicate. No ringer was bashful, no appetite was delicate, every one did his duty like a man. At last the end came of duty nobly done, and the concluding grace was sung. Then rose Mr. Spittle, of Dudley, who with the advantage of having rung at Tipton on and off for forty-five years, felt himself at home. In eloquent terms he recalled reminiscences of by-gone days, and proposed in conclusion a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind welcome. This Mr. Rowland Cartwright, of Wombourn, seconded, and to it the Vicar replied.

The next duty fell to Mr. Mason, of Old Hill, who proposed a vote of thanks to the donors of the tea, and especially to the ladies who had so kindly assisted. This was seconded by Mr. W. H. Godden, of Handsworth. Then arose the question, who should respond, and as no lady volunteered, Mr. W. R. Small, who seemed to think his name had been mentioned once or twice by the previous speakers, and who therefore felt that his turn was now due, especially as he had several things to speak about, thinking one more made little odds, took this duty on himself, and most nobly achieved it. He paid a warm compliment to the ever ready way in which the ladies of Tipton were always willing to assist in such social gatherings, and then went on to express his pleasure that the meeting of the Society, the success of which he had had so much at heart, had proved so very pleasant and enjoyable.

The speeches over, social intercourse and handbell ringing were enjoyed, until the flight of time brought this very satisfactory gathering to a close. Those who were present will not forget their warm welcome at Tipton on October 1st, 1898, and the kindness shown them there.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1898.


THE Norwich Diocesan Association has just held (at Norwich) its twenty-first Annual Meeting, and though we read that larger attendances have been seen on similar occasions, it must be admitted that an assembly of 130 ringers gathered in one place is very satisfactory. The number of Clergy present, many of whom were non-ringers, gives cogency to the belief that their interest in ringing concerns, and their attachment to the fortunes of their Diocesan Association, are gaining in strength and influence. To reduce to words our solid belief in the labours of the Honorary Secretary toward the attainment of the splendid position the Norwich Diocesan Association has reached, is impossible.

In responding to a toast the REV. H. EARLE BULWER made a characteristic speech. The rev. gentleman's observations needs no quotation or selection for the purpose of comment. Every word he uttered is of the greatest import to all ringers; and by them should every word of it be treasured. Such a speech we may look upon as a kind of manifesto that the condition of ringing

affairs is radically changed. The time when ringers held that the bells were made for themselves only has gone by. Now the office of a ringer has duties as well as privileges, and if he would enjoy the latter he must fulfil the former. There is a duty of courtesy also, which is hourly becoming more imperative, as well as the duty of discipline. The clergy in these days are willing, in fact anxious to co-operate with ringers. Mere courtesy demands a corresponding action. The want of discipline and the specific act of discourtesy complained of by MR. BULWER, we are willing to believe was from sheer forgetfulness, and not designed. But ringers must become disciplined sufficiently to act as men, not as children. Those who are apathetic in matters of right or wrong, or who disregard the proper dictates of good breeding and healthy discipline, will by and by discover—no matter what their abilities may be—that they are out of place in the ranks of Church bell ringers.

Several members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild have carried out a successful tour in Hampshire, in which the achievement of as many peals as possible was the object. They nearly obtained all they tried for, out of eight attempts only two having failed. The performances were, as was to be expected, of a first-class order, nothing having a plain hunt being thought of for a moment. In two instances two peals were rung in one day, but we are getting used to this kind of thing now, and, in fact, look for it if the Master of the Oxford Guild and MR. G. WILLIAMS are among the company.

## The Metropolis.

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

*On Thursday, October 6, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E flat.

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| ALBERT DEARDS MASON | *Treble.* | ROWLAND FENN | 5. |
| EDWARD LUCAS | 2. | ALFRED W. BRIGHTON | 6. |
| ALFRED J. T. CARTER* | 3. | ALBERT C. HARDY | 7. |
| THOMAS FAULKNER | 4. | CALEB FENN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, October 11, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

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| ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK | *Treble.* | PERCY J. DARLINGTON | 5. |
| SIDNEY WADE | 2. | HERBERT W. NEWBY | 6. |
| WILLIAM J. DELL | 3. | ARTHUR MILLER | 7. |
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### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

*On Thursday, September 30, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 26 cwt.

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| JOHN BENSTEAD | *Treble.* | EDWARD I. STONE | 5. |
| GEORGE ROBINSON | 2. | ARTHUR WAKLEY | 6. |
| HARRY WAKLEY | 3. | JOSEPH GRIFFIN | 7. |
| ALBERT E. THOMPSON | 4. | WILLIAM WAKLEY | *Tenor,* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Wednesday, October 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

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| JOHN O. BENNETT | *Treble.* | THOMAS J. SALTER | 5. |
| NOAH DAVIS | 2. | *WILLIAM PAGE | 6. |
| ERNEST C. HUNT | 3. | JAMES PAGETT | 7. |
| THOMAS WAKEMAN | 4. | WILLIAM H. SMITH | *Tenor.* |

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON and Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

*First peal of Cambridge.

### ASHTEAD, SURREY.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, October 5, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| JOHN WYATT | *Treble.* | WILLIAM MARKS | 5. |
| HARRY CORBETT | 2. | *JOHN HOYLE | 6. |
| THOMAS NEWNHAM* | 3. | ARTHUR DEAN | 7. |
| HARRY NEWNHAM, JUN. | 4. | DAVID ANSCOMB | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

*First peal with a bob bell.

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

*On Wednesday, October 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 11¾ cwt.

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| ARTHUR J. MAYO* | *Treble.* | AMBROSE OSBORNE | 5. |
| ALFRED E. REEVES | 2. | WILLIAM NEWELL | 6. |
| JOHN TUCKER | 3. | ARTHUR W. HIGGS | 7. |
| FRANK HOPGOOD | 4 | †WILLIAM HORNE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by WILLIAM HORNE.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor.

### TONBRIDGE, KENT.

### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Wednesday, October 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

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| EDWARD MANKELOW | *Treble.* | GEORGE TURLEY | 5. |
| GEORGE A. CARD | 2. | WILLIAM STEED | 6. |
| JAMES MAYNARD | 3. | ALBERT E. EDWARDS | 7. |
| RICHARD PELLING | 4. | THOMAS CARD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, October* 6, 1898, *in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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| JOSIAH HARRIS | *Treble.* | GEORGE CHAPPELL | 5. |
| JOHN SYMONS* | 2. | GEORGE GRAFHAM | 6. |
| CHARLES GILES | 3. | HENRY WHITE | 7. |
| EDWARD C. NEWMAN* | 4. | JOHN W. WHITING | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by J. W. WHITING.

*First peal in the method.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, October* 7, 1898, *in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

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| THOMAS ANTHONY | *Treble.* | JOHN A. THOMPSON | 5. |
| WILLIAM POYSER | 2. | ALBERT E. THOMPSON | 6. |
| GEORGE THOMPSON | 3. | JOHN NEWBOLD | 7. |
| JOHN W. THOMPSON | 4. | SAMUEL SMEDLEY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, October* 7, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Treble.* | WILLIAM PALMER | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 2. | JAMES N. FROSSELL | 7. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE | 3. | GEORGE. A. KING | 8. |
| GEORGE SMART | 4. | WILLIAM W. GIFFORD | 9. |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 5. | KEITH HART | *Tenor.* |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT and Conducted by KEITH HART.

WALKDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, October* 8, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

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| JOSEPH BROOKES* | *Treble.* | *JOHN DENNER | 5. |
| JOHN WORTHINGTON† | 2. | JOHN POTTER | 6. |
| SAMUEL OAKES* | 3. | JOSEPH POTTER | 7. |
| ALFRED POTTER | 4. | *WILLIAM DENNER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

*First peal. *First peal in the method. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung and augmented to eight by the addition of two new trebles, in commemoration of the Jubilee of the church in August last. They are a capital splice from the foundry of Messrs. Warner and Sons, and the "go" of them is all that can be desired.

STONHAM ASPALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October* 8, 1898, *in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

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| JAMES MOTTS | *Treble.* | WILLIAM A. GRIMES | 6. |
| WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE | 2. | JAMES RUMSEY | 7. |
| HENRY C. GILLINGHAM | 3. | ERNEST PYE | 8. |
| WILLIAM MOTTS | 4. | WILLIAM PYE | 9. |
| WILLIAM GRIMES | 5. | ROBERT H. BRUNDLE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by SAMUEL MARSH and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged for the Messrs. Pye, who came from Chadwell Heath, Essex.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, October* 8, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;** JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S PEAL.

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| H. SIMMONDS | *Treble.* | J. HANDS | 5. |
| E. J. MENDAY | 2. | G. ESSEX | 6. |
| R. T. HIBBERT | 3. | H. SMITH | 7. |
| E. W. MENDAY | 4. | T. NEWMAN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October* 8, 1898, *in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.** Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.

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| CHARLES W. CLARKE | *Treble.* | WILLIAM BARKER | 5. |
| WILLIAM V. NEWMAN | 2. | WILLIAM R. HENSHER | 6. |
| JAMES GARRATT | 3. | JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. | 7. |
| WILLIAM PETTITT | 4. | JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October* 8, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire Minor. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

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| NOAH DAVIS | *Treble.* | *HENRY MIDDLETON | 4. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER | 2. | WILLIAM SHORT | 5. |
| ADOLPHUS ROBERTS* | 3. | JOHN BARBER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN BARBER.

*First peal in seven methods.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, October* 10, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

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| THOMAS PEERS* | *Treble.* | FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE | 5. |
| JOSEPH IRELAND | 2. | *TITUS BARLOW | 6. |
| JOSEPH RIDYARD | 3. | JAMES HY. RIDYARD | 7. |
| JOHN WELSBY | 4. | PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JAMES HY. RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method.

*The following peals are the result of the four days' ringing tour in Hampshire by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild:—*

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, October* 1, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 14 cwt. in F♯.

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| WILLIAM W. GIFFORD | *Treble.* | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 5. |
| ISAAC G. SHADE | 2. | CHARLES GILES | 6. |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS | 3. | KEITH HART | 7. |
| HENRY WHITE | 4. | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SOBERTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, October* 3, 1898, *in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**
**5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 14 cwt.

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| WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ..*Treble.* | CHARLES GILES.. .. .. 5. |
| HENRY WHITE .. .. .. 2. | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 6. |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 3. | JOHN W. WHITING .. .. 7. |
| ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 4. | KEITH HART .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

This was G. Williams' fiftieth peal of Superlative.

SOBERTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, October* 3, 1898, *in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,**
**5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 14 cwt.

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| JOHN W. WHITING*.. ..*Treble.* | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5. |
| HENRY WHITE* .. .. 2. | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6. |
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 3. | KEITH HART .. .. .. 7. |
| ISAAC G. SHADE* .. .. 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise. This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise ever rung in the county of Hampshire, and the first by the above Guild.

WEST MEON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, October* 4, 1898, *in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs. in F.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS .. ..*Treble.* | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 5. |
| ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 2. | KEITH HART .. .. .. 6. |
| CHARLES GILES.. .. .. 3. | WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7. |
| REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4. | JOHN W. WHITING .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal on the bells.

PRIVETT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, October* 4, 1898, *in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,**
**5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

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| JOHN W. WHITING .. ..*Treble.* | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 5. |
| HENRY WHITE .. .. .. 2. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6. |
| ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3. | KEITH HART .. .. .. 7. |
| CHARLES GILES* .. .. 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise. This was also the first peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, October* 5, 1898, *in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,**
**5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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| JOHN W. WHITING .. ..*Treble.* | KEITH HART .. .. .. 5. |
| HENRY WHITE .. .. .. 2. | REV. E. E. ROBINSON .. 6. |
| ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. 3. | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 7. |
| CHARLES GILES.. .. .. 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

REMPSTONE.—On Sunday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being the first on the bells. A. Trigg, 1; G. Doughty, 2; W. Pervin, 3; J. Yates, 5; H. Whittle (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

STANFORD.—On Friday, September 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. J. Willson, 1; *A. Trigg, 2; W. Pervin, 3; *F. Tyler, 4; H. Whittle (conductor), 5; G. Doughty, 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Also on handbells 720 Bob Minor. *F. Perrin, 1; A. Trigg, 2; W. Pervin, 3; J. Yates, 4; G. Doughty, 5; H. Whittle, 6. *First 720, aged 12. On Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 504 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. A. Trigg, 1; G. Hardy, 2; F. Tyler, 3; J. Yates, 4; W. Pervin, 5; G. Doughty, 6; H. Whittle, 7; G. Needham, 8. After service 1800 Bob Minor. J. Wilson, 1; T. Tyler, 2; W. Pervin, 3; J. Yates, 4; H. Whittle, 5; G. Doughty, 6. All conducted by H. Whittle.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; L. W. West, 4; H. Partridge (conductor), 5; B. West, 6; J. A. Moult, 7; F. Boam, 8. On Monday, October 3rd, for practice, 210 Stedman Triples. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; S. W. West, 3; A. Whitmore, 4; H. Partridge, 5; L. Partridge, 6; J. A. Moult (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Sunday morning, October 9th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Bragg, 1; F. Price, 2; A. Lowe, 3; G. Oldham, 4; W. Clifford, jun., 5; R. Clifford, 6; J. Hutchby (conductor), 7; W. Clifford, sen., 8. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, tenor covering. F. Price, 1; W. Clifford, jun., 2; A. Lowe, 3; R. Clifford, 4; W. Clifford, sen., 5; J. Hutchby (conductor), 6; G. Oldham, 7. First 720 by the first five ringers.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, October 9th, for Divine Service, 252 Stedman Triples, it being the first touch in the method by the local band. J. Hunt, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; S. Price, 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; G. Davies, 6; A. Knights, 7; G. Mee, 8. Also 540 Bob Royal. For evening service 1295 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins. W. Nuttall, 1; A. Knights, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis, 5; G. M. Farr, 6; G. Davies (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8; W. J. Thyng, 9; G. Mee, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet. J. Robinson, 1; J. Crauford, 2; W. Brown, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; F. Sheraton, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. *J. Crawford, 1; F. Sheraton, 2; *J. Anderson, 3; *W. Brown, 4; A. Meyers, 5; *W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, September 28th, the following members of the Cathedral Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. F. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; W. Tucker, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; E. G. Lampard, 5; W. G. Lampard, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. H. Loveland, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Reynolds, 1; E. Newman, 2; J. Symons, 3; W. J. Pickard (late of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Gould, 6; F. S. Bayley (late of London), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. W. W. Gifford (Salisbury) was present, but arrived too late to stand in.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Saturday, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes). Dora White, 1; Alice White, 2; H. Tucker, 3; E. Brnce, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; C. Giles, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; J. Tucker, 8. This was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, which was lost through the stranding of the tenor rope. On handbells 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Reeves, 1-2; H. White, 3-4; C. Giles, 5-6; J. Tucker, 7-8. On Sunday evening, October 9th, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. Dora White, 1; Alice White, 2; E. R. Sutton, 3; H. Lawes, 4; C. Giles, 5; J. E. Ballard, 6; H. White, 7; F. Redgate, 8.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GORING (Oxon).—On Saturday, September 24th, 360 Oxford Bob. C. Tidbury, 1; J. Wedge, 2; W. Horne, 3; F. Hopgood, 4; C. Giles (conductor), 5; A. E. Reeves, 6. On Saturday, October 1st, at the

church of St. Thomas a Becket, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Tucker, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; W. Horne, 3; J. Bower, 4; J. Alexander, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. And a course each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob, standing as before.

STREATLEY (Berks).—On Saturday, September 24th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and sixteen singles). J. Wedge, 1; F. Hopgood, 2; W. Aldridge, 3; C. Giles, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; W. Horne (conductor), 6.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE (Berks).—On Tuesday, September 27th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn to Miss Olive Beale, youngest daughter of Lansdowne Beale, Esq., previous to the ceremony a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung. Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 1; W. Smith, 2; A. Talbot, 3; W. Horne, 4; E. Palmer (conductor), 5; A. Robinson, 6. Afterwards several 6-scores of Doubles in which the following took part: G. Martin, A. Talbot, T. Cleare, J. Cooper, E. Horne, E Palmer, W. Horne, and A. Robinson. W. Horne hails from Reading.

ALDERMASTON — On September 8th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. G. Nash, 1; R. Frankum, 2; E. Frankum, 3; A. Frankum, 4; W. Buckland, 5; Arthur Frankum (conductor), 6.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, 384 Bob Major (queens and tittums). V. Rowe, 1; F Tubb, 2; E. Bruce, 3; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 4; H. Tucker, 5; J. Tucker, 6; W. Newell, 7; W. Horne, 8. Previous to evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Sawyer, 1; E. Bruce, 2; W. Horne, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; C. Stone, 5; H. Tucker, 6; W. Newell, 7; J. Tucker (conductor), 8. Also 504 Grandsire Caters. E. Bruce, 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; C. Stone, 4; A. E. Headey, 5; W. Horne, 6; J. Tucker, 7; W. Newell, 8; H. Tucker (conductor), 9; R. Sawyer, 10. Tenor 24 cwt. Also after evening service at St. Mary's 504 Grandsire Triples. V. Rowe, 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; F. Tubb, 4; W. Horne, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; A. Osborne, 7; J. Tucker (conductor), 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—NORTHWICH BRANCH.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, September 28th, for practice at St. Wilfrid's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). T. Moore, 1; T. Bush, 2; A. Booth, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6. And several courses of Bob Doubles. G. Mann (Middlewich), 1; —. Clarke (Middlewich), 4. T. Moore hails from Witton.

HARTFORD (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, for Divine Service at St. John's church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Gregory, 1; F. Gregory, 2; R. Rigby, 3; J. Upton, 4; W. Howard (conductor), 5; R. Ramsden, 6. After service two 6-scores, standing as above. For afternoon service 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Hine, 1; T. Bush, 2; A. Booth, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood (conductor), 5; J. Ashmole, 6. For evening service four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Gregory, 1; F. Gregory, 2; R. Rigby, 3; J. Upton, 4; W. Howard (conductor), 5; R. Ramsden, 6. After service three 6-scores, standing as above.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Tegg, 1; I. Attwater, 2; A. Jacob, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6; A. Miller, 7; C. Bale, 8. Composed by H. N. Davis. After service, 1218 in the same method, in 45 mins. A. R. Glassocks. W. Pickworth, 2; J. Miller, 3; A. Miller, 4; S. Wade, 5; I. Attwater, 6; A. Jacob, 7; H. Baalam, 8. Composed and conducted by I. Attwater.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FINEDON.—On Sunday, October 9th, being Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 47 mins. J. Packwood, 1; A. Smeathers, 2; P. J. Manning, 3; T. Abbott, 4; G. Line, 5; W. B. Meadows, 6; W. Perkins, 7; J. Seath, 8. And 336 in the same method, standing as before, conducted by W. Perkins. On Monday, October 9th, for practice, 252 Bob Major. J. Packwood, 1; A. Smeathers, 2; J. Pettitt, 3; T Abbot, 4; G. Line, 5; P. J. Manning, 6; W. Perkins, 7; W. B. Meadows (conductor), 8. And 840 Bob Triples. J. Packwood, 1; A. Smeathers, 2; J. Pettit, 3; T. Abbot, 4; G. Line, 5: W. B. Meadows, 6; W. Perkins (conductor), 7; P. J. Manning, 8.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service at the Harvest Festival, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 120 Bob Doubles and 120 of The Dream. J. Buckingham, 1; E. Youngs, 2; E. Buckingham, 3; G. Moss, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5. Also after evening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles and 120 Morning Star. W. Rose, 1; E. Youngs, 2; C. Nunn, 3; G. Moss, 4; J. Buckingham (conductor), 5.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk) —Recently at the house of Mr. J. Heffers, sen., on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. H. C. Howlett, 1-2; W. Flory (composer and conductor), 3-4; W. Last, 5-6; J. O'Neil, 7-8. At the house of Mr. Howlett, 720 Bob Minor. H. C. Howlett, 1-2; W. Flory, 3-4; W. Last (conductor), 5-6. And 360 Bob Royal. H. C. Howlett, 1-2; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 3-4; W. Flory, 5-6; W. Last, 7-8; J. Neil, 9-10. These touches were rung as farewell touches for Messrs. Howlett and O'Neil.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, September 22nd, at St. Peter Mancroft, 1000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 50 mins. E. Ward, 1; H. G. Warnes, 2; P. Sadler, 3; F. J. Howchin, 4; G. Howchin, 5; E. Francis, 6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7; F. Knights, 8; G. Smith, 9; F. J. Harrison, 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late J. J. Colman, Esq., head of the great manufacturing firm and a great benefactor to the city and district. Mr. Harrison hails from Jarrow. Also on October 5th, at the annual meeting of the Association, a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. C. E. Borrett, 1; J. A. Trollope, 2; H. Markwell (Terrington), 3; A. Webber (Yarmouth), 4; F. J. Howchin, 5; F. R. Borrett (Pulham), 6; C. Mee (Sproughton), 7; G. Moy (Aylsham), 8; J. Smith (Diss), 9; F. Day (Eye), 10; C. Ward (Melton), 11; J. Souter (Diss), 12. Tenor 43 cwt. Also on October 3rd, at 9 Valentine Street, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor, in 19 minutes. H. J. Borrett (first 720), 1; A. G. Warnes, 2; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 3-4; J. A. Trollope, 5-6.

TUNSTEAD.—On Sunday, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 5120 Bob Major was attempted and lost after 1 hr. 35 mins. ringing. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; F. J. Howchin, 2; G. Moy, 3; H. W. Hayes, 4; H. Rought, 5; J. Gower, 6; G. Howchin, 7; F. H. Knights, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Tuesday, October 4th, for practice at the church of St. Woolos, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. T. Butler, 1; F. Green, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; H. Millard, 4; J. Butler, 5; F. Atwell, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; G. Pippin, 8.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

WOODBURY (Devon).—On October 12th, at St. Swithun's church, on the occasion of the opening of two new trebles, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Godfrey, 1; W. Godfrey, 2; L. Wilson, 3; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 4; J. Godfrey, 5; J. Baker, 6: A. Pike (conductor), 7; J. Lovering, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Harvest Festival service at Christ Church, Blacklands, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. L. Stone, 1; W. Franks (Battle), 2; J. Livermore, 3; S. Saker (conductor), 4; W. Thomas (Battle), 5; J. Carter (Battle), 6; F. Lock, 7; L. Stapley, 8. Composed by H. Franks, of London.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BORDEN (Kent). — On Sunday, September 25th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for Holt's Original, which came to grief owing to one of the ropes slipping wheel after ringing 50 mins. C. R. Millway, 1; S. Wade (conductor), 2; W. Spice, 3; G. Willshire, 4; S. Hutson, 5; E. E. Foreman, 6; W. Tassell, 7; H. Martin, 8. In the evening, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Staines, 1; S. Hutson, 2; W. Spice, 3; G. Willshire, 4; C. R. Millway (conductor), 5; W. Tassell, 6; S. Wade, 7; E. E. Foreman, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

CHIDDINGSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 2nd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Butcher, 1; J. Wallis, 2; R. Chandler, 3; F. Whibley (conduotor), 4; E. Bridger, 5; H. Seal, 6; G. Edwards, 7; R. King, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Wallis, Chandler, and Seal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, September 29th, at St. Peter's church, 672 Double Norwich. J. Muggridge, 1; W. Latter, 2; G. Smithers, 3; A. Welsh, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; H. Porter, 6; F. Harrington, 7; S. Perkins (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 2nd, 120 Grandsire Doubles. S. Perkins, jun. (first 120), 1; S. Perkins, sen., 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Pollard, 4; A. Welsh (conductor), 5; N, Tompsett, 6. And 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; W. Latter,

2; W. Pollard, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; S. Perkins, 6; H. Porter (conductor), 7; G. Smithers, 8.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, September 18th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. E. Quaife, 1; W. H. Webber, 2; W. E. Moss, 3; J. Howes, 4; T. Langdon, 5; C. F. Winney, 6; G. R. Fardon (conductor), 7; J. Barber, 8.

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 1st, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). E. Kinsey, 1; W. Kinsey (conductor), 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; R. Wilding, 5; A. Symonds and H. Horrex, 6.

GAWSWORTH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, September 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Massey, 1; W. Matthews, 2; J. Hammond, 3; J. Minshull, 4; C. Postles, 5; W. Hensball (conductor), 6. On May 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Massey, 1; A. Lomas, 2; J. Hammond, 3; W. Henshall, 4; C. Postles, 5; E. Johnson (conductor), 6. On June 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Massey, 1; E. Johnson, 2; J. Hammond, 3; W. Henshall, 4; C. Postles, 5; A. Lomas, jun., 6. In the afternoon 720 Oxford Treble Bob standing as before, conducted by W. Henshall. On Sunday, September 25th, after the induction service of the new rector, 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Massey, 1; A. B. Lomas, sen., 2; A. Lomas, jun., 3; W. Henshall (conductor), 4; C. Postles, 5; E. Johnson, 6. On Sunday, October 2nd, a plain course of Superlative Surprise Minor. F. Massey, 1; A. Lomas, jun., 2; J. Hammond, 3; W. Henshall, 4; C. Postles, 5; E. Johnson, 6.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, September 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the back eight. W. Blyth, 1; G. Read, 2; W. Secrett, 3; T. Tooley, 4; D. Hayward (conductor), 5; R. Tooley, 6; J. Matthews, 7; S. Lawrence, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 9th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins., composed by the late Henry Johnson. W. Verry, 1; W. Long, 2; B. Starkey, 3; H. Withers, 4; R. Faux, 5; A. Smith, 6; T. Westwood (conductor), 7; R. Sperkman, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, September 20th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). A. Hird (first 720), 1; W. Dixon, 2; J. Miller, 3; S. Wade, 4; A. Miller, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

PRESTWICH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, October 4th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Gratrix, 1; A. Percival, 2; J. Heywood, 3; W. Stevens (conductor), 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Brooks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, September 20th, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). A. Glasscock, 1; S. Ansell, 2; J. Miller, 3; W. J. Dell, 4; S. Wade (conductor), 5; J. Howard, 6; A. Miller, 7; W. Tegg, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

STOKESLEY.—On Saturday, September 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob by the following members of the Stockton Society; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; T. Burden, 2; W. Newton, 3; J. Waller, 4; T. W. Waller, 5; T. Stephenson, 6. Also a 720 of York Surprise. J. Clarkson, 1; T. Burdon, 2; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 3; P. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Thursday evening, September 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. W. B. Manning (conductor), 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; C. S. Burden, 4; J. Wilkins, 5; J. Nunn, 6; J. Cullen, 7; W. Pinsent, 8; C. Hopkins, 9; T. Watson, 10.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). *F. Sull, 1; H. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Tennant, 4; R. Kilby, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. *First 720.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

"THE BELL NEWS" poet had better "look to his laurels" as was said last week, for we now have the heading "Belfry Rhymes." We don't look in these things for much rhyme, that is hardly to be expected, but we get reason, at any rate. They show the poetical side of our young men, and they tell us the plain and happy fact that the writers are so taken up with ringing, that they cannot refrain from putting their feelings and aspirations into verse. Well, good luck to them. Try again my boys, you'll do better next time, perhaps.

We were treated to something in my line last week by "Ex-Q.C." Whatever does this cognomen mean? I know something about gentlemen of the long robe, 'tis true, but the prefix "Ex." confounds me. I'll do a cogitation, and see next week if I can make anything out of it. "Ex-Q.C." indeed! Well I only knew two such—but there, let it stand over until next week. There is more in this than can be seen at a glance, I think.

One of the correspondents last week had what some of my London friends call "the straight griffin." He was told his writing and spelling were susceptible of improvement. A little rough, perhaps, you may think. But people who send an armful of touches, and mix up with them, upon both sides of the paper, questions to be answered, compositions, peals and other matters, must expect to get dropped on if they will continue to disregard the simple regulations.

I was glad to see the happy condition of the Braintree bell fund. What a thing is perseverance. There is only £25 more wanted, and Mr. Howard is the man to get it. May I suggest to him sending for a subscription to that other branch of his family—the Norfolk Howards.

There is a case in the papers just now in which a gentleman named "Shipway" has felt very anxious to have a coat-of-arms provided for him. If he had made application to me, I could have accommodated him in no time. What has struck me as curious about this case is the names connected with it. There is Shipway, Nelme, and Hick or Hicks. And ringers have been brought to give evidence in connection with it. But you will read about this by-and-by for yourselves.

The dedication service at Axminster was a very happy affair. I am not acquainted with the town personally, or in any other way, but I should imagine that the church is a noble building. Now it has eight bells; and the new Hon. Secretary of the County Guild has made a very good "first step" in contributing so munificently to the cost of such a noble work. Verily the love of our Church bells is increasing.

The town of Luton has long enjoyed a notoriety in one particular. The "belles" of Luton are said to be most numerous, and I will be gallant enough to add, "select" also. The Church bells are however few, and not "select." We read of a grand old church there, and we have no doubt that Divine Service therein is carried out with due reverence and solemnity. But the bells: they are said to be in "a wretched condition." Now this is not right; nor does it show reverence to allow church bells to be in such a state. Where do the people of Luton expect to go to if they allow this state of things to continue?

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## 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. — Blackburn Branch. — The next ringing meeting will be held at Mytton, to-day, Saturday, October 15th. R. PARKINSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye to-day, Saturday, October 15th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 5 o'clock. Tea at The King's Head at 5.30. Half railway fares but not exceeding two shillings will be allowed to all members present at 5.30. C. WILFRID BLAXLAND,
*Hythe, Kent.* *Dis. Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association — Rossendale Branch.— A meeting will be held at Helmshore, to-day, Saturday, October 15th. Bells ready at 3.0. J. H. BANKS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Berkhamsted to-day, Saturday, October 15th, when the tower will be open for ringing from 3 p m. Tea at the coffee tavern, business meeting to follow.
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held to-day, Saturday, October 15th, at Christ Church, Southgate. Tea will be provided at 7 p.m. at The Cherry Tree hotel, and the subsequent business meeting will be presided over by the Vicar of Southgate, the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. It is requested that members will do their utmost to attend.
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18th, 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.*

The Waltham Abbey Society. — The members of this Society, together with several well-known ringing friends from London, will meet on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Abbey church for ringing purposes. The bells will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m., and all ringing friends will be cordially welcomed. A hot supper will be provided in the evening at The Green Dragon inn, price 2s. 6d. per head. Any friend desirous of attending the supper is requested to communicate with the Secretary not later than the 20th inst.
FRANK CARTER, *Hon. Sec.*
*Waltham Abbey, Essex.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint, on Saturday, October 22nd. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at the Chinese Gardens at 6 p.m.
GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood, Hants, on Saturday, October 22nd. Tea provided for those informing me by the 19th inst.
CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*
*Hursley, Winchester.*

The Kent County Association. — Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, on Saturday, October 22nd. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for members who send in their names to the Secretary not later than Wednesday, October 19th. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed and paid out at 5.30 p.m. in the Schoolrooms, King Street, Woolwich, where tea will be held at 6 p.m. sharp. Business meeting will follow tea. A short service and address by the Rev. James Hughes, Vicar of Plumstead, at 7.30.
W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 22nd. Ringing at All Saints (ten bells) from 3 p.m. by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. W. Young. Tea at Mission Room (nearly opposite the church) Wood Street, at 6 p.m., and business meeting to follow. Members intending to be at the tea must inform their representative, who must advise number not later than the 19th inst. to Mr. James Strutt, 13, London Road, Kingston-on-Thames.
CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
5, *Manor Parade, Sutton, Surrey.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — The Autumn Guild Meeting will be held at Henley on Saturday, October 29th. Tea, 9d. per head, at 5 p.m. Evensong with sermon by the Master at 6. For tickets apply to
REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS.
*Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Preliminary Notice. — The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Duffield, on Saturday, October 29th. By kind permission of the President the grounds of Duffield Bank will be open from 2 to 4.30. Full particulars in next week's issue.
J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*
22, *St. Peter's Road, Leicester.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. — The twenty-first annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, October 31st, 1898. Committee meeting in the upper vestry of the Cathedral at 12 noon. Divine Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, with sermon by the Rev. Edgar Boddington, at 1 p.m. Dinner at 2 o'clock, after which the usual meeting will be held. The bells of the following churches will be available: the Cathedral, St. John's, All Saints, St. George's (from 10.30 to 12.30), St. Matthew's (from 3 to 5).
THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*
N.B.—As the present Secretary will not seek re-election, members are requested to send in names, before the day of meeting, of any suitable to fill this important office.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. —The 261st Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, 15, Aldersgate Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be bought of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Albert Coles, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Horrex, Hoskins, T. Mash, McLaughlin, J. C. Mitchell, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, Winney and
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.*
Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, October 27th, and at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, October 18th, at 8 p.m.

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### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMPOSER.—There is nothing to correct in what we said last week.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS —Mr. E. P. O'Meara has removed to 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park.

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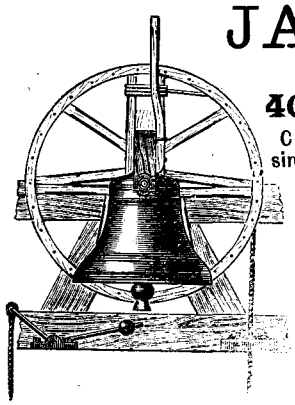

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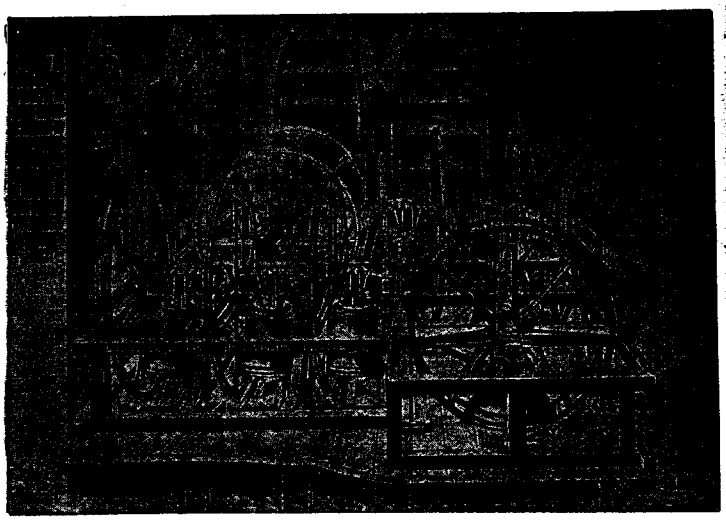

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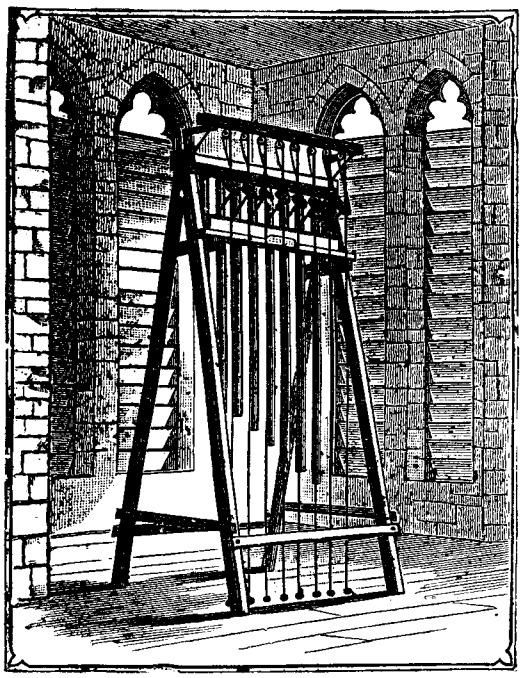

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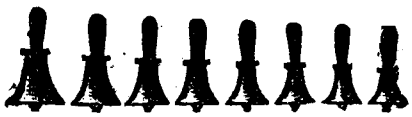

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## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the North and East District of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 15th instant, at Southgate, when representatives from almost every tower in union were present. We congratulate this Association on the steady progress which it maintains, working as it does side by side with the older London Societies, and obtaining, as it is only right it should, friendly recognition from them, and support from their members. There has been no sort of pressure on the part of the County Association to secure members. All the adhesions to it during the past three years have been quite voluntary, and no member who joins it is expected in the least to abate his loyalty to his own London organization. The growth of the Association in this brief period from 80 to 320 members is striking proof of a healthy tone, and of the feeling of comradeship which membership inspires. There were upwards of 70 members present at this meeting—no less than 62 of whom sat down to tea at The Cherry Tree hotel, and remained to take part in the business proceedings.

The particulars of the District Balance Sheet were read by the Hon. Secretary, showing a balance in hand of £7. 6s., clear of all outstanding liability, and entirely at the disposal of the members. No less than 20 ringing members were elected; and, in addition, the Chairman, the Rev. J. Beardall, Vicar of Southgate, expressed his desire to become an honorary member, his request being promptly seconded and carried with acclamation.

The Hon. Secretary informed the meeting of a gratifying present made to him of a set of 16 handbells, which he had ventured to accept as placing at his disposal the means of encouraging the ringing of handbell peals by the members. He added that the makers, Messrs. J. Shaw, Son, and Co., of Bradford, had with proper pride informed him that the handbells were recently exhibited at the Church Congress Art Exhibition held at Bradford, where they were greatly admired. A touch of Grandsire Caters and other handbell music was performed by some of the St. John-at-Hackney company, assisted by Mr. C. H. Martin, the Master of the district, and the beautiful tone and superior finish of these bells became the subject of universal comment.

In the course of the proceedings, reference was made by the Hon. Secretary to the lack of peal-boards, commemorating peals rung by the Association, and the hope was generally expressed that in due course some steps might be taken by the proper authorities, assisted if need be by the Association, to have more of these interesting memorials of achievements placed in the several belfries, especially where the peals commemorated the efforts and marked the progress of local bands.

The presence of the clergy at these meetings is always welcome, and we note the pleasing fact that the Rev. L. McNeil Shelford, curate of St. John-at-Hackney, was one of the new members elected, and was present at the meeting. He joins as a ringing member, and under the guidance of the distinguished band at St. John-at-Hackney, his early proficiency is assured. The ringing clergy are none too numerous, and it will be a happier day for the ringers of our parish churches, when there are more of them.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, as Master: of Mr. F. A. Milne, as Treasurer; and of Mr. Arthur T. King, as Hon. Secretary.

As regards the place of the next Quarterly Meeting, an offer was made by Mr. W. D. Smith to endeavour to arrange that it should be held at the church of St. John-at-Hackney, in January, an offer which met with unanimous approval. The intermediate meetings of six bell ringers were left to the Hon. Secretary to arrange.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Beardall for presiding at the meeting gave that gentleman an opportunity of expressing the pleasure he felt in welcoming the Association to Southgate. In speaking of the position of ringers as Church workers, he sounded a key note of earnest and sympathetic suggestion to the ringers in the performance of their duties. The applause of the members shewed that his sympathetic references were not lost upon them, and it is to be hoped that they will be long remembered. In this way a most interesting and successful meeting was brought to a fitting close. The whole proceedings were characterized by exceptional unanimity and enthusiasm, and it may be added that the ringing, consisting of touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise Major, was quite up to the usual standard of excellence.

## MR. GEORGE BOLLAND.

We are pleased tc announce that Mr. George Bolland is making good progress towards recovery, having derived much benefit from a fortnight's sojourn at Morecambe. On Sunday last he was able to visit the belfry at Tong Church and take his part in ringing several short touches.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

No comments on the proposed form of petition to the Railway Companies, published in "The Bell News" of September 26th and October 1st, having reached me up to the present from any of the Secretaries of Associations, with the exception of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, I should be obliged if others would communicate to me at once their opinion thereon.

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## An Australian Letter.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA,
*September 13th*, 1898.

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by my Association to forward you the following peal record, hoping that you will be able to insert it at an early date.

On Saturday evening, September 10th, 1898, a band of the Victorian Association of Change-Ringers met and rang at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. in C sharp. *Sylvester J. Hallissy (Victoria), treble; *Matthew M. O'Shea (Victoria), 2; *James P. Nolan (Victoria), 3; *John C. Nolan (Victoria), 4; James L. Murray (Victoria), 5; †Arthur E. Bames (England), 6; *Joseph Freeman (England), 7; *Walter Woollard (England), and *Isaac Davis (England), tenor. Composed and Conducted by A. Bames. Referees—Messrs. E. O'Shea and W. Shenton, who ticked off every lead as the peal was rung. *First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal by the Association.

Perhaps the following remarks may be interesting to your numerous readers: Nearly eight years have passed since a peal was rung in Australia, and this is the first peal that has been checked while being rung and it is also the first time a purely local band have rung a peal on the bells of their own city in this country. The composition is by a local ringer and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" in February, 1896, and rang at Melbourne, Derbyshire, by the Midland Counties Association on March 28th, 1896. We have been two years trying to get this peal, the difficulties of getting a band to practise together has greatly retarded us, and we often had intervals of from two to six months between the attempts. Seventeen attempts in all have been made in which we have rung over 42000 changes. Time for all attempts 27 hours. On three occasions we have had to stand owing to men becoming exhausted on account of the excessive heat of our summer months. We owe our present success to the fact that we have had four good practices in a month. The striking throughout was good, and Mr. Shenton and myself as referees, who watched the coursing order, declare that not one bell was wrong in taking the lead right through the peal. The peal was transposed to make the 3rd the observation. Mr. Woollard took the tenor for the first hour-and-a-quarter, then Mr. Davis relieved him for the next hour-and-a quarter, when Mr. Woollard again took her till the bells run into rounds. As you will see, Messrs. Bames, Woollard, Freeman, and Davis are Englishmen, the rest Australians.

EDWARD W. O'SHEA,
*Hon. Sec. Victorian Association.*

## THE PORTSEA RINGERS.

In the belfry of Kingston church on Thursday evening week, at the conclusion of the service, an interesting ceremony took place before a company which included several of the curates, Mr. Guyatt (churchwarden), Mr. Corner (sidesman), and others connected with the church. The occasion was the unveiling of a peal-board recording the successful ringing of a peal, the first of its kind ever accomplished by the local company. The Vicar (Rev. C. G. Lang), in performing the ceremony, said he did so with a great deal of pleasure. He spoke of the great goodwill which existed among the ringers, and of their desire to make the bellringing in the parish worthy of the tower from which it came. Nothing could be better than that all work done in the belfry, as in other parts of the church and parish, should be well done, and therefore he looked with the greatest possible pleasure and pride upon the record of the peal which he now had the privilege of revealing.

Mr. Guyatt spoke of the contrast between the magnificent peal of bells which they now possessed and the few bells in the old church.

Mr. Pickard, a visiting ringer, complimented the Portsea ringers, not only for their ringing, bnt for their intelligence and steadiness. He congratulated the Vicar upon having a band of ringers so intelligent and steady The state of the ringing-chamber was evidence that the clergy of the parish took an interest in their ringers. It was not the best ordered ringing-chamber that he had been in, but the second best. Not a great many years ago to be a ringer was, in the eyes of the public, to be everything that was bad. Fortunately, the study of the science of change-ringing had aroused the interest of the clergy and others throughout the land, and ringers were now being recognised as Church workers. In complimenting the ringers upon their recent performance, he hoped they would proceed to other methods, but not to the annoyance of the public, who would not know whether they were ringing a complicated method or Plain Bob, but would know whether the bells were being well struck, which after all was the principal thing to be aimed at.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar.

The peal-board records the accomplishment of a peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday, August 8th last, the record of which appeared in this paper.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung before the service on Thursday, and Stedman Triples afterwards, the ringers being Messrs. F. C. Bayley, E. Newman, J. Symons, J. T. Matthews, A. Stone, W. J. Pickard, J. Dover, and J. Harper. An improvement has lately been made in the bell-chamber, the sides of which have been boarded in so as to soften the tone of the bells, and lessen their vibration.

## THE ST, STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Saturday, October 1st, eight members of the above Guild took advantage of an excursion to Birmingham for a peal of Stedman. Leaving Temple Mead they reached Gloucester after a very slow journey. Here they met Mr. F. G. May, of the Juniors, who wished them a pleasant journey. Starting again a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 36 mins. between here and Bromsgrove by F. Elles, 1-2: R. J. Wilkins, 3-4; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 5-6; C, H. Tomkins, 7-8. Arriving in New Street Station about an hour behind time (too late to start for a peal), tracks were made for St. Philip's church. From thence they proceeded to St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral. Here they met the Kidderminster ringers, and Mr. T. Miller, of Birmingham, who gave them a hearty welcome. While having a friendly glass, Mr. Miller rendered in a very effective manner his song "Bob Major." The inner man being satisfied, touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the bells at St. Chad's. Permission having been obtained from the Bishop, the bells of St. Philip's were set going to Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, with the assistance of the local ringers. A course of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on the back eight by C. H. Horton, 1; N. Davis, 2; F. Elles, 3; W. Short, 4; A. Roberts, 5; J. Barber, 6; S. Clayton, 7; W. A. Cave, 8. First course in the method by Messrs. Horton, Elles, and Cave. Outside the tower Mr. J. Carter was met, who gave a hearty welcome. After a friendly glass and chat, and wishing all good-bye, they made for New Street. Leaving Birmingham at midnight they arrived at Temple Mead about 3.45, after a pleasant journey, enlivened by songs and handbell ringing. They wish to thank the clergy for their permission to ring, and also the ringers who assisted in making the trip so pleasant. C.

## NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

The remains of Mr. William Cockayne, of Lees House, who died at Bournemouth last Friday, were interred on Wednesday, in Norton Cemetery. The bells were rang muffled at intervals, from eleven until one o'clock. At 2.15 an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 70 minutes. The same band will attempt again, and we hope succeed, on Saturday, October 29th, to celebrate two of their members' birthdays. E. J.

## ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, ESSEX.

The practice which has been discontinued owing to the recent hot weather, will recommence on Tuesday next, October 25th, at 8 o'clock p.m., and will continue every alternate Tuesday from that date. W. DORAN,
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## ODD FELLOWSHIP AT UPPERMILL, SADDLEWORTH.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHN HOLDEN.

It is well-known that among the ranks of change-ringers are many members of that extraordinary institution, the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, the premier friendly society of the world. We have from time to time given interesting particulars concerning several of our ringing brethren who have been promoted to high office in the Unity, and among these no one has been more distinguished than Mr. John Holden. It is with pleasure therefore that we give publicity to the following proceedings.

On a recent Saturday evening, at the meeting of the members of the Friendship Lodge of Odd Fellows, held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Uppermill, a graceful tribute was paid to Mr. John Holden for his 25 years' services as lodge secretary, Mr. W. S. Buckley, M.G., presided, and in his address dwelt upon their indebtedness to Mr. Holden, who had done so much to build up the lodge.

Mr. James Lawton, P.P.G.M., presented to Mr. Holden a handsomely-framed and beautifully-illustrated address, which was couched in the following terms:

*Friendship Lodge, Uppermill, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.*

To John Holden, Esq.—Dear Brother,—We, the officers and members of the above lodge desire to express our admiration and respect for the valuable services you have rendered to the lodge during the twenty-five years you have held the responsible office of secretary.

During that period you have faithfully and honourably fulfilled all the duties of the office, and have been steadfast in upholding the principles of our order.

To your retirement, though we cannot but express our regret, we trust you may be spared many pleasant years of well-earned rest from the responsibilities of the government of our lodge, yet hope we may long have your aid and counsel in its guidance; and we have pleasure in testifying that you have the hearty goodwill of the members.—Signed on behalf of the lodge: JOHN T. WOOD, P.P.G.M., J. BROADBENT, P.P.G.M., CHAS. A. WOOD, D.G., JOHN A. WINTERBOTTOM, JAMES HINCHLIFFE, JOHN L. SHARPE, G.M., WILFRED S. BUCKLEY, N.G., HENRY MITCHELL, V.G., JOHN KENWORTHY, C.S., members of the Committee: JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, Secretary.

Mr. Lawton said it gave him pleasure to have been selected to present such a testimonial to Bro. Holden. He had known that gentleman from his boyhood, and had always admired his perseverance and assiduity in business matters generally. He had been intimately connected with him in his career as an Odd Fellow, and also during his holding of the office as permanent secretary of that lodge during the 25 years mentioned. He (Mr. Lawton) had been an Odd Fellow for 58 years, and had had to go through the various struggles of the lodge, and he could testify to the ability of Bro. Holden, and to the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren he met at the A.M.C.s; the several surrounding districts, as well as by the members of the district for which he had worked so long, and was still working.

In responding, Mr. Holden said: It is with feelings of gratitude that I rise to thank you on this occasion. Words fail me to express myself as I would like. I am thankful for many reasons, thankful that I have been of some use in my day and generation, thankful I have been spared from a very severe sickness to be present on this occasion and to be the recipient of this handsome testimonial, for which I thank you all. I shall preserve it as long as I live. I was admitted to the lodge on January 2nd, 1862, and have never been out of office. I am thankful that during the 25 years I have discharged the duties of secretary, the lodge has not suffered. When I accepted office the lodge numbered 323 members, at the end of the 25 years we had 448, a gain numerically of 125 members. At the end of 1872 the worth of the lodge was £3,590 8s. 8d., at the end of last year £6,419 9s. 3d., a gain on the 25 years of £2,829 os. 7d., giving an average gain per year for the 25 years of £113 3s. 2½d., or a gain per week during my term of office of £2 3s. 6½d. G. M. Edmonson stated at Birmingham the other day that the order commenced in a very crude state, and that our ancestors were ignorant of actuarial science, but it was planted in good soil, and by perseverance and reforms it is now the greatest friendly society in the world. Mr. Holden went on to say that his grandfather was one of the founders of the lodge, while his father was a Grand Master and trustee. He hoped the lodge would continue to progress, and concluded by giving some good advice to the young members of the lodge.

Mr. B. B. Bradshaw referred to his own ten years of service to the lodge, and related that when he wished to retire he looked round the lodge for a successor. He fixed upon Mr. Holden, and nominated him for the office, and he was now pleased with what he did.

Other addresses were delivered by Mr. T. H. Howarth, P.P.G.M., Littleborough; Mr. J. Taylor, P.P.G.M., Littleborough; Mr. J. Law, P.P.G.M., Littleborough; and Mr. Barnett, P.P.G.M., Stalybridge.

Letters of regret at inability to be present, and adding testimony to the character of Mr. Holden, were read from Mr. A. Dempsey, Patricroft, and Mr. W. J. Brown, Blackpool. The Rev. H. Doig wrote as follows:—

I am greatly disappointed I cannot be with you to-night. I should have been more pleased than I can say to get associated with my brother Odd Fellows in recognising the sterling qualities of Brother John Holden. For over fifteen years I have been closely associated with him. I have had dealings with him not only as a brother Odd Fellow, but as churchwarden, school manager, and in other office relations. I should have been delighted to have been with you to bear my testimony to, and my appreciation of, his character and his work. I am sure he is worthy of the goodwill and respect of his brethren, and I am glad to find they recognise the value of the services he has rendered them during the last twenty-five years. I hope his example may embolden others to do likewise. A preaching engagement of three months' standing deprives me of the pleasure of being with you. With all good wishes for the success of our order, and with every blessing upon the brother we delight to honour.

## THE ST. LEONARD'S SOCIETY, ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.

The members of this Society enjoyed an excursion on Saturday, September 24th, starting from Portslade at 7.15, arriving at Billingshurst 8.45. After some light refreshments the tower was visited when several good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. A start was made for Wisboro Green, where the Rector of Aldrington had kindly ordered dinner, which, as usual, was thoroughly enjoyed. After the repast and a rest, the tower and church were visited, but the bells being in such bad order, it was impossible to ring them. An inspection was made of the bells by the request of the Rector. A start was then made for Pulborough, and journeying across fields and dusty roads, the party reached this place after a walk of six miles. Tea appeared at 6 o'clock, and at 6.30 the company were met at the tower by the captain and several of the local band. After ringing touches of Grandsire Triples, the bells being in excellent order, a start was made for home, leaving Pulborough Station at 9.5, arriving at Portslade at 11.10, all having thoroughly enjoyed the day. They wish to thank the rectors and ringers for the use of their bells.

On Saturday evening, October 8th, the above ringers and friends met again, when their captain, Mr. F. Tindall, presented the Secretary of the band, Mr. E. J. Godley, with a splendid overmantel for a wedding present, as a token of their appreciation of his services as a ringer, and an expression of their hearty good wishes on the occasion of his marriage.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENTS (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Howling, 1; J. Edwards, 2; F. Easton, 3; H. Butters, 4; J. Wright, 6; A. Markwell (conductor), 6. First 720 by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 4th men. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Bob Minor in 24½ mins. F. Howling, 1; J. Edwards, 2; F. Easton, 3; H. Butters, 4; J. Wright, 5; A. Markwell (conductor), 6. Also a few short touches of College Single, with A. Markwell, 3; F. Easton, 6; the rest as before. First touches of College Single by all except A. Markwell, and is believed to be the first ever rung on the bells. Great credit is also due to Howling, Edwards and Butters, who only commenced change-ringing since last June, having thoroughly mastered Plain Bob, and soon hope to be able to ring all the most musical methods on their ring of six.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

When reading the account of the Annual Meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association last week, and I came to the end of the last paragraph but one, I was slightly staggered by the announcement that the Hon. Secretary of the Association had resigned office. I am old enough to remember in the early forties, the resignation of a prominent member of the Government, and the remark being made—"However will the country get on without him?" Something of the same kind occurred to me when reading the intelligence in question, but I was, like many of the Eastern Counties gentlemen, comfortably assured on reading the following paragraph intimating that the resignation was only formal, and according to rule.

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This reference to resignation compels me to notice the unwelcome fact that Mr. Thomas Hudson, sen., the much-respected Hon. Secretary of the "Durham and Newcastle," is about to retire from that position. If Mr. Hudson cannot be prevailed upon to continue in office, the Association will I feel sure lose one of the most efficient Secretaries in the country, and one of the grandest specimens of a courteous English gentleman.

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The re-opening of the bells at Stone, in the Isle of Oxley, points another moral, or I may say an old moral over again. This account was read with satisfaction until the following was reached:—

"The bells are a nice musical ring of six by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 12 cwt., and have been hanging silent for nearly two years. The Vicar finding he could not get any assistance from his parish or outside, took the job in hand himself, assisted by workmen from Jones and Co., The Foundry, Rye, and a real good job has been made of it so far as stability and soundness of the frame, etc., goes, but as is usual with most all local attempts to hang bells, the most important part is wanting, and that is their easy running, the back four requiring about three times the pulling that should be necessary for bells of their weight."

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I sympathise greatly with the reverend Vicar, and admire his pluck and enterprise. I have no doubt the workmen who did the job did their level best, their conscientious best, if I may be allowed the use of such a phrase. But hanging of Church bells requires a special knowledge and training for the work. Without fear of any results, legal or penal, I unhesitatingly assert that there are very few really good and excellent Church bellhangers in existence. There are lots of people, I am fully aware, who *think* they are bellhangers, and they have thought so for such a number of years, that they really have at last come to believe that they actually can execute such work. We know differently; and unfortunately have painful experiences of it, many of us.

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The writer of the report of the meeting of the North Notts. Association is an observant gentleman, evidently, and a wag to boot. Notice the following remarks:—

"A gloriously fine autumnal afternoon, without a cloud in the blue sky, and the picturesque villages of North and South Anston, crowning with their red roofs the steep hills on either side of the valley through which runs the stream forming the head waters of the Ryton, presented a very pleasing view to those members who stood in the churchyard listening to the bells which were swinging merrily in well struck touches of Treble Bob Minor, under the guidance of their mates in the tower. There was a fair attendance of members, and those who were unable, or too lazy to come, missed a very pleasant walk from the station to the village, and an equally pleasant social gathering."

The fore part of the above is, as I have said, from the pen of one who observes carefully what is going on about him; the latter part proves him to be one not insensible to a joke.

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Are we to take it as a fact that there are ringers to be found who, when a meeting of their own Society is announced, are too apathetic or too lazy to come, even when a pleasant walk amid beautiful scenery is to be enjoyed? I am sadly afraid there are too many. To such I would ask that they carefully read the closing sentence of last week's leader.

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The members of the St. Chad's Cathedral Society of Birmingham have had an excursion to somewhere Wolverhampton way. They were disappointed in not meeting their friend Mr. Jaggar, en route, and the report says: "we found the veteran too ill to attend." On behalf of my friend John Jaggar, late of Burton, and formerly of Oxford, I object to the term "veteran." You certainly do not, John, consider you are "on the shelf," or in that condition known as the "sere and yellow." O dear no. Young men who put pen to paper, let me beg of you to be more careful in the words you employ. "Veteran" sounds a great deal like "old man," and very few of us like to be told we are old. You young men will be old some day, providing you live long enough.

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Two marriages of ringers: What ho! Let me administer to those who have had the temerity to enter into wedlock, the usual caution. Don't give up bell-ringing. Some ladies see no use or ornament in ringing-practice, and would fain prevent their lords from following the Art. Now I am thankful to say that Mrs. Plain Speaker is what is known as "a good ringer's wife:" one who takes great though unobtrusive interest in ringing, and is tolerably well posted in ringing affairs. The very best wives are those who interest themselves in their husband's recreations as well as in their professions. *Verb. sap.*

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The ringing tour in Hampshire was got through very well, and the narrator of the account is evidently an expert in that sort of thing. Six peals out of eight trials was a very good show, which made the company willing to rest and be thankful. One of my correspondents wishes to know from what source the funds come for these annual peregrinations. Such inquisitiveness as this cannot be satisfied. If I were to tell him that the Chancellor of the Exchequer ordered a grant from the revenue perhaps he wouldn't believe me. Such a question will not be answered by me; and I can't help thinking that the asking of it showed an amount of front.

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The One Hundredth Anniversary of the bells of St. Martin's Church, Tipton ("Tip'n," I think, in the local vernacular), has been well kept, and our old friend Rock Small must have enjoyed himself immensely over it. It was worth a trifle, I'll be bound, to see him about that day, with his usual beaming smile and pronounced *bonhomie*. I heartily congratulate you, William, on the success of the festival. You had a rare influential company to do honour to the occasion. There was a grand

"high tea," for the demolition of which it is pleasant to learn that the bashful needed no encouragement, or the delicate any coaxing of the appetite. In fact, as this well-written report says—"every one did his duty like a man." Something to think of, W. R. S., and to smoke a pipe over in days to come.

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Twenty-two peals recorded last week. Six of these belonged to the Hampshire tourists, but independent of these the number is going up. Mr. Card (of Tonbridge), like a true patriot, scores a peal for his Metropolitan Society, if no one else does, and the Caversham men let us see they are alive. Taken altogether, the number of peals is not a bad show for the commencement of the season.

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I had something to say last week about the signature of a contributor to this journal—"Ex-Q.C." The most recent person I know who could be so designated was the late Dr. Kenealy, who made such a hash of the defence of the Claimant. The doctor was a good lawyer, but an indifferent advocate, and his own folly I am afraid, brought the prefix "ex." upon him. He was once defending three very young ruffians at the Assizes, who were accused of injuring a middle-aged man, and robbing him. The prosecutor was rather a poor weak-minded fellow, and did not make out his story very clearly. This colloquy took place:—

Dr. Kenealy (to the plaintiff): Do you say these young men knocked you down and robbed you of all your money? Be careful, Sir.—Yes.

Where did you keep your money?—In my pocket.

Which pocket?—The right-hand pocket.

Oh; the right-hand pocket. Did you keep all your money in in your right-hand pocket?—No.

Where did you keep the rest, then?—In my boot.

What! In your boot—which boot?—The left-hand boot!

This answer caused some laughter, even the Lord Judge and his Chaplain by his side had their risible faculties aroused.

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There was another Q.C. who unfortunately for himself was compelled to have the "ex." added. And what do you think his name was. It is a strange coincidence, as you will agree with me when you know what it was. It was "Edwin James." Rather singular, don't you think? But more next week. PLAIN SPEAKER.

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## OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE NOTES.

### BELFRY RELICS.

When the old bells and bell frame were removed from the belfry of Norton church, a little village near Sheffield, I am told such of the material as was not absolutely worthless, or used up again by the bell founders, was eagerly sought for in the shape of mementoes by those who had been long associated with the church. Much of the old oak of the framework has been carved into various designs, and presented to parishioners, past and present, as souvenirs of the church. Among these two have been presented to the church, viz., a beautiful Prayer-desk which has been placed within the Communion rails, and the panelled corner cupboard in the belfry for the use of the ringers. Another relic, the clapper of the old tenor bell, has been polished up and transformed into an elegant doorstand for holding open the porch door before and after service. A suitable inscription in gold letters has been engraved on the springs of this old clapper, and it is likely to prove a serviceable addition to the furniture of the church. The following are the words:—

Clapper of old tenor bell,
Re-cast 1811,
Removed from the belfry 1896.

I rang for the living,
I tolled for the dead;
I gave the first greeting,
To those who were wed.
And still in God's House,
I now stand at the door;
To open its portals,
To rich and to poor.

It may truly be said concerning the contents of this old belfry, that they have gathered up the fragments that remained, that nothing be lost. Ex-Q.C.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### THE ECCLES COMPANY.

On Monday evening, the Hon. and Rev. Canon Lyttelton, Vicar of Eccles Church, paid a visit to the tower for the purpose of unveiling a new peal-board, put up by the ringers, recording a peal rung by a full Eccles Company some time ago. The Vicar, on removing the cover, read the inscription:—"The Lancashire Association: on Monday, July 4th, 1898, T. Yates's peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members of this tower: Arthur Barrett, treble; Philip Jackson, 2; Thomas Gratton, 3; John Jackson, 4; James Barratt, 5; Ernest Jackson, 6; Richard Ridyard, 7; Amos Trippier, tenor. Richard Ridyard, conductor." The Vicar then addressed the ringers in a few kindly encouraging words. It gave him pleasure to be with them on such an occasion, and reminded them that they were the first to call the worshippers to the house of God—a very high calling indeed. The board he had just brought to view was a credit to the Eccles company. He hoped they would still go on and sustain the efficiency of the Association at Eccles, which had been shown by the 10,000 which was rung in 1897 for the Queen's Jubilee, as recorded on a board in the tower. Henry Corner, Esq., Churchwarden, having said a few appropriate words, and the ringers having expressed their thanks to the Vicar for his encouraging remarks, rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1898.

THOUGH on several occasions of late attention has been directed to the progress made by the Middlesex County Association, the position it has attained, and its prospects for the future, afford matter for gratification to all who are anxious for the spread of change-ringing and an increase in the number of its followers, and therein merits further notice by the organ of change-ringers in the press.

If the interesting report of the proceedings of this Association at its meeting last Saturday is read by our friends they will doubtless be of opinion that no ringing organization in the immediate neighbourhood of the metropolis has made such rapid progress. In some quarters an opinion has been mooted that the well-known conservatism of the London Societies has prevented any sort of enlargement. This may be the case. The principal London Societies, whatever may be thought or said, have a kind of vitality which will not easily be destroyed, or in fact endangered. The Middlesex Association has, however, tapped virgin soil, as it were; it has, especially since its recent weld, become popular and

aggressive, so to speak, and it bids for liberal support, encouragement, and co-operation in a manner which the traditions of other and older bodies almost forbid.

We think it our duty to say any words of encouragement to such a vigorous and flourishing organization. We rejoice to read that no impressment is brought into use to increase its membership. Let it keep to this heroic standpoint while using every worthy effort to extend its influence, and we may venture to prognosticate that the day will arrive when the Association will stand as high as any, if not higher.

We take the liberty of calling the attention of Secretaries and others concerned to the notification of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, to be found on another page. It would appear that the innuendo of our popular contributor with respect to the apathy of those concerned upon the important question of railway fares had some point about it. We appeal to all concerned to respond at once to Mr. Cockey's appeal, or else suffer themselves to become objects of merriment, if not scorn.

## The Metropolis.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, October 15, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

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| WILLIAM BERRY .. .. | *Treble.* | ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. | 5. |
| HARRY WARNETT .. .. | 2. | THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. | 6. |
| JOHN JAMES LAMB .. .. | 3. | HARRY BARRETT .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. | 4. | FREDERICK W. THORNTON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob by all except Messrs. Shade and Thornton. Rang as a compliment to Mr. T. Taylor, on the thirty-eighth anniversary of his marriage.

## The Provinces.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

*On Friday, October 7, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

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| RICHARD LANE .. .. | *Treble.* | *EDWARD ROBINSON .. .. | 6. |
| ROBERT CHRISTIAN* .. .. | 2. | *JOHN HICKMAN .. .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. | 3. | *HORACE W. ABBOTT .. .. | 8. |
| ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT | 4. | WILLIAM T. BILLINGHURST | 9. |
| T. SMITH .. .. .. .. | 5. | JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

### WOODBURY, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

*On Monday, October 10, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

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| REV. G. F. COLERIDGE | *Treble.* | REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. | 5. |
| REV. W. S. WILLETT .. | 2. | FERRIS SHEPHERD .. .. | 6. |
| REV. M. KELLY .. .. .. | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. | 7. |
| J. W. TAYLOR .. .. .. | 4. | JAMES MOSS .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells.

### WERRINGTON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

*On Tuesday, October 11, 1898, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARTIN AND GILES,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| REV. G. F. COLERIDGE | *Treble.* | J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. .. | 5. |
| REV. W. S. WILLETT .. | 2. | FRANK DAVEY .. .. .. | 6. |
| REV. M. KELLY .. .. | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. | 7. |
| REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. | 4. | ARTHUR E. PIKE .. .... | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells.

### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Wednesday, October 11, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 30 cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. SMITH .. | *Treble.* | ADOLPHUS. ROBERTS .. .. | 5. |
| RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. | 2. | THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. | 6. |
| NOAH DAVIS .. .. .. | 3. | JOHN CRANE .. .. .. | 7. |
| ALBERT E. PARSONS .. .. | 4. | JAMES PAGETT .. .. .. | *Tenor* |

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

Rung on the birthday of A. E. Parsons.

### LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, October 11, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

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| RICHARD S. MANN .. .. | *Treble.* | GEORGE WOODHALL .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN ASPINWALL .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. | 6. |
| EDWIN BREEZE .. .. .. | 3. | THOMAS HAMMOND .. .. | 7. |
| JAMES DILLON .. .. .. | 4. | JAMES MARTIN .. .. | *Tenor,* |

Composed by T. HURRY, and Conducted by RICHARD S. MANN.

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### PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, October 11, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JAMES TANN .. .. | *Treble* | ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. | 5. |
| JAMES BETTS .. .. .. | 2. | *ERNEST PYE .. .. .. | 6. |
| ROBERT WHITING .. .. | 3. | FREDERICK SMITH .. .. | 7. |
| FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. | 4. | WILLIAM PYE .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

*First peal in the method. The composition will be found in the Central Council Appendix for 1895, being the first peal on page 113.

### REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, October 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 24 cwt.

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| FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. | *Treble.* | ERNEST F. POPPY .. .. | 5. |
| JAMES BETTS .. .. .. | 2. | ERNEST PYE .. .. .. | 6. |
| ROBERT WHITING .. .. | 3. | FREDERICK SMITH .. .. | 7. |
| JAMES TANN .. .. .. | 4. | WILLIAM PYE .. .. | *Tenor,* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, October* 12, 1898, *in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| KEITH HART .. .. ..*Treble.* | HENRY JONES .. .. .. 5. |
| FRANK BENNETT .. .. 2. | ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. 6. |
| GEORGE A. KING .. .. 3. | ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 7. |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 4. | JOHN STEADMAN .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung to commemorate the 28th birthday of A. J. Turner, the band wishing him the usual congratulations.

WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, October* 13, 1898, *in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| GEORGE PARKIN .. ..*Treble.* | JOHN DRONFIELD .. .. 5. |
| LEONARD JACKSON .. .. 2. | THOMAS ROBBINS .. .. 6. |
| THOS. MCKEGG .. .. .. 3. | GEORGE WM. DRONFIELD 7. |
| ARTHUR SAXBY .. .. .. 4. | DAVID BREARLEY .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, October* 14, 1898, *in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.** Tenor 16 cwt.

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| WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ..*Treble.* | HENRY W. BALDRY .. .. 5. |
| ERNEST PYE .. .. .. 2. | ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 6. |
| DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 3. | STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 7. |
| GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 4. | WILLIAM PYE .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

In this peal the 2nd is never in 5-6, and the 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end. Messrs. Pye, for whom this and previous peals were arranged, hail from Chadwell Heath, Essex. The above is E. Pye's fiftieth peal, an account of which will be found elsewhere.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October* 15, 1898, *in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 12¼ cwt.

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| JOHN W. SMITH .. ..*Treble.* | THOMAS WAKEMAN .. .. 5. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. 2. | RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. 6. |
| NOAH DAVIS .. .. .. 3. | JOHN CRANE .. .. .. 7. |
| JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. 4. | WILLIAM H. SMITH .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by WILLIAM H. SMITH.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October* 15, 1898, *in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs.

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| GEORGE KIRK* .. .. ..*Treble.* | FRED. STUBBS .. .. .. 5. |
| FRANK KIRK .. .. .. 2. | WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 6. |
| RICHARD PENDERED .. .. 3. | WALTER GILBERT .. .. 7. |
| FRED. GILBERT .. .. .. 4. | HENRY W. STUBBS .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, and Conducted by FRED. GILBERT.

*First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

*On Saturday, October* 15, 1898, *in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 21 cwt.

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| RICHARD CLARK .. .. ..*Treble.* | CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5. |
| FREDERICK W. ELLES .. 2. | JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 6. |
| CHARLES H. HORTON .. 3. | THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 7. |
| WILLIAM KNIGHT .. .. 4. | WILLIAM A. CAVE .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

A note to this peal appears in another column.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

*On Saturday, October* 15, 1898, *in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JOHN BENSTEAD .. ..*Treble.* | EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 5. |
| ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 2. | ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. 6. |
| HARRY WAKLEY .. .. .. 3. | JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. .. 7. |
| GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. 4. | WILLIAM WAKLEY .. ..*Tenor.* |

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

REDHILL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October* 15, 1898, *in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| GEORGE THOMPSON .. ..*Treble.* | EDWARD DEWEY .. .. 5. |
| HENRY REEVES .. .. .. 2. | FREDERICK WICKENS .. 6. |
| PELLAM E. J. KNIGHT .. 3. | THOMAS SPARKS .. .. .. 7. |
| ALBERT SONGHURST .. .. 4. | ARTHUR MOSELEY .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

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

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, October* 15, 1898, *in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

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| EDWIN HORREX .. .. ..*Treble.* | CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5. |
| WILLIAM E. JUDD* .. .. 2. | WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6. |
| THOMAS H. TAFEENDER .. 3. | WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7. |
| GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4. | JAMES GEORGE .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal in the method. First peal on the bells.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, October* 15, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

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| JESSE GILLETT .. .. ..*Treble.* | PHILIP W. DAVIES .. .. 6. |
| JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .. 2. | FREDERICK MUSTY .. .. 7. |
| WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 3. | ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 8. |
| FRED. G. MAY .. .. .. 4. | WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 9. |
| ERNEST BISHOP .. .. .. 5. | ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Musty.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, October 18, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

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| GEORGE STACEY* | ..*Treble.* | JOHN PUGSLEY | 5. |
| GEORGE ATKINS | 2. | THOMAS DOBLE | 6. |
| SIDNEY MASON | 3. | HENRY MOORE | 7. |
| REV. H. C. COURTNEY | 4. | JAMES REED | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by J. PUGSLEY.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Margaret Luttrell, granddaughter of the Vicar, to Mr. Yates. *First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

*On Tuesday, October 18, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

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| WILLIAM C. WAKLEY | ..*Treble.* | EDWARD I. STONE | 5. |
| JOHN BENSTEAD | 2. | ARTHUR WAKLEY | 6. |
| HARRY WAKLEY | 3. | JOSEPH GRIFFIN | 7. |
| GEORGE ROBINSON | 4. | WILLIAM WAKLEY | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Marquis of Anglesey, who was buried on that day.

## Date Touches.

REDDISH (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 4th, at the church of St. Elisabeth, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 14 mins. B. Swan, 1; A. Barnes, 2; T. Jackson, 3; H. Meakin, 4; T. Smithson, 5; T. Marshall, 6; J. W. Bayley (conductor), 7; A. Markwell, 8. Composed by G. R. Newton, of Oxton, Cheshire. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. Bates, a late churchwarden, and an earnest churchworker for many years. Messrs. Jackson, Markin, Marshall, and Bayley belong to St. George's, Stockport; the rest belong to the local company.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Sunday, October 2nd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 660 Bob Minor. W. Brinkley, 1; C. Mills, 2; J. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5; W. Elliott, 6. For Divine Service at 11 o'clock, 504 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hum, 1; H. Elliott, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; W. Hunwick, jun., 5; W. Elliott, 6. For afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Elliott, 1; E. W. Beckwith, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 New London Pleasure. C. Mills, 1; H. Elliott, 2; C. Norfolk, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott, 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Keeble (conductor), 1; H. Evers, 4; J. Newman, 5. Also a touch of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Saturday, October 8th, at the church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, 720 Double Norwich. D. Elliott (conductor), 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Dyer, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; J. Newman, 8. This was rung after an attempt for a peal in the above method.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 31st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Moule, 1; W. Miller, 2; W. Doran, 3; E. Wightman (conductor), 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams, 6. On Thursday, September 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), and a course of Cambridge Surprise. H. Gowers, 1; W. Miller, 2; W. Doran, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Moule, 5; T. H. Beams (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. H. Beams, 1; H. Gowers, 2; J. T. Barker (Stebbing), 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Moule, 5; E. Wightman (conductor), 6.

CANNING TOWN (Essex).—On Thursday, October 6th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Moule, 1; E. Wightman (conductor), 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams, 6.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, October 9th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' in 48 mins. H. J. Selby, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; W. G. Granger, 3; M. Whatley, 4; G. Steer, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone, 7; J. Charman (first quarter-peal), 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, October 6th, at St. Peter's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Perkins, jun., 1; W. Latter (conductor), 2; A. Godley, 3; S. Perkins, sen., 4; F. Harrington, 5; G. Smithers, 6; G. Kember, 7; E. Turner, 8. On Sunday, October 9th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; W. Pollard, 2; A. Welsh, 3; S. Perkins, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; A. Ford, 6; G. Smithers (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8.

DEAL (Kent).—On Saturday, October 8th, at St, Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 24 mins. J. Axon, 1; A. Denne, 2; S. Mockett, 3; H. Denne, 4; T. Hooker (conductor), 5; H. Castle, 6. And 730 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Castle, 2; T. Hooker, 3; G. Denne, 4; S. Mockett, 3; H. Denne, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. T. Hooker hails from Hastingleigh, near Ashford.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, October 9th, at St. John's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Law, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; W. J. Jeffries, 5; G. H. Daynes, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; F. Palmer, 8. Composed by G. H. Daynes. After evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Jefferies, 1; J. Rose. 2; T. G. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; W. J. Jeffries (conductor), 5; J. Law, 6; G. H. Daynes, 7; W. Bedwell, 8.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Harvest Festival service at St. Mary's chutch, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four singles and twenty-six bobs). E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; A. Day, 3; W. H. Wilkins, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (nineteen singles and eleven bobs). E. J. Hyland, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; A. Day. 4; H. Shipp, 5; W. H. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, October 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, October 5th, being the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Marshall, 1; W. Easter, 2; E. Mexter, 3; P. Taffs, 4; W. Hollier, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 9th, 700 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. Marshall, 1; W. Haigh (conductor), 2; P. Taffs, 3; W. Hollier, 4; W. Hunt, 5; W. Easter, 6; W. Bate, 7; E. Phillips, 8. Also four courses of Stedman Triples, standing as before. On Wednesday, October 12th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Marshall, 1; W. Hollier, 2; E. Mexter, 3; W. Easter, 4; W. Bate, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6. The above was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Stanley Cheffins, who was buried in the afternoon, he being very popular and highly respected in this parish. He died very suddenly in London at the early age of twenty-eight years.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. R. Leach, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; J. H. Haydock, 4; W. Taylor (conductor), 5; W. Cass (first quarter-peal), 6; J. Wright, 7; O. Eastwood, 8. Composed by T. Wade, of Windsor. Messrs. Leach and Haydock hail from Ramsbottom; Cass from Bury; J. B. Taylor from Waterfoot; the rest are of the local band.

RAMSBOTTOM (Lancashire).—On Saturday, October 8th, at St. Paul's church, an attempt to ring Vicars' six-part of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 3150 changes in 1 hr. 32 mins., owing to loud and continued knocking at the belfry door. After the conductor had called out "stand," the band found that it was the Vicar (Rev. J. J. Lewis), come on behalf of a sick man who lived close besides the church, who was delirious with brain fever, and requested them to stop. R. Leach, 1; J. S. Taylor, 2; J. Wolstenholme, 3; O. Eastwood, 4; J. H. Haydock, 5; W. Taylor (conductor), 6; J. B. Taylor, 7; J. Booth, 8. Messrs. Eastwood and W. Taylor hail from Newchurch; J. B. Taylor from Waterfoot; the rest are local ringers.

CHORLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, October 1st, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major was abandoned through one of the band being unwell, after ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins. G. Good-

win, 1; I. Whalley, 2; H. Hays, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; R. Sanderson, 5; W. Timbrell, 6; J. Smith, 7; J. Brown (conductor), 8. Composed by A. Craven.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASLOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, October 5th, for the Harvest Festival service at All Saints' church, 360 Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering. E. V. Beadle, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; H. Chandler, 3; A. Saunders, 4; T. Beadle, 5; A. Curtis, 6; F. Goddard, 7; W. Jackman, 8. Conducted by G. A. Ransom. After service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins., composed by A. J. Perkins, of Romford. F. Goddard, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; E. V. Beadle, 3; H. Chandler, 4; T. Beadle, 5; H. Browning, 6; J. Basden (conductor), 7; A. Saunders, 8.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 Kent Treble Bob. E. H. Tubb, 1; T. Card, 2; W. Burrows, 3; C. H. Martin (conductor), 4; —. Mankelow, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 360 in the same method. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Carroway, 4; W. Burrows, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6. T. Card hails from Speldhurst; Mankelow from Tunbridge Wells; Burrows from St. John's Wood; Martin from Hendon. On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. L. Sparkes, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. After service a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (eight bobs and six singles). F. Turvey, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Mulley, 1; E. H. Tubb, 2; W. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 13th, for the Harvest Festival, 360 Oxford Bob. W. Mulley, 1; W. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; F. Carroway, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. L. Sparks, (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. After service 720 Oxford Bob. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, October 8th, at St. Peter's church, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 24 mins. J. Purser, 1; W. G. Hall (conductor), 3; B. Dalton, 3; E. S. Hodges, 4; J. H. Brown, 5; W. Smith, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; R. Pickering, 8.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Thursday, June 16th, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. F. McCaffrey, 1; J. Whale, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; H. W. Brown, 4; J. Fussell, 5; C. W. Bell (conductor), 6; J. Taylor, 7; J. Sage, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. McCaffrey, who came from Trowbridge for the occasion. On Sunday evening, October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. E. Holder, 1; C. Densley, 2; J. Fussell, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; H. E. Mills, 5; C. W. Bell (conductor), 6; J. Taylor, 7; C. Cambridge, 8. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.—On Monday, September 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. W. Brown, 1; G. W. Stokes, 2; W. Davis, 3; W. Lanham, 4; A. Melhuish, 5; J. Fussell (conductor), 6; C. Densley, 7; G. Temple, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Stokes and Densley, and was rung at the first attempt. G. Stokes hails from Chippenham.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, September 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6.

MIDDLEWICH (Cheshire).—On Thursday, September 29th, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; R. Chantler, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor with 7-8 behind. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; R. Chantler, 5; W. Forster, 6; J. Bell, 7; A. Bailey, 8. Rung on the back six, and is the first on the bells, and was rung on the eve of the anniversary of the dedication of the bells. A. Bailey belongs to the local band; the rest hail from Northwich.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Saturday, October 18th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which was specially arranged for F. Tomkins, one of the Wellingborough Juniors, who was leaving the town, but it came to grief after ringing 4000 changes. J. J. Mawby, 1; A. Tyler, 2; J. B. Martin, 3; G. Wood, 4; W. Wood, 5; F. Tomkins, 6; T. Hensher (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. Messrs. Mawby and Tyler belong to Irthlingborough; Martin from Higham Ferrers; Wood (3), Hensher, and Tomkins from Wellingborough. Great credit is due to F. Tomkins for ringing his bell so well.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, October 11th, for practice at St. George's-in-the-East, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. W. Truss, 1; T. H. Taffender, 2; F. C. Newman, 3; E. Wallage, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; J. Scholes, 6; E. Hall, 7; W. Clow, 8. Contains twelve 4-6s, twelve 6-7s, and twelve 7-4s. Composed by J. P. Bradley, and conducted by T. H. Taffender.

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DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; W. Smith, 3; T. Lowe, 4; J. Foster, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. On Thursday, October 6th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 6-7s, in 45 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Adams, 4; E. Unitt, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. Composed by J. Wright, of Leicester.

DISLEY (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, October 5th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. John Robinson to Miss Jane Atkinson, daughter of T. Atkinson, one of the local band, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Gratrix on his sixtieth birthday, a 360 Bob Minor was rung in 12½ mins. J. Johnson, 1; T. Johnson, 2; A. Lomas, 3; J. Gratrix, 4; T. Atkinson, 5; J. Curtis, 6. Afterwards the bells were rung in Queens, and then lowered in peal, when the ringers went to The White Horse hotel and drank to the health of the newly-married pair, wishing them long life and happiness, and also wishing Mr. J. Gratrix many happy returns of his birthday. Train time come, and a hearty shaking of hearts brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, April 24th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Green, 1; R. Masters, 2; C. Ward, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; T. B. Wood, 5; T. Taylor (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Grandsire Minor rung by the local band. On October 11th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Green, 1; M. Masters, 2; C. Ward, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; T. B. Woods, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor rung by the local band.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Thursday, July 28th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. On Saturday, September 4th, 720 College Single. F. Mustow, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; C. Smart, 3; A. E. Cousins, 4; M. Steer, 5; B. Hawkins, 6. On Wednesday, September 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Boyles, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; C. Paice, 3; C. Smart, 4; A. E. Cousins, 5; B. Hawkins, 6. First 720 by C. Paice. On Sunday, October 2nd, for afternoon service, 360 Grandsire Minor. S. Davis, 1; F. Mustow, 2; A. E. Cousens, 3; C. Smart, 4; M. Steer, 5; B. Hawkins (conductor), 6; M. Miller, 7; D. Leary, 8.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 503 Grandsire Caters. After service another 503 in the same method, the following members taking part: H. Newnham, J. Wyatt, A. Dean, E. Hull, W. Marks, W. Messam, H. Cropley, H. Over, C. Otway, and W. Newnham. Conducted by W. Marks and J. Wyatt. On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service, 575 Grandsire Caters. T. Newnham, 1; W. Messam, 2; W. Crockford, 3; H. Wood, 4; H. Newnham, jun., 5; H. Newnham, 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; E., Hull 8; A. Dean, 9; H. Over, 10.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Lawrence, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Spencer, 1; W. Hexter (conductor), 2; J. Harrison, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; C. P. Smith, 5; J. Bailey, 6; J. E. Hexter, 7; B. Clark, 8. For evening service 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Spencer, 1; J. Harrison, 2; W. Hexter, 3; J. E. Hexter, 4; C. P. Smith, 5; W. R. Hexter, 6; J. Bailey (conductor), 7; B. Clark, 8. On Saturday, October 8th, for practice, 448 Grandsire Triples. A. Spencer, 1; J. E. Hexter, 2; J. Bailey, 3; J. Harrison, 4; C. P. Smith, 5; H. Jones, 6; W. R. Hexter (conductor), 7; B. Clark, 8. H. Jones hails from Wootton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.

MILVERTON (Somersetshire).—On Tuesday, October 11th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 29 mins. F. Collins, 1; W. Andrews, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; P. Norman, 4; J. Richards, 5; A. J. Andrews, 6; W. Chapman, 7; C. Pulsford, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. First half-peal with a bob bell by Messrs. Collins and Norman.

PULBOROUGH (Sussex).—On Saturday, October 8th, at the parish church, 216 Grandsire Minor. E. Seller, 1; S. Stone, 2; E. Holden,

3; A. Greenfield, 4; P. Doick, 5; H. W. Herrington, 6; H. Doick, 7; T. Leney, 8. This is the first touch of Minor ever rung at this place.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, September 10th, at St. Andrew's church, 266 Grandsire Triples. J. Watson, 1; R. Watson, 2; C. Cooke, 3; S. Hall, 4; S. Saker (Hastings, conductor), 5; J. George, 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.—On Monday, October 10th, for practice at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; C. Hill, 2; S. Watson, 3; H. Harvey (conductor), 4; F. Medhurst, 5; G. Watson, 6; F. Kennett, 7; H. Denman, 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, September 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Harper, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Dace, 3; J. Harper, 4; N. Kibble, 5; J. Adams, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; W. Eyre, 8. Messrs. Harper, Brown, and Eyre belong to Bilston.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex). — On Tuesday, October 10th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). F. Side, 1; R. Kilby, 2; H. Kilby, 3; A. Tennant, 4; I. Attwater, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the birthday of A. Pittam, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## Obituary.

### CHARLES ENGLISH.

It is with sincere regret that the Chislehurst Society have to record the death of one of their old and respected ringers in the person of Charles English, who died on September 14th at the ripe old age of eighty-two. He had been a ringer at Chislehurst for nearly forty years. Previous to his coming there he was a member of the Lavenham society, which village was his birthplace. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. On Monday, September 19, the day of his funeral, the ringers attempted a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, which unhappily came to grief after ringing 840 changes. Time not permitting another start a touch of about 800 was rung, after which his age was tolled and the bells lowered in peal. J. Miles, 1; T. Durling (conductor), 2; R. Hims, 3; J. Emery, 4; G. French, 5; W. Ingham, 6; G. Durling, 7; G. Dickens, 8.

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT REDHILL.—This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung on the sixth anniversary wedding day of the steeplekeeper, Mr. Edward Dewey, and the ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar and churchwardes for the use of the bells, which are a musical ring from the Whitechapel Foundry. The "go" of them is not quite sattsfactory, as the large bells go very heavy, and require a deal of ringing. There is no protection to the sound holes, so the bells are exposed to all weathers, which no doubt makes the wheels and ropes get stift, and go worse than they would do if they were protected.

THE PEAL AT BRISTOL.—This was the first peal of Double Norwich in the city by a local society unassisted by honorary members, all the band being active performing members of the St. Stephen's Guild. First in the method by all except J. D. Matthews, and first touch of Major as conductor. This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

MR. E. PYE'S FIFTY PEALS.—On tower bells: In seven methods on six bells, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Stedman Triples, 6; Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 8; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich, 8; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 2; Treble Bob Royal, 1. On handbells: Grandsire Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich Major, 2; total—50.

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## THE HISTORY OF BELLS.

There are few subjects (says A. C. Bickley in the *Church Gazette*), on which more has been written than on bells. From the earliest ages bells seem to have been especially devoted to religious uses. In China a kind of ring of bells made of flat stones is said to have been invented a couple of thousand years before Christ. Bells are mentioned in Exodus as part of the high priest's dress, and we learn that in the time of Zechariah they were worn by horses. Bells were used alike by the ancient Egyptians and Peruvians. In unchanging Borneo, bells, or rather gongs, have long been parts of the Zulu or Dyak rituals, and, as everybody knows, the Bhuddistic temples of the Chinese abound in bells. How far bells were used by the Greeks we have no evidence, though Greek writers mentiou them. The Romans used bells to denote times of bathing, but not, so far as we can see, for religious purposes. It is from this use, however, that Whittaker considers the use of bells by the Christian Church to have originated. In Britain, bells have been used in churches from towards the end of the seventh century. It is said that in mediæval times England was spoken of as the land of bells; to-day that title is probably more applicable to Russia. The French appear to have used chiefly bells of iron—we have an abomination called a bell, made of steel still with us—but the English preferred brass, and as early as the ninth century were able to make them of deep tone and considerable size. Mr. Tyack says that the earliest bells were probably made of metal plates rivetted together. One associated with St. Patrick, now preserved at Belfast, would, if this legend be true, be over 1,400 years old. It is a small iron bell, something like the bell at St. Gall, in Switzerland, which is believed to have seen more than twelve centuries. There is some reason to suppose that in early times the greater number of bells were imported from the Continent, but England had its founders. Thus in 1299 there lived at Lynn, in Norfolk, one "Master John the founder." At Gloucester, early in the 14th century, a man named Alexander or Sandre, which is uncertain, who was at once a bell-founder and a potter. In order to encourage English founders, in 1483, the importation of foreign bells was made illegal, but bells continued to be brought into the kingdom, as is proved by many remaining examples. It was, as everybody knows, customary to baptise bells, notwithstanding that the capitulars of Charlemagne, issued in 789, expressly forbade it. This was got over by reading it to mean any bells other than Church bells, so the picturesqe ceremony was continued and augmented. In the Gregorian Sacramentary there is a form for the benediction of bells. One of the most curious usages connected with the baptism of a bell, was the inquiry, by the bishop, whether the founder had been paid for his work, and the cost of the metal. Satisfied on this, he demanded of the sponsors whether they believed all the Catholic Apostolic Roman Church believes, concerning the holiness and virtues of bells. If they replied in the affirmative the ceremony proceeded.

## A VISIT TO DUBLIN.

Friday evening, September 23rd, found Messrs. Argyle and Chapman, of Nuneaton, en route for the above City, where they arrived early on Saturday morning. In the afternoon they were met by Mr. G. Lindoff, who conducted them through St. Patrick's Cathedral, and arranged for a touch at St. George's in the evening. On Sunday touches of Grandsire were rung for morning and afternoon services at St. Patrick's, and a few rounds on the ring of ten at Christ Church Cathedral. In the evening arrangements were made for a ring at Bray, which is a pleasant little spot, twelve miles from Dublin, with a fine ring of eight. On Monday, through the kindness of Mr. G. Lindoff, permission was obtained to visit Guinness' Brewery. Tuesday morning found the visitors on board the steamer for Holyhead. They wish to thank Mr. Lindoff and the Dublin ringers for their kindness, which made their visit so much more enjoyable.

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## Notices.

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The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, to-day, Sat., October 22nd. Ringing at All Saints (ten bells) from 2 p.m., by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. W. Young. Tea at Mission Room (nearly opposite the church) Wood Street, at 6 p.m., and business meeting to follow. Arrangements for tea are in the hands of Mr. James Strutt, 13, London Road, Kingston-on-Thames. Members who have not paid subscriptions for 1898 should do so at this meeting.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
5, *Manor Parade, Sutton, Surrey.*

The Waltham Abbey Society. — The members of this Society, together with several well-known ringing friends from London, will meet to-day, Saturday, October 22nd, at the Abbey church for ringing purposes. The bells will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m., and all ringing friends will be cordially welcomed. A hot supper will be provided in the evening at The Green Dragon inn, price 2s. 6d. per head. FRANK CARTER, *Hon. Sec.*
*Waltham Abbey, Essex.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint, to-day, Saturday, October 22nd. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at the Chinese Gardens at 6 p.m.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood, Hants, to-day, Saturday, October 22nd.

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

The Kent County Association. — Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, to-day, Saturday, October 22nd. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting will follow tea. A short service and address by the Rev. James Hughes, Vicar of Plumstead, at 7.30. W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — The Autumn Guild Meeting will be held at Henley on Saturday, October 29th. Tea, 9d. per head, at 5 p.m. Evensong with sermon by the Master at 6. For tickets apply to

REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS.
*Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—A special meeting of this society will be held at Armley (six bells), on Saturday, October 29th. Ringing from 3 p.m. A business meeting will be held at The White Horse inn, Town Street, at 7 p.m. A good attendance of members is earnestly requested, as business of the utmost importance will be brought forward. JNO. W. T. HOLGATE,
*President.*
5, *Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The second qarterly meeting of the year will be held at Duffield, on Saturday, October 29th. The peal of ten at the parish church will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. By kind permission of the President the grounds of Duffield Bank will be open to visitors from 2 to 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m., tea at 4.30 p.m., both at the parish room, King Street. Members who intend being present at tea, for which 1s. will be charged, are requested to notify Mr. B. Sugden, Eaton Bank, Duffield, not later than Wednesday, October 26th. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets at any station.

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

Central Northamptonshire Association. Quarterly Meeting at Rushton, near Kettering, on Saturday, October 29th. Ringing from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. The bells are a ring of six, recently rehung, tenor 9 cwt. Usual arrangements. The Secretary hopes that members ni the Kettering district will support this meeting as much as possible. E. J. DENNES,
*Wellingborough.* *Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. — The twenty-first annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, October 31st, 1898. Committee meeting in the upper vestry of the Cathedral at 12 noon. Divine Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, with sermon by the Rev. Edgar Boddington, at 1 p.m. Dinner at The Crown hotel, Clayton Street, at 2 p.m., members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. The bells of the following churches will be available: the Cathedral, St. John's, All Saints, St. George's (from 10.30 to 12.30), St. Matthew's (from 3 to 5 p.m.). Those intending to dine must notify the same not later than Friday, 28th October, to THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*
314, *High Street West, Sunderland.*

N.B.—As the present Secretary will not seek re-election, members are requested to send in names, before the day of meeting, of any suitable to fill this important office.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. —The 261st Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, 15, Aldersgate Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be bought of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Albert Coles, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Horrex, Hoskins, T. Mash, McLaughlin, J. C. Mitchell, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, Winney and

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

A Meeting will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, October 27th.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The half-yearly general meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, November 5th. Further particulars in due course.

GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*
142, *Portland Street, Lincoln.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting of this District will will be held (for ringing only) at St. Leonard's, Upper Deal, on Saturday, November 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, St. Helen's, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*


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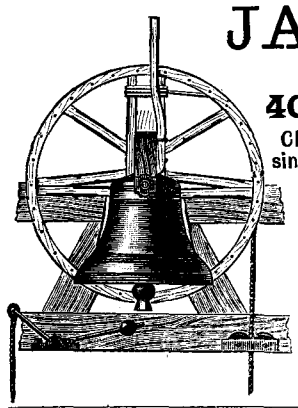

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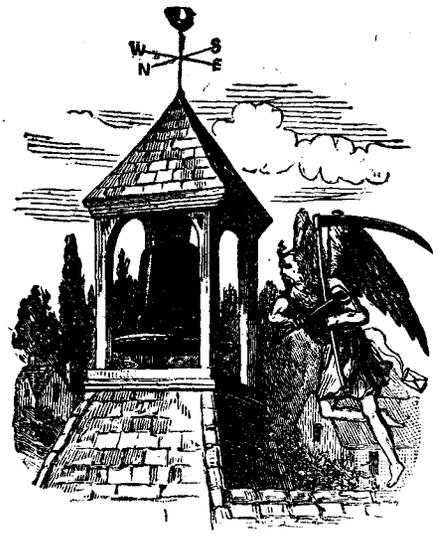


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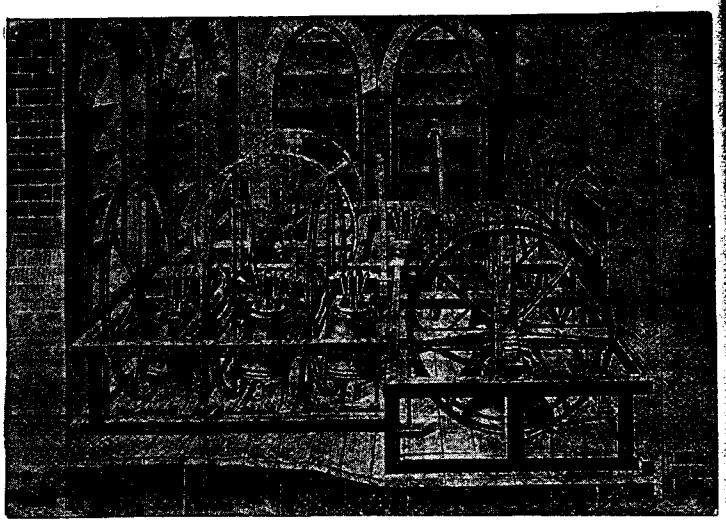

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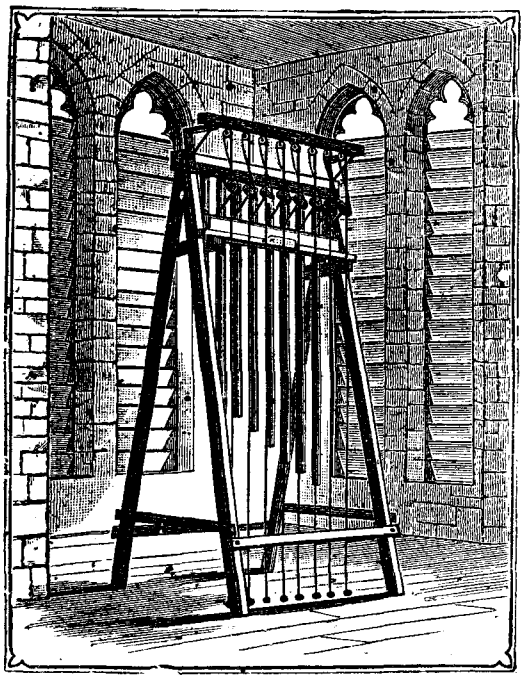

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## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the members of this Association was held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 22nd. The parish church of All Saints is a building of stone in the Pointed style, and consists of chancel, nave, and central tower with pinnacles, containing a peal of ten bells, the tenor, which is in D flat, weighing 33 cwt. The ringing-chamber, approached from the body of the church by a stone staircase, is roomy, but very badly lighted, candles being the only artificial light. If the Church authorities could see their way to remedying this defect, it would doubtless be a great boon to those taking part in the ringing, and it would certainly cost but a small sum for this much-needed improvement. The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and were kept going to Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Caters until six o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Mission Room in Wood Street for tea.

The usual quarterly business meeting followed, and the Rev. A. S. W. Young (Vicar of All Saints), who was appointed chairman for the evening, cordially welcomed the members of the Association to Kingston. The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary reported that one peal had been rung since the last meeting, but he had not received full particulars of it. It was decided that the committee draw up the annual report in January next, and submit the same to the members at the annual meeting at Croydon, to be held towards the end of that month.

The Secretary drew attention to the Rev. H. A. Cockey's letter of September 28th, published in "The Bell News" of the 8th inst., covering a draft of the proposed petition to be sent to the various General Managers of the Railway Companies. He had no doubt every member was in possession of a copy of this particular number of "Bell News," and if not, he should be, and suggested that if any alteration appeared necessary in the form of the petition, Mr. Cockey should be communicated with.

Mr. A. T. King, Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex County Association, said he proposed writing to the Rev. H. A. Cockey, pointing out the large amount of work the sending of the petitions to the Railway Managers separately would involve, especially where, as in his case, the district was served by a number of different companies, and suggesting that the petitions be sent to the Managers through the Railway Clearing House.

The Secretary (Mr. Dean), said Mr. Cockey and his sub-committee had already reported having approached the Companies through that channel, but had been unable to get any satisfaction, and the forwarding of the proposed petitions seemed the only course left in order to get the matter directly under the notice of the Managers concerned, and so force discussion at the Clearing House meetings.

The Secretary reported he had received from the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Hon. Secretary to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, a printed list (in triplicate) of technical terms used in the art and science of change-ringing. He said he intended sending the lists to the different representatives and hoped they would be returned as soon as possible with any suggestions for additions thereto.

The election of Mr. Frederick Wickens (Redhill) was ratified. Messrs. Edward Stacey, George Strutt, and Albert Strutt (Kingston) were elected performing members, and Mr. Arthur Thomas King of Barnet a life performing member.

Mr. C. E. Malim (Balham) proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman. This was seconded by Mr. King, who said he was always glad to see the Clergy take an interest in bellringers and their meetings, and suggested their more frequent visit to the belfry would tend to influence the ringers in properly carrying out their duties, and induce them to repay the visit by going to the east-end of the church.

The Vicar having responded, the tower was again sought, and ringing proceeded until a late hour by the members of the Association, who included representatives from Ashtead, Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon, Kingston, Leatherhead, Mitcham and Wimbledon, and last but by no means least, Mr. A. T. King, the energetic Honorary Secretary of the Middlesex County Association.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A small party visited the pretty villages of Hemingford Grey and Hemingford Abbots, about a mile from St. Ives, on Thursday, October 20th. The church in each place possesses a good ring of six (a treble having been added at the latter place last year), in fair condition, though naturally rather light. The tone of those at Hemingford Abbots is specially pleasing. After a preliminary 720 at Hemingford Grey, a rope unfortunately broke, and an adjournment was made to the adjacent parish, where another 720 and a 360 of Treble Bob were rung. After the return, and a substantial meat tea, a short business meeting was held. Letters of apology were read, and after a vigorous speech by the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. K. H. Smith (Ely), urging the necessity of increasing the membership, and amending the present lethargic condition of ringers and ringing in Huntingdonshire, it was proposed by the Rev. W. W. Crump, the energetic Secretary for the diocese, that a small local committee be appointed to consider the best means for attaining this highly desirable result, and to take steps accordingly. Another 720 of Grandsire and short touches concluded the afternoon.

The members of the Sudbury Archdeaconry propose to hold a meeting on Monday, November 7th, at Sudbury.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

By kind permission of the Dean, a peal of Stedman Cinques will be attempted this day, Saturday, October 29th, at 5 p.m., by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

## RE-DEDICATION OF THE PARISH CHURCH BELLS OF WEEDON, NORTHANTS.

For some three or four years the necessity of re-hanging the bells of the parish church at Weedon has been felt, and a special fund was organised by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Tower, for that purpose. An examination of the bells was made by Messrs. Taylor, bell founders, of Loughborough, and the old frame having been found much decayed and somewhat dangerous, it was decided that an iron frame should take its place. The bells were also all removed and taken to Loughborough to be re-tuned. The estimate for this work was about £150. In addition to this, however, a new belfry floor had to be provided, the window opened out, and the tower painted. Further, the old stone staircase to the belfry, which had been closed for a number of years, was opened and utilised. The estimated cost of this work was between £40 and £50, so that altogether nearly £200 is required to defray the total expense. About £170 has been already subscribed, Eton College giving £20, and the Vicar hopes, with the assistance of the parish, soon to be able to raise sufficient money to clear off the deficit.

The bells were re-dedicated on Tuesday afternoon, October 18th, a special service being held, which was conducted throughout by the Bishoy of Leicester (the Ven. Archdeacon Thicknesse). The clergy present in addition to the Vicar were the Revs. J. Neale (Brockhall), A. O. James (Bugbrooke), C. Smith (Dodford), F. Churchill (Everdon), T. Waters (Staverton). The arrangements in the church were carried out by the churchwardens, Mr. W. Goff and Mr. W. Roberts. Considering the state of the weather, rain falling the whole of the afternoon, there was a very good congregation. The processional hymn was "All people that on earth dwell," Miss Barclay presiding at the organ. The special prayers having been read by the Bishop, and psalms sung, there was an interval of some two or three minutes, during which the ringers rang out a short peal on the bells. Then followed the hymn "In Sinai's dreary waste." The Bishop of Leicester preached an excellent sermon, taking for his text Isaiah xl. verse 9: "O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God." Such, the Bishop said, was the voice of the first preacher of the kingdom of God, of John the Baptist. Such was the voice still of all Evangelists and preachers of righteousness. And after this measure, such, too, was the voice of church bells. They were a voice to God's people, a voice even to strangers proclaiming and praising God, preaching to and evangelising man. And was there not a sacred melody, a holy music in church bells, which, like every other instrument of church service, bore, or ought to bear upon them, the inscription on the bells of Aaron's breast-plate, "Holiness unto the Lord." And again, was there not a sublime interest in the height at which church bells sounded God's praise; they literally "praised Him in the height." The praise of church bells got nearer to Heaven than the praise of any other instrument of church music, and became a link between the service of the Church militant below, and of the Church triumphant above. The bells without, and the choir within; the bells to sound the first keynote of praise in all the hearts of Christians on their way to Church, and the organ to prolong it in the service, were not those, too, institutions of their worship, at any rate in outward and material help; the very life and soul of that sacrifice of thanksgiving which they came to Church to render. The voice of Church bells lifted up with strength was not like the tender music inside the Church, which only those who entered could hear and went on purpose to join in. The bells were an outward witness. They were an outdoor preacher, a warning monitor, whose voice the non-Churchgoer, the Sabbath-breaker, the Sunday bicyclist could hear, must hear, above the din of the streets, the wrangling of fairs and markets, the tumult of cities, the howling of winds, the storms, and tempests of the wilderness. The Lord's voice thus cryeth alike to the city and to the desert. Sunday or week-day the voice of Church bells proclaimed a living and a life-giving Saviour. A true herald of the gospel of peace, it lifted up that voice with strength; it lifted it up, it was not afraid: it said unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God. The far-reaching Church bells gave invitation and welcome to all to come and partake of the common salvation. They called all to the house of prayer, to the hearing of God's word, to the heavenly banquet of Christ's love. They continually preached in each parish, which was happy enough to possess them, the great duty of worship, and God grant they might never preach that duty in vain in Weedon, but that they who had so willingly and liberally added to their efficiency might contribute the one testimony of their usefulness, more availing than any other. In concluding, the Bishop referred to the Bellringers and bellringing Associations, and said in that diocese he was told there were 2,000 Church bells. In Northants. alone he understood there were 1,317. If they multiplied the 2000 by 30, the number of dioceses in England, they had 60,000, and as each of those had a ringer, what an influence for the Church those ringers might be if every man's heart was right with God, with the Church, and with his parish. The hymn after the sermon was "Thanks be to Thee, O gracious Lord," and the recessional hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers," A collection was made in aid of the re-hanging fund, and amounted to £4 7s. 3½d. The preacher at the evening service was the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Weedon bells are a ring of five. Treble by Bagley, 1745; 2nd by Bagley, 1745; 3rd by Bagley, 1665; 4th by Watts, 1624; Tenor by Taylor of Oxford, 1822 (diameter 41 inches.)

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above Association was held at Berkhamsted on October 8th, when the following were present:—Messrs. Thomas Penny (Churchwarden), F. Blunt, F. Norris, W. H. Newell (Berkhamsted), W. J. Shepherd, H. Golding (Hemel Hempsted), W. H. L. Buckingham, F. Smith, W. G. Whitehead (Bushey), B. Prewett (Oxbey), H. G. Rowe (Radbourne), J. Earwicker (St. Albans), E. P. Debenham, Hon. Sec., H. Lewis, G. W. Cartmel, Assistant Hon. Secs.

During the afternoon touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, etc., were rung on the bells. Tea was partaken of at the George and Dragon Coffee Tavern, after which the business meeting was held. Mr. Penny took the chair, and in the name of himself and the Rector, who was unavoidably absent, welcomed the ringers to Berkhamsted. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. E. P. Debenham, and confirmed. The provisional election of W. Pickworth (Tottenham), W. Carpenter, J. Gibberd (Watford), and F. Barrett (Fulham), was also confirmed. Mr. Rowe proposed that the next district meeting be held at Baldock. This was seconded by Mr. Lewis, and carried. Mr. Buckingham proposed that visits be paid to the six-bell towers of King's Langley, Hunton Bridge, and Abbot's Langley. This was seconded by Mr. Newell and carried, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Secretaries.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. Debenham and seconded by Mr. Lewis. Mr. Penney replied on behalf of the Rector. Mr. Debenham then thanked the Chairman for the welcome he had given the ringers and for presiding at the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Rowe and carried. Mr. Penney suitably replied.

## A RINGER'S MARRIAGE AT ECCLES CHURCH.

On Saturday afternoon the wedding of Mr. Philip Jackson to Miss Frances Davies, of Weaste, took place, the Hon. and Rev. Canon Lyttleton, vicar, officiating. Mr. Boultby, the deputy-organist, played the "Wedding March" on the fine organ as the happy pair left the church. In honour of the occasion the Eccles ringers rang a wedding peal. Other visiting friends from Deane, Church, Bolton, and St. Paul's, Walkden, were present, and attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 2000 changes it came to grief. Several of the company afterwards adjourned to the residence of the bride and bridegroom, where a capital spread was in waiting. Mr. Ridyard called "go," and needless to say it came round without a change-course. The handbells were rung, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. On Monday the same company started for the above peal, which was accomplished, the record of which will be found in its proper place.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

The Quarterly Meeting of this branch, which took place on Saturday, the 15th instant, at the quaint manufacturing town of Kirkham, was a splendid success. The prevalence of fine weather was an inducement for many members to present themselves, there being in all about thirty-five who, together with the local company, hailed from Lytham (St. Cuthbert's, St. John's, and St. Peter's), Blackpool, South Shore and St. Anne's. They hied to the parish church, the tower of which contains eight bells; and it may be remarked that these have recently been re-hung, and therefore, ample opportunity was given for thoroughly testing their condition. Needless to say, they were found to be in a faultless state, and all the ringers testified to the great improvement which had been effected. As might have been expected, the genial and painstaking ringing master, Mr. R. Clitheroe (St. John's, Blackpool), directed the practice, which was satisfactorily carried out, the ringing of the day being Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Triples (504 and 240), with touches of Plain Bob Minor. Afterwards, the company was provided with a substantial tea at The Black Horse hotel, such kindness being due to the hospitality of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Mason, who, from the initiation of the branch, have always evinced the keenest interest in its objects. The Canon occupied the chair, and gave a most cordial welcome to the guests.

The Rev. — Bankes, Vicar of Treales, was present, he also being a staunch friend of the ringers.

Several new members were elected, being the Rev. S. T. B. Bradshaw (Vicar of South Shore), honorary; Messrs. F. Whiteside, J. Bramber, Charles Parkinson, B. Herrington (Kirkham), George Leafi (South Shore), and B. Rawcliffe (leader of Holy Trinity, South Shore). It was decided that the next meeting be held at Lytham in January.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Fell) reported that since the last meeting the ringers at St. Peter's and St. Cuthbert's (Lytham) had performed great feats on their respective peals, and he was sure that the best thanks of the meeting was due to them for raising the standard of the branch. The members concurred, and a hearty clap was given. The meeting was wound up by an interesting paper, compiled from the old parish registers, and read by the Chairman, showing the history of the Kirkham bells. It dated back over 300 years, and it chronicled the many and various uses to which the bells had been put. It also dealt with the remuneration of the ringers, the casting of new bells, etc. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar and carried, and the members then had another "turn" upon the bells.

## GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

Somo surprise was caused on a recent Sunday morning by the fact that only six bells were rung in the parish church peal. It appears that half the members of the belfry stayed away as a protest against the action of the Vicar, who declined to allow the bells to be rung on the previous day on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. O. Nicholls. The latter has been a ringer for seven years, and his fellow-ringers were anxious to give the usual touch on the bells to mark his marriage, which took place at Bristol on a recent Saturday. Although an appeal was made by Mr. A. H. Cocks (foreman of the belfry and a Churchwarden), the Vicar declined to allow the bells to be rung owing to the fact that Mr. Nicholls' wedding was solemnized at a Nonconformist place of worship.

We take the above from a local paper. The following is a copy of a letter from the ringing company to Mr. Nicholls:—

Great Marlow Belfry,—October 15th, 1898.

Dear Mr. Nicholls,—We, your fellow members of All Saints' belfry, offer our hearty congratulations to you on your marriage, and ask your acceptance of an armchair as a token of our regard. Bowing to authority, we found it impossible to honour the event with the usual wedding peal, so trust that you will kindly take the "will for the deed." Hoping that many long years of health and happiness are in store for you and yours,—We are your sincere wellwishers,

Alfred H. Cocks, Lewis E. Collins, John C. Truss, Joseph S. Hawkins, William Ayres, Charles Green, Harry Collins, Edward Jones, Walter E. Yates, Arthur W. Truss, Walter E. Taylor, Alfred E. Nye.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Central Division of the abeve Association was held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, October 22nd. The weather was somewhat unfavourable, but notwithstanding this, and the fact that the tower is a long distance from the nearest railway station, there was a good muster of members, the towers represented being St. Peter's and St. Nicholas (Brighton), Balcombe, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Lewes, and Lindfield. In the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells, and numerous representatives adjourned to the Chinese Gardens, of which Mr. A. A. Fuller, late of the St. Peter's branch, Brighton, is the proprietor. It might be mentioned that one of the forms of amusement at the Gardens is boating, there being a fairly large lake and boats provided. In these boats some of the venturesome risked their lives, and it is said the University boat-race was quite eclipsed until one of the craft got on a sandbank. How the boat was got off no one knows, and how many lives were lost history sayeth not.

Mr. Fuller's abilities as a ringer are very highly thought of, but his catering abilities, for the time at any rate, were appreciated a good deal more. Nearly thirty sat down to a bountiful meat tea, laid out in the Pavilion, at which the Rev. R. A. C. Bevan, the newly instituted Vicar, presided. He was supported by the Revs. K. H. McDermott, and A. K. Boyd (curates), Mr. G. F. Attree (Master of the Association), Mr. G. Williams (Hon. Divisional Secretary), Mr. J. Searle (Burgess Hill), Mr. A. A. Fuller, etc. At the conclusion of the repast, the business meeting was proceeded with.

The Vicar, in welcoming the Association to Hurstpierpoint, said he took the greatest possible interest in bells and bell-ringing, though he knew very little about it. Mr. Attree had suggested that he (the speaker) might be taught. If they would be kind enough to teach him, he would be very happy to learn.

Mr. Burkin, of Nutfield, Surrey, and Mr. F. Dart, Mr. C. Diplock and Mr. H. Richardson, of Hurstpierpoint, were elected members of the Association.

The Master said he had very great pleasure in proposing the election of the Rev. R. A. C. Bevan as a life member of the Association. Mr. Bevan was going to be an active member, and he only wished more of their honorary members would become active instead of so many active members becoming honorary. In that election the Association had made a great acquisition, because wherever they had the Rector or Vicar as a member of the Association, bell-ringing was sure to prosper, and it was a great deal better for ringers who wished to come to the tower for a pull. The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Vicar, in thanking the meeting for his election, said he hoped he might live long and profit largely by becoming a member of the Association.

The Rev. A. K. Boyd was, amid applause, elected an honorary member of the Association.

The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and also for presiding over the meeting.

The Vicar in response said it was a great pleasure to meet them all that afternoon, and expressed the hope that that was only the first of many pleasant gatherings.

The tower was then revisited and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Superlative and London Surprise Major were rung until 8.30, when the bells were lowered.

## NOTE TO PEAL.

The Peal at Bristol.—This is the first peal on the bells since they were thoroughly re-hung and partially re-cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The tenor has only once previously been rung to a peal single-handed. In reference to an announcement of a peal at Bristol and its "note" published in last week's "Bell News," the St. Mary Redcliffe Society desire goodwill among all ringers, they therefore, abstain from criticising the peal and its note, and will try to set an example of good ringing and good manners.

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## GENIAL GATHERING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

On Saturday last, the 22nd instant, a very pleasant social gathering of ringers took place at Waltham Abbey. Visitors from no less than ten different parishes were present, viz.: Messrs. M. A. Wood (Bethnal Green), J. Pettit (Hackney), T. C. Powell, E. Hall (Stepney), E. Wallage (Whitechapel), H. Barnett (Tottenham), A. Darlington, P. Darlington (Edmonton), H. James (Cheshunt), G. Barber (Ware), B. Keeble (Romford), E. J. Webb (Sawbridgeworth), and G. Spufford (formerly of Dunstable); together with the local ringers: Messrs. G. E. Peace, F. Carter, T. Colverd, T. Mitchell, jun., D. Tarling, W. A. Alps, T. Adams, F. Jelf, G. Cole, W. C. Dymock, G. Thurgood, C. Hearmon, T. Marshall, R. Brown, and A. A. Alps.

During the afternoon and evening many touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung upon the Abbey bells, as was also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, the proceedings being opened by a 504 of Stedman Triples by T. Powell, G. E. Peace, F. Carter, M. A. Wood, D. Tarling, J. Pettit, W. A. Alps, and G. Cole. Towards the close of the ringing in the afternoon, and just previous to descending the belfry, it leaked out that it was David Tarling's 54th birthday, and Mr. M. A. Wood therefore called upon the company to fire his age upon the bells, and this was done. Most of the company then made their way to The Green Dragon, where the host had prepared a hot repast in his usual satisfactory manner. The chair was taken by Mr. W. A. Alps, Mr. F. Carter being vice-chairman. The usual ringers' justice having been awarded to the bountiful fare,

The Chairman said he had a toast to propose, but before doing so he would like to tell those present how pleased he was to see his friend Mr. Carter back among them after being away from their neighbourhood so many months. It was very gratifying to see him in the vice-chair that evening, assisting to welcome their visitors. Perhaps it would interest the company to know that during his (Mr. Carter's) stay at Manchester he made a host of friends, and succeeded in ringing his first peal of Stedman in the neighbourhood. Before leaving Manchester the staff of the Moseley Hotel presented him with a silver cigarette case (suitably-inscribed) with match-box, and gold ring and studs, as tokens of their esteem and regard. On his return to Waltham he was accorded a hearty welcome by the local company. It was not only pleasing to himself but gratifying to his fellow-members of the Abbey society to know that one of their number had been so well received. He (the chairman) much regretted the oldest member of the College Youths—Mr. J. R. Haworth—who they expected to see that evening, for it was to such men as Mr. Haworth, Mr. Wood, Mr. Pettit, Mr. Wallage, Mr. Hall, and last but not least their old friend and late conductor—Mr. T. Powell—that their thanks were due. The members of the Waltham Abbey society felt proud to receive their friends and visitors around the festive board that evening. The Chairman then asked the company to drink upstanding the toast of "The Visitors," with which he coupled the name of Mr. James Pettit.

Song—"Auld lang syne," with pianoforte accompaniment.

Mr. Pettit, in reponding to the toast, thanked the company on behalf of the visitors for the kind way in which it had been received. Since he first visited Waltham Abbey, some forty years ago, there had been many changes. When he looked round the room that night he found there were several missing who had been with them but a few years ago. He begged to propose the toast—"Health and Prosperity to the Waltham Abbey Society," with which he would couple Mr. Frank Carter's name.

On behalf of the local society Mr. Carter thanked Mr. Pettit for proposing the toast, and the members of the society for their welcome to him on his return; which was accentuated by the kind remarks of the chairman that evening. After referring to the cause which led to the postponement this year of the company's annual outing, he said he was pleased to be present to assist in welcoming such distinguished visitors as they had with them that evening. They certainly had the cream of ringers there—men who have ever been ready to help young ringers in and around London. As that was the natal day of their friend and much-respected steeplekeeper—Mr. David Tarling—it gave him much pleasure to propose the next toast—"Many Happy Returns of the Day." This toast received the usual musical honours.

Mr. Tarling, in replying, said that he always tried his best to make everything comfortable for the ringers, and as long as he held the office of steeplekeeper he would continue to do so.

After supper a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the Abbey bells as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tarling. by Messrs. J. Pettit, G. E. Peace, H. James, F. Jelf, D. Tarling, A. Darlington, G. Barker, and G. Cole. By special request a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. T. Powell, W. A. Alps, M. A. Wood, and F. Carter.

When the five visitors were leaving for London the company again sang "Auld lang syne," and then the parting song, containing the refrain—"Adieu! adieu! adieu! the best of friends must part," which brought the very pleasant gathering to a close. Mr. W. C. Dymock presided at the pianoforte.

## STONE, ISLE OF OXNEY, KENT.

On Monday, October 17th, five members of the Christ Church (Blacklands) Guild, of Hastings, journeyed to Stone, where they were met by Mr. Tribe of Tenderden, for the purpose of trying the "go" of the bells, which have recently been rehung by a firm of engineers from Rye.

Upon arrival about five o'clock, the visitors were met by the Vicar, whose kindness had prompted him to have ready in the schoolroom an abundant supply of sandwiches and tea.

After the inner man had been satisfied, a move was made to the tower, but some difficulty was at first experienced in ringing a plain course only of Minor, owing to the frequency with which several of the ropes slipped their wheels, and the unnecessary labour required in keeping the back bells up. An inspection of the bells then followed with the view of discovering the cause, and the opportunity thus afforded of giving the bearings a liberal supply of oil was taken advantage of. Another attempt was then made with a change of positions at the rope-ends, which resulted in a 720 of Bob Minor being rung by T. Stone, L. Stapley, S. Saker, C. Tribe, J. Livermore, and F. Lock (conductor). This is believed to be the first 720 ever rung upon the bells. Two 6-scores of Grandsire and a 6-score of Bob Doubles, following the Bob Minor, fully satisfied the ambitions of the visitors, as they were very much disappointed with the go of the bells, and to find that the circle of the ropes had not been improved, and still hung the reverse way, as of old.

A good job appears to have been made of the remaking of the frame, which is perfectly rigid, but the unsatisfactory result of the rehanging from a change-ringer's point of view is much to be regretted, as the Vicar, the Rev. C. Eldridge, bas taken a very great deal of trouble, personally, and expended a large amount of money with but little outside assistance, in carrying out the work and endeavouring to assist the ringers, in whom he takes a considerable interest.

## DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

The bells of this church have been silent for about ten years owing to decay. They are a nice musical ring of six; tenor 13 cwt.; by Mears and Stainbank. The church has lately been restored, and the bells overhauled by their founders, and a splendid job has been the result—the "go" of them is superb. They were first rung for evening service on Sunday last, October 23rd, by the village band and Mr. A. Deards, the appointed instructor to the ringing guild. After service a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by A. Deards, R. Fenn, C. Fenn, A. Perkins, E. Andrews, A. Hardy, conductor. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

## TYBERTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

The ring of five bells at this place has recently been rehung with new fittings. The bells were reopened on Sunday, September 11th, by a band from Withington. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, the ringers expressing their pleasure with the go of the bells. The work has been carried out by W. Greenleaf, of Hereford.

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| Position to date. | | Jan. to June. | July and August. | Total | Treble Bob. Maximus. | Royal. | Major. | 14 T. B. Minor methods. | 10 T. B. Minor methods. | 7 Treble Bob Minor methods. | Grandsire. Caters. | Major. | Triples. | Minor Methods. 1 Minor mthd. | 2 " " | 3 " " | 4 " " | 5 " " | 6 " " | 7 " " | Dbl. Norwich C. B. Major. | Dbl. Oxford C. B. Major. | Plain Methds. Royal. | Major. | Triples. | Doubles. | London S. Maj. | Surprise Methods. Cam. S. Royal. | " " Major | Sup. Sur. Major | Norfolk " " | Westminster " " | In 7 Sur. Mthds. | Stedman. Cinques. | Caters. | Triples. | Total value in points. |
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| | VALUE IN POINTS PER PEAL..... | | | | 16 | 14 | 12 | 30 | 20 | 15 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 16 | 16 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 50 | 50 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 25 | 28 | 24 | 24 | |
| 1 | Sussex County Association..... | 47 | 16 | 63 | — | 2 | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | 16 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 6 | — | — | 4 | 2 | — | 3 | — | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 4 | 10 | 1119 |
| 2 | Oxford Diocesan Guild..... | 44 | 10 | 54 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 | 1 | 10 | 3 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | 5 | — | 2 | 6 | 1 | *1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 14 | 762 |
| 3 | Ancient Society of College Youths..... | 37 | — | 37 | — | 1 | 9 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | — | — | 1 | — | 3 | — | 1 | 5 | — | — | — | 1 | 4 | 710 |
| 4 | Lancashire Association..... | 53 | 6 | 59 | — | 1 | 11 | — | — | 1 | 4 | — | 23 | 2 | — | — | 3 | 1 | — | 3 | — | — | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 5 | 598 |
| 5 | Worcester & Districts Association..... | 26 | 10 | 36 | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | 2 | — | 4 | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 3 | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | ‡4 | — | — | 3 | 3 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 6 | 549 |
| 6 | Essex Association..... | 26 | 3 | 29 | — | — | 6 | — | — | 2 | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 9 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | 440 |
| 7 | Yorkshire Association..... | 28 | 4 | 32 | — | — | 13 | 1 | — | 5 | 1 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 394 |
| 8 | Gloucester and Bristol Association..... | 15 | 5 | 20 | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 3 | 379 |
| 9 | Norwich Diocesan Association..... | 30 | 2 | 32 | — | — | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 3 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 8 | — | *a2 | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 354 |
| 10 | Midland Counties Associaton..... | 28 | 1 | 29 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 7 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | — | — | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 5 | 353 |
| 11 | Kent County Association..... | 23 | 3 | 26 | — | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 9 | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 3 | 303 |
| 12 | Hertford County Association..... | 16 | 6 | 22 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 | — | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 255 |
| 13 | Bedfordshire Association..... | 14 | 3 | 17 | — | — | — | — | — | 9 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 212 |
| 14 | Surrey Association..... | 12 | — | 12 | — | — | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 3 | 186 |
| 15 | Winchester Diocesan Guild..... | 10 | 1 | 11 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 3 | 182 |
| 16 | Central Northampton Association..... | 9 | 3 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 4 | — | — | 2 | †1 | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 178 |
| 17 | Middlesex County Association..... | 12 | 2 | 14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 2 | 178 |
| 18 | Durham & Newcastle Association..... | 9 | 1 | 10 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 161 |
| 19 | Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford..... | 17 | 2 | 19 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 160 |
| 20 | Old East Derbyshire Association..... | 8 | 1 | 9 | — | — | 6 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 127 |
| 21 | St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham..... | 3 | 1 | 4 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | — | 112 |
| 22 | Waterloo Society, London..... | 6 | 2 | 8 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 99 |
| 23 | Chester Diocesan Guild..... | 6 | — | 6 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 86 |
| 24 | Ely Diocesan Association..... | 8 | 2 | 10 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | †1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 73 |
| 25 | Royal Cumberland Youths..... | 8 | — | 8 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 63 |
| 26 | Bath and Wells Association..... | 3 | 3 | 6 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 50 |
| 27 | Hereford Diocesan Guild..... | 5 | 1 | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 44 |
| 28 | Stoke Archidiaconal Association..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 40 |
| 29 | North Lincolnshire Association..... | 4 | — | 4 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 38 |
| 30 | Llandaff Diocesan Association..... | 3 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 20 |
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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1898.

THE Vicar of Great Marlow, Bucks., has prevented the bells of his church being rung in honor of the marriage of one of the company of ringers. An appeal was made to him to reconsider his decision—we may say an influential appeal—but it was without avail. The particulars of the affair may be read on another page; and it is there stated that the rev. gentleman declined to allow the bells to be rung owing to the fact that the marriage in question was solemnized at a Nonconformist place of worship.

We are not going to say for one moment that the Vicar did wrong; or took up a false position; or anything of the sort. In fact we think it could be clearly established that he was right in the action he took, and no one will we suppose, venture to question that he had legality, and perhaps Canon law, on his side. But we live in an age where such an excuse is considered dreadfully out of date, and would be regarded as a fossilized sort of an apology.

Experience leads to the belief that in such a matter as the one before us an incumbent would not generally withold his permission, even if the fact that the marriage

had taken place in a dissenting-chapel was put specially before him. There is such a thing as charity, and we cannot help thinking that the Vicar has not practised it in this matter to the extent expected.

The occurrence is to be much regretted. There is, however, some consolation in the belief that it is conspicuous on account of its rarity. To carry out such action logically, dissenters of every kind should not be allowed on any account to become ringers. And such a measure would greatly decimate the ranks of excellent half-pull ringers.

## STOCKTON JUBILEE MEMORIAL BELLS.

On Thursday night, October 13th, at a meeting of the Committee, the sum of £20 14s. was handed in, representing seventy-seven subscriptions, and including £1 1s. from Mr. B. Riley, £1 from Mr. G. F. Craggs, and several second donations. The sum of £586 has now been paid over to the treasurer, leaving £164 still to be raised. The bell founders have reported the frame and fittings to be ready for delivery, but the order to hang the bells will not be given until the balance required has been reduced to £100.

## The Metropolis.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, October 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS BARKING,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 19 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WALTER S. WISE | ..*Treble.* | THOMAS FAULKNER | 5. |
| HARRY HOSKINS | 2. | THOMAS H. TAFFENDER | 6. |
| ISAAC G. SHADE | 3. | JOHN R. SHARMAN | 7. |
| WILLIAM E. GARRARD | 4. | WILLIAM T. COCKERILL | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

This is thought to be the first peal of any Surprise method ever rung in the City of London.

## The Provinces.

### BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, October 15, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Tenor 9¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY DAWKES | ..*Treble.* | ALFRED T. HYLAND | 5. |
| WILLIAM ELLIS | 2. | ALFRED FLOWERS | 6. |
| HENRY MIDDLETON | 3. | JAMES JONES | 7. |
| THOMAS COLLINSON | 4. | JOHN CARTER | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has only the 4th and 6th in 6ths place at the course-ends, and is in twelve parts, with the twenty-four 6-7s. It is the first peal composed upon the plan.

### YORK TOWN, SURREY.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, October 19, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRANK HOPGOOD | ..*Treble.* | *WILLIAM HORNE | 5. |
| HENRY WHITE | 2. | ALFRED E. REEVES | 6. |
| FRANK TUBB* | 3. | WILLIAM NEWELL | 7. |
| BARZILLAI HAWKINS | 4. | AMBROSE OSBORNE | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by F. DENCH and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

### SPELDHURST, KENT.

### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Wednesday, October 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR GODLEY | ..*Treble.* | RICHARD PELLING | 5. |
| JAMES BAKER | 2. | JAMES MAYNARD | 6. |
| GEORGE TURLEY | 3. | GEORGE A. CARD | 7. |
| THOMAS CARD | 4. | ALBERT E. EDWARDS | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Frederick Still, for many years a ringer at the above church, who was buried that day in the churchyard.

### CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHESTER-LE STREET BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, October 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

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

*Being 720 each of the following:*

Bob, Plain Oxford, College Singles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine and Violet. Tenor 21 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. CRAWFORD* | ..*Treble.* | J. ANDERSON | 4. |
| F. SHERATON | 2. | A. MEYERS | 5. |
| W. BROWN | 3. | W. SHERATON | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. SHERATON.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Anderson, the band wishing him many happy returns.

### HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, October 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES,**

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE GODFREY | ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM J. DELL | 4. |
| ALFRED D. CHIDWICK | 2. | JOHN E. MILLER | 5. |
| FRANK A. MILNE, ESQ. | 3. | SIDNEY WADE | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

First 5040 of Minor by all.

### WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

*On Thursday, October 20, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 21 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HEBER DERBYSHIRE | ..*Treble* | JOHN WELSBY | 5. |
| JOSEPH IRELAND | 2. | FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE | 6. |
| PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE* | 3. | JOHN BAGULEY | 7. |
| JAMES H. RIDYARD | 4. | †JOSEPH RIDYARD | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.

### OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, October 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT E. PARSONS | ..*Treble.* | THOMAS J. SALTER | 5. |
| ERNEST C. HUNT | 2. | WILLIAM SHORT | 6. |
| ADOLPHUS ROBERTS | 3. | THOMAS WAKEMAN | 7. |
| WILLIAM H. SMITH | 4. | RICHARD E. GROVE | ..*Tenor.* |

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

BURGATE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 22, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of The Dream, Morning Star, St. Dunstan's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and 360 each of Fortune and London Doubles. Tenor 9 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE BROWN .. .. | *Treble.* | HARRY SYMONDS .. .. | 3. |
| EDWARD YOUNGS .. .. | 2. | JOHN BUCKINGHAM .. .. | 4. |
| ALEXANDER SYMONDS .. .. | *Tenor.* | | |

Conducted by A. SYMONDS.

First peal by the ringers of the treble and 3rd, and first with a bob bell by the ringer of the 2nd.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

*On Saturday, October 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BERNARD WITCHELL | *Treble.* | GEORGE ROBERTS .. .. | 5. |
| HENRY MIDDLETON* .. | 2. | CHARLES DICKENS .. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM KENT .. .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN C. ADAMS* .. .. | 4. | HARRY DICKENS .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

*First peal in the method.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, October 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F♯.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM WHITE* .. .. | *Treble.* | WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM .. | 4. |
| JOHN H. SWINFIELD .. .. | 2. | CHARLES H. BELTON .. | 5. |
| GEORGE WHITE† .. .. | 3. | ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung to commemorate the 86th birthday of Mr. John Needham, for upwards of forty years clerk, and sixty years sexton at this church. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained by the veteran gentleman.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

*On Saturday, October 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HERBERT MADIN .. .. | *Treble.* | SAM THOMAS .. .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM J. THYNG* .. .. | 2. | ARTHUR BREARLEY .. .. | 7. |
| THOMAS WHITWORTH .. | 3. | WILLIAM BIGGIN .. .. | 8. |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT* .. .. | 4. | *ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. | 9. |
| DAVID BREARLEY .. .. | 5. | ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Royal.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, October 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE | *Treble.* | ROBERT RICHARDS .. .. | 5. |
| HUGH D. DALL .. .. .. | 2. | FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. | 6. |
| ROBERT S. STORY .. .. | 3. | THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. | 7. |
| ERNEST E. FERRY .. .. | 4. | WILLIAM STORY .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER AND BOLTON BRANCHES.)

*On Monday, October 24, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES BARRATT .. .. | *Treble.* | *JOHN POTTER .. .. .. | 5. |
| ALFRED POTTER* .. .. | 2. | TITUS BARLOW .. .. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS PEERS .. .. .. | 3. | RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. | 7. |
| JOSEPH POTTER* .. .. | 4. | *JOSEPH BROOKES .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

*First peal of Stedman.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, October 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM LLOYD .. .. | *Treble.* | ALLEN ROWLEY .. .. .. | 6. |
| PHILIP W. DAVIES† .. .. | 2. | *JOHN H. ALDRIDGE .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. | 3. | JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. .. | 8. |
| JOHN HARRIS .. .. .. | 4. | ‡WILLIAM COOMBES .. .. | 9. |
| CHARLES LLOYD .. .. .. | 5. | *CHARLES WINFIELD .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by W. COOMBES.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Aldridge.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, October 25, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY J. TUCKER .. | *Treble.* | ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. | 5. |
| NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. | 2. | GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. | 6. |
| ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. | 7. |
| FREDERICK J. PITSTOW .. | 4. | ARTHUR F. JAMES .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRISTOL.—THE ST. MARY REDCLIFFE SOCIETY.

*On Tuesday, October 25, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES.**

Tenor 36 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK PEARCE* .. | *Treble.* | HENRY PRING .. .. .. | 6. |
| HERBERT TUCKER .. .. | 2. | FRANK GOODING .. .. | 7. |
| WALTER PORCH† .. .. | 3. | HENRY PORCH .. .. .. | 8. |
| ALFRED PEARCE .. .. | 4. | GEORGE T. DALTRY .. .. | 9. |
| GILBERT PEARCE .. .. | 5. | JAMES RICHMOND .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, October 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR JAMES .. .. | *Treble.* | ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. | 5. |
| CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. | 2. | ALFRED PITSTOW .. .. | 6. |
| GEORGE TAYLOR .. .. | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. | 7. |
| HENRY J. TUCKER .. .. | 4. | ARTHUR SYMONDS .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, October 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

*Being 720 each of the following:*

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. MOULE .. .. .. | ..*Treble.* | W. MILLER .. .. .. | 4. |
| E. WIGHTMAN .. .. .. | 2. | J. MARDELL .. .. .. | 5. |
| W. DORAN* .. .. .. .. | 3. | T. H. BEAMS .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*Flrst peal of Minor in seven methods.

## Date Touches.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, October 17th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch in 1 hr., being 720 each of Oxford and Kent, 360 Woodbine, and 98 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; W. Pilcher, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex). — On Monday, October 17th, at St. Saviour's church, 508 Bob Triples. A. Abrahams, 1; R. Elliott, 2; E. D. Lillywhite, 3; H. T. Wilson, 4; M. Hull, 5; C. Hopkins, 6; W. Abrahams (first attempt as conductor), 7; W. Joyce, 8.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, October 16th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Double Court Bob. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; H. Collins, 2; Ernest Chaplin, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; F. Slade, 6.

BRAINTREE (Essex). — On Thursday, September 29th, at St. Michael's church at 6 a.m., being the 699th anniversary of the dedication, 720 Kent Treble Bob. P. Holmes, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; H. Collins, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Collins, 3; W. Farrow, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5. E. Wachter, 6. On Sunday afternoon, October 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; W. Webb, 2; H. Collins, 3; E. Wachter, 4; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. N. Hammond, 1; W. Webb, 2; Ernest Chaplin, 3; F. Slade, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Wachter, 4; the rest as before. On Monday, October 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; J. Sadler, 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. W. Farrow, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; J. Sadler, 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. Coote, 5; E. Wachter, 6.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, October 2nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 4th, 720 Double Court. W. Hammond, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; E. Wachter, 3; J. Sadler, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; F. Slade, 6. On Sunday, October 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 13th, 720 New London Pleasure. G. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; E. Wachter, 3; J. Sadler, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Melbourne, 1; J. Sadler, 2; E. Wachter, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 28th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Ward, 1; E. Runter, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; W. Sharpington, 4; M. Rolfe (conductor), 5; H. Sharpington, 6. On Sunday, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Ward, 1; D. Dawson, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; E. Runter, 4; A. Bradley, 5; H. Sharpington, 6. On Sunday, October 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. F. Ward, 1; D. Dawson, 2; J. Savill, 3; W. Sharpington, 4; M. Rolfe (conductor), 5; H. Sharpington, 6. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Ward, 1; M. Rolfe, 2; E. Runter, 3; W. Sharpington, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; H. Sharpington, 6.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 7th, 720 Woodbine (twenty-one bobs). T. Crozier, 1; E. Runter, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob standing as above. On Sunday, September 18th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Clark, 1; T. Crozier, 2; A. Bradley, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; E. Runter, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Wright (conductor), 1; E. Runter, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; T. Crozier, 5; A. Bradley, 6. On Wednesday, September 28th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving service, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Crozier, 1; C. Parsons, 2; E. Runter, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; E. Wright, 6. On Thursday, September 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Crozier, 1; E. Runter, 2; W. Lincoln, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). E. Runter, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). T. Crozier, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; E. Runter, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. W. Lincoln hails from Writtie.

NEWPORT (Essex).—On Saturday, October 1st, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Association holding a district meeting at this place, 720 Double Court Bob in 30 mins. W. T. Prior, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Watts (conductor), 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; G. Jordan, 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, October 16th, five members of the Stansted company paid a visit to this place, and rang for Divine Service, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a 720 of Bob Minor. T. Jordan, 2; H. Little, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; *W. White, 5; —. Watts (conductor), 6. After service 720 Bob Minor. *M. Milton, 1; H. Little, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. *Belong to the local band.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 9th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 120 St. Simon's, and 120 Stedman Doubles. E. Buckingham, 1; W. H. Symonds, 2; J. Buckingham, 3; G. Moss, 4; A. W. Symonds (conductor), 5. On Saturday, October 15th, on handbells in the belfry, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Rose, 1; E. Youngs, 2; C. Nunn, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5-6.

DISS (Norfolk).—On Thursday, October 13th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 3200 changes in 1 hr. 55 mins. W. Ireland, 1; W. Pye (conductor), 2; F. R. Borrett, 3; W. Salter, 4; G. Archer, 5; E. Hayward, 6; E. Pye, 7; J. F. Souter, 8.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 15th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 3900 changes in 2 hrs. 15 mins. D. G. Wightman, 1; W. Wightman, 2; W. Pye (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; A. S. Wightman, 5; G. Wightman, 6; H. W. Baldry, 7; S. Wightman, jun., 8.

MONEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, October 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Wightman (conductor), 1; E. Pye, 2; W. Pye, 3; W. Wightman, 4; S. Wightman, 5; S. W. Martin, 6.

BRANDESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, October 16th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. S. Wightman, 1; W. Pye, 2; G. Wightman (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; H. W. Baldry, 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6. W. and E. Pye hail from Chadwell Heath, Essex.

GRUNDISBURGH (Suffolk). — By kind permission of Canon H. Thompson, of Aldeburgh, on Sunday, October 16th, 480 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Last, 1; G. Lancester, 2; W. Last, 3; F. Clarke, 4; H. Groom, 5; J. Ward, 6. Also a touch of Plain Bob for morning service, and in the afternoon 720 in the same method. C. Smith, 1; G. Lancester, 2; W. Last, 3; F. Clarke, 4; J. Last (conductor), 5; E. Cooper, 6. C. Smith and E. Cooper belong to the local band. Also for evening service, 420 Plain Bob. C. Smith, 1; W. Girling, 2; W. B. Leiston, 3; A. Wilson, 4; G. Churchyard, 5; E. Cooper, 6. The members of Grundisburgh wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank Canon Thompson for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and likewise Mr. C. Smith for having everything in readiness.

### THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

PENZANCE.—On Sunday, October 16th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Tregonning, 1; J. Hodder, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Williams, 4; P. Hitchens, 5; T. Hic[illegible]6; C. Boase (conductor), 7; T. Kessell, 8. On Monday, October 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor

on the front six in 25 mins. H. Williams, 1; J. Hodder, 2; J. Symons, 3; C. Boase, 4; P. Hitchens, 5; T. Hicks (conductor), 6.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On September 26th, at St. Mary Redcliffe, 915 Stedman Cinques. W. J. Hinton, 1; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 2; W. Knight, 3; A. Pearce, 4; G. Pearce, 5: C. H. Gordon, 6; F. Elies, 7; F. Gooding, 8; C. H. Tomkins, 9; H. Porch (conductor), 10; G. Daltry 11; P. Came, 12. On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Nicholas' church, after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 653 Stedman Caters. G. Pearce, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; H. Tucker, 3; A. Pearce, 4; H. Porch (conductor), 5; H. Pring, 6; F. Gooding, 7; P. Came, 8; G. Daltry, 9; J. Richmond, 10. On Tuesday, October 4th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Ellis, 1; C. Millard, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 4; C. H. Tomkins, 5; J. Matthews, 6; T. Radford, 7; W. A. Cave, 8. On October 7th, before and after the Harvest Thanksgiving Services at St. Thomas's church, 911 Stedman Triples. C. Millard, 1; J. Jones, 2; R. Clark, 3; C. H. Horton, 4; T. Radford, 5; W. A. Cave, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Knight and J. Matthews, 8. And 588 of Grandsire Triples. On October 8th, at St. Stephen's church, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to one of the choristers, 651 Stedman Caters. W. A. Cave (conductor), 1; E. Duckham, 2; R. Clark, 3; J. Jones, 4; H. Pring, 5; W. Knight, 6; F. Elles, 7; C. H. Horton, 8; T. Radford, 9; W. Colston, 10. And 392 Grandsire Triples, with H. Vaughan, of Monmouth, treble.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Thursday, September 15th, 360 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. H. Lawrence, 4; J. F. Harvey, 5; A. Phillips (conductor), 6. Also two courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells. A. Lawrence, 1-2; W. H. Lawrence, 3-4; A. Phillips, 5-6; J. F. Harvey, 7-8. J. F. Harvey hails from Hertford. On Sunday, September 18th, for morning service, three six-scores of Bob Doubles and 108 Grandsire, each called differently; W. H. Lawrence, conductor. And for evening service, three six-scores of Grandsire, each called differently; A. Phillips, conductor. On Thursday, October 6th, 216 Grandsire Minor. Also on Sunday, October 9th, for Divine Service, 108 in the same method. A. Levings (first of Minor), 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WATCHET (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, September 10th, the Norton Fitzwarren ringers paid a visit to St. Decuman's church, and rang 720 Duke of York. I. Creed, 1; F. Saunders, 2; H. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. First in the method on the bells. On Sunday evening, September 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. I. Creed, 1; F. Saunders, 2; H. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. On Wednesday, September 14th, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure. I. Creed, 1; F. Saunders, 2; H. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 8. On Sunday morning, September 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Duke of York. I. Creed, 1; F. Saunders, 2; H. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5: J. Cridland, 6. On Wednesday, October 5th. for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. I. Creed, 1; F. Saunders, 2; H. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. Also a 720 Bob Minor. J. Wyatt, 1; F. Wyatt, 2; P. Saunders, 3; H. Creed, 4; T. Creed, 5; I. Creed, 6. First in the method by the Messrs. Wyatt, who hail from Wilton. On Wednesday, October 12th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. I. Creed, 1; F. Saunders, 2; H. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. Also another 720. F. Saunders, 1; H. Creed, 2; I. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. First in the method by all, first on the bells, first attempt, and first by the Association. All conducted by I. Creed.

## THE WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Sunday morning, October 9th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 360 and 270 Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; *W. Tucker, 3; W. Andrews, 4; G. Smith, 5; C. J. Chooet, 6; E. G. Lampard, 7; W. C. Lampard, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; W. H. Loveland, 10. Tenor 32 cwt. *First touch of Caters.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, 720 College Single (thirty bobs and ten singles). J. Milner, 1; H. Tarlton (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. Butler, 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, September 11th, at the church of St. Bridget, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. S. Wharton, 1; J. Rowland, 2; J. Hale, 3; J. Rutter, 4; J. Hammond, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. Pownall (conductor), 7; E. Hampson, 8.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, October 16th, previous to the Harvest Festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; S. W. West, 4; H. Partridge, 5; L. Partridge, 6; J. A. Moult (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, 11th, for practice at the church of St. Lawrence, two plain courses of Superlative Surprise Major. C. Giles, 1; F. Tubb, 2; H. Tucker, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; J. Tucker, 5: A. E. Reeves, 6; A. Osborne, 7; F. Hopgood, 8. On Tuesday, October 18th, for practice, 448 m the same method. V. Rowe, 1; F. Tubb, 2; H. Tucker, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; C. Giles, 5; A. E. Reeves, 6; A. Osborne, 7; F. Hopgood (conductor), 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Monday, October 10th, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 36 mins. On Tuesday, October 11th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 360 in the same method. W. Collis, 1; C. Edwards, 2; J. Clarke, 3; E. Hudson, 4; N. Spindlow (conductor), 5; W. Gould, 6. Longest length by all except the conductor.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE.—On October 6th, for practice at Christ Church, 360 Bob Minor. A. Miles, 1; C. Harffey, 2; G. H. Head, 3; A. Gower, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; G. H. Howse, 6. On October 11th, for practice 504 Grandsire Triples. G. H. Head, 1; C. Harffey, 2; A. Miles, 3; H. W. Fayers, 4; A. Piper, 5; J. Osborne, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; F. Elms, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; H. W. Fayers, 2; A. Gower, 3; B. Hobbs, 4; A. Piper, 5; J. Osborne, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HAYES (Kent).—On Monday, September 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Warner (first 720), 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; J. Hack (conductor), 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Town, 6. On Sunday, September 18th, for evening service, 720 in the same method. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack (conductor), 5; W. Bedwell, 6. On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. P. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; A. Lanaway, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6.

GODSTONE (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 9th, the Hayes ringers paid a visit to this place and rang 720 Bob Minor. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4: H. Reader, 5: J. Hack (conductor), 6. Also 360 in the same method, J. Hayward of the local band ringing the 4th. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles and a touch of Grandsire Minor.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, it being the Harvest Festival, 504 Stedman Caters. E. Bennett (conductor), 1; A. Trappitt, 2; W. Bulpitt, 3; C. Bance, 4; A. Winterton, 5; A. Clayton, 6; A. Plowman, 7; J. Fayers, 8; C. Gordon, 9; A. Boxall, 10. For evening service 1259 Grandsire Caters. J. Wignell, 1; E. Bennett (composer and conductor), 2; C. Bance, 3; H. Brooker, 4; A. Winterton, 5; A. Plowman, 6; A. Trappitt, 7; A. Clayton, 8; C. Gordon, 9; A. Boxall, 10.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

FILLONGLEY.—On Saturday, October 22nd, Messrs. Argyle, Chapman, Clarke, Stone, Adams, and Measures (Nuneaton), and Chandler (Rugby), went to the above place and had a very pleasant afternoon. At the parish church touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung; afterwards touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on the handbells. On Sunday, October 23rd, for morning service at the church of St. Nicholas, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Adams, 1; W. Stone, 2; H. Argyle, 3; J. W. Chandler, 4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5; A. Measures, 6; J. F. Clarke, 7; J. Ballard, 8. For evening service 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Denny, 1; J. W. Chandler, 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; A. Measures, 6; J. F. Clarke, 7; F. Adams, 8. At the residence of Mr. Argyle, on handbells, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Argyle, 1-2; W. Stone, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; H. Argyle, 7-8. Also a course of Stedman Triples and a course of Bob Major. H. Argyle, 1-2; W. Stone, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. W. Chandler, 7-8.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 360 Violet and 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Joseph Thackray, 1; J. Whitaker (Headingley), 2; J. Boddy (conductor), 3; John Thackray, 4; J. Cottom (Addingham), 5; J. Guy, 6. On Monday, October 10th, 600 Duke of York. Joe Thackray, 1; H. Gaythorpe (Bramley), 2; R. Thomas (Headingley), 3; J. W. T. Holgate (Bramley), 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; J. Thackray, 6. The above touches were rung for the Harvest Festival. Also on handbells 120 Treble Bob Minor. John Thackray, 1-2; J. Boddy, 3-4; Joseph Thackray, 5-6.

BRISTOL.—On Friday, September 7th, at St. George's church, 360 Grandsire Minor in 14 mins. C. Downing, 1; A. Knight, 2; F. Isaacs, 3; W. Flock, 4; A. Isaacs, 5; H. Howell (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. E. Hauberg, 1; W. W. Lea, 2; A. Knight, 3; H. Howell, 4; A. Isaacs, 5; S. Thomas (conductor), 6.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Thursday, October 6th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Holloway. 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent. F. Knight, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 9th, before Divine Service, 360 Oxford Bob. A. Wales, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Before evening service 720 in the same method. T. M. Stedman, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; G. Cox, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. F. Knight hails from Rusper; G. Cox from Horsham.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire). — On Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. S. Turner, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; W. H. Dennison, 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On April 17th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. H. Dennison, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. Townson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On April 24th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On May 19th, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On May 22nd for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On May 29th, for early service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H, Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins., standing as above. On June 26th for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On July 3rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins, T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On August 7th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 24 mins. J. Huddleston, 1; T. Watson (conductor). 2; W. H. Dennison. 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J Burrows, 6. On August 11th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; C. J. A. Cushing, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On August 21st, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; W. H. Dennison, 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On September 11th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. H. Dennison, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On September 25th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Huddleston, 1; T. Watson (conductor), 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On October 9th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. H. Dennison, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins., standing as above.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Saturday, October 15th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 42 mins., owing to a change-course. J. Martin, 1; W. V. Newman, 2; G. Dent, 3; A. Smith, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; G. Brown, 8. G. Dent hails from Harlow, Essex.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, October 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Wood, 1; W. Dixon, 2; J. Miller, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; S. Wade, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service, 448 Superlative Surprise, 576 Stedman Triples, and 416 Double Norwich. J. Garratt, W. Pettitt, W. V. Newman, A. Tyler, J. Houghton, jun., H. Stubbs, J. Houghton, sen., W. Gilbert, W. Perkins, J. Mawby, and G. Dent.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, October 19th, on handbells, retained in hand, the last 742 of Holt's Original. T. J. Salter (conductor), 1-2; J. Pagett, 3-4; W. H. Smith, 5-6; N. Davies, 7 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service at St. Mary Abbotts, Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 54 mins. S. Davie (first quarter-peal of Caters), 1; W. E. Judd, 2; G. Brush, 3; H. W. Cotton, 4; A. Bradley, 5; A. A. Harris, 6; W. S. S. Pennefather, Esq. (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters), 7; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 8; W. Fox, 9; J. Judd, 10. Tenor 32 cwt. On Sunday afternoon, October 9th, for the Harvest Festival service at St. Mary's church, Stoke Newington, two 120s Grandsire Doubles. H. Stubbs, 1; G. Gains, 2; S. Wade (conductor), 3; W. Pickworth, 4; G. Blabber, 5; H. Blabber, 6. Tenor 7 cwt.

LINSLADE (Gloucestershire).—On October 11th, at St. Barnabas' church, for practice, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. B. Webster, 1; F Vickers (conductor), 2; A. Cheshire, 3; W. Willis, 4; C. White, 5; F. Field, 6. This is the first 6-score by the local band, who are entirely self taught.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, October 16th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. A. Hird, 1; G. Penwell, 2; T. Lewis, 3; A. Saker, 4; W. Saker, 5; W. Jones, 6. For evening service two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. A. R. Hird, 1; A. Saker, 2; T. Lewis, 3; A. Miller, 4; W. Saker, 5; W. Jones, 6. A. R. Hird hails from Hornsey, Middlesex.

OXFORD.—On Thursday, October 6th, at Christ Church Cathedral, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques came to grief after ringing 3780 changes in 2 hrs. 50 mins. F. White, 1; F. C. Exon, 2; S. Hounslow, 3; W. Finch, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; J. E. Hern, 6; A. Fox, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 8; W. Bennett, 9; E. Hims, 10; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 11; R. White, 12.

SHEFFIELD.—On Saturday, October 15th, at All Saints' church, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Lambert, 1; A. Knight, 2; W. J. Thyng, 3; J. H. Bell, 4; F. Green, 5; S. Robinson, 6; G. Marsden, 7; S. Thomas (conductor), 8.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 9th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Little, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; J. Cavill (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 360 Plain Bob Minor. H. Sear, 1; H. Little, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Monday, October 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Jordan, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Sear, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; I. Cavill, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. Mr. Cavill hails from Roydon, Essex.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 22nd, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, 546 Grandsire Triples. A. Cooper, 1; C. Tyler, 2; E. J. Tyler, 3; H. Tinsley, 4; G. Newbold, 5; W. Johnson (conductor), 6; J. Malpass, 7; T. Cooper, 8. Also a 714. J. Farmer, 4; the rest as before. On Sunday, October 2nd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 504 and 224 Grandsire Triples. In the evening a 1008. A. Cooper, 1; C. Tyler, 2; C. J. Tyler, 3; H. Tinsley, 4; G. Newbold, 5; W. Johnson, 6; J. Malpass, 7; T. Cooper, 8.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Jackman, 1; I. Attwater, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; A. Pittam, 4; A. Tennant, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6. After service 720 Bob Minor. F. Side, 1; W. Pickworth, 2; I. Attwater, 3; S. Wade, 4; A. Tennant, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. Also two 120s Grandsire Doubles with S. Side, 1. On Tuesday, October 18th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Side, 1; A. Pittam (conductor), 2; J. Jackman, 3; H. Kilby, 4; R. Kilby, 5; A. Tennant, 6 Rung in honour of F. Side's twentieth birthday, all his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — The Autumn Guild Meeting will be held at Henley to-day, Saturday, October 29th. Tea, 9d. per head, at 5 p.m. Evensong with sermon by the Master at 6. For tickets apply to

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—A special meeting of this society will be held at Armley (six bells), to-day, Saturday, October 29th. Ringing from 3 p.m. A business meeting will be held at The White Horse inn, Town Street, at 7 p.m. A good attendance of members is earnestly requested, as business of the utmost importance will be brought forward. JNO. W. T. HOLGATE,

*President.*

5, *Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The second qarterly meeting of the year will be held at Duffield, to-day, Saturday, October 29. The peal of 10 at the parish church will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. By kind permission of the President the grounds of Duffield Bank will be open to visitors from 2 to 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.; tea at 4.30 p.m., both at the parish room, King Street. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets at any station.

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

Central Northamptonshire Association. Quarterly Meeting at Rushton, near Kettering, to-day, Saturday, October 29th. Ringing from 2.30 to 7.30 p m. The bells are a ring of six, recently rehung, tenor 9 cwt. Usual arrangements. The Secretary hopes that members in the Kettering district will support this meeting as much as possible. E. J. DENNES,

*Wellingborough.* *Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. — The twenty-first annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, October 31st, 1898. Committee meeting in the upper vestry of the Cathedral at 12 noon. Divine Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, with sermon by the Rev. Edgar Boddington, at 1 p.m. Dinner at The Crown hotel, Clayton Street, at 2 p.m., members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. The bells of the following churches will be available: the Cathedral, St. John's, All Saints, St. George's (from 10.30 to 12.30), St. Matthew's (from 3 to 5 p.m.). THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*

314, *High Street West, Sunderland.*

N.B.—As the present Secretary will not seek re-election, members are requested to send in names, before the day of meeting, of any suitable to fill this important office.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting of this District will will be held (for ringing only) at St. Leonard's, Upper Deal, on Saturday, November 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 261st Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, 15, Aldersgate Street, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be bought of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Albert Coles, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Horrex, Hoskins, T. Mash, McLaughlin, J. C. Mitchell, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, Winney and

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The towers of St. Michael's Cornhill (12 bells), and St. Clement Danes, Strand (10 bells), will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, St. Helen's, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Hawley, Hants. on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. HENRY WHITE, *Dis. Sec.*

North Lincolnshire Association. — The half-yearly general meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, November 5th. A short service will be arranged at the parish church at 5 p.m. Tea at the Coffee Palace at 5.30 p.m., after which the usual business meeting will take place. Members who intend to be present are requested to notify to Mr. J. C. Tinker, 37, Tennyson Street, Gainsborough, not later than Wednesday, November 2nd.

GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*

142, *Portland Street, Lincoln.*

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at St. Marie's (R.C.) church on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 4.30.

J. MULLIGAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m, It ls expected that Oldham bells will be available. All ringers invited.

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## Obituary.

### WILLIAM FOSTER.

On Sunday, October 16th, a well-known and much respected ringer, in the person of Mr. William Foster, passed peacefully away at his home, "The Green," Darlaston, aged eighty-one years. Although not having done any ringing for a number of years, he had always taken a keen interest in the Art. As far back as 1843 we find (according to tablets in the Darlaston belfry) that he conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples; and in 1845 a 6000 of Grandsire Major. The funeral took place on Saturday, October 22nd, when the bells of St. Laurance were rung muffled. An attempt for a date touch unfortunately came to grief after ringing nearly 1000 changes. Afterwards 672 and two 503s of Grandsire were rung by the following: J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Harper, 4; E. Unitt, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown, 7; 7; J. Jones, 8. On Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the same band, except J. Foster, tenor. The whole was conducted by J. A. Brown, who with J. Harper belong to Bilston; the remainder to Darlaston.

### ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.

On Saturday evening, October 8th, the custom of having an annual dinner by Rector and church officials, present and past, was resuscitated at St. Sidwell's with the most pleasing results. In the old times these feasts occurred on Ascension Day. On this occasion however, the feast of the old British—indeed Somersetshire—Saint and Virgin St. Keyna was chosen. The dinner was held at host Lawless's, White Lion hotel, in St. Sidwell's, and the meal was of the most *recherche* description. The Rector (the Rev. S. W. E. Bird, M.A.,) occupied the chair, and the senior warden, Councillor Sidney Herbert, the vice-chair. At the moment that walnuts and wine were placed on the table a telegram was handed in from Mr. Thomas G. Dixon, the well-known cattle salesman, of Islington, N., and senior churchwarden of St. Bartholomew's the Great, Smithfield, E.C., the oldest church in the City of London, reading: "May the melody of the choir be re-echoed in this evening's feast."

Ex-warden Harry Hems gave the toast of the evening, "The Rector and Churchwardens" He said it was fully thirty-two years since he first made the acquaintance of Mr. Bird, who was, at that time, curate at St. James-the-Less, Plymouth. Mr. Bird had since his appointment to St. Sidwell's been everyone's friend. He had shared their sorrows and had rejoiced in their successes. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

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CANTERBURY.—On Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Alphege church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 24½ mins. C. F. Turner, 1; M. W. Pierce, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 3; F. G. Brett, 4; G. G. Jenkins, 5; P. H. Pierce, 6.

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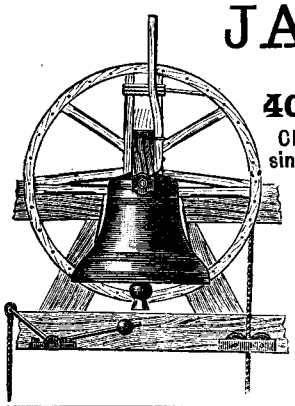

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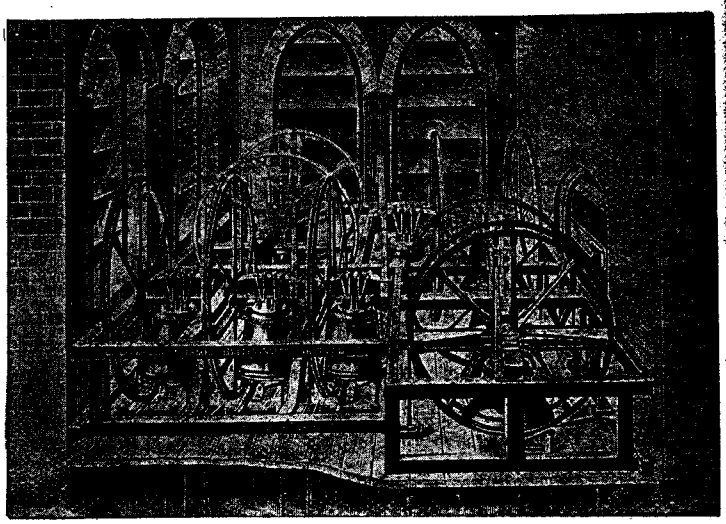

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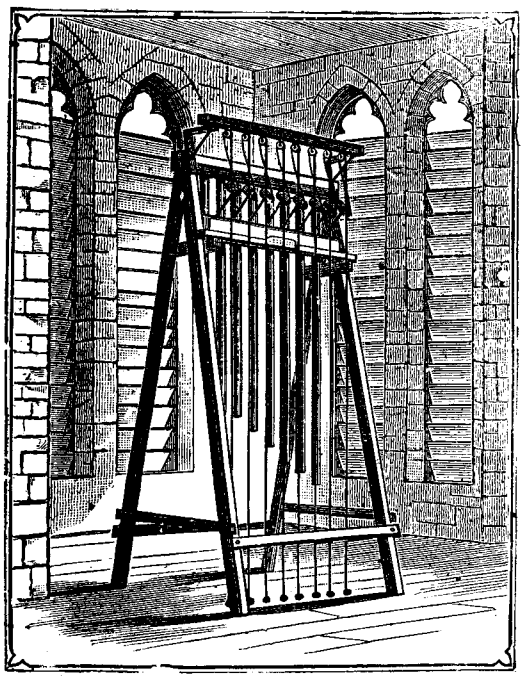

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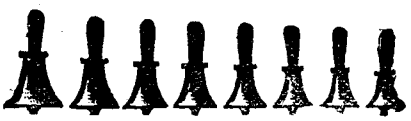

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## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### Quarterly Meeting at Ringwood.

A rather sparsely-attended Quarterly Meeting of this Guild was held at Ringwood, Hants., on Saturday, October 22nd, and the result was a very short record of touches brought round for combined practice. Members attended from Christchurch, Wickham, Fareham, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Winchester Cathedral, Hursley, Oakley and Portsea. The bells were raised at 1 p.m., but a start could not be made much before 2.30 p.m. The steeple-keeper had kindly got everything in order, but perhaps it may be remarked here that the clappering of these bells wants attention. The clappers have worn smooth and want to be re-forged; the reason for this is perhaps that the chiming apparatus, which is fixed in the middle of the belfry floor, operates above by means of "clocking," and there are no independent chiming hammers, except the clock hammers.

The business meeting was held in the belfry at 4.45 p.m. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Master, presided.

The Minutes of the last annnal meeting at York Town were read and passed, after Mr. W. H. George had given an explanation of certain performances being inserted in "The Bell News."

The following new members were then elected:—W. W. Portal, Esq., Overton, Hants, life member; The Venerable Archdeacon Haigh, Winchester, Rev. W. J. Rudge Bassett, and Rev. G. A. Johnston, Micheldever, honorary members. Seven names were added to the performing list.

The Secretary read a letter from Canon Grant, the Rector of Guildford, in which he stated that the Holy Trinity Bells were to be overhauled and re-hung at once, the work having been entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Mr. Jones had also written to say that the Guildford band were receiving instruction, and that they would soon be competent to join the Guild.

The attention of the meeting was called to the list of technical terms which the Committee, appointed by the Central Council, had just issued in proof-sheet form. The Central Council Committee were anxious to know if any useful additions could be annexed.

The next Quarterly Meeting was fixed to take place on Monday, January 23rd, 1899, at Guildford. A move was then made for Merritt's Restaurant, where some fourteen members sat down to an excellent tea, served and "brought round" in capital style. Amidst a downpour of rain a final move was made for the station.

By an oversight, a vote of thanks was not accorded to the Vicar and others for the use of the bells, before the meeting broke up. In the name of all present the Hon. Secretary takes this opportunity of tendering sincere thanks.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild Peal-Book.—A Record of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 6d.; cloth do., 9d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Berks.**

## FORMATION OF THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22nd, an interesting little meeting took place in St. Patrick's Schools, Dublin.

Invitations had been sent out to all known bands in Ireland, inviting them to attend for the purpose of founding, if possible, an Association of Change-Ringers. Six bands responded to the call, principally from the Dublin district, others signifying their intention of joining, but distance preventing their presence at the meeting.

The Rev. C. W. O'H. Mease, on being voted to the chair, spoke of the great necessity of such a society, and called upon R. R. Cherry, Esq., to explain its objects, etc. That gentleman in a very able manner laid the idea of the founders before the meeting, which may be summed up as follows:—That the society shall be a bond of unity between all ringers in Ireland for the promotion and study of scientific change-ringing.

Although regardless of creed, the religious aspect of the society to be maintained. On the proposition being put to the meeting that such a society should be formed, and that its name should be "The Irish Association of Change-Ringers," it is almost unnecessary to state that it was carried unanimously. The following officers were then elected:—Mr. R. R. Cherry, *President*; Mr. William McCullagh, *Treasurer*; and Mr. G. Lindoff, *Secretary*.

Each band represented were requested to elect their Committeemen within the next fortnight, and the proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, and a course of Grandsire Triples in hand.

## ST. SEPULCHRE'S, NORTHAMPTON.

### Dedication of the Two New Bells.

The Vicar of this church, preaching on Sunday morning, September 25th, took for his text an inscription on one of the old bells—"I to the Church the living call And to the grave do summon all." Having spoken of church bells in a general way, he proceeded to speak of the bells of St. Sepulchre's, taking for the basis of his remarks the account given in the valuable work lately edited by Dr. Cox and Mr. Serjeantson. From this it appears that from the date of the earliest parish accounts the tower of St. Sepulchre's was supplied with a ring of five bells, and that since then various details with respect to their maintenance and re-casting had been gleaned from the parochial books. He then went on to speak of the two new bells just added to the peal, and the work done in the belfry as the first instalment of the restoration of the tower, showing from the statements of the first circular issued by the Committee, the urgent need of the re-hanging of the six, and their determination to obtain two smaller bells to complete the octave, "and thus have a ring worthy of the tower and church." This had all been well and thoroughly done, one of the new bells having been generously given by one of the parishioners, Mr. Kilburn. Finally, referring to the text he had chosen, the Vicar begged his hearers to listen to the bells whether rung or chimed, singly or altogether, as God's voice, say-

ing "Come," "Come nearer to me." By taking part in the services, if not able to be present in body to be present in spirit; by loving and sympathising thoughts with those in trouble when the bell tolls, or with those rejoicing when the bells ring merrily, thus drawing nearer to one another as fellow members of Christ's Body, the Church, they would also be drawing nearer to Him, The Head.

After the sermon the Vicar, preceded by cross bearer and the churchwardens and sidesmen, and followed by the choir, went down to the door just underneath the belfry, and used a form of dedication, praying God to accept the new bells and the work already done in the inside of the tower, and to grant special blessings (1) to all who should be called together by them to worship Him in His house; (2) to all for whose marriage union they should ring; (3) for those who, hindered by sickness from attending church, should yet *hear* them and join in the services in spirit; (4) for all those for whose passing away from this world the bells shall sound; (5) for all who shall join in ringing or chiming the bells.

The firm of Mears and Stainbank, who have carried out the work at St. Sepulchre's so satisfactorily, cast the eight bells at All Saints' church, Northampton, in 1782. St. Sepulchre's is the only church in Northampton that has retained any of its 17th century bells.

## A VISIT TO ELSTREE, HERTS.

At the invitation of the Rev. A. R. T. Eales, the St. Edward's Guild, of Romford, visited Elstree on Sunday. Leaving Romford at twelve o'clock, Elstree was reached at 2.30, and a start was at once made for the church, which is about a mile from the station. The band were met by the rev. gentleman, who gave one and all a hearty welcome, and on the way to the rectory pointed out St. Alban's Cathedral, seven miles distant, and other places of interest. Elstree church is most pleasantly situated upon the summit of a hill, from which can be seen large tracks of wooded country stretching far away into both Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, and from which, upon a clear day, can be seen High Wycombe (18 miles). Immediately after the service the sweet-toned light peal of bells were rung till 4.33, when the band were entertained at tea at the rectory by Mrs. Eales. Ringing was again commenced at 5.30, and for the evening service several well-struck peals were rung. Evensong was of a hearty character, and there was a large congregation. The beauty of the church is enriched by a handsome chancel screen, and there are magnificent stained-glass windows. Before returning the band were entertained at supper at the rectory, and left with many expressions of thanks for the kind invitation and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Eales. The following, who comprise the whole of the band now connected with Romford tower, were the party:—Messrs. S. Jones, G. Roughton, B. Keeble, H. Dawkins, H. E. and R. Vyse, and Arthur Perkins, jun.

## CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

In 1897 Mr. and Mrs. Tharp decided to erect some permanent memorial of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The bells of the church were in a deplorable state, and the re-casting and re-hanging of these were considered most desirable. Through their generous liberality and the kindness of Mr. W. W. De la Rue this has been accomplished. Friday, September 30th, was the day for the re-opening of these bells. During the afternoon the bells were rung by ringers from Fordham, Freckenham, Bury and Newmarket. The harvest thanksgiving was held in connection with the re-opening in the evening. The service was fully choral, and well rendered by the choir, Mrs. Tilbrook ably presiding at the organ. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Wickham, the Rev. E. Powles and the Rev. H. Henman took part in the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Raven, D.D., Rector of Fressingfield, and President of the Norwich Diocesan Association, from Psalm cl. 5.

The Knights of St. John re-built Chippenham church after the fire in 1447, and placed two bells in the tower. One was dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and the other to St. Margaret (4th and 5th bells). The 3rd bell was added in 1601; the tenor (6th) was added in 1621; Jarrold and Tetsall (churchwardens) gave the 2nd in 1703 (old treble): Mr. W. W. De la Rue gave the 1st in 1898 (new treble).

The tenor is 17 cwt. The 3rd, 4th and tenor have now been re-cast by Mr. W. W. Tharp, and inscriptions to that effect are engraved on them. The collection amounted to £9 10s. 9d., and will be devoted to incidental expenses in connection with the bells. The choir and ringers were entertained in the schoolroom after service, Mr. Smedley presiding.

## THE BELLS OF PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The old wooden framework and most of the fittings of this celebrated ring of twelve bells are in a very shaky and dilapidated condition. The bells have never got over the shock they received when the spire was struck by lightning in 1883, when the bells and framework were buried in the masonry. Nine of them are worn very badly at the sound bow, as the clappers have beaten in the same place for 177 years. They certainly have had some wear in their day, as the records of old will show. "Thanks to our Gloucester friends, the St. Michael's Juniors," says our correspondent, Mr. W. Hale, "shaky as they were, we got three good peals out of them last year, viz., Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, but the Brothers Pegler had all their work cut out. The bells were then stopped from ringing for some weeks, and the framework has been temporarily strengthened with strong iron clamps and red deal planks. The Vicar and churchwardens, with myself, have thoroughly inspected the bells and framework. They stood upon the framework whilst each bell was pulled up, and they have unanimously decided that no money shall be spent upon them except what is necessary to just keep them going in their present state. A new clock is to be placed in the tower, in the chamber now occupied by the ringers, and the new belfry will be 12 ft. from the ground floor, or about 5 ft. lower than the good old original belfry, where old William Estcourt used to manipulate the bells to so many long peals. The Vicar has promised a good sum towards the re-hanging of the bells, and is going to do his level best next year to get the twelve bells re-hung in a new iron frame, and quarter-turned. Till then the back bells are not to be used in peals, as the Vicar and churchwardens think it is not fair to ringers, however enthusiastic, to pull them through as they are. With the belfry back again to its original position, and the bells in good order, some of the long peals of Cinques now lost, would, I am sure, be brought back by some of our Gloucester and Bristol enthusiasts."

## CURRENT TOPICS.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Surrey Association on the 22nd ult., the Hon. Secretary reported that *one* peal had been rung since the last meeting. Only one! Well peal-ringing is thought by many to be a secondary consideration. Yet it is a fair sign of progress. If the members of an Association are firmly united—like the proverbial bundle of sticks—and carry out with vigour the principles and objects of change-ringing, peal-ringing may be looked upon as only a luxury. It may be argued that the work of teaching young ringers, obtaining new members, establishing frequent practices, and amid all closely adhering to Church principles, are objects more worthy of consideration and respect than anything else. Yes! no doubt they are. But a peal about once a quarter is certainly a small effort.

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Attention is directed, in the report of the meeting, to the want of sufficient light in the ringing-chamber of the church of All Saints, Kingston-on-Thames. One gathers from the brief description of the church that it is an edifice of some importance, architecturally speaking. We should expect to hear that such a church had everything necessary; everything. The requirements of the belfry are in too many instances the last consideration, but you would hardly expect to find that in such an important parish church as this that the primitive candle was in use. In some remote village we may perhaps expect to find such antiquarian appliances, but in a town so close to London it seems strange. Perhaps the attention the matter has received may bring about an improvement.

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The Ely Association has received another fillip, this time from the Rev. K. H. Smith, who must always be considered as its founder. At a meeting he urged, we are told, the necessity of increasing the membership, and amending the present lethargic condition of ringers and ringing in the county of Huntingdon. It is reassuring to find that the present active Hon. Secretary—the Rev. W. W. Crump—recognises the present state of affairs, and is taking steps to find out why this lethargy among the men of Huntingdon exists.

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Our Huntingdon friends should remember that from their county proceeded one of the most active of Englishmen—to wit, Oliver Cromwell. There certainly was no lethargy about him. Whatever his political deeds were, he was essentially a man of action. Will not the ringers of this county try and imitate his energy and determination. We don't exactly want a second Oliver Cromwell, at any rate in the ringing world, because he would want his own way too much, and would soon become a nuisance. But it would be agreeable to see a few Huntingdon ringers with an activity something after the Protector's fashion. Mind the "after."

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In my last I casually mentioned that a correspondent wished to know who found the funds to liquidate the expenses of the Hampshire tourists. The following letter has been sent to the Editor concerning it:—

"DEAR SIR,—In Current Topics this week 'Plain Speaker,' adverting to the recent Winchester Guild ringing excursion in Hampshire, remarks that an inquisitive correspondent wishes to know from what source the fund for this annual excursion comes. I concur with 'P.S.' when he says such a question shows an amount of front. Personally I think it is sheer impudence. 'Such inquisitiveness as this cannot be satisfied . . . and the question will not be answered by me' is 'Plain Speaker's' curt, but thoroughly deserved reply to his correspondent. But as one of the excursionists perhaps I might be allowed to state that the funds for the tour came from the pockets of those who took part in it. If, however, I have misunderstood the import of 'Plain Speaker's' correspondent's question and instead of 'pumping' to find out if some kind friend 'pays the piper,' he wishes, if the ex's. are defrayed by the individual members of the party, to next year contribute largely to a common fund established for the purpose of paying expenses, will he kindly communicate, through the Editor, with yours truly, ONE OF THE PARTY."

You will all admire this answer, I have no doubt. And so may all inquisitors meet with such rebuffs.

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The Sussex Association has just held a meeting at a place called "Hurstpierpoint." A very successful meeting indeed. The new Vicar of the place was in the chair, and got on capitally. He was much interested in bells and ringing, but he knew nothing about the latter. Now see the fruits of having a Master who knows a thing or two. Mr. Attree suggested that the Vicar could be taught. Agreed. So the Vicar is to become a real working member as well as an honorary one. Bravo Master George.

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What's the matter with the great city of the West? The "note to peal" I can't understand, and I expect many more are like me. Surely the Bristol people have by this time abolished the euphonious distinction of "rats and mice." The day has ceased for such buffoonery. Why should the old city have more than one company? For the matter of that why should many other places? If one section of ringers can't have everything what they consider would be the best, it is best for the sake of peace to compromise, and thus meet their opponents half-way. The world is ruled by compromise.

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So the first Surprise peal within the City of London has only just been rung, and at the church of All Hallows Barking, too; not a very handsome place from any point of view. I notice a name among the band that was prominent forty or fifty years ago. The elders of the St. Martin's Guild will remember old John Robinson Sharman very well, and so will some among the London veterans. I have some idea that Mr. John Day alluded to him in his reminiscences. He was a wonderful old chap rather, as I recollect him; a good heavy-bell and handbell ringer. I suppose the present holder of the name claims no relationship.

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A very nice little affair at Waltham Abbey the other evening. If they are wise the Waltham gentlemen will make it an annual concern. Perhaps if they manage to remove the Abbey a little nearer to the railway station it may be the means of inducing some of the septuagenarians to visit them on such occasions. They haven't got their peal of twelve bells yet, I suppose. Nor have I heard anything further about the Cathedral scheme.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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## SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.

For some weeks, a local paper informs us, the peculiarly sweet-toned ring of bells at this place has been silent. The bellhanger has had full possession of the tower, but at last the bells have been reopened by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, and their mellow tones were heard once more echoing far up the lovely Selworthy combe and away down the rich vale towards Dunkery. The Selworthy bells have long enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most musical ring of six in the neighbourhood, but for many years their condition made it apparent that repairs were absolutely necessary. A thorough examination by Mr. John Sully, bellhanger, of Stogumber, revealed the fact that they were in a very dangerous condition, and he advised a total clearance of the old timber. This recommendation was adopted, and everything new has been provided in the re-hanging of the bells, the timber of the massive oak frame being kindly given by Sir C. T. D. Acland, Bart., of Holnicote. Every fitting and adjunct of the bells are entirely new, and under the frame a new deadening-floor has been placed, which allows free access to the bells when necessary. The bells have all been quarter-turned, and their accessories are of up-to-date character. They were cast by Evans of Chepstow, and it is worthy of note that they were cast just four years previous to the ring of five at Cutcombe, which are from the same foundry.

The rededication-service was well attended. The choir walked in procession from the west end singing the "Old Hundredth," the clergy following being the Revs. J. Utten Todd (Minehead), H. D. Acland (Lucoombe), E. P. Stanley (Wootton Courtenay), C. H. Heale (St. Decuman's), and the rector (the Rev. F. Hancock), who acted as Bishop's chaplain, and bore the pastoral staff in front of his lordship. The Rector read the first part of the morning service to the first lesson, which was read by Mr. W. H. Phillips, lay-reader. The Bishop then, with the Rector, churchwardens (Mr. Isaac Clarke and Mr. Christopher Birmingham), and the choir, proceeded to the belfry, chanting Psalm cxxii. Here a special form of service of re-dedication was impressively carried out by his lordship, after which the bells were rung in rounds by the Selworthy ringers, whilst the choir and clergy returned to the chancel. A special hymn, "O thanks to Thee, our gracious Lord," was then sung, and the concluding prayers of the special service were said by the Bishop. Morning prayer was continued to the end of the third collect, when hymn 242 (A. & M.) was sung.

The Bishop then gave a short but singularly appropriate address, in the course of which he expressed the great pleasure he felt in coming amongst them again. There that day and also on his previous visits he had been much impressed with the hearty and reverent manner in which all, from the youngest to the oldest, joined in the services. This was just as it should be, and particularly so with regard to their children, whom it was their duty to look after and train as belonging to God, for the manner in which they grew up into men and women depended much on the way in which they were trained in their early years. That day they had met together to re-dedicate their bells after re-hanging them. The church bells rang out to them many messages. They invited them to God's service in His church, to the Holy Communion, sometimes to a marriage service, or tolled solemnly for the passing away of some soul. Then again they rang out joyously to celebrate some national event, the passing away of the old and the ushering in of the new year, and on the Church's great festivals, Christmas, Easter, and Ascension, their tones seemed to send out a special message to them all, and thus in various ways the bells preached to them; but they must never forget that these services to which the bells invited them must be real and earnest. The ringing of bells required health and strength, and the exercise of thoughtfulness, obedience, and a due observance of all that was orderly. Those who knew anything about bell-ringing would tell them how essential in the production of changes was that spirit of obedience, and as in bell-ringing so also in their lives should they, clergy and laity alike, endeavour to cultivate that same spirit of obedience to those in authority. Ringers should also endeavour to faithfully discharge their duties as bell-ringers of the church, and might the sound of the bells teach them all to lift up their hearts in thankfulness to Almighty God, and stir them up to a realisation of how important in life was this sense of faithfulness to duty. A story was told of how, during a war between the French and Austrians, a town was saved by the ringing of the bells. The French army lay encamped on the heights overlooking an Austrian town, and threatened it with destruction. It was Easter morning, and the Bishop called the clergy of the town around him, and although fully alive to the danger that threatened them, they determined to do their duty to God and summon the people together to keep the great Christian festival. when they might be able to unite in prayer to God for deliverance from their enemy. The bells of the churches in the town were rung, and the French army, on hearing them, concluded that they signalled the arrival of the Austrian army, and they retreated, and thus the town was saved through this determination to be faithful in their duty to God. They should at all times endeavour to do their duty. Might God's richest blessings ever rest on them, and might He bless them, because in that parish they were striving to do their duty.

At the conclusion of the Bishop's address, the special hymn, "Hark, on high the joyful music," was sung. The benediction was pronounced by the Bishop, and the service concluded with hymn 215, sung as a recessional.

After service, the Rev. J. U. Todd, together with the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Master of the Diocesan Association), and other ringers from Minehead, rang several 120s of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and later in the day a 720 of Bob Minor. The parish ringers also had a turn at the ropes, and on all sides complete satisfaction was expressed with the manner in which Mr. Sully had carried out the work of restoration. The parish ringers, choir, and visiting ringers were most hospitably entertained by the Rector in the parish room.

## ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH.

An interesting incident occurred at the close of the usual practice on Thursday, October 27th. For several years past Mr. Hill has occupied the position of steeplekeeper, and has always striven to make the ringing-chamber as neat and as attractive as possible. He has also endeavoured to make ringers of some who were willing to learn, and to this end lately has devoted some of his spare time in teaching a few the preliminaries of church bellringing, and it reflects much credit upon Mr. Hill that each of his five pupils are able now to take part with the local band. Mr. Masters, on behalf of the beginners, thanked Mr. Hill for his willing exertions to them, but said they were not only indebted to him but also the whole band for any further advances they had made, but the pupils themselves thought they would like to recognise the services of their instructor by asking his acceptance of a little present in the shape of a nicely bound volume, entitled "Sixty Years a Queen;" not that the gift itself would compensate Mr. Hill for his trouble, but it was hoped it would interest him, his family and friends.

Mr. Hill evidently was taken by surprise, and said he was amply repaid for any trouble on his part in seeing his pupils making progress. He however thanked them for the book and appreciated their kindness.

The inscription inside the cover is as follows: "Presented to Mr. H. G. Hill, steeplekeeper of St. Mary's, the parish church of Woolwich, in appreciation of his untiring efforts in teaching us to use the ropes in the art of church bellringing. Signed, T. Ames, H. Beckford, H. G. King, E. O. Masters and E. Medhurst; 27th October, 1898."

## HUNSTON, SUFFOLK.

By the great kindness of the late Rev. H. Ray, the church bells, three in number, were rehung two years ago. The same benefactor before his death requested a tenor bell to be added; this was done a few weeks ago. Now Major Heigham has given the order for a fifth, and this is expected to be hung by Christmas Day. Great interest has been taken by the ringers, of whom William Clarke is the captain, and is ably assisted by Walter Clarke, Albert Huffee, and Fred. Clarke.

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## THE GREAT BERKHAMPSTED SOCIETY, HERTS.

On Monday, October 17th, at the invitation of the ringers of St. Mary's Northchurch, the ringers of Great Berkhamsted met there. The church is noted as being the burial place of "Peter, the Wild Boy," whose grave is opposite the entrance of the church, and there is a brass tablet concerning him in the interior. The church has a ring of six in good going order. The visitors rang 720 of Grandsire Doubles, also some short touches, and afterwards adjourned to The Old Grey Mare, where they found a supper provided, which was thoroughly appreciated. After the changes had been rung with knives and forks, ringing was indulged in by Messrs. T. Garner, G. Farnham, B. Garner, F. Meyer and host W. Lawby, Northchurch; J. Morsley, F. Saltmarsh, G. Hull, Berkhamstead.

Mr. F. Norris then proposed "The Health of the Northchurch Ringers," and said how pleased the Berkhamsted company were to be invited to ring with their Northchurch friends. Meetings like that bound ringers together, and helped members to take an interest in ringing. With the toast he would couple the name of Mr. Matthew Brooks, who had been a ringing member in their steeple fifty-four years. He had seen his jubilee, and he (the speaker) hoped he would live to see his Diamond Jubilee. Also that they might all be there then as they were that night. The toast was received with musical honours.

Mr. Brooks, in responding on behalf of the Northchurch ringers, said they were pleased to meet all their friends once again, and hoped they would meet on many more occasions. If he was spared to see his Diamond Jubilee he hoped they would all be able to meet and enjoy themselves as they had done that evening. He wished the Berkhamsted ringers good health and happiness. After toasting the host, the company sang "Auld lang syne" and "God Save the Queen," and then dispersed for home.

## THORNABY, DURHAM.

The Vicar of Thornaby has communicated with Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton, with reference to training a set of ringers for the eight bells to put into the new tower there. The rev. gentleman was assured by Mr. Clarkson that he would see to this matter, with the assistance of the ringers of Stockton and Middlesbrough.

NORFOLK TRADITIONS.—"Hedge Priest," writing in the *Church Times* on the fancy displayed in local tradition, tells a story of an old house in Norfolk belonging to the Fleetwood family, which was related by marriage to Oliver Cromwell. Having explained that the house narrowly escaped destruction by fire, he proceeds: I explored the house shortly after, from the cellar to the top storey, and duly admired the old fireplaces, the oak panelling, some good ironwork in the windows, the nail-studded doors, and the quaint contrivances in the way of hutches and and cupboards, and afterwards discovered the cocking pit outside, where, doubtless, many a main has been lost and won. I was patiently the while biding my time for traditions, for I knew they were bound to come, and I had not long to wait. The inevitable subterranean passage was the first, but that goes for nothing. "What is that trap door in the top-ceiling for?" I asked the bailiff's wife, whose face grew grave at the question. "Ah!" she said, "there's a rum tale about that. Lawk! that fare to make one right creepy-like, that that deu th' old house standing so lonely." Another question and out it came. "They tell me that Oliver Cromwell was buried up there, and his father an' all, and sometimes I wish I'd never a'come; that make one feel so bad." Well, I tried to reassure her, and reminded her that, according to history, Oliver's body (I didn't know about his father) had been disinterred and burnt. But it was of no use; she knew all about it. "Yes, and folks say that's why the soot of that chimney smeat so awful when the fire broke out the other day." After this I hurriedly took my leave, and if the hills (for there are hills) did not resound, it was no fault of mine.

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

### AFFAIRS AT BRISTOL.

SIR,—I observe in your last number reference to a peal of Stedman Caters at Bristol, on which I heartily congratulate the Redcliffe society. I was sorry however to read the latter part of the note to same, which I wish had been omitted, as much more likely to hinder than help forward that goodwill among ringers, which the writer, in common I am sure with all true ringers, professes to be anxious to bring about. Bristol possesses as good ringing materials in men and bells as most towns; why then should she not take her proper place in the ringing world? I am convinced this may be, if all ringers will heartily co-operate both in word and action. Both are necessary if we are to succeed. I shall have the greatest pleasure in doing anything in my power to help forward such a work. May I suggest as a step in the right direction, that all should join our Diocesan Association, and thus form a strong local branch in connection therewith, and try if we cannot achieve even greater success than our brothers in Gloucester. Would the writer of the note kindly communicate with me?

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER.

30, *Broad Street, Bristol.*

### A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your account of the "coming to grief" of the attempted peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church Cathedral on October 6th, the words "owing to the breaking of the tenor clapper" should have been inserted.

F. E. ROBINSON,
*Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.*

### EXPLANATIONS.

SIR,—Your account of my action with regard to a refusal of the bells on the occasion of a bellringer's wedding, is insufficient. I subjoin a letter from the local newspaper, which puts the matter in its true light. You have suppressed the fact that these two persons after being confirmed, and communicants, on the most important day of their life deserted their Church in order to be married according to the rites of a community opposed to her. I have always understood that bells were to be rung for holy purposes, and not to honour weak inconsistencies. If I am wrong and fossilized in holding this opinion, it seems to me better to be fossilized and represent a higher order of principle than to be alive and the exponent of those who belong to a lower order. Accept this as my first and last contribution to your columns on this subject. Kindly print the subjoined letter from the local newspaper.

H. D. F. WHITTINGSTALL.
*The Vicarage, Marlow.*

The following is the letter referred to, from *The South Bucks. Standard*:—

"SIR,—I have been surprised to read, and occasionally to hear, remarks condemnatory of the action of the Vicar of Marlow in forbidding the church bells to be rung in celebration of a recent marriage at, I believe, Bristol. Before condemning let us examine the facts of the case. The bridegroom was a Churchman and a church bell-ringer. The bride had been a domestic servant at Marlow for a considerable time past, and a church goer. I have nothing to do or say as to the consistency of such people going to a Baptist chapel to be married, but I blush at the impertinence of they or their friends, whether church bell-ringers or churchwardens, venturing to ask the Vicar to allow the bells to be rung under such circumstances. What could the Vicar do but put his foot down and veto so absurd and inconsistent a demand? Imagine, if you can, what a Nonconformist minister would have done under like circumstances. I do not think the chapel bells would have rung very merrily on such an occasion. I think the Vicar did quite right by saying that 'the bells of my church shall not be rung on the marriage of two persons who, for long past have been regular attendants at my church, leading me to look upon them as honest church people, and then, on the solemnity of their marriage, go to a Nonconformist chapel and minister a hundred miles away.' One does not very often hear of such a strange thing, but I think that all who value consistency and honesty of religious opinion will say with me 'Bravo, Vicar!'—Yours truly,

*Marlow, October 22nd*, 1898. NO HYPOCRITE."

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SIR,—We would be pleased if you would through your valuable paper give us the height in feet of the four highest churches with steeples in England.

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[Perhaps among our readers there may be one who would kindly give our correspondents the required information.—ED.]

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1898.

IT is with much pleasure that we announce, on another page, the formation of a ringing Association for Ireland. We have no doubt whatever that Mr. GABRIEL LINDOFF, whose departure to take upon himself the duties of an Instructor of ringing to the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society of Dublin was hailed as a very good omen, is at the bottom of this movement, and he is to be congratulated upon the energy he has shown in securing the co-operation of several distinguished inhabitants.

The whole of the Ringing Exercise of England will receive with joy the intelligence that their fellow-subjects of the Emerald Isle are about to establish an organisation having similar objects in view to those in their own country. There is no reason why ringing should not in the course of time become firmly established in Ireland. Many of the temples of public worship belonging to both Churches are in a condition to have bells if they can be obtained: and this movement may bring influential Irishmen to wonder why, in many instances, their churches have not possessed bells before now. We shall probably hear shortly of inquiries being made relative to the question of erecting bells in different parts of the island;

and we may hope that such enquiries may lead to tangible results in the near future.

Meanwhile it is not beyond our duty to impress upon those who are interested in this movement the great necessity for energetic action. The work must not lag in the slightest degree. In and out of season, morning, noon, and evening, day and night almost, the matter must be kept in view and moved onward. Disappointments may come, offences perhaps, but they must be overcome by wisdom and tact. The President of the newly-formed association is a practical change-ringer, and a gentleman of influence; under his ægis there soon ought to be some apparent results.

What might have been looked upon as the religious difficulty has been met in a business-like manner. It would have been a sad thing if the members of two Christian churches could not have met on common ground for the practice of change-ringing. The time may arrive sooner than we think when all Christians will be united, and the variations of Creed be at an end—"One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all."

## GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

At the annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild, held at Northwich on Monday, August 1st, 1898, it was decided that the next meeting of the Guild should be held at Grappenhall, and that the Rector (the Rev. Richard Greenall) should make an attempt to have a ring of eight bells in his tower by the next annual meeting. The Ven. Archdeacon Barber spoke very encouragingly about it, and also started the subscription list with a guinea. Since then the Rector and the ringers have been quietly canvassing, with the result that they have got about £165 towards the £173 required to complete the work. After one or two meetings, the work has been placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are to have it completed by January 31st, 1899.

## The Provinces.

### ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, October 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| HARRY J. FEWELL* | ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM HEWITT .. .. | 5. |
| E. PERCY DEBENHAM .. | 2. | WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. | 6. |
| FRANCIS J. SHARPE* .. .. | 3. | W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. | 7. |
| ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. | 4. | HARRY MANSFIELD .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

*First peal.

### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

A VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S PEAL.

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| THOMAS WAKEMAN .. | ..*Treble.* | RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. | 2. | THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. | 3. | JOHN CRANE .. .. .. | 7. |
| NOAH DAVIS .. .. .. | 4. | ERNEST C. HUNT .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

Rung on the birthday of J. O. Bennett.

### BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 22¼ cwt. in Eb.

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| EDWARD LUCAS .. .. | ..*Treble.* | ROWLAND FENN .. .. .. | 5. |
| THOMAS FAULKNER .. .. | 2. | EBENEZER ANDREWS .. | 6. |
| SAMUEL HAYES .. .. .. | 3. | ALBERT C. HARDY .. .. | 7. |
| CALEB FENN .. .. .. | 4. | ALFRED W. BRIGHTON | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

First peal of Oxford by all except Mr. Brighton. It is believed to be the first peal on the bells in that variation since 1761, when the above society rung a 5120, composed and conducted by John Reeves, the composer of the present peal.

### HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

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| ALFRED E. REEVES .. | ..*Treble.* | WALTER E. YATES .. .. | 5. |
| CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. | 2. | ARTHUR W. HIGGS .. .. | 6. |
| ALFRED THOMAS .. .. | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. | 7. |
| FRANK BOREHAM .. .. | 4. | WILLIAM ROBINS .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Guild.

### HALLIWELL, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| WILLIAM THORNLEY | ..*Treble.* | HENRY MOSS .. .. .. | 5. |
| JAMES FLEETWOOD† .. | 2. | TITUS BARLOW .. .. .. | 6. |
| ROBERT SEDDON .. .. | 3. | *WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. | 7. |
| JOHN MAKINSON .. .. | 4. | JOHN PARTINGTON .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

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

### OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHISE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

*Being 720 each of the following:*

**Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, and Double Court Bob.**

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| THOMAS HEATHCOCK | ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM NEWMAN .. .. | 4. |
| JOHN GEO. ORFORD .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM T. WHITEHOUSE | 5. |
| FREDERICK BRACE .. .. | 3. | ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. | ..*Tenor.* |

This is the first 5040 by all except the conductor and his first as conductor. First on the bells by a local band, and J. Orford's first 720 of Double Court, and also rung at the first attempt.

### NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

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| JOSEPH FAULKNER .. | ..*Treble.* | HARRY MASON .. .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN W. SMITH .. .. | 2. | *RICHARD ROUND .. .. | 6. |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES .. .. | 3. | †WILLIAM TALBOT .. .. | 7. |
| HARRY PRICE* .. .. .. | 4. | JOHN SMITH .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by W. TALBOT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

*On Saturday, October* 29, 1898, *in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES T. GARSIDE* .. | ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. .. | 5. |
| CHARLES PLATT* .. .. | 2. | *FRANK CHAPMAN .. .. | 6. |
| JOSEPH TAYLOR* .. .. | 3. | ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. .. | 7. |
| HERBERT BARLOW* .. .. | 4. | *THOMAS SCHOFIELD .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

*First peal. Rung to commemorate the twenty-first birthday of H. Barlow. After the peal the band were invited to supper by his parents, to which full justice was done. The local ringers wish to thank Mr. Jakeman (of Ashton) for conducting the peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, October* 30, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. | *Treble.* | *JOSEPH LAST .. .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM LAST* .. .. .. | 2. | STEPHEN W. MARTIN .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. | 3. | GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. | 7. |
| FREDERICK CLARKE* .. .. | 4. | ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

For calling see "Snowdon," part II. page 16. *First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October* 29, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN HILL* .. .. | ..*Treble.* | EDWARD E. SMITH .. .. | 5. |
| CHARLES H. FOWLER .. | 2. | JOSIAH MORRIS .. .. .. | 6. |
| JOHN H. SWINFIELD .. .. | 3. | JOHN BUTTERY .. .. .. | 7. |
| GEORGE BURROWS† .. .. | 4. | WILLIAM WILLSON .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal. †First in the method. This peal, which is the first in the method on the bells, has the 5th and 6th twelve times wrong and fifteen times right; 2 and 3 never being in 6th's nor the 3rd ever in 5th's; with all the combinations of 4, 5, 6.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, October* 30, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 18 cwt.

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| HARRY FLANDERS* .. .. | ..*Treble.* | *JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. .. | 5. |
| CHARLES WILKINS .. .. | 2. | *EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. .. | 6. |
| GEORGE R. PYE* .. .. | 3. | ERNEST PYE .. .. .. | 7. |
| ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. | 4. | WILLIAM PYE .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. This composition has the 6th her extent home, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths, and is now rung for the first time.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.-THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

*On Monday, October* 31, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

A BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

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| ARTHUR BARRATT .. .. | ..*Treble.* | JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. .. | 5. |
| PHILIP JACKSON .. .. .. | 2. | ERNEST JACKSON .. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS GRATTAN .. .. | 3. | RICHARD RIDYARD .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN JACKSON .. .. .. | 4. | AMOS TRIPPIER .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

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

## Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLIXTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, October 20th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Massey, 1; J. M. Ridehalgh (conductor), 2; J. Hunter, 3; J. Eachus, 4; S. Collier, 5; J. H. Collier, 6; J. Nuttall, 7; T. Harper, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Massey, J. Collier, and Nuttall. J. Eachus hails from Manchester; the rest are of the local band. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Tuesday, October 18th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 4 mins. F. Voice, 1; G. Staplehurst, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; J. Kenward, 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; S. Kenward (conductor), 7; E. Taylor, 8. Composed by G. R. Newton, of Oxton, Cheshire.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

WOOLTON (Lancashire). — On Tuesday, September 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1898 changes), 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Thomas, 1; J. Edwards, 2; P. Ball, 3; T. Jennions, 4; G. Hislop, 5; J. Roberts, 6; H. Fyles, 7; J. Boustead, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Composed by James Heasman, Edenbridge, and Conducted by H. Fyles.

## Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

STONEY STANTON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, October 16th, at the parish church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Biggs, 1; J. Noble, 2; T. Wright, 3; J. Tansey, 4; R. Christian, 5; A. R. Aldham, 6; H. Briggs (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; C. Briggs, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Christian, who hails from Great Yarmouth.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 11th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 4900 changes it unfortunately came to grief. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; W. Aldridge, 2; W. Foreman, 3; E. Wells, 4; H. Hill, 5; H. Flanders, 6; A. Pye, 7; A. R. Sandiford, 8. On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 288 Stedman Triples. H. Hill, 1; J. Beavan, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; E. Wells, 4; R. Carter, 5; A. Phillips, 6; W. Aldridge, (conductor), 7; A. R. Sandiford, 8. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. W. Aldridge, 1; H. Hill, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; E. Wells, 4; R. Carter, 5; A. Phillips, 6; A. Pye (conductor), 7; A. R. Sandiford, 8.

SWANSCOMBE.—October 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. Alf. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; M. Digby, 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. October 10th, 720 London Surprise. W. Martin, 1; G. Hayes, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; F. Hayes, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. October 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 18th, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples. G. H. Howse, 1; C. Harffey, 2; A. Gowen, 3; H. W. Fayers, 4; T. Price, 5; B. Hobbs, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. G. H. Howse, 1; G. H. Head (conductor), 2; T. Price, 3; A. Gower, 4; B. Hobbs, 5; H. Hookham, 6; J. Osborne, 7; H. W. Fayers, 8. On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, 710 Bob Minor with the 7th covering. *A. Miles, 1; *J. Osborne, 2; C. Harffey, 3; G. H. Head, 4; *H. W. Fayers, 5; G. H. Howse (conductor), 6; H. Hookham, 7. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Osborne, 1; C. Harffey, 2; A. Miles, 3; H. W. Fayers, 4; G. H. Head (conductor), 5; G. H. Howse, 6; J. Goldsmith, 7; H. Hookham, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Goldsmith (conductor), 1; G. Howse, 2; A. Miles, 3; H. W. Fayers, 4; C. Harffey, 5; J. Osborne, 6; G. H. Head, 7; H. Hookham, 8.

HORLEY (Sussex).—On Wednesday, October 12th, 168, 1260, and 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; S. Kenward (conductor), 6; F. Voice, 7; T. Post, 8. On Tuesday, October 18th, 336 and 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Voice, 1; G. Staplehurst, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; J. Kenward, 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; S. Kenward, 7; E.

Taylor, 8. On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Taylor, 1; G. Staplehurst, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; J. Kenward, 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; S. Kenward, 7; T. Post, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Voice, 1; G. Staplehurst, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; J. Kenward, 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; S. Kenward (conductor), 7; T. Post, 8.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On October 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Best, 1; W. Marshall, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; T. Stroud, 5; J. Lee, 6. On October 18th, 720 Woodbine. G. Boswell, 1; C. Best, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; T. Stroud, 5; J. Lee, 6.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. C. E. Beeston, 1; J. H. Swinburn, 2; R. Beeston (conductor), 3; G. Clayton, 4; T. Bows, 5; T. Sewell, 6.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORSLEY.—On Thursday, October 13th, 720 Doubles, in 27 mins. being 120 of Manchester, 120 of North's No. 9, and four 6-scores of Grandsire. T. Whilton, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. Aldread, 3; B. Fletcher, 4; J. Aldread (conductor), 5. On Wednesday, October 19th, on the occasion of a wedding, 960 Grandsire Doubles. T. Whilton, 1; W. Smith (conductor), 2; W. Aldread, 3; W. Peat, 4; J. Aldread, 5. Longest length ever rung on the bells and by the local company. Also 120 of Manchester and 120 of North, standing as before, conducted by W. Smith.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, June 5th, after Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. H. S. Ellis, 1; C. Crompton, 2; E. Bonfield, 3; J. Barrett, 4; R. Bevan, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Carroway, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. Also 360 College Single, in which Messrs. E. and W. Tubb took part. On Wednesday, May 11th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Turvey, 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 19th, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-four bobs and two singles). F. Turvey, 1; E. J. Webb (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Margaret's church, eight members of the above attempted a peal of Treble Bob Major, which collapsed after ringing 994 changes. W. R. Brewis, 1; F. J. Harrison, 2; H. Tyson, 3; W. Hunt, 4; C. Waugh, 5; E. Fenny, 6; A. Meyers, 7; R. Richards, 8. Also 672 in the same method, J. Patterson ringing the 6th. And 392 Bob Triples.

WHITLEY (Northumberland).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for morning service at St. Paul's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. S. Story, 1; W. Hunt (conductor), 2; J. Barber, 3; H. Ross, 4; T. J. Gofton, 5; W. Thompson, 6.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday, October 16th, for evening service at the parish church, 592 Bob Major. R. W. Langton, 1; J. W. Parker, 2; R. E. Chichester, 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; T. Hudson, jun., 5; J. Field, 6; W. T. Robson, 7; R. W. Lowe, 8. First touch of Major by Parker. On Thursday, October 20th, for practice at St. Ignatius' church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Dentith, 1; J. W. Parker, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; R. L. Patterson, 5. This is Patterson's first 6-score of Grandsire. And several 6-scores of Bob Doubles, in which Messrs. G. T. Taylor, R. Manning and H. Blakey took part.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, October 25th, for practice, 960 Bob Major. W. Reed, 1; A. Tully, 2; J. Binwell, 3; T. Teasdale (conductor), 4; H. Ross, 5; R. Morrison, 6; W. Hunt, 7; J. Hern, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

FYLDE (Lancashire).—On April 24th, at St. John's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. J. Bamber, 1; R. Cookson, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. May 1st, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). R. Seddon, 1; J. Tipping, 2; J. Fell, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On June 19th, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles and sixteen bobs). W. J. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; J. Moore, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On July 31st, 720 Plain Bob. R. Cookson, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; C. H. Kerr, 4; R. Seddon, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On August 28th, 720 College Single. R. Seddon, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 25th, after Divine Service, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Grandsire Grandsire Minor. W. J. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; G. Maries, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 College Single standing as above. On Sunday, October 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. R. Cookson, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 23rd, 720 Plain Bob (thirty singles). W. J. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; E. A. Wilson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

RAMSBOTTOM.—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service at the Church of St. Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 37 mins., tenor 9¼ cwt. R. H. Wolstenholme (first quarter-peal), 1; J. S. Taylor, 2; J. Wolstenholme, 3; R. Leach, 4; J. H. Haydock, 5; A. S. Rostron, 6; J. B. Taylor (conductor), 7; J. Booth, 8. J. B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for service, 360 Grandsire Minor, in 12 mins. A. Wilkinson, 1; W. Patter, 2; J. Wilde, 3; J. Witter, 4; J. T. Lowe, 5; R. Johnson (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor, for evening service, the ringers as before.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WISSET (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, October 18th, 360 Stedman Doubles. T. L. Wilson, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; A. Lee, 3; R. Tracy, 4; C. Kerrison, 5. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. C. Kerrison, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; T. L. Wilson, 3; W. Durrant, 4; S. Kerrison, 5.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Saturday, October 22nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but it was abandoned after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins., owing to the heavy going of the tenor. W. H. L. Buckingham, 1; F. Edwards, 2; W. E. Oakley, 3; W. G. Whitehead, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; F. A. Smith, 7; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RINGWOOD (Hants).—At the church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Saturday, October 22nd, at a quarterly meeting of the Guild for combined practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 2; W. J. Tucker, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; H. White, 5; W. H. George, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hewett, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; G. Preston, 3; J. Gould, 4; H. White, 5; W. H. George, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; C. W. Goodenough, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at the parish church, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe (conductar), 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole, 6; T. Russen, 7; W. Fowler, 8. Also 504 in the same method. A. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe (conductor), 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; R. White, 5; F. Russen, 6; T. Cole, 7; J. Walker, 8. On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Gifford, 1; J. Elcombe (conductor), 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole, 6; F. Russen, 7; W. Fowler, 8. On Tuesday, October 25th, 1038 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. A. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe (conductor), 3; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; R. White, 5; T. Cole, 6; F. Russen, 7; W. Fowler, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Saturday, October 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Sturges, eight members from Reading rang at All Saints' church 720 Woodbine. J. Tucker, 1; H. White, 2; C. Giles, 3; W. Horn, 4; H. Tucker, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. R. Sawyer, 1; H. White, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; H. Tucker, 4; W. Horne, 5; A. M. Higgs (conductor), 6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles, with F. Mower, one of the local ringers, ringing the 3rd. And 360 College Single, conducted by A. E. Reeves. The visitors wish to thank the Rev. Canon Sturges for granting permission to ring, also for kindly providing tea at such a short notice.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT TEY (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, October 18th for practice at the church of St. Barnabas, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. O. Dyer, 1; D. Elliott, 2; W. Dyer, 3; G. Galley, 4; J. Sadler, 5;

E. W. Beckwith, 6; W. Ladham, 7; E. Ladham, 8. Also a course of Double London Court Bob Major. On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service, in the afternoon, 400 Double Norwich Court. O. Dyer, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Dyer, 3; W. Ladham, 4: J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 5; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, 8. After service 576 Oxford Treble Bob. O. Dyer, 1; W. Ladham, 2; W. Dyer, 3; G. Galley, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; D. Elliott, 7; J. Newman, 8. Conducted by D. Elliott.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 11th, for practice at the church of St. John the Baptist, 1,008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Freeman, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; W. H. Doran; 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6, W. Clark, 7; E. Wightman (conductor), 8. And on Tuesday, October 18th, 576 in the same method. W. Pye, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; E. Wightman (conductor), 6.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWAINSWICK (near Bath).—On Wednesday, October 12th, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins., each called differently. E. Holder, 1; J. Taylor, 2; W. C. Ricketts, 3; H. C. Hallett, 4; J. Fussell (conductor), 5; C. Cambridge, 6. First by Messrs. Ricketts and Hallett, and first attempt.

BATHWICK.—On Tuesday, October 18th, at St. Mary's church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins., each called differently. W. F. Flowers, 1; C. Densley, 2; J. Whale, 3; A. Richardson, 4; J. Fussell (conductor), 5; R. Whatley, 6. First by Messrs. Densley, Richardson and Whatley, and first attempt.

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ARMLEY (Yorks).—At Christ Church, on Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, 240 Tulip. Joe. Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. Also 360 City Delight. J. Hey, 1; others as before, and conducted by Jno. Thackray. Also for evening service, touches of Primrose, College Treble, New College Treble, Symphony, College Exercise, Tanner's Pleasure, College Pleasure and Violet. J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 1; Joe. Thackray, 2; others as before.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, October 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Mark, 1; E. Unitt, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Adams, 4; N. Kibble, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. Messrs. Adams and Kibble belong to Willenhall; Brown to Bilston.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Griffiths, 1; T. Tutte, 2; T. Goff, 3; W. Sutton, 4; J. Crawford, 5; T. Miles, 6; A. Gower (conductor), 7; E. Fisher (first quarter-peal), 8. On Tuesday, October 18th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Edward Murray to Miss E. R. Rumford, a quarter-peal in the same method in 45 mins. H. Griffiths, 1; T. Tutte, 2; T. Goff, 3; A. Bassett, 4; J. Crawford, 5; T. Miles, 6; A. Gower (conductor), 7; E. Fisher, 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. P. Newman (conductor), 1; A. Perkins, 2; J. Garratt, 3; J. J. Mawby, 4; J. Houghton, sen., 5; W. Pettitt, 6. On Monday, 336 Grandsire Triples, on handbells. A. Perkins, 1-2; W. P. Newman, 3-4; A. Y. Tyler, 5-6; J. J. Mawby, 7-8, Also 1264 and 1008 Bob Major, standing as before. Wednesday, 720 Minor. A. Perkins, 1-2; W. P. Newman (conductor), 3-4; J. J. Mawby, 5-6. Also 336 Minor. W. Pettitt, 1-2; W. P. Newman, 3-4; J. J. Mawby (conductor), 5-6.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, October 4th, at St. Mary's church, 350 Grandsire Triples, on handbells, retained in hand. J. Pagett (conductor), 1-2; T. J. Salter, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; T. Wakeman, 7-8. On Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 1344 Plain Bob Major. J. Pagett, 1; J. Bennett, 2; N. Davies, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. Crane, 6; E. C. Hunt, 7; T. Wakeman (longest length as conductor), 8. For evening service, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, 1; T. Wakeman (conductor), 2; N. Davies, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; T. Bennett, 5; E. C. Hunt, 6; W. H. Smith, 7; J. Pagett, 8.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, October 22nd, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 19 mins. A. R. Hird, 1; A. Miller, 2; T. Lewis, 3; A. Saker, 4; W. Saker, 5; G. Pedwell (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. A. R. Hird, 1; A. Miller, 2; T. Lewis, 3; A. Saker, 4; W. Saker, 5; G. Pedwell (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. A. R. Hird hails from Hornsey, Middlesex.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 16th, at St. Mark's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Dyson, 1; W. Clegg, 2; J. Taylor, 3; A. Stansfield, 4; E. Geary, 5; A. Clegg, 6; J. W. Taylor, 7; W. Rhodes, 8. Longest length by W. Clegg, who is only fifteen years of age. On Sunday, October 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. T. Dyson, 1; A. Stansfield, 2; J. Lees, 3; J. Taylor, 4; E. Geary, 5; A. Clegg, 6; J. W. Taylor, 7; W. Rhodes, 8. First quarter-peal by J. W. Taylor.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, October 11th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss May Burdock, eldest daughter of Mr. Walter Burdock, one of the Painswick ringers, to Mr. Frank Norris, of Nottingham, a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: G. Browning, 1; H. Scrivens, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; S. Bates, 5; J. Poole, 6: W. Bateman, 7; A. Hanks, 8. Also 168 and 350, in which W. Mills, T. Peters and R. Baker took part. On October 20th, 1008 Grandsire Triples were rung on the front eight bells by G. Browning, 1; S. Baker, 2; W. Mills, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; H. Grosvenor, 5; H. Scrivens, 6; W. Bateman, 7; A. Hanks, 8. And a 350 with R. Baker at the 4th. On October 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 336 Grandsire Triples with T. Peters at the 2nd. On Tuesday, October 25th, four six-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the front six, by the six-bell band. G. Browning, 1; H. Scrivens, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3: W. Hale (conductor) 4; S. Baker, 5; A. Hanks, 6. On October 27, 616 Grandsire Triples. G. Browning, 1; H. Scrivens, 2; W. Mills, 3; R. Baker, 4; S. Baker, 5; J. Poole, 6; W. Hale, 7; A. Hanks, 8. Also two courses of Grandsire Caters and a 168 with W. Burdock at the treble, conducted by S. Baker. And on Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service, two courses of Grandsire Caters.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, on handbells, 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Keeble, 1; A. Keeble, 2; J. B. F. Keeble, 3-4; Mrs. Keeble, 5-6. Rung on the ninth birthday of F. Keeble.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. F Side, 1; S. Wade (conductor), 2; A. Tennant, 3; H. Kilby, 4; B. Foskett, 5; A. Pittam, 6. And 288 Treble Bob. J. Jackman, 1; H. Kilby, 2; I. Attwater (conductor), 3; A. Pittam, 4; A. Tennant, 5; S. Wade, 6.

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AN OMISSION RECTIFIED.—In a report last week of some ringing done at Armley, on October 9th, the name of J. Boddy appears along with other visitors. It should have been mentioned that this gentleman came from Kildwick.

## Obituary.

### HERBERT GADD.

On Tuesday, October 18th, Mr. Herbert Gadd, of Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, died at his residence, Church Street, at the somewhat early age of forty-eight years. The deceased gentleman was only confined to his bed for three weeks, and had up to that time regularly taken part in the ringing at St. Thomas's church. He joined the local company about twenty-four years ago and (like everything else he attempted) made himself most proficient in the art; he was most enthusiastic, and was one of the founders of the North Lincolnshire Association, the first meetings of which were held at Market Rasen; he was appointed Treasurer, which office he held at his death. During his ringing career he has with the local company visited many towers in the county, and has rung two or three 5040s with scratch companies at Grimsby and elsewhere. He was made a life member of the Yorkshire Association previous to ringing a peal at Grimsby. He was a joint-conductor of the belfry with Mr. H. Burkitt. The funeral took place on Saturday, the 22nd, and was of a public character. The deceased was dispenser for Messrs. Barton and Trumper, and for the Cottage Hospital and Dispensary (of which he was also Secretary), Captain of the Quoit Club, on the committee of the Cycling Club, and officer of the M.I.O.O.F. and Court Shepherd Foresters and Hearts of Oak Friendly Societies. The coffin was borne to the grave by R. Tomlinson and I. E. Cocking (ringers), and Mr. R. Fletcher and R. Scuphan (of the Quoit Club). A number of splendid wreaths were sent. A muffled peal was rung on the bells at 4 o'clock on Saturday, and on Sunday morning, for service, by Messrs. W. Hackney, I. E. Cocking, T. Greenwood, R. Tomlinson, G. W. Blanchard and H. Burkitt (conductor), and on Sunday evening J. Hackney took the 4th and R. Tomlinson the 5th in place of Blanchard. A letter of condolence was sent by the ringers to his bereaved widow and daughter. It is intended to erect a memorial tablet in the belfry.

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For some years the five bells at this church have been in a very dilapidated condition. The services of an experienced bellhanger were imperative, and Mr. John Sully, of Stogumber, was consulted. Upon his recommendation the whole of the woodwork connected with the bells has been removed, and Mr. Sully has erected a substantial new oak bell-cage, which rests and is firmly bolted to massive new oak beams, which have been given by H. H. P. Bouverie, Esq., the lord of the manor. The bells have been quarter-turned, and fitted with new stocks, wheels, and bearings of the latest and most approved principles. Under the bells a deadening floor has been placed. The bells are a musical ring of five, with a tenor weighing about 15 cwt., and, like the Selworthy bells, are all from the foundry of Evans, of Chepstow, who had the reputation of casting a good many fine-toned bells in the 18th century. Mr. Sully has fixed the Ellacombe chiming apparatus and has allowed, in the erection of the new bell-cage for a sixth bell, which, it is hoped, will soon be placed in the tower. The addition of a bell, which would of course be a new treble, should make the ring one of the prettiest in the neighbourhood. On Wednesday week, the Rev. J. Utten Todd, of Minehead, together with the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Master of the Diocesan Association of Change-ringers) and other ringers from Minehead, drove to Cutcombe for the purpose of testing the "go" of the bells. A 120 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman Doubles were rung, and complete satisfaction was expressed with the manner in which Mr. Sully had done the work of restoration. Subsequently, the party, together with the local ringers and Mr. Sully, adjourned to the vicarage, at the invitation of the Rev. R. T. de Carteret, where all partook of a substantial tea. After tea, further ringing was engaged in, the Vicar with the local ringers having a turn at the ropes. Internal repairs to the stone-work of the church tower have been carried out, and now the outside walls are being attended to.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch was held at Pangbourne on Saturday last. Members put in an appearance from Aldermaston, Burghfield, Beenham, Englefield, Bradfield, Goring, Theale, Padworth, Reading and Streatley, the latter having recently joined the Guild. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., previous to the service held at 3 o'clock. Afterwards a capital meat tea was partaken of, to which fifty-five sat down, and at the conclusion the Secretary, the Rev. A. Standidge addressed the meeting. He was pleased to see so many present, although a wet afternoon had no doubt prevented some from coming. The balance-sheet for the past year shewed the accounts to be in a satisfactory condition, and he hoped soon (through the kindness of Dr. Watney in giving two trebles) to be able to invite them to Bradfield to ring on a peal of eight. It would not only benefit his own ringers, but also the whole of the Guild, and the Bradfield Deanery could then boast of a fine ring of eight. The Streatley men were accorded a hearty welcome, having added another tower to the Guild. The business meeting over, the tower was again visited, and touches of Bob Minor, Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor and Doubles were rung, the bells being lowered in peal about 8.30 bringing the meeting to a close.

## TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday, October 20th, the bells of this Church were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Hereford, the occasion also being the Harvest Festival. A new 3rd bell has been cast by Messrs. Mears, which replaces the old one cast in 1624. The work in the tower has been carried out by Mr. Greenleaf in his usual efficient style, including the tuning.

After the service the bells were raised in peal by the local band, when a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by J. Edwards, J. E. Groves (conductor), C. Watkins, H. Young, W. Greenleaf, and J. Edwards, sen. Later in the evening ringers from Withington rang Doubles and Minor.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The annual meeting of the district was held at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, on Saturday, October 22nd. It was fairly well attended by members from all parts of the district, a few coming from other parts of the county.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., practice in various methods being continued until 6 p.m.. when tea was held in the schoolrooms, full justice being done to an excellent repast.

After tea followed the usual business meeting, presided over by the Rev. C. E. Escreet, Vicar of Woolwich. The minutes of the last annual meeting were duly read and confirmed. The secretary then proceeded to read his report. He stated that on the whole the year's work had been satisfactory and the membership fully maintained to the standard of previous years. There were ten bands affiliated in the district against nine of the previous year, St. Margaret's, Lee, having rejoined. Two quarterly meetings had been held at Bromley and Erith respectively, a third one being dispensed with owing to inability to obtain the use of towers selected for that occasion. Eighteen peals had been rung since the last annual meeting as follows, viz.: Grandsire Triples, two; Oxford Bob Triples, one; Stedman Triples, two; Plain Bob Major, one; Kent Treble Bob Major, eight; Oxford Treble Bob Major, two; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, two. Total eighteen. Five were conducted by W. Bedwell, five by F. Thornton, three by W. Pye, two by I. G. Shade, one by F. S. Bayley, one by H. Warnett, one by E. Barnett.

It was then decided that Dartford was to be the place to hold the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, January 28th.

Messrs. W. J. Jeffries (St. John's) and Geo. Conyard (Crayford) were again unanimously elected to the respective posts of Honorary District Secretary and District Representative. The secretary was instructed to put forward and support Rochester as the place to hold the next annual general meeting of the county. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for his genial welcome and for the use of the bells, schoolrooms, etc., brought the meeting to a close.

A short service was held in the church, when a very interesting and instructive address was given by the Rev. James Hughes, Vicar of St Mark's, Plumstead. After which a few more touches on the bells brought a most pleasant and successful meeting to a close.

## THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The belfry of All Saints' Church, Sheffield, presented an animated spectacle on the occasion of the October meeting of the above society on the 15th ult., but was relieved of some pressure when Mr. F. Willey, the most obliging steeple-keeper, announced that the schoolroom and handbells were at the disposal of the ringers; no small relief considering that upwards of thirty ringers put in an appearance from Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Eckington, Killamarsh, Norton, Ranmoor, Treeton and the local company, the whole of whom had a pull in the method of their choice, some Grandsire, others Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich: quite a plethora of touches being successfully brought round. After the tower-ringing, an adjournment was made to the meeting house, The Sportsman, where it was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Marie's (R.C.). The society's handbells came in for a fair share of attention, courses and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob, being rung during the evening.

## CAPTAIN PICKARD.

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## Notices.

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The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting of this District will will be held (for ringing only) at St. Leonard's, Upper Deal, to-day, Saturday, November 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 261st Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Champion hotel, 15, Aldersgate Street, to-day, Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be bought of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Albert Coles, E. A. Davies, Garrard, Horrex, Hoskins, T. Mash, McLaughlin, J. C. Mitchell, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, Winney and

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The towers of St. Michael's Cornhill (12 bells), and St. Clement Danes, Strand (10 bells), will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, St. Helen's to-day, Saturday, November 5th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Hawley, Hants. to-day, Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. HENRY WHITE, *Dis. Sec.*

North Lincolnshire Association.—The half-yearly general meeting will be held at Gainsborough to-day, Saturday, November 5. A short service will be arranged at the parish church at 5 p.m. Tea at the Coffee Palace at 5.30 p.m., after which the usual business meeting will take place.

GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*
142, *Portland Street, Lincoln.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Saturday, November 5th, at the parish church, Bolton. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business at 7. All ringers invited.

HY. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—There will be a meeting of the Archdeaconry of Sudbury district on Monday, November 7th, at Sudbury. The peals of eight at All Saints, St. Gregory's, and St. Peter's have been placed at the disposal of the members by the Rev. C. J. Stower and the Rev. B. S. Stower. A meat tea will be provided at 4 o'clock at The Bull inn. W. M. K. WARREN, *District Sec.*

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at St. Marie's (R.C.) church on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 4.30.

J. MULLIGAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m, It is expected that Oldham bells will be available. All ringers invited.

E. B. SHAW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorks.—The next meeting will be held at Holmfirth, on Saturday, November 12th, at 5.30 p.m. G. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
*King's Mills, Knottingley.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next district meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, November 12th, instead of Sevenoaks, as the bells at that tower are not available. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at The Red Lion hotel at 6 o'clock.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on November 12th. Bells ready at 3.30, business meeting at 6.30 p.m. The fourth annual dinner will also be held on November 19th, at The Hare and Hounds hotel, Bolton Street, Bury. Names must be sent of those intending to be present to W. R. Duckworth, 6, Byron Street, Buckley Wells, Bury, not later than the 16th. The charge for members or friends 2s. 6d. Dinner at 5.30 p.m.

J. H. BANKS.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ECCLES.—This peal was arranged and rung as a farewell peal to the Hon. and Rev. Canon Lyttelton, Vicar of Eccles, who that day left the parish to enter on his duties as Suffragan-Bishop of Southampton, in the diocese of Winchester; also as a compliment to Mr. E. Jackson, the ringer of the 6th, who attained his 29th year of age on that day, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## Compositions.

### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

6120.

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| 2 3 6 4 5 | | | | 1 | 2 |
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Repeated—4ths and in in lieu of B in the first course.

This peal has the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6, in the tittums and plain course positions. The 2nd and 3rd are never in 5-6.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

5088.

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Twice repeated.

First rung at St. Mary's Leicester, October 29th, 1898. If the course marked * is called single followed by 3H s, the peal will be extended to 6096, with the 6th twelve times wrong and eighteen times right, and the 5th *vice versa.*

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

7023.

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*Bobs at 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 14, 16.

Repeat the above except the first two courses; call 2, 7s, 8, 9, 13s, 15, 16 instead.

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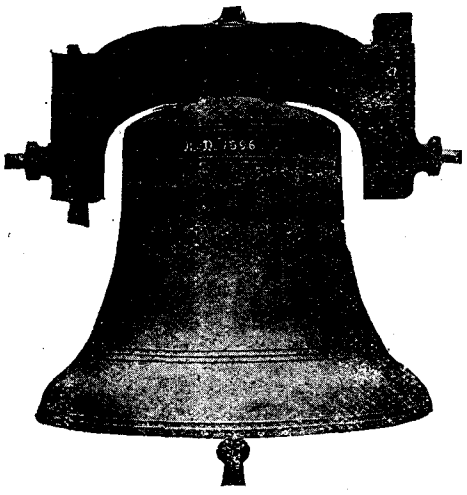

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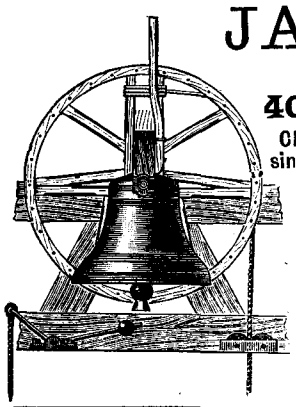

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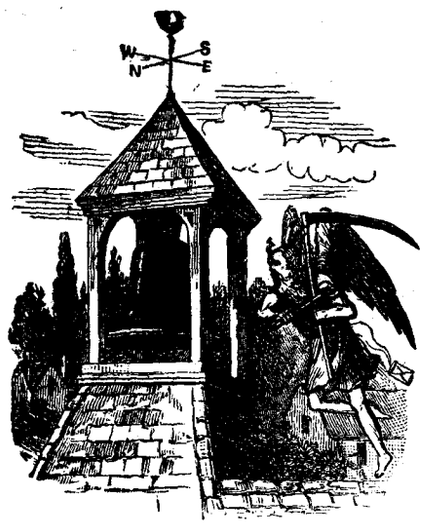


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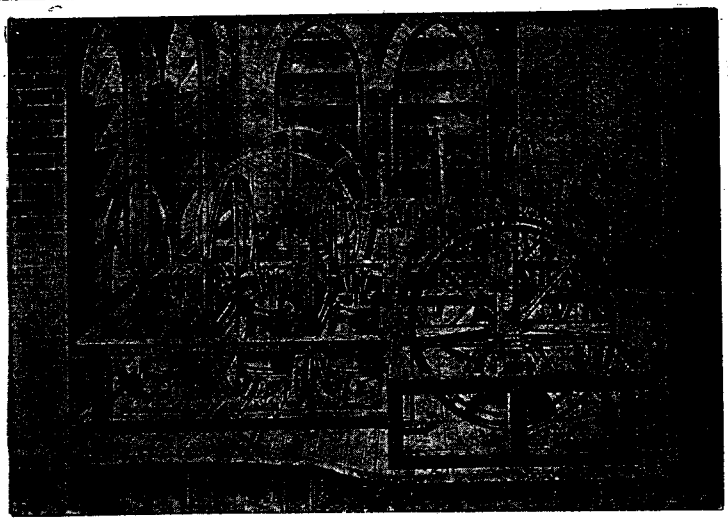

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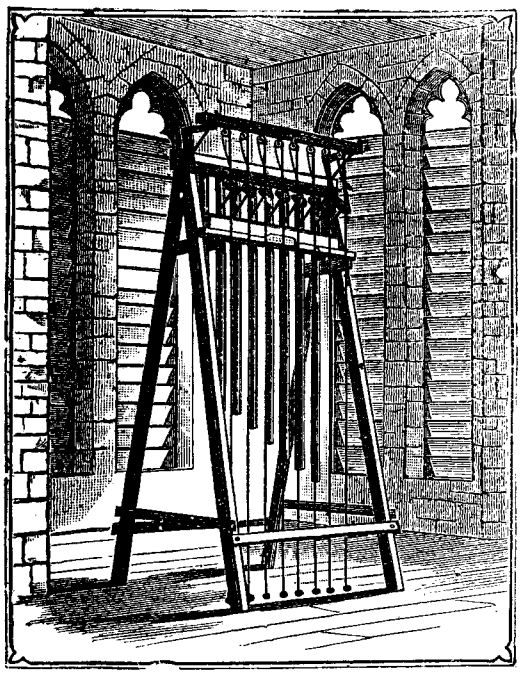

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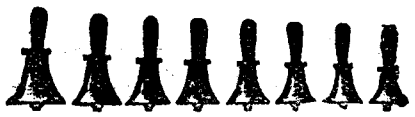

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## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The second Quarterly Meeting of the year was held at Duffield on Saturday, October 29th. Early in the afternoon, a goodly muster assembled from several centres, determined to make the most of the various attractions, viz., a stroll round the President's grounds, a run on the light railway, and finally, when opportunity offered, a pull on the handy ring of ten at All Saints' Church.

At 4.30 a capital meat tea was served in the parish room, to which some eighty-five members and friends sat down. After tea the meeting was held, the President in in the chair, supported by the Rev. J. C. Aldous, Vicar of Duffield, the Rev. A. Gamble, Vicar of Bradbourne, the Rev. R. E. Ellershaw, of Beeston, and one of the clergy from Ripley. Lady Heywood and the Misses Heywood also honoured the society by their presence.

To commence the business the Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were signed, as also the names of five new ringing members, who were admitted. The President proposed the Rev. J. C. Aldous, Vicar of Duffield, and the Rev. R. E. Ellershaw, of Beeston, as honorary members of the association. Mr. W. Wakley seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

In addressing the meeting the President stated that only six peals had been rung during the past quarter, viz., a peal of Stedman Caters by the Birmingham Amalgamated Society, a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Derby branch, a peal of Treble Bob Royal by the Loughborough branch, and by the Burton branch two peals of Superlative Surprise and one peal of Stedman Triples. It was a small record, but the Burton branch had redeemed it from obscurity. The President then alluded to some unfortunate differences which had lately arisen between the clergy and ringers. One case in particular he mentioned, viz., "a nonconformist ringer wished to have the church bells rung on the occasion of his wedding, when requested to grant permission the Vicar refused." He, the President, did not think that the action of the Vicar was wise, but still, as the Vicar had sole control of the bells, it was no use kicking. If the request had been made at Duffield the benedict would have been treated very differently, for he remembered when the Duffield bells were re-hung some of the nonconformists were among the largest subscribers. There was one word of advice he should like to offer to ringers visiting strange towers, viz., approach the Vicar through his own ringers, and they would in most cases explain matters to him, and then generally there would be no difficulty, but never write to the Vicar direct, when you are antagonistic to his ringers. A great deal of the unpleasantness that occasionally arose between clergy and visiting ringers was due to the ignorance of the former, who failed to understand that the ringer of the present day was, in most cases, a highly respectable and intelligent man.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Duffield for the use of the bells, and said he was pleased to see so many of the clergy present. Mr. W. Wakley seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

The Rev. J. C. Aldous, Vicar of Duffield, in responding, made some interesting statements about Continental bells and the way they were used. In conclusion he said he was pleased to welcome the Association at Duffield, and he was glad to be able to speak to them as an hon. member.

Stanford was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting on the proposition of Mr. W. Purvin, seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun.

On the proposition of Mr. Joseph Griffin, seconded by Mr. W. Wakley, the Committee of the Central Council's Draft Petition on Railway Fares was approved, as far as it applied to the Midland Counties Association.

Mr. Hickman then proposed a vote of thanks to the President, which was seconded by Mr. A. Wakley and carried unanimously.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

By kind permission of the Rector, the Quarterly Meeting of this Guild took place at Henley on Saturday afternoon, October 29th. Prior to the meeting, which took place at five o'clock, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) had selected a band from various towers of the diocese to ring a peal. The party arrived at mid-day, and the task was successfully completed, the record of the same having already appeared in our columns. The Master expressed himself well satisfied, not only with the peal, but with the excellence of the bells themselves.

At the conclusion of the peal, all the members assembled in the Church Institute, where tea was provided by Mr. S. Hales. The Master presided and was supported by the Rector (Rev. J. F. Maul), Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (Dunsden, Hon. Sec. of the Guild), Rev. A. H. Drummond, and Rev. R. P. Newhouse (Boyne Hill, Maidenhead), and upwards of forty members of the Guild from the following towers:—Henley, Shiplake, Reading, Caversham, Marlow, Bray, Blackwater, Hughenden, Sandhurst, Oxford, Hurst and Hawley.

After tea, the business of the meeting took place. The Rector accorded everybody a hearty welcome, and gave an interesting account of the Henley bells, which he said dated back to 1420. In 1474 it was said there were five bells, weighing respectively 20 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.; 16 cwt. 6 lbs.; 13 cwt. 4 lbs.; 13 cwt. 5 lbs.; and 9 cwt. 6 lbs. In 1690 it appears there was a rate made to repair some of the cracked bells. In 1813 *The Globe*, the paper of that date, said that from Messrs. Mears' at Whitechapel there had been a peal of bells dug out for Henley-on-Thames, and they were so beautifully-toned that they could honestly be called a maiden peal, and undoubtedly one of the finest-toned in the country. It was these same bells that they had enjoyed ringing that afternoon, and the music of which had been enjoyed by many of those present, and by a large number of the inhabitants.

The Master of the Guild said it was for the express

purpose of starting a Henley Deanery branch of the Guild that they had met, and he was glad to propose that such be formed, consisting of Henley, Caversham, Goring, and Shiplake. He thought that would be a good start, as two of the towers had good peals of eight bells and the other two peals of six, each having competent bodies of ringers.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis seconded the proposal, and it was unanimously adopted.

The Master then said that they would proceed to elect the officers of the branch, and he had the greatest pleasure in proposing that the Rector of Henley (the Rev. J. F. Maul) be elected President, for in him they had a man particularly keen in the interest of the Guild, and had it not been for his help this meeting would not have been so successful.

The Rev. A. H. Drummond seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

The Rector said it was to him a great pleasure to accept the position of President. The Guild had only honoured Henley with its presence once before, but he sincerely hoped they would meet there on many more occasions.

Mr. S. Goodall (Henley) was unanimously elected Branch Secretary, on the proposition of the Rector, scconded by Mr. Porter (Shiplake).

The Rector proposed that the Rev. J. C. H. Brook be Hon. Treasurer, which was seconded by Mr. E. H. Fox (Henley), and unanimously adopted.

The Master, in proposing that Mr. Newman, of Caversham, should be branch instructor, said that the Caversham company was undoubtedly the best band of ringers in the Guild. Their excellence in striking was well known throughout the ringing world.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis seconded the proposal, and it was agreed to.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness and help was adopted, and the members adjourned to the church, where a service was held, the Master preaching an excellent sermon from the text Zechariah xii., 20 and 21. After service a large number went to the belfry and rang touches in several methods.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—A quarterly meeting of the members attached to the Saxmundham District was held at Saxmundham on Saturday, November 5th, when members attended from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Kelsale, Benhall, and Henham, in addition to the local company. The bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods. The business meeting was held in the Church House, under the presidency of Mr. John Button, of Leiston. The secretarial duties were undertaken by Mr. W. Taylor, on this occasion, the Hon. District Secretary, Mr. H. J. Button, being unavoidably absent, owing to a business engagement. A letter was received from the much-esteemed Rector of Saxmundham, the Rev. G. F. Richardson, stating that he was confined to his bed through illness, and much regretting that in consequence he was unable to preside at this meeting, as on all former occasions, and wishing a successful meeting. After the usual matters of business had been disposed of, a proposition was made by Mr. C. Samson that the next meeting should be held at Kelsale in February. This was seconded by Mr. J. Flegg and carried unanimously. The proceedings were brought to a close by a vote of thanks being passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and the Church house in which the meeting was held, on the proposition of Mr. G. Thompson; after which the tower was again visited and ringing resumed.

## A SILVER WEDDING.

The old town of Waltham in Essex not only rejoices in the possession of an ancient Abbey, containing the bones of the last of the Saxon kings, but also in a notable townsman who has a *penchant* for making comfortable those around him. This gentleman—Mr. J. Parnell—among other good deeds gave to the Abbey its present illuminated clock, and he is always very willing to assist any movement which has for its object the public good. He identifies himself with all local matters nearly, especially those which are calculated to enhance the comfort and pleasure of his fellow townsmen, of all grades.

The 15th of October of the present year was the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell, a period commonly known as "the Silver Wedding," and in celebration thereof they entertained the Town Band, the bellringers, and the fire brigade, with a few friends, to dinner at The Green Dragon hotel. Fifty-two sat down, with Mr. W. C. Dymock in the chair, and Mr. W. A. Alps in the vice-chair.

The chairman having proposed "The Queen and Royal Family," proposed "The Health of our Host and Hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parnell." The band and the ringers had met together for several years as the guests of Mr. Parnell, but that year they had an addition, and a very fitting one too, of the Waltham Fire Brigade. He was sure they would all drink the toast with great pleasure, as they had met to celebrate the Silver Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell. He had received a telegram from Mr. Parnell, who said "Our best wishes for a very pleasant evening." The toast was heartily drunk.

In the course of the evening the Chairman proposed "The health and prosperity to the Waltham Abbey Society of Change-ringers," coupled with the name of Mr. Alps.

Mr. Alps said it was well-known in Waltham Abbey and district that the ringers were in a successful financial position—which they might call sound. The funds were only kept up by their own assistance, and there were very few honorary members. The honorary members of an organisation, whether ringers or band, were most useful, and he believed the ringers deserved the support of more people in the district than they received. He thanked them for the kind way in which the toast had been received. They had too few John Parnells in Waltham Abbey, men who cater for the convenience not only of the band, the ringers, and the fire brigade, but for the children as well. Those acts of kindness were things he never forgot. He admired Mr. Parnell more as a man because he tried to do good.

Captain George said he was very pleased they had had the pleasure of meeting the ringers and band. It was the first time, but he hoped it would not be the last. He was very much obliged to the vice-chairman for the way he had spoken of the fire brigade. Recently Mr. Parnell came to the assistance of the brigade and bought an engine, in addition to which he gave £5 towards the fund.

A vote of thanks to W. C. Dymock, proposed by Mr. Campbell, and seconded by Mr. Alps, and the singing of "Auld lang syne," brought the proceedings to a close.

## HERE AND THERE.

During the temporary absence of that illustrious contributor who heads his paragraphs—"Current Topics," I, an entirely new member of the literary staff, throw off the following lines for this week's number of "our" journal. I place first the following paragraph which has been sent for "Plain Speaker" to examine, though its clearness, or want of it, does not appear to be much recommendation :—

"Still another. There are rumours of still another Association being formed. This time it is up North. Cleveland and North Yorkshire. A District totally without anything of the kind, and where several prominent exponents of the Art have made up their minds to bring the state of things up to date. We wish them every success.—Aitch."

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This writer takes the trouble to tell us that his signature is a nice way of spelling the letter "H." Would that fact have occurred to us, think you, if the correspondent had not been kind enough to make it plain? He is a cryptogramist.

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The spread of change-ringing in Ireland, though its fortunes appear to be a little rosy at the present moment, will I fear be of slow growth, at any rate, for some time. I would fain look upon the attempt being made to popularise the Art in Ireland with a strong belief in its rapid progress there. The difficulties to be encountered are acute and chronic. More honour to those concerned if they are successfully encountered. Talk of energetic action being required and the like is merely commonplace. If we can see weekly or monthly accounts of progress, then hope will be near.

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A knowledge of the town of Painswick and the doings of its ringers in the past is not known to many ringers of latter days. The historical record of the place has only been conveyed in fragments through the columns of this paper, or by the works of Jasper Snowdon. The place was at one time evidently a famed ringing centre. That the present steeple-keeper's hopes of a revival of ringing at his church will be realised, every one wishes.

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The account of the visit of the ringers of Great Berkhampsted to Northchurch would have been more complete if the writer had told us something about "Peter, the Wild Boy," who has a grave in the churchyard. What is the value of mentioning such items as these unless they can be fully treated? If the compilers of these reports would sometimes exercise a little thought, some ingenuity and research, their literary efforts would show some sign of completeness.

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Stress has been laid upon the disadvantage of officers of Associations resigning their positions, just as they are becoming not only in touch with their duties, but also with the members. That there is a drawback in the resignation of a valuable officer is true. Can it be expected that they will go on for ever? The offices are honorary, and human nature teaches that gratitude for unpaid work is seldom met with.

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The Vicar of Great Marlow is a gentleman of firmness. The account given of his action in this paper is, so he says, "insufficient." It is indeed, according to the letter he published. But the kernel of the contention is that he might have let things take their course, and shut his eyes to the fact which troubled him. The pity is that some feeling has arisen, which is not always readily allayed.

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Strongly of opinion as I am that this paper should deal principally with the questions for the treatment of which it exists, I nevertheless see no objection whatever to other matters being introduced at times. The practice lately adopted by "Plain Speaker," of referring in his last paragraph to some public topic is very proper. In the space at my disposal there is no room for me to do so. Some other day the opportunity may occur. Having made my bow, and gone through the ordeal of a formal introduction, for the present I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen, yours most obediently— OXFORD BOB.

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## STANSTED, ESSEX.

Most of our readers are aware of the abilities of the six-bell company at this Essex village. They have nearly exhausted every Minor method, both of a complex or simple nature, and are now yearning for an extension of their ring of six to eight. In connection with this movement, we are asked to insert the following from a local newspaper :—

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## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Two Hundred and Sixty-First Anniversary Dinner of this society took place at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate Street, on Saturday last. Mr. Walter Prime, the Master, presided over a large company. Among those present were Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny, the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, the Rev. L. J. Percival (chaplain to the Bishop of London), the Rev. P. M. Wathern (Vicar of Barking), R. A. Daniell, Esq., Arthur T. King, Esq., G. H. Phillott, Esq.; Messrs. J. R. Haworth, M. A. Wood, J. Pettit, E. Horrex, S. Hayes, F. E. Dawe, C. F. Winney, and many others, with Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the energetic secretary of the society. The arrangements for the dinner, which were of a most satisfactory character, were carried out by a strong committee. Mr. A. E. Davies (of Barking) was vice-chairman.

Grace before and after dinner was said by the Archdeacon.

The Master then proposed the toast of "The Church and Queen and Royal Family." He said they were pleased at all times to have the privilege of visiting churches and very often admiring the nobleness of such structures. It was a further pleasure to them as ringers to find a grand ring of bells with all the necessary appliances for change-ringing in perfect order. As to the Queen, her empire was one upon which the sun never set, while her example upon the throne was worthy of admiraration. Before calling upon the Archdeacon to respond he would ask them to sing a verse of the National Anthem, which was now sung in twenty different languages.

The Ven. the Archdeacon of London expressed the pleasure afforded him to be again present at such a gathering. With respect to the first part of the toast, that of the Church, if there had not been a Church there would not have been brought into existence that art of which so many present that evening were so proficient in. The Bishop of London had set apart the following day for sermons explanatory of what was a lay worker in the Church. The parochial clergyman would be but a poor worker if he had not the assistance of the lay worker, who in many parishes was a great help to the clergy. The parochial clergyman had his churchwardens and his sidesmen, to whom he could appeal for assistance, choirmen, Sunday school teachers, district visitors, temperance workers, committeemen for guilds and other organizations, and last there were his stalwart bellringers. These were all workers for the Church, each in his own particular way. Bellringing required calculation, self-restraint, order, discipline, and loyalty, and above all the sound of bells must be pure. If the tenor-bell commenced to ring just its own way and in its own time, and the treble did the same, there would be no harmony in the peal or loyalty to the conductor. Just as the true peal depended upon these conditions, so the Church stood in need of them, that she might pas through the danger which now appeared to surround her. True harmony had to exist among them as ringers in the accomplishment of the art, and he trusted that as ringers they would endeavour to promote harmony within the Church.

The Master next proposed "Success to the College Youths." He was pleased to see so many old faces, and to give to all of them a hearty welcome. Among those present were some who were never tired of teaching young ringers. The Society, which was established upon College Hill 261 years ago, about 40 years before the building of St. Paul's Cathedral, numbered among its members in the present day men who were shining lights in the Exercise. Need he mention the names of Wood, Pettit, and Haworth, and others who were with them that evening? At the present day there were he was glad to know many young men coming forward and making good progress in the art. He desired to give a word of praise to their hard-working, secretary, Mr. Cockerill, who so efficiently did the work in connection with that large society, Their worthy treasurer, Mr. Pettit, was also deserving of their hearty thanks not only for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, but for his kindness to young ringers. He had himself received many lessons from Mr. Pettit, sometimes while going home in the train, which had proved most useful to him afterwards, for all of which he was like many others very grateful. During the past year the society had made 60 new members. It had rang 64 peals, viz.: seven 720s, 1 Oxford Bob Triples, 9 Grandsire Triples, 2 Grandsire Caters, 10 Stedman Triples, 1 Stedman Caters, 14 Treble Bob Major, 3 Treble Bob Royal, 6 Double Norwich Major, 7 Superlative Surprise Major, 4 Cambridge Surprise Major, and 4 London Surprise Major.

The vice-Chairman, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded. After referring to the College Youths and other ringing organizations Mr. Davies said there was one matter connected with a provincial ringer's visit to London which he would refer to. He often found towers in far from satisfactory condition in the richest city of the world. It might be all very well for a peal to be rung in some towers, but when one heard that the ropes were brought from another tower, they could form some idea of the state of things which should not exist in London or elsewhere. Church officials should remember that they had a great trust. Many of our bells had been provided by our forefathers, and it was their duty to hand them down in a state of efficiency. He had the pleasure to attend the Central Council meeting at Bristol, where ringers met with a warm reception, but there was a want of organization which was afterwards explained as having arisen through the absence of the Secretary from home. As an old Bristol boy who knew its streets better than he did the streets of London, he was sorry to find that some of its belfries were in a far different state than they ought to be, for they were a part of the House of God. He would suggest to their Bristol friends that they should form one good society for the city, with the Bishop and Clergy at the head, and see if they could not bring about a better state of things in some of the belfries. Last year he brought forward the idea of a great meeting of ringers in the metropolis. He had thought the matter over, and considered that August Bank Holiday would be a very suitable time, for their provincial friends would be able to get up at cheap fares. If they arrived on the Saturday their London friends could arrange for some ringing on the Sunday, and again on the Monday, after which there could be a lunch, followed by a business meeting. He had no doubt but that their friend would arrange for a service in some church for them. He believed there were many that would attend such a meeting. Resolutions should be passed and sent to the Church Congress (which next year would hold its meetings in the Albert Hall), in order to secure papers and discussion upon belfries and ringers in general. He attended a meeting that was held in connection with the Church Congress some years ago, when papers were read upon belfry matters, but he was not aware that anything had been done since. He had no doubt but that good would result from such a meeting. Let them endeavour to bring about a better state of things by having their belfries made more Church like; let the clergy and also the churchwardens go into the belfry and see for themselves that their belfries were taken proper care of. Ringers would be better if the clergy and churchwardens would interest themselves in them and their work. Ringers had to a great degree helped to build up the national life of the nation; first and foremost among them should be the clergy and churchwardens.

Mr. Dawe proposed "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies," and expressed a hope that the day was coming when ringers would be able to go into any tower on the Sunday in a decent suit of clothes. If the clergy would only go among their ringers and elevate the belfries, the ringers would elevate themselves.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, as a member of the next oldest society, expressed his wishes for the continued prosperity of the College Youths.

Mr. G. H. Phillott said that it gave him great pleasure to be again among so many old friends. These visits to the metropolis did good to those who came, for they found a hearty welcome wherever they went.

Mr. J. W. Taylor (whose name was also coupled with the toast), said that many provincial ringers looked with pride upon the achievements of their London friends. From his experience he was convinced that a great change bad come about for the better in many towers, but there was in many a great deal more to be done.

As bas been the custom for some years at these anniversaries, the members of the St. George's Glee Union, under the able conductorship of Mr. J. Monday, contributed various selections. Their fine rendering of "Strike the Lyre" and "Comrades in Arms" were both warmly applauded. Several songs were given by individual members. Mr. C. Sillitoe presided at the piano.

## BELLRINGERS' DINNER AT LEWES.

A dinner in celebration of the 59th anniversary of the opening of the bells of Southover Church, Lewes, Sussex, took place at The King's Head, Southover, on Friday, October 28th, under the auspices of the newly-formed ringers' Guild, which was inaugurated on that day. The bells were rung in the early part of the evening, and at 6.30 a company numbering nearly thirty sat down to a capital repast prepared by Mrs. Goldsmith. Mr. G. F. Attree, Master of the Sussex County Association, occupied the chair, and was faced by Mr. J. R. Lusted in the vice. The party also included Mr. G. Williams and Mr. K. Hart (Brighton), Mr. W. H. Paris (organist of Southover Church), Mr. J. Goldsmith (Secretary of the Guild), Mr. A. J. Turner (captain), Mr. W. Pelling (deputy-captain), Mr. A. S. Langridge, Mr. J. F. Steadman, Mr. S. W. Shoesmith, Mr. E. B. Field, Mr. A. Steadman, Mr. T. Moppett, Mr. W. Baker, Mr. G. Richardson, Mr. E. Parker, Mr. H. Mockett, Mr. J. Hillman, jun., Mr. G. Woodcock, Mr. J. Carley, Mr. R. Bonner, Mr. T. Steadman, Mr. J. Hillman, sen., Mr. H. Earl, Mr. G. Hunt, etc.

At the conclusion of the repast the chairman submitted the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically honoured, and the secretary then read letters of apology from the Rector (Rev. W. E. Richardson), Rev. F. Gmelin, Mr. W. Hillman and Mr. J. Hambrook (churchwardens), Mr. S. Saker (Hastings), and others.

The chairman then submitted the toast of "Success to Southover Church Bell Ringers' Guild." He said he had been informed that that was the 59th anniversary of the opening of the bells, and it was also to be kept as the anniversary of the new Guild. He was not aware until that evening that that new and strong Guild had been formed, but nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear that fact. After addressing some words of encouragement to the younger members the chairman spoke highly of the services of the secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, whose name he coupled with the toast. He asked them to drink most heartily to the success of the Southover Church Bellringers' Guild, which he hoped would continue to prosper for many years.

Mr. Goldsmith briefly replied. He remarked that at present the Guild only consisted of raw recruits, in a more or less state of advancement, but they hoped with practice to become proficient. He hoped the time was not far distant when they would be able to ring a peal with an entirely local band, a performance which had not yet been accomplished at Southover.

Mr. A. J. Turner next submitted, in a neat speech, "The Health of the Presidents and vice-Presidents," the sentiment being received with musical honours.

The vice-Chairman said in the absence of the presidents and and vice-presidents he did not like to let the toast pass without a response. He had been connected with the Rev. W. E. Richardson for over twenty years, and not only was the Rector of their parish a good man, but he was a kind friend and neighbour to them all. Anything that he could do for the benefit of the ringers or bell-ringing he was sure to do.

Mr. Pelling then proposed "Success to the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers." The Association, he said, occupied a very high position among the Associations of England, and they had among them that night some of the ringers through whose efforts the position of the Association had been attained.

The Chairman, whose name was coupled with the toast, expressed the pleasure it gave him to respond. He said he had something to do with the formation of the Association, and he was still very much interested in it. It was a great pleasure for him to be able to tell them that the Sussex Association was at the head of all Associations in the matter of peal-ringing. Up to the end of September they had rung 65 peals, the value of which was 1,156 points. The society which stood next to them in number of peals was the Lancashire Association, which had rung 62 peals, worth 638 points, while the Oxford Diocesan Guild came next to Sussex for number of points, having rung 56 peals, worth 793 points. The Sussex Association had occupied the premier position among the Associations more times than any three other counties put together.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by Mr. Langridge and acknowledged by Mr. Hart; "The Chairman and vice-Chairman," submitted by Mr. J. Steadman and responded to by Mr. Attree and Mr. Lusted; and "The Hostess," proposed by Mr. G. Williams and replied to by Mrs. Goldsmith.

During the evening an excellent musical programme was sustained, Mr. W. N. Barnard (tenor) and Mr. P. R. Meux (bass) delighting the company with their songs and duets. Songs were also rendered by Mr. Turner, Mr. Lusted, Mr. Richardson, Mr. T. Steadman, Mr. Baker, Mr. J. Hillman, jun., Mr. Woodcock, Mr. Bedford, etc., Mr. W. H. Paris playing the accompaniments. A course of Grandsire Triples was also rung on handbells by Messrs. Attree, 1-2; Hart, 3-4; Williams, 5-6; and Goldsmith, 7-8.

## PRESENTATION AT BATHEASTON.

On Tuesday, October 25th, at the weekly practice of the Batheaston Junior Society, Mr. J. Taylor, the Master and teacher of the band, was presented with a cheque, as a token of respect by his pupils. Mr. E. G. Snell, deputy master, in making the presentation on their behalf, said Mr. Taylor had been master and teacher of the Batheaston band for two years, and he thought the band would have a hard task to find a better one.

In acknowledging the presentation, Mr. Taylor thanked them all heartily for the same, and hoped they would all stick together, and do even better in the future than they had done in the past. It gave him the greatest pleasure to do all he could for the Society, and as long as he was able he should take the same interest in the ringing as he had done hitherto.

## CLUNBURY, SALOP.

On Tuesday, September 27th, a company of ringers from Ludlow, with the Guild Instructor, paid a visit to this place, and during the afternoon and evening rang a number of 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, some of which were conducted by R. Marston, Esq. Touches of Grandsire Triples were also rung on the handbells, including 42 and 168. Mr. Marston very kindly entertained the company at "Oaken," Aston-upon-Clun, and also provided a brake to convey the ringers from and to the station, a distance of several miles.

## AYMSTREY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, October 2nd, the ringers of Leominster, accompanied by the Guild Instructor, paid a visit to the above church. They were accorded a hearty welcome by Mr. Hammond, churchwarden and parish clerk. The most notable performance during the day was a 720 of Grandsire Minor, by T. J. Bannister, J. E. Groves (conductor), T. Enoch, W. Jain, C. Jain, and E. Eastment. Others who took part in the ringing were T. Harper and several others of the local band.

## WILLIAM MEADOWS

On Saturday, October 29th, a well-known and much-respected ringer, in the person of Mr. William Meadows, passed peacefully away at his residence in St. Helen's, Ipswich, at the ripe age of 85 years. The deceased was for thirty-eight years warden or hall-keeper at the county hall, Ipswich. As far back as 1845 he rang his first peal of Plain Bob Major at Hadleigh, Suffolk. He took part in the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus upon the twelve at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and several peals with the St. Mary-le-Tower Society since. He was a good striker. To show their appreciation of Mr. Meadows the following members of the above Society assembled on Tuesday evening, and rang with the bells half-muffled touches in various methods, concluding with a course of Plain Bob Major, a favourite method of the deceased: H. Bowell, R. Hawes, I. S. Alexander, W. L. Catchpole, E. Pemberton, R. H. Brundle, J. Motts, W. Motts, W. Wood, S. Cook, H. C. Gillingham, J. Howard, H. Folkard, W. H. Symonds and R. Dowsing. The funeral took place on Thursday, November 3rd, when the bells of St. Margaret's church were rung half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the departed.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1898.

THE reception of a number of peal reports just before going to press, compels us to forego the pleasure of our usual comment. We cannot do better than call the attention of those concerned to the request of the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, below.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### THE GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS.

SIR,—May I, through your columns, ask those who have received the list of terms recently issued to be so good as to return them to me, with or without additions, as soon as they can. My reason for the request is that I have a heavy task in front of me in preparing the draft of the Glossary in its final form. This will take all the time I am likely to have at my disposal during the winter; and it must then pass through the hands of the other members of the Committee before it can be presented to the Council at Whitsuntide. I take this opportunity of heartily thanking those who have already returned copies of the list. Several valuable additions have been collected in this way, leading me to expect that more may still be obtained.

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

## The Metropolis.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

*On Thursday, November 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, LEE,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| JOHN CROWDER | *Treble.* | ISAAC GEORGE SHADE | 5. |
| HARRY HOSKINS | 2. | HARRY WARNETT | 6. |
| JOHN JAMES LAMB | 3. | FREDERICK W. THORNTON | 7. |
| THOMAS TAYLOR | 4. | *WILLIAM PREECE | *Tenor.* |

Connucted by FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

Rang to commemorate the completion by the Rector (Rev. Frederick Henry Law, M.A.), of twenty-five years' ministry at this church. Also as a birthday compliment to H. Hoskins, upon completing his twenty-fifth year.

## The Provinces.

### TONBRIDGE, KENT.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 23 cwt.

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| WILLIAM STEED | *Treble.* | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 5. |
| WILLIAM BURKIN | 2. | JACK PRESTON | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 7. |
| GEORGE A. KING | 4. | KEITH HART | *Tenor.* |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is the first peal of Superlative on the bells.

### ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA, LANCASHIRE.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, October 29, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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| JOHN TOWNSEND* | *Treble.* | WILLIAM ATKINSON | 5. |
| JOHN FISHER | 2. | HENRY GREGSON | 6. |
| WILLIAM GILLETT† | 3. | *THOMAS SINGLETON | 7. |
| JOHN PRESTON† | 4. | WILLIAM MILLER | *Tenor.* |

(No conductor memtioned.)

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

### LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, November 1, 1898, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

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| THOMAS NEWNHAM* | *Treble.* | WILLIAM MESSAM | 6. |
| ARTHUR DEAN | 2. | WILLIAM MARKS | 7. |
| WILLIAM OTWAY* | 3. | *JOHN HOYLE | 8. |
| HENRY WOOD | 4. | EDWARD HULL | 9. |
| JOHN WYATT* | 5. | †HENRY OVER | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

†First peal. *First peal of Caters. First peal as conductor.

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

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, November 2, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by H. HALEY, and Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

### CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

*On Wednesday, November 2, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5073 CHANGES.**

Tenor 23 cwt.

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| F. WADE* | *Treble.* | REV. G. F. COLERIDGE | 6. |
| G. H. PHILLOTT | 2. | F. MUSTY | 7. |
| F. TOWNSEND | 3. | W. T. PATES | 8. |
| F. E. WARD | 4. | *T. PENDRY | 9. |
| W. BRINKWORTH | 5 | A. W. HUMPHRIS | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by W. T. PATES.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Also J. Pendry's first peal in any method. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the youngest son of G. H. Phillott, Esq., of Cheltenham; the Rev G. F. Coleridge, Godfather and officiating priest.

### ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, November 2, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

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| FREDERICK GODDARD | *Treble.* | THOMAS BEADLE | 5. |
| JOHN BASDEN | 2. | HARRY BROWNING | 6. |
| ERNEST V. BEADLE* | 3. | GEORGE A. RANSOM | 7. |
| WILLIAM FOSTER | 4. | †ALFRED SAUNDERS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

Rung to commemorate the 80th birthday of Mr. W. Nowell, an old and respected ringer of Isleworth. *First peal with a bob bell. †First peal.

### DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

*On Thursday, November 3, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 2. Tenor 21 cwt.

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| JAMES HOLE* | *Treble.* | REV. H. C. COURTNEY | 5. |
| THOMAS A. ELLIOTT | 2. | JOHN TUDBALL | 6. |
| ROBERT HOLE | 3. | JAMES GRABHAM | 7. |
| ARTHUR LONG* | 4. | JOHN PAYNE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by J. GRABHAM.

*First peal.

### PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Thursday, November 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

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| JOHN WILLIAMS* | *Treble.* | WILLIAM COOPER, SEN. | 5. |
| WILLIAM COOPER, JUN. | 2. | †FREDERICK JONES | 6. |
| GEORGE MITCHISON | 3. | CHARLES WILLIAMS | 7. |
| WILLIAM H. GODDEN | 4. | *FRANCIS WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAMS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, November 3, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

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| FRED JAKEMAN | *Treble.* | GEORGE H. DONALD | 5. |
| JAMES BOOTH | 2. | WALTER WOLSTENCROFT | 6. |
| JOHN DONALD | 3. | SAMUEL WOOD | 7. |
| WALTER JAKEMAN | 4. | JOHN HARRISON | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal in the method by the Brothers Donald, and first peal of Major by J. Booth.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JOE BROADLEY .. .. | *Treble.* | WILLIAM R. SANDIFORTH | 5. |
| FREDERICK W. DIXON .. | 2. | JAMES W. CUNDALL .. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL .. | 3. | JOHN WOOTTEN .. .. .. | 7. |
| THOMAS THOMPSON .. .. | 4. | CHARLES DRACUP .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the first stone laying of the church.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

J. HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

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| T. STANSFIELD† .. .. | *Treble.* | T. BUCKLEY .. .. .. | 5. |
| J. T. LUCAS .. .. .. | 2. | G. HOYLE .. .. .. .. | 6. |
| R. HOLDEN .. .. .. .. | 3. | W. SCHOFIELD .. .. .. | 7. |
| J. CROSSLEY* .. .. .. | 4. | W. PHILLIPS .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by T. BUCKLEY.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the birthday of the Ven. Archdeacon Wilson; also the fiftieth birthday of J. Crossley, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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| ALBERT WALKER .. .. | *Treble.* | THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. | 5. |
| HENRY BASTABLE .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM KENT .. .. .. | 6. |
| CHARLES DICKENS .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM SHORT .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN BARBER .. .. .. | 4. | BERNARD WITCHELL .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

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| JOHN TUCKER .. .. .. | *Treble.* | BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. .. | 5. |
| ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. | 2. | ARTHUR W. HIGGS .. .. | 6. |
| REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. | 7. |
| HENRY TUCKER .. .. .. | 4. | REUBEN SAWYER .. .. | *Tenor,* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK W. ELLES .. | *Treble.* | CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM KNIGHT .. .. | 2. | CHARLES H. GORDON .. | 6. |
| JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. | 3. | WILLIAM A. CAVE .. .. | 7. |
| ALBERT E. BAWN .. .. | 4. | THOMAS W. RADFORD .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

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

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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| SAMUEL J. HUGHES* .. | *Treble.* | WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. | 5. |
| RICHARD ROUND† .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM TALBOT .. .. | 6. |
| HARRY PRICE* .. .. .. | 3. | GEORGE PAGETT .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT | 4. | JOHN SMITH .. .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

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

DRIGHLINGTON.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| RICHARD FARRAR* .. .. | *Treble.* | *JOHN THACKRAY .. .. .. | 5. |
| SIDNEY C. CLARK .. .. | 2. | *FRANK BIRKS .. .. .. | 6. |
| JOSEPH THACKRAY* .. .. | 3. | *EDWIN WHEATER .. .. | 7. |
| RICHARD NEWTON* .. .. | 4. | FRED. W. HARGREAVES .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by E. WHEATER.

*First peal in the method.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

**Being 720 each of College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Double Court.**

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| ALBERT ROBINSON .. .. | *Treble.* | JAMES A. SMITH .. .. | 4. |
| ISAAC HILLS .. .. .. | 2. | CHARLES CHASTY .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM J. BARKER .. .. | 3. | CHARLES W. CLARKE .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. | *Treble.* | THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. | 5. |
| THOMAS WAKEMAN .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. | 6. |
| ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM SHORT .. .. | 7. |
| NOAH DAVIS .. .. .. | 4. | JOHN BARBER .. .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

MERTHYR, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM LLOYD .. .. | *Treble.* | ALLEN ROWLEY .. .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM COOMBES .. .. | 6. |
| JOHN HARRIS .. .. .. | 3. | JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. .. | 7. |
| PHILIP W. DAVIES .. .. | 4. | HENRY G. WHITE .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBES.

This is the first peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Lloyd, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rector and churchwardens for kindly granting them the use of the bells.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, November 5, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

*Being 720 each of the following:*

College Single, Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, two 720s of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs.

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| A. INGLEFIELD .. .. ..*Treble.* | W. HUGHES .. .. .. 4. |
| G. R. NEWTON .. .. .. 2. | J. HUGHES .. .. .. .. 5. |
| G. TAYLOR .. .. .. .. 3. | W. BENNETT .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by J. HUGHES.

This is the first peal on the bells, the first by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, November 7, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

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

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| HUGH D. DALL.. .. ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM STORY .. .. 5. |
| ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. 2. | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 6. |
| CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 3. | ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 7. |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON.. .. 4. | *WILLIAM HECKINGBOTTOM *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

*First peal.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Tuesday, November 8, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 26 cwt.

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| JOHN SHEPHERD .. ..*Treble.* | JOSEPH HOLLINGSWORTH.. 5. |
| JOSEPH J. POWERS .. .. 2. | RALPH SHEPHERD .. .. 6. |
| WILLIAM J. RUMNEY .. 3. | HENRY G. ROWE .. .. 7. |
| JOHN KENTISH, SEN... .. 4. | GEORGE SMITH .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who has been appointed gardener at Goldhanger Rectory, Essex.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, November 8, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

**A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| C. THOMAS* .. .. ..*Treble.* | H. W. ALLEN .. .. .. 5. |
| W. S. EVANS .. .. .. 2. | C. LAYTON .. .. .. .. 6. |
| S. HOPE .. .. .. .. 3. | J. FIELD .. .. .. .. 7. |
| J. THOMAS .. .. .. .. 4. | W. SMART .. .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. LAYTON.

*First peal in the method.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 8, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE ..*Treble.* | JAMES LIVERMORE .. .. 5. |
| FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 2. | CHARLES CARTER .. .. 6. |
| CHARLES J. HYLAND .. 3. | WILLIAM D. THOMAS .. 7. |
| WALTER FRANKS .. .. 4. | JOHN SINDEN .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 8, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

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| THOMAS MILES .. .. ..*Treble.* | ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 5. |
| HARRY KENTEN.. .. .. 2. | ARTHUR DEAN .. .. .. 6. |
| JOHN WYATT .. .. .. 3. | WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 7. |
| CHARLES E. READ* .. .. 4. | JOHN HOYLE .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

*First peal of Stedman.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Oldswinford, the report of which appeared in our last issue, was conducted by Adolphus Roberts.

## Date Touches.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Mary's old tower, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 7 mins. M. Matthews, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; D. Harris, 3; E. Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; Rev. W. Baker, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; M. Lane, 8. Composed by W. Holmes.

## Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 30th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Harrington, 1; J. Preston (conductor), 2; T. E. Hart, 3; J. Heasman, 4; T. Wallis, 5; G. A. King, 6; J. Steddy, 7; G. Williams, 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Preston (conductor), 1; G. King, 2; F. Harrington, 3; J. Steddy, 4; T. Wallis, 5; K. Hart, 6; G. Williams, 7; J. Maylon, 8.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 11th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; G. Dennis, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; J. Champion, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Friday, October 14th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Kitchingham, 1; H. Lambkin, 2; J. Clout, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen bobs and four singles). H. Kitchingham, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; J. Clout (first 720 in the method), 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; G. Dennis, 5; H. Lambkin, 6. On Tuesday, October 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; J. Clout, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. T. Hyland, 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, October 16th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. N. Thompsett, 1; W. Pollard, 2; G. Smithers, 3; S. Perkins, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; J. Muggridge, 6; A. Welsh (conductor), 7; E. Turner, 8. And 504 in the same method. W. Smith, 1; W. Latter, 2; W. Wolfe, 3; J. Smith, 4; S. Perkins, 5; G. Kember, 6; G. Smithers (conductor), 7; F. Harrington, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; F. Harrington, 2; G. Smithers, 3; J. Smith, 4; H. Porter, 5; W. Latter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; W. Wolfe, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Monday, September 5th, to commemorate the British victory in the Soudan, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. E. Smith, 1; A. Smith, 2; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 3; A. Le Clercq, 4; H. Garfath, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8. On Thursday, September 8th, to welcome home Mr. Tompsett and his wife from their honeymoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Schofield, 1; A. E. Smith, 2; H. H. Chandler, 3; A. Le Clercq, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; E. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8. Mr. Tompsett kindly invited the ringers to his house after the ringing. On Thursday, October 20th, for the celebration of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. A. E. Smith, 1; A. Smith, 2; H. Garfath, 3; C. Fry, 4; A. Le Clercq, 5; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; A. Stone (first 504), 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harper, 5; E. Newman, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; F. S. Bayley, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENFIELD (Middlesex).—On Monday, October 24th, at St. Andrew's

church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 1 hr. Afterwards 252 Stedman Triples was rung. F. Bines, 1; A. W. Darlington, 2; P. J. Darlington, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. W. Newby, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; R. Johnson, 8. Also 408 Bob Major. F. Bines, 1; J. Miller, 2; P. J. Darlington, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; A. W. Darlington, 5; H. W. Newby, 6; S. Wade, (conductor), 7; A. Miller, 8. The attempt for the peal was made as follows: A. W. Darlington, 1; J. Miller, 2; P. J. Darlington, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; H. W. Newby, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6; A. Miller, 7; R. Johnson, 8.

DENHAM (Bucks).—On Tuesday, November 1st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. J. Peddle, 1; Rev. H. G. Bird, 2; W. J. Odell, 3; G. H. Gutteridge, 4; H. Gosden, 5; H. S. Reeves, 6; J. J. Pratt, 7; W. Honor, 8. Composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" and conducted by J. J. Pratt.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on the occasion of the farewell sermon of the Rector, the Rev. J. Draper, M.A., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Kennedy, 1; E. Wallage (conductor), 2; A. W. Barkus, 3; J. Scholes, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; H. Alford, 7; G. Barrall, 8. Composed by H. Hubbard. Tenor 20 cwt.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, October 30th, for Divine Service, 678 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Holme, 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Donald, 3; W. Jakeman, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft, 6; S. Wood (conductor), 7; J. Harrison, 8. For evening service 864 in the same method. W. Holme, 1; J. Booth, 2; S. Booth (conductor), 3; W. Jakeman, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; W. Wolstencroft, 6; B. Thorpe, 7; J. Harrison, 8. Longest length in the method by W. Holme.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Monday, October 24th, for practice at the parish church, 1050 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Turnell, 1; W. H. Ette, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. Longest touch in the method by all.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Major. E. Hern, 1; R. Morrison, 2; J. Browell, 3; W. Hunt, 4; N. Brand, 5; H. Ross, 6; C. E. Waugh, 7; J. Hern (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, November 1st, 1264 Bob Major in 44 mins. E. Hern (first quarter-peal), 1; H. Ross, 2; C. Waugh, 3; J. Browell, 4; T. Teasdale (composer and conductor), 5; R. Morrison, 6; A. Tully, 7; J. Hern, 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to J. Hern, who has been connected with the association since its formation. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Wednesday, October 5th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Eden, 1; G. N. Price (conductor), 2; J. B. Bates, 3; C. George, 4; Walter Norris, 5; B. Prewett, 6; H. Martin, 7; ———, 8. On Sunday morning, October 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. B. Bates, 1; G. N. Price (conductor), 2; W. Norris, 3; Walter Norris, 4; B. Prewett, 5; C. George, 6; H. Martin, 7; ———, 8. On Sunday, October 23rd, on handbells, 630 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. C. George (conductor), 1-2; G. N. Price, 3 4; H. Martin, 5-6; J. B. Bates, 7-8. On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 288 Stedman Triples. H. Martin, 1; Walter Norris, 2; G. N. Price (conductor), 3; J. B. Bates, 4; C. George, 5; B. Prewett, 6; W. Norris, 7; F. Glennerster, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. W. Norris, 1; J. B. Bates, 2; G. N. Price (conductor), 3; B. Prewett, 4; Walter Norris, 5; H. Martin, 6; C. George, 7; J. Vernon, 8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 868 Bob Triples in 34 mins. J. Denthith, 1; R. T. Holding, jun., 2; R. Langford, 3; J. Gayton, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6; R. T. Holding, sen., 7; A. Crawley, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Holding, jun., and Crawley.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, October 25th, 1008 Bob Major, in 36 mins. J. Vickin, 1; J. Shone, 2; J. Woods, 3; H. Bird, 4; T. Hughes, 5; F. Jones, 6; C. Gittins, 7; J. Dillon (conductor), 8. Rung as a farewell touch to C. Gittins, who is leaving here.

KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).—On October 22nd the Witton ringers visited this place and rung 720 Plain Bob Minor. S. Johnson (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; W. Hammon, 4; A. Johnson, 5; W. Forster, 6. W. Hammon belongs to the local band. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Forster, 1; S. Forster, 2; S. Johnson, 3; G. Johnson (first 720 of Grandsire Minor), 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Sunday evening, September 4th, 720 Bob Minor. Z. Lord, 1; D. Briggs, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday evening, September 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor. D. Brigg, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; Z. Lord, 3; G. Shottin, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 11th, 720 College Single. A. L. Hardman, 1; D. Briggs, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Smith, 5; H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 25th, for morning service, 720 College Single. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. Z. Lord, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 3; G. Shottin, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. Brierley, 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLOFIELD (Norfolk).—On Saturday, October 22nd, on handbells, at St. Andrew's church, 360 Bob Minor. H. J. Borrett, 1; A. A. Hill, 2; P. Artis, 3; W. Blyth, 4; A. G. Warnes (conductor), 5-6. On tower bells 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. A. Hills (first 720), 1; R. Ward, 2; W. Blyth, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; H. Trett, 5; A. G. Warnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (forty-singles) which came to grief after ringing two courses. H. J. Borrett, 1; H. W. Stanley, 2; P. Artis, 3; —. Osborn, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; H. Trett (conductor), 6.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

REDDITCH (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 16th, the members of the Bromsgrove Society paid a visit to this place, and rang for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. F. Alcock, 1; J. Eades, 2; O. James, 3; A. Jackson, 4; G. Hayward, 5; G. Bourne, 6; J. Mason (conductor), 7; A. Bishop, 8. Also 476 in the some method. F. Alcock, 1; J. Eades, 2; A. Jackson, 3; G. Hayward, 4; O. James, 5; G. Bourne, 5; J. Mason (conductor), 7; A. Bishop, 8. And 240 Bob Triples. F. Adcock, 1; T. Allbutt, 2; A. Jackson, 3; G. Hayward (conductor), 4; O. James, 5; C. Bourne, 6; A. Bishop, 7; ———, 8. First quarter-peal by A. Bishop.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On October 25th, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. T. Hewitt, 1; J. Smith, 2; C. Harffey, 3; A. Piper, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; G. H. Head (conductor), 6; B. Hobbs, 7; H. Hookham, 8. And 126 in the same method. G. T. Hewitt, 1; G. H. Head, 2; A. Miles, 3; A. Gower, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; B. Hobbs, 6; G. H. Howse (conductor), 7; A. Piper, 8. On November 1st, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Harffey, 1; A. Gower, 2; A. Miles, 3; E. Beal, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; E. Brant, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; G. H. Howse (composer), 8. Also 210 in the same method. R. Howse, 1; G. H. Howse, 2; E. Beal, 3; G. H. Head, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; E. Brant, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; C. Harffey, 8. And 360 Bob Minor. R. Hows, 1; E. Brant, 2; G. H. Head, 3; E. Beal, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; G. H. Howse (conductor), 6; A. Miles, 7; H. Kempshan, 8. 7-8 covering. Also 120 Stedman Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. E. Brant, 1; G. H. Howse, 2; E. Beal, 3; H. Fayers (first 120), 4; G. H. Head, 5; H. Kempshaw, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; C. Harffey, 8.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, October 2nd, at the residence of Mr. F. Hopgood, on handbells retained in hand, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Tubb, 1-2; C. Giles, 3-4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5-6; W. Horne, 7-8. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins, W. Horne, 1-2; C. Giles (conductor), 3-4; F. Hopgood, 5-6.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, November 1st, after Divine Service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Fuller, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; J. Ansell, 3; G. Huggett (conductor), 4; C. Webber, 5; G. Hoad, 6; W. H. Street, 7; F. T. Hoad, jun., 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Ansell, all wishing him many happy returns.

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BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, 720

Oxford. N. Townend, 1; F. Towns, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Oxford. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; N. Townend, 4; F. Towns (conductor), 5; R. Ashworth, 6. On October 9th, for morning service, 720 Oxford. D. Campbell, 1; F. Towns, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Heys, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; T. Radman, 2; F. Townes, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mauncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. On Saturday, October 15th, 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Radman, 1; F. Townes, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Oxford. T. Radman, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; D. Heys, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On October 25th, at the church of St. Mary, for practice, 210 Oxford Bob Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Eastland (longest touch), 2; L. J. Stapley, 3; F. Mathis, 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; J. Sinden, 8. Also a 420 Oxford Bob Tiples, with A. Sanders, 1; the others as above.

BEDMINSTER (Bristol).—On Tuesday, October 25th, at St. Luke's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Bevan, 1; S. Thomas (conductor), 2; E. Hauberg, 3; A. Parish, 4; A. Isaacs, 5; J. Burford, 6. First 720 of Grandsire Minor by the treble and tenor man, and first with a bob bell by the 3rd man.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, October 22nd, 720 and 360 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. W. Browne, 1; I. Folkard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate (conductor), 4; C. Woods, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; F. Baker, 7. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Hartcup, of Upland Hall, who was interred at Ditchington that day.

CHORLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Goodwin, 1; J. Brown, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; H. Hayes, 4; R. Sanderson, 5; I. Whalley (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by R. Sanderson, and was rung at the first attempt. An attempt should have been made for a peal of Bob Major, but owing to the bad state of the weather, two did not turn up.

DOVER (Kent).—On Saturday, October 22nd, two 720s of Grandsire Minor, each with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, in 56 mins. A. Denne, 1; E. Potter, 2; H. Denne, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; E. Newman, 5; H. Castle, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 27 mins. E. Potter, 1; A. Denne, 2; H. Denne, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; E. Newman, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. E. Potter belongs to Dover; the rest hail from Deal. On Thursday, November 3rd, 840 Grandsire Triples in 30 mins. G. Millen, 1; J. Fisher, 2; H. Betts, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Binfield, 5; S. Barker (conductor), 6; F. Fenn, 7; W. Seeley, 8. This is the first change-ringing on the eight bells since 1844, the tower not being safe. The tower has now been restored, and the bells rehung in a iron frame, and the treble recast by Messrs. Warner.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T Gratton, 1; P. Jackson, 2; J. Barratt, 3; J. Jackson, 4; J. R. Pritchard (composer and conductor), 5; E. Jackson, 6; F. Hyde, 7; H. Trippier, 8. Rung on the occasion of the final sermon being preached by the Hon. and Rev. Canon Lyttelton as Vicar, he being appointed Suffragan-Bishop of Southampton.

HARTLIP (Kent).—On Friday, October 28th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Kitchingham, 1; J. Clout, 2; H. Lambkin, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; E. Clout (first 720), 5; W. J. Walker, 6.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, 720 Double Court. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. Pye, 3; I. Dear, 4; W. Watson, 5; J. Dale, 6. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Plain Bob. A. J. Perkins, 1; G. Tunbridge (late of Broomfield), 2; G. Dear, 3; I. Dear, 4; W. Watson (first 720 as conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; A. Dubber, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; C. J. B. Cooke, 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. On Monday, October 31st, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; C. J. B. Cooke, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8.

RUDGWICK (Sussex).—On Monday, October 2nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. F. Headger, 1; J. Hunt, 2; G. Jenkins, 3; J. Pullen, 4; E. Headger, 5; W. Tate (conductor), 6.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Paul's, Wood Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. Cooper, 1; C. Tyler, 2; J. E. Tyler, 3; H. Tinsley, 4; G. Newbould, 5; W. Johnson (conductor), 6; J. Malpass, 7; J. Jukes, 8. On Thursday, October 27th, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. A. Cooper, 1; J. Screen, 2; F. Bywater, 3; J. Farmer, 4; J. Newbould, 5; H. Tinsley, 6; W. Johnson (conductor), 7; T. Cooper, 8.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, October 31st, 336 Grandsire Triples. Cyril Herbert, 1; Rev. W. Baker, 2; S. Avis, 3; M. Matthews, 4; M. Lane, 5; E. Herbert, 6; D. Harris, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. Also a touch of Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; Charlss Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris (conductor), 6; E. Herbert, 7; M. Lane, 8. Also three courses of Stedman Triples in which the Rev. W. Baker, M. Lane, C. Herbert, M. Matthews, W. Chibnall, S. Avis, D. Harris, Cyril Herbert, and E. Herbert took part.

## 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."

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

SIR,—In connection with your remarks in your issue of October 29th, concerning the above belfry, I shall be obliged if you will reproduce the two following letters, which I have written to the local paper which first concerned itself with our affairs. A. H. COCKS.

"THE GREAT MARLOW RINGERS.

*"To the Editor of the 'South Bucks. Free Press.'*

"SIR,—In justice to the members of the above society, I must ask you to allow me to contradict the paragraph about us in your issue of the 21st inst., which, in consequence of absence from home, I did not see in time to notice in the following number. It is not a fact that half the members stayed away on the morning of Sunday, 16th, as a protest against the action of the Vicar. It is true we were short-handed that morning, and that such an event is of such extreme rarity as to cause a sensational paragraph in the next number of a local paper, speaks volumes for the wonderfully regular attendance of our members during the last fifteen and a half years. But it has occurred before, and must be expected in the nature of things to happen again, that by an unlucky accident once in a way, several members chance to be absent simultaneously; and on this occasion the fact that two members seem to have been absent for the reason alleged, appears to be the only foundation for your report that half of us were absent on this account. This should serve as a fresh warning against lessening the great utility of the public press by accepting idle rumours without proper authentication.

"I am, yours very faithfully,

"ALFRED H. COCKS, *Foreman Great Marlow Belfry.*

"*Bath, Oct. 27th*, 1898."

To this the Editor appended the following foot-note:

"We are sorry to hear on the authority of their foreman that only two members of the Marlow belfry, instead of "half," had the courage of their opinions. The protest of those two against an act of intolerance does them all the more honour.—ED. *S.B.F.P.*"

I have sent the following letter for this week's number:

"THE GREAT MARLOW RINGERS.

*"To the Editor of the 'South Bucks. Free Press.'*

"SIR,—The morality of your editorial foot-note to my letter in the *Free Press* of the 4th, is so surprising, that I must ask for space in this week's number, to comment very shortly on it. You blame us, the ringers of Great Marlow, because "only two members had the courage of their opinions" to strike against what you call "the intolerance" of the Vicar. Am I correct in understanding you to mean that we who have undertaken to carry on a public duty—one intimately connected moreover with Divine Service—should have been justified in suddenly leaving that duty unperformed, because the Vicar had decided against us on a point, about which his responsibility exceeded ours? Are Church Services, with their various accessories, merely performed for the sake of the Incumbent? Suppose a regiment in the Soudan had disapproved of some order of the Sirdar's, and had declined to proceed further towards Omdurman, should you have commended those men for having the courage of their opinions?

"Yours faithfully,

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The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at St. Marie's (R.C.) church to-day, Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 4.30.

J. MULLIGAN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, to-day, Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m, It is expected that Oldham bells will be available. All ringers invited.

E. B. SHAW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorks.—The next meeting will be held at Holmfirth, to-day, Saturday, November 12, at 5.30 p.m. G. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
*King's Mills, Knottingley.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, November 12th. Bells ready at 3.30, business meeting at 6.30 p.m. The fourth annual dinner will also be held on November 19th, at The Hare and Hounds hotel, Bolton Street, Bury. Names must be sent of those intending to be present to W. R. Duckworth, 6, Byron Street, Buckley Wells, Bury, not later than the 16th. The charge for members or friends 2s. 6d. Dinner at 5.30 p.m.

J. H. BANKS.

The Kent County Association. — Tonbridge District.— Unforeseen circumstances having arisen whereby the tower at Tonbridge is not available for to-day, Saturday, the 12th inst., the district meeting announced to be held there on that date is unavoidably postponed. W. LATTER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths. —After the ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, November 15th, a meeting will be held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Other meetings during the present month will be at St. Magnus, on Thursday, the 24th, at 7.30 p m., and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 29th, at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

The Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association — South and West Districts.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar, at Iver, on Saturday, November 19th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
*Lampton, Hounslow.*

The Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wem, on Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 2.15 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 1.53 p.m. J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
*Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.*

The Kent County Association.-Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, on Saturday, November 26th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon Dist. Sec.*

A Handbell Tune-Ringing Contest will take place in the Central Hall, Hemshaw Street, Oldham, on Saturday, December 17. Entries close positively December 3rd. For prospectus and entry forms apply to

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### NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BRISTOL.—The St. Stephen's Guild take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. W. J. Pickard on his appointment to an Honorary Captaincy in the 1st Monmouthshire Volunteer Artillery. First peal of Stedman Triples by all except F. W. Elles, and is the quickest peal on the bells. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Tomkins.

THE PEAL AT HARROLD, BEDS.—This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented to a ring of six by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The visitors wish to thank Mr. Crouch and the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and for entertaining them to an excellent tea afterwards.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. K.—Write to the Rev. Dr. Raven, Fressingfield Vicarage, Norfolk.

J. W. COCKCROFT. — It is unnecessary to again refer to it. The action was perfectly correct, no doubt, but unusual, and no harm would have been done if the request of the petitioners had been acceded to. Nevertheless not an ounce of sympathy is due to the offender.

BATTLE (Sussex).—Recently, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Linden, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; L. J. Stapley, 3; W. Eastland, 4; W. H. Eldridge (longest length with a bob bell), 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; A. Saunders (longest length), 8.

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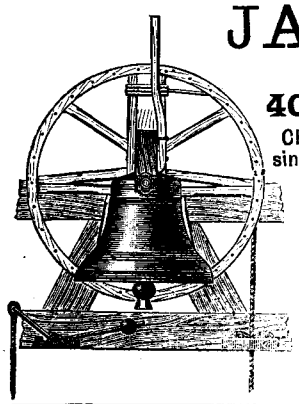

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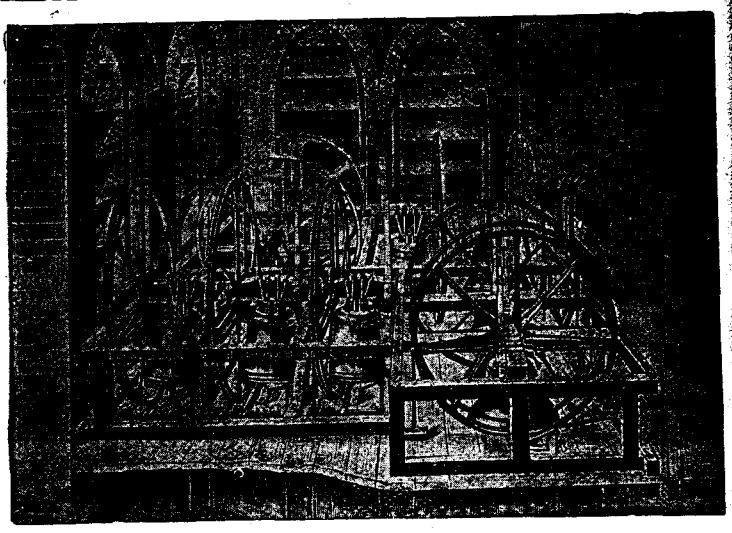

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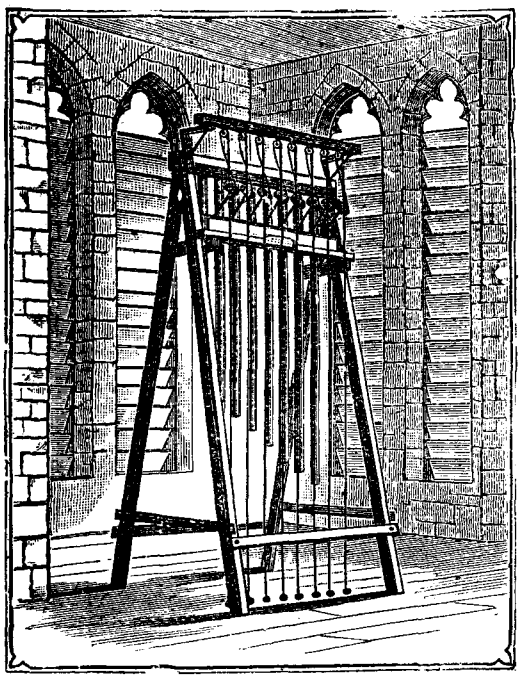

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# The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

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## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its half-yearly meeting at Gainsborough, on Saturday, November 5th. The local members, as on previous occasions when the Association decided to visit this centre, had made every preparation for the comfort of visitors; but owing in a great measure to the bad railway facilities few members responded to the invitation, and the meeting suffered in consequence of the small attendance. Should the Central Council's suggested petition as published in "The Bell News" of October 8th last for the issuing of cheap return tickets by the various railway companies be successful, it will prove a great boon to the scattered district covered by this Association. It therefore behoves each individual member to assist the Central Council by endeavouring to make the proposed petition as weighty as possible.

The bells of the parish church were rung previous to special service, arranged by the Vicar for the members. The service was attended by all the visitors, including the local ringers, and the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Moor), gave a very helpful and practical address.

Immediately after the service an adjournment was made to the Coffee Palace, where full justice was done to the excellent tea. The inner man being satisfied attention was directed to the business of the meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. Canon Moor. In giving a hearty welcome to the members Canon Moor remarked that the day was rather appropriate for the meeting; not that they wished a repetition of the scheme, which happily was frustrated, formed by a few fanatics headed by Guido Fawkes in 1605, in consequence of the religious persecutions prevalent at that time. In touching upon the history of the bells, Canon Moor said that he understood the tower was quite capable of carrying a ring of ten, and as a ring of ten gave more scope to the science of change-ringing he hoped the peal would be augmented to that number.

The minutes of the last half yearly meeting were read and confirmed. Letters were then read from the Archdeacon of Stow, Precentor Venables and various members, expressing their regret at not being able to attend the meeting. Letters were also read from the Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell, thanking the members for electing him vice-president of the Lincoln District, and from the Rev. Canon Andrews, with reference to the vote of sympathy passed at the general meeting in his late illness. Several new members were elected. An application for an Instructor from the Harmston branch was granted upon the usual terms, the Secretary informing the meeting that Mr. A. Craven had promised to give the instruction. The report as to an amalgamated meeting at Newark with the Nottingham Branch of the Midland Counties' Association was left to the Lincoln Branch, it being suggested that advantage be taken of an occasion when cheap excursions were being run.

The Rev. H. Law James's letter with proposed draft rules for a Diocesan Guild, consisting of the four existing Associations in the diocese, and for a meeting to be held in the Chapter House at Lincoln in April next, was brought before the meeting, and a special Committee was appointed to consider the rules, the Secretary being instructed to get the draft rules printed and sent out to the members.

Mr. Linley, of Gainsborough, then asked if he might be allowed to bring a proposition forward with reference to the loss the Association had sustained by the recent death of the late Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Gadd, of Market Rasen. He said he had a special reason for bringing the proposition forward, as he was one of the oldest members present, and could personally speak of the time when the Association was in its infancy. The late Hon. Treasurer was mainly instrumental in its formation, and had up to the time of his death always taken a keen interest in its work. That this Association, notwithstanding its shortcomings, had done a certain amount of good, was beyond a doubt. It certainly had revived the science of change-ringing. The members would no doubt remember that the Association's first peal was rung at Gainsborough, a performance which had not been accomplished for a great many years. Following out the old adage that "unity is strength," it had been the means of bringing together, from various parts of the county, the ringers for social intercourse and exchange of opinions, thus strengthening the ties of friendship, and last, but not least, it had also been the means of creating a greater interest in its work by the clergy and laity. He therefore begged to submit the following resolution: "That the members of this Association tender to the family of the late Honorary Treasurer, their deep sympathy in their deep bereavement, and desire to place on record their appreciation of the great interest taken by him since the foundation of the Association in promoting the science and art of ringing, and the welfare of its members." This was seconded by Mr. J. C. Tinker, of Gainsborough, who remarked that he was one who attended the first official meeting of the Association. Gainsborough ringers he said had shewn their last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Gadd, by ringing a muffled touch upon the bells.

Mr. R. E. Clarke, of Lincoln, proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Moor for the use of the bells and for presiding, and to the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements. In seconding the resolution the Rev. G. H. Ridout said he was glad that Canon Moor had suggested an augmentation of the bells, and he (Mr. Ridout) would be very pleased to subscribe to the necessary funds as soon as a list was opened. The proposition was suitably responded to by Canon Moor. This concluded the business, and the ringers again visited the tower and spent the remainder of the evening in ringing various touches upon the bells.

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## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### Annual Meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The twenty-first annual meeting was held in Newcastle on Monday, October 31st, and was largely attended by members from Darlington, Tanfield, Chester-le-Street, Winlaton, Bishopwearmouth, Whickham, Bishop Auckland, Whitley, Jarrow, Middlesbrough, St. John's, and Newcastle Cathedral. Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples were the methods rung during the day, all the towers at the disposal of the members being visited during the day. The committee meeting was held in the cathedral vestry at twelve o'clock, at which the sub-committee was re-elected, consisting of Messrs. F. Harrison, R. Alcock, and W. Holmes; the referees for peals were also re-elected. The following places were selected for the meetings of 1899: February meeting at Winlaton in Durham; Whit-Monday meeting at Bishop Auckland. Mr. F. J. Harrison volunteered to instruct the St. Stephen's Newcastle society, who were rejoining the Association, and required a teacher. Mr. Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, had offered to take charge of and instruct the ringers at St. Oswald's, Durham. The Secretary, Mr. Hudson, of Sunderland, stated that he had received a letter from the Vicar of Thornaby-on-Tees, asking that assistance might be given by the Association in raising and instructing a band for that church. It was hoped that Mr. G. J. Clarkson or some member of the Stockton society would undertake the necessary assistance.

A service was held in the Lady Chapel of the cathedral, conducted by the Rev. E. Bartlett. The special service as sanctioned by the Bishops was used. The Vicar's warden (Mr. Robinson), kindly officiated at the organ, and an impressive and instructive sermon was delivered by the Rev. Edgar Boddington, Vicar of St. Ignatius, Sunderland.

The company, amounting to fifty members and friends, sat down to dinner in the "Emmerson" room of The Crown hotel, the mural decorations of which were the work of the great north country artist, the late Mr. H. H. Emmerson. The President (R. S. Story, Esq.), was supported by the Revs. E. Boddington, Canon Churchyard, of St. Matthew's, Newcastle, W. P. Wright. of Stokesley-in-Cleveland, and the Hon. Secretary; while the vice-chairs were occupied by the Rev. E. Bartlett, of the cathedral, and Mr. C. L. Routledge (vice-presidents).

The toast of "The Queen" having been duly honoured, the chairman gave the toast of "The Bishops and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle," to which the Rev. Edgar Boddington responded, referring enthusiastically to Mr. Hudson's work in connection with his (St. Ignatius, Sunderland), band of ringers, and concluded by hoping that the clergy would do all they could to encourage ringers.

The great event of the meeting, the Secretary's report, was then read, and the *resumé* of the year's work was most interesting. Special reference was made to the work of the Central Council, with a hope that the usual railway privileges would soon be granted to change-ringers. The death of the Rev. F. Steggall (Vicar of Consett), an old supporter of the Association, was a matter of extreme regret. The church of St. Ignatius, Sunderland, had been provided with a musical ring of bells from the Loughborough foundry. Owing to some architectural difficulties, the bells of St. James, Benwell, had been found very awkward to handle, but this has been rectified through the influence of the president, and the bells are now quite ringable. The Secretary wonders if anything can be done to dispel the ignorance of architects with regard to the requirements of the bells and ringers. With regard to the new ring to be opened at Thornaby the Vicar had written for assistance. Though out of the two dioceses, the Association is willing to do its utmost, and trusts that Mr. G. J. Clarkson (who has already given some advice advice about the bells) or some of his Stockton friends will undertake the instruction of the ringers.

Twenty peals have been rung during the past twelve months in seven different methods. Fifty-four ringers have taken part in these peals, while two members have scored their first peal. A notable performance was the first peal of Grandsire Caters by the Association, rung at Newcastle Cathedral on October 21st, 1897. First peals have been rung at Robin Hood's Bay, and at Northallerton church, Yorkshire; while the peal of Double Norwich rung at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, is the heaviest weight of metal on which a peal in this method has been rung.

The reports from the various belfries were very satisfactory, especially at Chester-le-Street, and St. Matthew's, Newcastle.

After the adoption of the report a vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Rev. F. Steggall. Mr. E. Wallis, the proposer, spoke of the kindly welcome always given by the late Vicar of Consett to visiting ringers.

The balance-sheet of the Lees Memorial Fund was laid on the table by Mr. C. L. Routledge. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was much the same as the previous year, eminently satisfactory.

The chairman spoke of the good work of the Association during the twenty-one years of its existence. Bands that had been taught the art of change-ringing were now teaching others. He mentioned as instances the bands at St. Matthew's, Newcastle, Bishopwearmouth, and others, and now he heard that Chester-le-Street was about to revive the Art at St. Oswald's, Durham, a tower that was once connected most closely with the Association. He spoke with regret of the Secretary's retirement after four-and-a-half years of satisfactory and energetic work on behalf of the Association.

The President read two letters received from Messrs. Clarkson (Stockton), and Blakiston (Middlesbrough), about the Stockton Bell Fund. He touched on the correspondence which had appeared in "The Bell News" between Mr. Clarkson and himself, and other officials of the Association. He regretted that Mr. Blakiston had thought fit to resign the vice-presidency, a position he had adorned for some time. Mr. Story said he had done his best to urge the members to subscribe to the Stockton Fund, but before the fund was closed, words, tantamount to threats, were thrown out, which had had a bad influence with the members. The President spoke of the policy of his correspondence in "The Bell News" with Mr. Clarkson, proving that the policy he advocated was not only a consistent, but a just one.

Mr. Frederick Harrison then moved—"That this meeting hereby approves of the President's treatment of the Stockton bell affair, and agrees with the opinions expressed in his letters as published in 'The Bell News.' Seconded by Mr. Baxter of Darlington, and supported by Mr. Passman, of Middlesbrough. The resolution was put to the meeting by Mr. Routledge, and carried *nem. con.*

Election of Officers for 1898–9.—President: R. S. Story, Esq., Whitley, R.S.O., Northumberland; Vice-Presidents: Mr. T. Hudson, sen., Sunderland, and Mr. F. J. Harrison, Jarrow-on-Tyne; Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. C. L. Routledge, 9, Waverley Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Assistant Secretary. Mr. W. Holmes, 112, Helmesley Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. W. Story proposed a vote of thanks to the authorities of the various churches for the use of the bells; to Mr. Robinson for presiding at the organ; and to the Rev. E. Boddington, the preacher of the day. Carried unanimously and with acclamation.

Mr. Ernest Ferry proposed a vote of thanks to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Thomas Hudson, for his services to the society, and complimented him on the flourishing condition in which he left it. This was seconded by Mr. Dobson, and supported by Mr. C. D. Smith, and carried.

Messrs. Holmes and Routledge gave notice of a motion of alteration of a part of Rule iv., to be put to the next general meeting.

At the election of new members, thirty from St. John's Darlington, Holy Trinity Sunderland, Richmond, Yorks., Benfieldside, Winlaton, Whickham, St. Stephen's and St. John's Newcastle, were elected. Mr. Hunt of North Shields, was elected an honorary and performing member. A vote of thanks to the President closed the meeting. Ringing was kept up till about nine p.m.

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The secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (Mr. C. L. Routledge) wishes to register his official address as 9, Waverley Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Members please note.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5th, a meeting of the above branch was held at St. Mark's church, Preston, when the following towers were represented: Preston parish church, Chipping, Penwortham, Leyland, Moss Side (St. James's), Walton-le-dale, and Higher Walton. Mr. James Banister, of Leyland, presided, and thanked the members for their attendance, saying it was the best meeting the Preston branch had had for a long time, and hoped the attendance at future meetings would be still better. One new member was admitted, and the next meeting was fixed for Higher Walton on January 7th, 1899. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, wardens and ringers for the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding, concluded the business of the meeting.

Ringing commenced shortly after 4.0 p.m. by the Chipping company, who rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins., and a 720 Violet in 26 mins., both conducted by W. T. H. Timbrell, and supposed to be the first upon the bells in those methods. During the afternoon several touches of Plain Bob, College Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Woodbine, were rung by mixed bands.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Sudbury District of this Association was held at Sudbury on Monday, November 7th. Members from all the country round turned up to take part in the various touches that were accomplished on the two rings of eight bells, namely, those of St. Peter's and All Saints. On the former 464 Bob Major were rung, also Kent Triples. At All Saints some courses of Bob Major and about 500 Grandsire Triples were accomplished; and some progress was made in Stedman Triples. After some considerable time was spent in ringing, members congregated to the goodly number of forty-four at The Bell inn, where the landlord had prepared a substantial repast. The pangs of hunger having been satisfied, business was proceeded with, under the presidency of the Rev. C. J. Stower, Vicar of All Saints. Eight new working members and one honorary member were elected, and the next meeting was decided to be held at Lavenham on the Saturday nearest the full moon next after Christmas.

## CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

(CALDICOT PARISH CHURCH BRANCH.)

A right merry peal was rung on Thursday night, November 10th, in connection with the reception in London in the previous week, of the victor of Omdurman, Lord Kitchener. The flag was also hoisted, and waved bravely in the autumn breeze.

The Caldicot Church Society of Bellringers is doing good work under its foreman, Mr. W. Baynham, and its sub-foreman, Mr. Arthur Lewis, with the Vicar of the parish as president. It was through the patriotic thoughtfulness of a former Vicar (the Rev. E. Turberville Williams) that the above peal was rung.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At a meeting held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, November 15th, the following officers were elected for 1898-9. *Master:* Mr. H. R. Newton; *Treasurer:* Mr. J. Pettit. *Senior Steward:* Mr. T. H. Taffender; *Junior Steward:* Mr. J. R. Sharman; *Trustees:* Mr. W. Prime and Mr. C. F. Winney; *Secretary:* Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

DEATH OF A RINGERS' WIFE.—Mr. Mills, the tower-keeper of Smethwick old church, has sustained a great loss in the decease of his beloved wife, who died October 29th. She was interred at Smethwick old church on Wednesday, November 2nd. Six of the local band bore the body to its last resting-place, and in the evening they rung a few touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the deceased lady. The ringers were Messrs. George Wigan, Ernest Brown, Walter Bryant, Henry Colley, James Mordey, Arthur Bennett, Thomas J. Elton, and Joseph Hughes.

## THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29th, the annual meeting of this Association was held at Friskney, but was not very well attended, only Boston, Freiston and Friskney being represented. Three from Freiston and one from Boston being the first to arrive, and with the help of the Rev. J. P. Cheales, the back five were raised in peal and several 120s of Grandsire Doubles rung by A. Barber, E. Clayton, Rev. J. P. Cheales (first 120s in the method), G. Moore, and J. Sharp (conductor). No more members arrived till two o'clock, when dinner was served by Mrs. Hudson, at The Anchor hotel, and was presided over by the Rev. J. P. Cheales. After dinner the usual business meeting was held, most of the officers were re-elected, and six skilled members and one probationer were elected. Bennington was chosen as the next place of meeting. The tower was then resorted to and 720 of Minor attempted, but it came to grief after ringing about 500 changes, conducted by J. Hill. A short service was then held, after which all were invited to tea at the vicarage, when the President, the Rev. H. J. Cheales, though he has been confined to his couch and bath-chair with rheumatic gout, gave them a bright and hearty welcome, and seemed very pleased to see them. Mrs. Cheales and the Misses Cheales vied with one another in making them comfortable. The tower was then visited, but the bykers, who had 13 or 14 miles to go, thought they had not time for a 720, so 360 was rung by two from Boston, two from Frieston, and two local, conducted by John Sharp, the longest length conducted by him; also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. The bells were ceased in peal, and the meeting closed.

THE SIRDAR'S ANCESTRY.—The Vicar of Lakenheath, Suffolk (Rev. F. G. Scrivener), writing to a contemporary on the subject of the Sirdar's ancestry, says, during the course of his remarks—"The first mention of the name of Kitchener now extant occurs on a stone tablet in the belfry of Lakenheath Church, and reads as follows: 'This fourth Bell was founded in Jan., 1697, John Parsley, Vicar, gave 22s.; Edm. Roper, Thom. Kitchener, churchwardens, wt. 1,309 pounds.' In the parish registers of baptisms and burials, I find, between the years of 1726 and 1781, entries of the burial of twelve members of the Kitchener family, and between the years 1713 and 1779 entries of the baptism of fifteen members of the family. As far as I can find out, it would seem that Thomas Kitchener (the churchwarden mentioned on the tablet) and his wife, Abigall (*sic*) had two children—one baptised December 28th, 1713 (Hannah), and the other (Robert) baptised October 16th, 1717. Thomas Kitchener was buried April 9th, 1731, and the tombstone recording his burial is in good condition. His wife, Abigall, died in 1747, according to the following entry in the register of burials:—'May 21st, 1747. Mrs. Abigall Kitchener, widow.' Robert, the son of Thomas Kitchener, was baptised in 1717, and in 1740, April 18th, there appears the following entry in the list of baptisms:—'Thomas Kitchener, fil Robert and Ann.' Robert Kitchener appears to have been married twice. By his first wife, Ann, he had seven children, the entries of whose baptisms are duly recorded. Ann, wife of Robert Kitchener, was buried December 24th, 1775, and a tombstone to her memory stands in the churchyard. By a second wife, Hannah, he had two children, and it would appear, according to a tombstone in the churchyard, that he died in 1777. From that date I can find no further entries, but there is a stone to the memory of Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Abigall Kitchener, and wife of James Wing, of Eriswol, who died in 1729, and also a tombstone to the memory of 'Hannah, wife of Wm. Stimpson, also of Robert Kitchener, who died March 1st, 1824, aged 84 years.' This is evidently the widow (second wife) of Robert Kitchener, son of Thomas Kitchener. It would appear as if the family left the parish at the death of Robert Kitchener, but as our parish registers contain so many entries connected with the Kitchener family, and as there are seven tombstones in the churchyard belonging to the family, I thought this record might be of some public interest at the present moment, and that your readers would be glad to hear that the claim of a remote parish in East Anglia to have had among its inhabitants an ancestor of our distinguished General was well founded."

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The autumn quarterly meeting of this Association was held in the pretty and interesting village of Rushton on Saturday, the 29th of October. Although at one extreme end of the Society's district, over thirty representatives attended from Kettering, Desborough, Ecton, Rushden, Wellingborough, Rothwell, Earls Barton and Stoke Albany. The Rector (the Rev. C. M. Wetherall), Mr. Cook (churchwarden), and the Rushton ringers did all that was possible for the pleasure and comfort of the visitors. The Rev. E. C. Channer (Vicar of Ravensthorp), Mr. Clark (a visitor from Australia), the Rev. R. H. B. Crossthwaite (curate of Rothwell), and the Rev. R. Copeman (Rector of Stoke Albany), were present, the latter taking a rope in the belfry with the ringers. Tea at the Working Men's Institute was followed by the business meeting. It was decided that the next meeting take place at Kettering on February 11th, 1899, if convenient, seeing that no quarterly meeting had been held there since 1892. Mr. T. Smith, of Hardwick, and the Rev. W. Macmanus, rector of Broughton, were elected honorary members, and the ringers of Broughton joined in a body as performing members.

The Secretary spoke of the loss Wellingborough and the Association had sustained in the death of Mr. William Woolston, of "Westlands," who had been such a generous helper in the cause of belfry improvement in many ways.

Rushton bells are now a ring of six. They were rehung two years ago and a treble added, the old second and tenor being at the same time recast by Taylor, of Loughborough, at a total cost of £300. Treble—3 cwts. 3 qrs. 5 lbs.; date 1896; Second—4 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.; date 1720; Third—4 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs. 1896; Fourth—5 cwt. 0 qrs. 16 lbs.; date 1844; Fifth—5 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs. (ancient); Tenor—8 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.; date 1896. The old tenor was dated 1593; the old second 1732. The present fourth bell was cast by Mears, of London. The fifth is an ancient "alphabet" bell without date, but probably cast by Watts, of Leicester. The bells and belfry are in excellent order, the former are a sweet, cheery sounding little peal, and the latter is a model of neatness and comfort. Rushton ringers are learning the art of change-ringing through the teaching of Mr. W. Hensher, of Kettering, and the Rector has lately provided a set of handbells for their use.

These occasional meetings in outlying places are a great source of the Association's strength and success. They are a means of obtaining recruits, of pointing out defects in bells and belfries, also of enabling members to see how much clergy, churchwardens and parishioners in the villages are doing to put their bells in order, and add to the comfort and convenience of those who ring them. The Rector of Rushton is an honorary member of this Association, and his ringers contemplate joining at the next meeting.

## RYE, SUSSEX.

In accordance with a time-honoured custom the bells of the parish church were rung at intervals on November 9th, being what is locally called "Mayoring-day." November 9th this year saw something attempted and something done by the ringers. Previously only rounds and call-changes had been rung, this year, however, a plain course of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles were rung in honour of the election of the mayor. Great credit is due to the ringers, for amidst many difficulties they have pressed on and worked hard, and at last had the pleasure of ringing Triples. The following took part in the ringing: the Rev. P. E. T. Berry (captain), and Messrs. H. Lucas (sub-captain), E. Reed, W. Billenness, C. Price, G. Henley, H. Thorpe, J. Durrant, L. A. Vidler. On Tuesday, the 15th instant, a plain course of Grandsire Minor was rung and some bobs called.

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

### BRISTOL AFFAIRS.

SIR,—Mr. Davies in his excellent speech at the anniversary dinner of the College Youths last week made an allusion to the arrangements for the Central Council meeting at Bristol that I think ought to be enlarged on, in order to obviate anything like a grumble in future. I had nothing to do with the ringing arrangements, but understood they were quite satisfactory, and the explanatory letter he refers to was a surprise to me. I know that one peal of Cinques and two or three peals of Caters (at different places) were attempted in the two days, besides sundry other visits to towers. Is this about the amount of ringing indulged in during a visit of the Central Council to any place, and were any of those who sent in their names previously for ringing not accommodated? Ringing arrangements present some difficulties in a large city like this, and peals are accomplished amid protests from the people who live in the neighbourhood. Since the Central Council meeting here, one of the towers has had the belfry louvres boarded up and covered with felt. Another point to be noted in making ringing arrangements is that contained in the President of the Midland Counties' Association advice to ringers visiting strange towers, as published in last week's "BELL NEWS." It has no direct connection with the rest of this letter, but I here take the opportunity of commending it to anyone who has ringing arrangements to make. Bristol belfries are about the average, I think, as regards repairs, and the most prominent evils are noise, dirt and inconvenient projections into the ringing-room. The best remedies for these are in my opinion an efficient change-ringer in charge, and an occasional visit of the members of the vestry to the belfry. Much might be done if only proper representation was made to the authorities. Personally I have been able to stop the raising of halt a belfry floor two feet above the other half, and the erection of a ventilating shaft through the centre of a ringing room! Closer intimacy between vestry and ringers is wanted, and this can best be accomplished by the ringers themselves being more observant of their duties as Churchmen, and belfry improvement is sure to follow. Mr. Davies's suggestion to form one Society for Bristol is good, and I should like to see it done. Twelve months ago two or three members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association suggested it to me and I agreed. A proposal to divide the Association so that each diocese should have its own society was submitted and defeated, although our own Bishop was desirous of the idea being carried out. The position we are in appears to me to be thus: About two-thirds of Bristol ringers will not join the existing Association, but indicate that they would join an Association formed for the Bristol diocese; while the other third are members of the existing Association, and do not want an independent diocesan society. Who will be the man to step forward and bring unity? G. T. DALTRY.

11, *Gay Street, Bristol, November* 12, 1898.

### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Would you kindly allow me to ask through your valuable paper, "THE BELL NEWS," if church bells when firing are *more* liable to crack than they are in change-ringing. Perhaps some readers of this paper can give me a little information on the subject through these columns. C. CLIFFORD.

*Lugwardine, Hereford.*

### RETURN THANKS.

SIR,—Permit me, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Dalton-in-Furness ringers for their kindness to me during my brief holiday at that place. When I went into the belfry one Sunday morning I was agreeably surprised to be invited to take a rope and conduct a 720. Arrangements were also made, and permission granted, for a pull after evening service, during which the Vicar visited the belfry and gave me a most hearty welcome. During the day three 720s were successfully completed, one conducted by Mr. Watson, and two by myself. Any brother-string who makes a holiday in the Lake district or the North Lonsdale Division will meet with a most hearty reception at Dalton, and will find in Messrs. Watson, Burrows, Suart and Co. a genial lot of fellows. I again thank them for their kindness.

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| Position to date. | | Jan. to August. | September. | Total | Treble Bob. Maximus. | Royal. | Major. | 14 T. B. Minor methods. | 10 T. B. Minor methods. | 7 Treble Bob Minor methods. | Grandsire. Caters. | Major. | Triples. | Minor Methods. 1 Minor mthd. | 2 " " | 3 " " | 4 " " | 5 " " | 6 " " | 7 " " | Dbl. Norwich C.B. Major. | Dbl. Oxford C.B. Major. | Plain Methds. Royal. | Major. | Triples. | Doubles. | London S. Maj. | Surprise Methods Cam. S. Royal. | " " Major | Sup. Sur. Major | Norfolk " | Westminster " | In 7 Sur. Mthds. | Stedman. Cinques. | Caters. | Triples. | Total value in points. |
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| 3 | Ancient Society of College Youths..... | 37 | 2 | 39 | — | 2 | 9 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 3 | — | 1 | 5 | — | — | — | 1 | 4 | 731 |
| 4 | Lancashire Association..... | 59 | 3 | 62 | — | 1 | 11 | — | — | 1 | 5 | — | 24 | 2 | — | — | 3 | 1 | — | 3 | — | — | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 6 | 638 |
| 5 | Worcester & Districts Association..... | 36 | 5 | 41 | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | 2 | — | 6 | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | ‡4 | — | — | — | 4 | 3 | — | — | — | 1 | 6 | 619 |
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| 8 | Yorkshire Association..... | 32 | 2 | 34 | — | — | 13 | 1 | — | 5 | 1 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 9 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 410 |
| 9 | Midland Counties Associaton..... | 29 | 1 | 30 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 7 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | — | — | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | 5 | 383 |
| 10 | Norwich Diocesan Association..... | 32 | 3 | 35 | — | 1 | 14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 3 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 8 | — | *a*2 | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 380 |
| 11 | Kent County Association..... | 26 | 3 | 29 | — | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 10 | 1 | — | — | 2 | 2 | — | — | 2 | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 4 | 350 |
| 12 | Hertford County Association..... | 22 | 2 | 24 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 | — | 11 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 265 |
| 13 | Bedfordshire Association..... | 17 | 3 | 20 | — | — | — | — | — | 10 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 260 |
| 14 | Central Northampton Association..... | 12 | 2 | 14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 5 | — | — | — | 2 | †1 | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 224 |
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| 16 | Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford..... | 19 | 1 | 20 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 184 |
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| 18 | Middlesex County Association..... | 14 | — | 14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 2 | 178 |
| 19 | Durham & Newcastle Association..... | 10 | — | 10 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 161 |
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| 22 | Waterloo Society, London..... | 8 | 1 | 9 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 111 |
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| 24 | Royal Cumberland Youths..... | 8 | 1 | 9 | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 75 |
| 25 | Ely Diocesan Association..... | 10 | — | 10 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | †1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 73 |
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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1898.

THE long letter from Mr. DALTRY, of Bristol, to be found among this week's correspondence, shows too plainly that the ringers of the old city enjoy a diversity of opinion upon various subjects connected with the exercise of ringing. Of late there have been signs that some roughness, or friction, was visible; and those who can read between the lines may detect more than is on the surface. The other week Mr. BOUTFLOWER made an appeal to his fellow-ringers to co-operate with him in an endeavour to bring about unity. It is to be feared that very little response has been made to this appeal.

From time immemorial almost, there has been some sort of division, or schism, among Bristol ringers. In the dark ages of ringing this kind of thing was no rarity, perhaps; ringers, as well as other classes of men, were rugged and uncouth; with rude manners and habits, and an uncultivated demeanour. But education, civilization, and refinement, has changed all this in a wonderful degree. The individual who in these days is wanting in politeness and some degree of courtesy, with a moiety of common sense also, is properly regarded as a kind of ogre, to be

avoided by all who claim the attributes of refinement and intelligence.

How do these observations apply? "The position we are in" at Bristol, according to Mr. DALTRY, fits the case exactly. One can't agree to this; another objects to that; another wants things one way; and so they go on. Where is the common-sense of such people; where the courtesy and cultivation; the intellect and refinement? We appeal to Bristol men to cultivate the graces of behaviour, which will teach them how to give and take; to practise mutual concession; and yield gladly to compromise. Till they effect such an improvement among themselves, unity and concord will not reach them.

## The Metropolis.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Thursday, November 9, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E flat.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CALEB FENN | ..*Treble.* | ROWLAND FENN | 5. |
| ALBERT DEARDS | 2. | JOHN R. SHARMAN | 6. |
| ALFRED J. T. CARTER | 3. | ALBERT E. HARDY | 7. |
| ALFRED W. BRIGHTON | 4. | EDWARD LUCAS | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by ALFRED WALTER BRIGHTON.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

*On Saturday, November 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HARRY BARTON | ..*Treble.* | GEORGE E. SYMONDS | 6. |
| JAMES W. DRIVER | 2. | *REUBEN CHARGE | 7. |
| WILLIAM H. WEBBER | 3. | VICTOR W. WEST | 8. |
| ARTHUR R. DAVIS | 4. | CORNELIUS CHARGE | 9. |
| FREDERICK G. PERRIN | 5. | HAROLD N. DAVIS | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

*First peal in the method.

### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, November 12, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN, HAVERSTOCK HILL,

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

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, and one of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST BONFIELD | ..*Treble.* | RICHARD BEVAN | 4. |
| ERNEST YOUNG* | 2. | WILLIAM BURROWS | 5. |
| FRED. RICHARDSON | 3. | ISAAC ATTWATER† | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by ISAAC ATTWATER.

*First peal. †First peal on six bells.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, November 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES PETTIT | ..*Treble.* | FRANK CARTER | 5. |
| GEORGE E. PEACE* | 2. | WILLIAM A. ALPS | 6. |
| PERCY J. DARLINGTON* | 3. | HENRY A. BARNETT | 7. |
| ALFRED W. DARLINGTON* | 4. | *SYDNEY T. DARLINGTON | ..*Tenor,* |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. ALPS.

*First peal in the method. At the conclusion of the peal the band offered their congratulations to Mr. Alps upon his re-appearance in the tower as a conductor, it being eight years since he has taken part in a peal upon tower bells.

## The Provinces.

### FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, November 9, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

A TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST CARTER | ..*Treble.* | THOMAS GOSLING | 5. |
| JOSEPH J. PARKER | 2. | RICHARD BUCKLAND | 6. |
| GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE* | 3. | JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE | 7. |
| REUBEN FLAXMAN | 4. | ALFRED DAY | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

### READING, BERKS.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, November 9, 1898, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALFRED E. REEVES | ..*Treble.* | FRANK HOPGOOD | 6. |
| JOHN TUCKER | 2. | WILLIAM HORNE | 7. |
| HENRY WHITE | 3. | WILLIAM NEWELL | 8. |
| JOHNSON E. HERN | 4. | AMBROSE OSBORNE | 9. |
| FRANK TUBB | 5. | ERNEST BRUCE | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

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

### STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, November 9, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CECIL DARWIN† | ..*Treble.* | †GEORGE D. WARBURTON | 6. |
| WM. GORDON | 2. | J. ALLAN GORDON | 7. |
| ALFRED GORDON | 3. | WM. GORDON, JUN. | 8. |
| THOMAS SALE | 4. | ALLAN S. GORDON | 9. |
| JOSEPH BARLOW | 5. | ALFRED BIRCH (aged 18) | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM GORDON.

†First peal. This peal was arranged as the *debut* of Cecil Dawson (aged seventeen), and George D. Warburton as Caters ringers. C. Darwin has only been learning a few months.

### RETFORD.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, November 9, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES.**

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HARRY WARBURTON | ..*Treble.* | *ROBERT MILES | 6. |
| GEORGE SWANNACK | 2. | HERBERT HAIGH | 7. |
| T. HERCY DENMAN | 3. | JOSEPH B. JOYNES | 8. |
| ERNEST COLLINGBURN* | 4. | THOMAS SPURR | 9. |
| GEORGE R. WINTER | 5. | †RICHARD POTTER | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HERBERT HAIGH.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. This peal, in two equal parts, has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th. It was rung as a compliment to the Worshipful, the Mayor, Mr. Councillor Peatfield, on the day of his election, and is the greatest number of changes ever rung on the bells.

### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

*On Wednesday, November 9, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,*

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

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| STEPHEN COOK | ..*Treble.* | HENRY FOLKARD | 5. |
| WILLIAM MOTTS | 2. | WILLIAM WOOD | 6. |
| ROBERT HAWES | 3. | EDGAR PEMBERTON | 7. |
| HENRY BOWELL | 4. | JAMES MOTTS | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales's birthday.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

*On Thursday, November* 10, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WM. GORDON | *Treble.* | JOSEPH BARLOW | 5. |
| THOMAS SALE | 2. | ALLAN S. GORDON | 6. |
| ALFRED GORDON | 3. | WILLIAM J. THYNG | 7. |
| GEORGE D. WARBURTON† | 4. | J. ALLAN GORDON | *Tenor.* |

Arranged and Conducted by WM. GORDON.

†First peal of Triples. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

*On Wednesday, November* 9, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

J. LATES'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| W. H. SUMNER | *Treble.* | WILLIAM SHORT | 5. |
| WILLIAM PALMER | 2. | FREDERICK CLAYTON | 6. |
| FRED. SUMNER | 3. | WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT | 7. |
| THEODORE PRITCHETT | 4. | GEORGE COOPER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT.

RAMSBOTTOM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, November* 10, 1898, *in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

VICARS'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

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| R. H. WOLSTENHOLME* | *Treble.* | JOHN H. HAYDOCK | 5. |
| JAMES S. TAYLOR | 2. | WALTER TAYLOR | 6. |
| JONATHAN WOLSTENHOLME. | 3. | JAMES B. TAYLOR | 7. |
| ROBERT LEACH | 4. | JOHN BOOTH | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung to commemorate the twenty-first birthday of R. H. Wolstenholme, the band wishing him many happy returns.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

*On Thursday, November* 10, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

*In five methods, as follows:*

Morning Star, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, April Day, and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY BARRELL | *Treble.* | ARTHUR TOOK | 3. |
| FREDK. LAMBERT | 2. | ROBERT TRACY | 4. |
| JOHN PUNCHARD | *Tenor.* | | |

Conducted by F. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. Lambert.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.—CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November* 12, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS MARSHALL* | *Treble.* | *JOHN BAILEY | 5. |
| SAMUEL FERNLEY† | 2. | EDWARD READER | 6. |
| HIRAM MAKIN* | 3. | *JOHN HANKINSON | 7. |
| THOMAS SALE | 4. | JAMES S. WILDE | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

†First peal. *First peal of Major. This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

*On Saturday, November* 12, 1898, *in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WALTER HAWKINS | *Treble.* | WILLIAM BURKIN | 5. |
| GEORGE HUGGETT† | 2. | HENRY REEVES | 6. |
| FREDERICK BALCOMBE* | 3. | FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. | 7. |
| WILLIAM MAYNE | 4. | GEORGE BROWN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEO. HUGGETT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November* 12, 1898, *in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6160 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| RICHARD POTTER | *Treble.* | JOHN SADLER | 5. |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE* | 2. | CHARLES NORFOLK | 6. |
| WILLIAM DYER | 3. | ERNEST W. BECKWITH | 7. |
| WILLIAM ELLIOTT | 4. | DAVID ELLIOTT | *Tenor.* |

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

*First peal of Bob Major.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, November* 12, 1898, *in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.** Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SAMUEL REEVES* | *Treble.* | HARRY MASON | 5. |
| THOMAS REYNOLDS | 2. | WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT | 6. |
| WILLIAM J. SMITH* | 3. | WILLIAM SHORT | 7. |
| WILLIAM ROCK SMALL | 4. | JOHN BARBER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the hundredth anniversary of the bells being put in the tower; also as a compliment to the tower-keeper, Mr. W. R. Small, it being his birthday on the above date.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November* 12, 1898, *in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRANK BENNETT | *Treble.* | *WALTER FRANKS | 5. |
| SYDNEY SAKER* | 2. | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 6. |
| WILLIAM THOMAS* | 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 7. |
| KEITH HART | 4. | *WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. This was the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and was rung on the sixth anniversary of the first peal by a local band. A further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November* 12, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ROBERT E. CHICHESTER | *Treble.* | ROBERT C. HUDSON | 5. |
| THOMAS HUDSON, SEN. | 2. | ROBERT RICHARDS | 6. |
| WILLIAM T. ROBSON* | 3. | FREDERICK J. HARRISON | 7. |
| WILLIAM STORY | 4. | †ROBERT L. PATTERSON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

*First peal in the method. †First peal. This is the first peal of Stedman rang in the county of Durham. R. L. Patterson is a member of the new band at the church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr in this town, and he never handled a rope until February last.

HAWLEY, HANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 12, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES SMART* .. | ..*Treble.* | ALFRED E. COUSINS.. .. | 5. |
| BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. .. | 2. | ARTHUR W. HIGGS .. .. | 6. |
| GEORGE HAWKINS .. .. | 3. | ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. | 7. |
| CHARLES GILES.. .. .. | 4. | †JOHN TUCKLR .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JOHN TUCKER.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BENJAMIN S. HILL .. | ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. | 5. |
| ALBERT HILL* .. .. .. | 2. | †GORDON CHECKETTS.. .. | 6. |
| LIONEL LONGNEY .. .. | 3. | ALFRED MOORE .. .. .. | 7. |
| WALTER STONE .. .. .. | 4. | WILLIAM LEBBON .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, of Brighton, and Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 12, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES OTWAY* .. | ..*Treble.* | JOHN HOYLE .. .. .. | 5. |
| HENRY CORBETT .. .. | 2. | JOHN WYATT .. .. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS NEWNHAM .. .. | 3. | ARTHUR DEAN .. .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN WHITE .. .. .. | 4. | DAVID ANSCOMB.. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John Hoyle. *First peal. J. White was elected a member before starting for the peal.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, November 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| THOS. E. CHAMBERLAIN ..*Treble.* | HENRY DEW .. .. .. | 5. |
| HENRY W. WILDE .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM MOULTON .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM SCONCE .. .. | 3. | JOHN TOMLINSON .. .. | 7. |
| EDWIN BREEZE .. .. .. | 4. | JAMES DILLON .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by J. DILLON.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except Dillon and Wilde, also first by the branch. Rung as a birthday peal for J. Dillon; his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Also rung as a wedding peal for Miss Eleanor Powell, sister-in-law of the ringer of the 4th.

LOWER BEBINGTON.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

*On Monday, November 14, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-five Miuutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and College Single, Canterbury, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

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| S. BREEZE* .. .. .. | ..*Treble.* | J. CLIFFE .. .. .. .. | 4. |
| E. BREEZE .. .. .. .. | 2. | J. DILLON .. .. .. .. | 5. |
| J. WOODS .. .. .. .. | 3. | H. E. HOUGH .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by H. E. HOUGH.

*First peal. First peal in seven methods by Messrs. E. Breeze, Cliffe, and Hough.

## Handbell Peals.

HEREFORD.—THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, November 13, 1898, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

IN THE WORKSHOP OF MR. T. HOBBY, BUILDER,

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

J. E. GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. | 1-2. | JAMES E. GROVES .. .. | 5-6. |
| CHARLES H. WATTS .. | 3-4. | WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. | 7-8. |

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referees—R. Chamberlain and H. Gaines. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

## Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BOLTON BRANCH.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—Recently at St. George's church a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 11 mins. G. Pincott, 1; J. Makinson, 2; W. Sykes, 3; Fred. Morris, 4; J. Makin, 5; G. Moss, 6; H. Moss (conductor), 7; J. Moulding, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PUDSEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, November 6th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Cordingley, 1; G. Bolland, 2; P. Cordingley, 3; T. Latimer, 4; H. Oddy, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6; E. Wheater (composer and conductor), 7; F. Birks, 8.

TONG (Yorks).—On Sunday afternoon, November 6th, for Divine Service, a date touch in eight different methods, in 1 hr. 6 mins., being 98 Primrose, 240 each of Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and 360 Oxford. G. Bolland, 1; S. Oddy, 2; E. Oddy, 3; E. Wheater, 4; H. Oddy (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6.

## Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, November 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. F. Fosker, 1; T. Levett, 2; H. C. Sewell, 3; E. Parker, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; W. Green, 6. First 720 of Kent Treble Bob away from the treble by H. C. Sewell.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 2nd, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Betherton, 1; W. S. Pritchett, 2; F. Sumner, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; J. S. Pritchett, 5; W. Palmer, 6; H. Withers, 7; F. Clayton, 8. Also 506 in the same method. W. S. Pritchett, 1; W. Short, 2; A. Pritchett, 3; A. Walker, 4; S. Saker, 5; W. Palmer, 6; J. S. Pritchett, 7; F. Clayton, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. H. Withers, 1; W. S. Pritchett, 2; F. Sumner, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; J. S. Pritchett, 5; F. Clayton, 6; W. Palmer, 7; G. Cooper, 8.

WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, September 27th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Smith, 1; J. O. Bennett, 2; N. Davis, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5; W. H. Smith, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Perry, 1; J. O. Bennett, 2; J. Pagett (conductor), 3; N. Davis, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; W. H. Smith, 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. C. B. Rowland, who for twenty-two years was vicar of this parish.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 26th, at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob (thirty singles), in 24 mins. J. Fell, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; J. Tipping, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping, 6. On November 2nd, for practice, 720 Oxford Single, in 25 mins. J. Fell, 1; R. Cookson, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping, 6. On Sunday, November 6th, another 720 in the same method, in 25 mins. *W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; *A. E. Wilson, 4; R. Cookson, 5; E. Tipping, 6. All conducted by E. Tipping. *First 720 in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Lawrence, and also as a compliment to the new Vicar, who officiated for the first time on the above date, a

quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. R. Sawyer, 1; F. Hopgood, 2; H. Tucker, 3; C. Stone, 4; J. Tucker, 5; A. Osborne, 6; W. Horn, 7; A. E. Reeves, 8; W. Newell (conductor), 9; E. Bruce, 10. Composed by J. George.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the Evening, at the church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, a ¼-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. Jesse Eldridge, 1; John C. Truss (conductor), 2; Frank Bissley, 3; Joseph H. Hawkins, 4; William Walker, 5; Charles Green, 6; Frederick Dentry, 7; George Martin, 8. First quarter-peal by Hawkins and Green.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, October 27th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Latter, 1; W. J. Wilson, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; G. Smithers, 4; F. Harrington, 5; H. Porter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Perkins, jun., 1; F. Harrington, 2; W. Smith (first touch with a bob bell), 3; W. Latter (conductor), 4; J. Muggridge, 5; G. Kember, 6; G. Smithers, 7; E. Turner, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Perkins, jun., 1; W. Latter, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; G. Smithers, 4; S. Perkins, 5; A. Welsh (conductor), 6; W. Pollard, 7; W. Smith, 8.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, November 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Aldridge, 1; A. Phillips, 2; W. Watchorne, 3; H. G. Hill (conductor), 4; R. G. Carter, 5; G. Carter, 6; H. Harvey, 7; A. R. Sandiford, 8. For evening service 630 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Harman, 1; A. Pye, 2; W. Watchorne, 3; J. Beaven, 4; E. Wells, 5; R. G. Carter (conductor), 6; A. Phillips, 7; G. Carter, 8.

DEAL (Kent).—On Saturday, November 5th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. J. Axon, 1; A. Castle, 2; S. Mockett, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; E. Foreman, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 25 mins. J. Axon, 1; H. Castle, 2; S. Mockett, 3; G. Denne, 4; E. Foreman, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, November 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 24 mins. J. Axon, 1; A. Denne, 2; E. Newman, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Denne, 5; H. Castle, 6. On Wednesday, November 9th, on the occasion of the marriage of Captain A. E. Bewes, R.M.L.I., to Miss S. E. Treaner, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. J. Axon, 1; A. Burnap (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; A. Denne, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Denne, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-BLACKBURN BRANCH.

OSWALDTWISTLE. — On Sunday, September 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 11th, 720 Oxford Single. On Sunday, September 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. On Sunday, October 2nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob. On Tuesday, October 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On Tuesday, October 18th, 720 Kent. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Plain Bob.

CHURCH KIRK.—The Oswaldtwistle ringers visited this place on Sunday, October 2nd, and rang a 720 of College Single, for afternoon service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2: J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6.

ACCRINGTON.—The Oswaldtwistle ringers paid a visit to this parish church on Sunday, September 18th, and rang 720 College Single for afternoon service, being the Harvest Festival. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. Four of the Accrington ringers paid a return visit to Oswaldtwistle, on Sunday, September 25th, and assisted by Messrs. Bentley and Sharples attempted a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, which collapsed near the end. A. Scholes (conductor), 1; R. Scholes, 2; J. Bentley, 3; C. Graham, 4; A. Heap, 5; C. Sharples.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Monday, November 7th, at St. Mary's church, 360 of Doubles, being 120 each of Plain Bob, The Dream, and Grandsire. W. Rose, 1; E. Buckingham, 2; E. Youngs, 3; A. Symonds, 4; J. Buckingham (conductor), 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Right Hon. Lord Henniker.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Sunday morning, November 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Swinburn, 1; W. Swinburn, 2; J. Hind (conductor), 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston, 5; T. Sewell, 6.

## THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 6th, being the anniversary of the dedication of the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins., was rung for Divine Service in the evening. J. Nicholls, 1; *E. Arthurton, 2; W. Meaton, 3; W. T. Elson, 4; *W. Pickworth, 5; C. Charge (composer), 6; G. Charge, 7; *R. Charge, 8; E. H. Adams (conductor), 9; S. How, 10. *First quarter-peal in the method.

PUTNEY (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. J. W. Driver, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; J. Nicholls, 3; C. Charge, 4; R. Charge, 5; W. T. Elson, 6; J. Aldridge (first as conductor), 7; F. Parsons (first quarter-peal, 8.

## THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, November 4th, for practice at St. Alkmond's church, 420 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Owen, 1; F. W. Taylor, 2; W. R. Stockdale, 3; T. Burd, 4; A. Fullick, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; G. J. Taylor, 8. Also courses of Stedman Triples. W. R. Stockdale, 1; G. J. Taylor, 2; W. H. Owen, 3; W. J. Taylor, 4; F. W. Taylor, 5; H. Jones, 6; G. Byolin, 7; A. Fullick, 8. On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. R. Stockdale, 1; T. Burd, 2; W. J. Taylor, 3; F. W. Taylor, 4; G. Byolin (conductor), 5; G. J. Taylor, 6. Rung on the back six.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### (STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Saturday, November 5th, for practice at St. George's, Heaviley, 890 Bob Major. T. Marshall, 1; S. Fernley, 2; H. Meakin, 3; T. Sale, 4; J. W. Bayley, 5; E. Reader, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. T. Jackson, 1; J. Booth, 2; A. Barnes, 3; J. D. Warburton, 4; J. W. Bayley, 5; E. Reader, 6; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 7; J. Hankinson, 8. On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service, 468 Grandsire Caters. R. Lund (aged 14), 1; J. Booth, 2; J. W. Bayley, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; E. Reader, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; J. Pearson, 8; T. Marshall (conductor), 9; T. Gordon, 10. On Monday, November 7th, for practice, 486 Grandsire Caters. B. Lund, 1; T. Jackson, 2; J. Booth, 3; T. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Motter shead, 6; J. Hankinson (conductor), 7; J. Pearson, 8; T. Marshall, 9; J. W. Bayley, 10. *First touch as conductor.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—August 28th, at St. Paul's church, 395 Grandsire Caters. F. Webb, 1; C. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. Chasty, 4; S. Cullip, 5; F. Keech, 6; J. F. Harvey, 7; W. H. Lawrence, 8; I. Hills, 9; W. Barker, 10. And 120 Treble Bob Royal. C. Clarke (conductor). Also 419 Stedman Caters. W. Gazeley, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Hall, 5; I. Hills, 6; J. F. Harvey, 7; W. H. Lawrence, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; W. Barker, 10. On September, 1, at St. Mary's church, 720 each of College Exercise and Violet. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Gazeley, 3; C. Chasty, 4; J. Smith, 5; H. Toll, 6. On September 4, at St. Paul's church, 419 Stedman Caters. C. W. Clarke (conductor) 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; C. Chasty, 3; E. H. G. Tingey, 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Gazeley, 6; W. Barker, 7; I. Hills, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; J. Sear, 10. Also 252 Grandsire Triples. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hunt (North Shields), 3; W. Barber, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Chasty, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; F. Keech, 8. On September 6, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hunt, 3; W. Barker, 4; H. Toll, 5; W. Gazeley, 6. On September 18, at St. Paul's church, 305 Grandsire Caters and 486 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor). October 2nd, 395 Grandsire Caters. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. Cullip, 3; W. Barker, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. Chasty, 7; I. Hills, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; F. Ball, 10. On October 4th, 720 Double Court. F. Parrott, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. Chasty; W. Barker, 6. Also 720 Woodbine. W. Barker, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Toll, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. Clarke, 5; S. Constant, 6. On Tuesday, September 20th, five members journeyed to Harrold to try the bells there before the bell-hanger went away, and meeting Mr. D. Taylor (Loughborough) there, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung. C. W. Clarke (conductor) 1; W. Barker, 2; D. Taylor, 3; C. Chasty, 4; W. Toll, 5; S. Constant, 6. On October 5th, at the dedication of Harrold bells, 720 Woodbine. S. Constant (con

ductor), 1; H. Sharp, 2; H. Toll, 3; C. Chasty, 4; H. Toll, 5; W. Barker, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Chasty (conductor). Also 720 Double Court. H. Sharp (conductor). On October 9th, at St. Paul's church, 320 Double Norwich Major. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Sharp, 3; S. Cullip, 4; C. Chasty, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Tysoe, 7; W. Barker, 8. Also 503 and 305 of Grandsire Caters. H. Sharp, 1; C. Chasty, 2; E. H. G. Tingey, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; W. Hall, 5; I. Hills, 6; W. Barber, 7; F. Keech, 8; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 9; J. Sear, 10. On October 16th, 395 Grandsire Caters. F. Webb, 1; H. Sharp, 2; E. Tingey, 3; C. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Barker, 6; C. Chasty, 7; I. Hills, 8; C. W. H. Tysoe, 9; J. Sear, 10. On October 23rd, 224 Double Norwich. F. Webb, 1; C. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 6; H. Tysoe, 7; C. R. Lilley, 8. Also 112 Bob Major. On October 27th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent. F. Webb, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. Clarke, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. C. Chasty, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; F. Webb (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; W. Barker, 6. And 720 College Exercise. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor) 2; J. Smith, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. Chasty, 5; H. Toll, 6.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING (Northants).—Recently, on handbells, 416 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Trayhurn, 1; E. Chapman, 2; E. Underwood, 3; A. Robinson, 4; J. Julian, 5; W. Roughton, 6; C. Newman, 7; W. R. Hensher (conductor), 8. Also 720 Bob Minor. Miss A. Smith, 1: C. Newman, 2; W. Roughton, 3; E. Chapman, 4; W. R. Hensher (conductor), 5-6. And another 416 Double Norwich. A. Trayhurn, 1; A. Robinson, 2; E. Underwood, 3; E. Chapman, 4; C. Newman, 5; J. Julian, 6; W. Roughton, 7; W. R. Hensher (conductor), 8. An attempt on tower bells for Holt's Original came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 5 mins. A. Robinson, 1; E. Underwood, 2; W. Roughton, 3; W. R. Hensher, 4; C. Newman, 5; W. Wood, 6; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; J. Julian, 8. Also two courses of Bob Major. F. Ball, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. R. Hensher, 4; E. Chapman, 5; T. R. Hensher, 6; W. Roughton, 7; J. Julian, 8. A quarter-peal, taken from Holt's Original. F. Ball, 1; E. Chapman, 2; C. Newman, 3; T. R. Hensher, 4; E. Underwood, 5; W. Roughton, 6; W. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; J. Spence, 8. This is the first quarter-peal at the treble by F. Ball, and the first quarter-peal with a bob bell by E. Chapman.

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ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Darling Point (twenty-two singles). T. Griffiths, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; T. Elcox, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; W. Martin, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 5th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). E. Mapp, 1; W. Martin, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; J. Earp, 4; C. Beaman, 5; T. Griffiths (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. Mapp, 1; T. Griffiths, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; J. Earp, 4; C. Beaman, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 9th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Bowen (first 720), 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; E. Mapp (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; C. Beaman, 5; J. Reynolds (conductor), 6. Also another 720 Bob Minor with twenty-two singles.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 10th, a 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, 1; N. Townend, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Heys, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 16th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Anderson, 1; T. Redman, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; D. Heys, 5; N. Townend, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, October 18th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. D. Heys, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Walton, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; T. Redman, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service 760 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Campbell, 1; F. Towns, 2; R. Hartley, 3; T. Redman, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; D. Heys (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; T. Redman, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Heys, 1; N. Townend, 2; F. Towns, 3; D. Campbell, 4; T. Redman, 5; R. Hartley, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Thursday, October 20th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; W. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Watson (conductor), 4; *A. F. Hardy, 5; T. R. Jackson, 6. *First 720 in the method, and hails from Barrow-in-Furness. On Sunday morning, October 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and ten singles) in 24 mins. Composed by J. J. Parker. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; H. Haigh, 3; W. Dennison, 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 24 mins. Composed by E. Francis. T. Watson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. Suart, 3; W. Dennison, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. After evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (forty bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. Composed by C. Bassano. H. Haigh (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. Watson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

DARFIELD (Yorks).—On Saturday, November 5th, for practice, 120 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Woodcock's Delight, Queen Bess, College Pleasure, Nelson's Victory, College Exercise, City Delight, London Victory, and Roystone Delight. S. Woodcock, 1; A. Crossman, 2: W. Woodcock, jun. (conductor), 3; W. Woodcock, 4; R. Ricketts, 5; W. Morris, 6. On Sunday morning, November 6th, for Divine Service, 120 each of Woodcock's Delight, Nelson's Victory and London Victory. S. Woodcock, 1; A. Crossman, 2; R. Ricketts, 3; W. Woodcock, 4; T. Johnson, 5; W. Woodcock, jun. (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 240 each of College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory and City Delight. S. Woodcock, 1; A. Crossman, 2; W. Woodcock, jun. (conductor), 3; R. Ricketts, 4; T. Johnson, 5; W. Morris, 6. For evening service 240 each of Violet, New London Pleasure and 120 Duke of York. S. Woodcock, 1; C. Bell, 2; W. Woodcock, jun. (conductor), 3; W. Woodcock, 4; R. Ricketts, 5; W. Morris, 6.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 5th, four 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles. J. Lett, 1; F. Hopper, 2; H. Lett, 3; W. Freeman (conductor), 4; J. Lovell, 5. Also six 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. Freeman, 1; J. Lett, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Lovell (conductor), 4; H. Lett, 5. And four 6-scores of Plain Bob. J. Lett, 1; F. Hopper (conductor), 2; J. Lovell, 3; H. Lett, 4; W. Freeman, 5.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Monday, October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Badger, 1; H. Sumner, 2; F. Sumner, 3; F. Clayton (conductor), 4; J. Wright, 5; J. Betterton, 6; W. Palmer, 7; G. Cooper, 8.

NEWARK (Notts).—On Wednesday, November 9th, before breakfast, in honour of the Prince of Wales's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. J. Miller, 1; C. H. Chapman, 2; A. S. Foster, 3; L Thorpe, 4; E. C. Thrale, 5; J. W. Else, 6; C. H. Newbald (conductor), 7; H. Thrale, 8. Tenor 33 cwt. in C. First quarter-peal by the whole band, all of whom are new, and, except the last two, under twenty.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, October 26th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and four bobs). H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; J. Levitt, 6. Rung to celebrate the sixty-fifth birthday of H. Symonds, who invited the company to The Six Bells inn to partake of refreshments, the company drinking his good health, and wishing him many happy returns. On Saturday, October 29th, 720 Oxford Bob (nine bobs). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Gladwell (first 720 in the method), 4; W. Kinsey (first 720 in the method), 5; H. Horrex, 6. On handbells 352 Bob Major. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; H. Gladwell, 2; W. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; A. Hollocks, 6; A. Keeble, 7; H. Horrex, 8. First touch of Bob Major by Messrs. Kinsey, Gladwell, and Horrex.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. P. Harman (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Harper, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. Symons, 4; W. J. Pickard, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6; E. Newman (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram (first quarter-peal) 8. Mr. Pickard presents his compliments to the members of the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, thanks them for their congratulations upon his recent promotion, and thinks it may interest his late colleagues to know that under the able direction of Mr. J. Harper (foreman), and with the assistance of Mr. F. S. Bayley (an experienced ringer from London), the Portsea ringers mean business this winter.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. G. Baker, 1; E. F. Read, 3; E. G. Baker, 4; C. Chasty, 5; T. Measures, 6; W. T. Johnson (conductor), 7; R. Rowell, 8.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, November 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Howard, 1: H. Kilby, 2; W. Burroughs, 3; I. Attwater (conductor), 4; A. Pittam, 5; A. Tennant, 6.

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## Notices.

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**The Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Peter's church, Ashton-under-Lyne, to-day, Saturday, November 19th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association**—South and West Districts.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar, at Iver, to-day, Saturday, November 19th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon Dis. Sec.*
*Lampton, Hounslow.*

**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—A Special Meeting of this Society will be held on Thursday, November 24th. Members are requested to attend. C. J. IRISH, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**—The meetings during the present month will be at St. Magnus, on Thursday, the 24th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 29th, at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

**The Salop Guild.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wem, on Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 2.15 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 1.53 p.m. J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
*Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.*

**The Kent County Association.**—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, on Saturday, November 26th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon Dist. Sec.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, November 26th, at St. Francis' church, (R.C) Holbeck (8 bells). Ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. Meeting house, The Foundry inn, Marshall Street. A good attendance of members is particularly requested to consider the destiny of the Society. Handbells provided. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.*

**The Hertfordshire Association,**—A District Meeting for the purpose of visiting the six-bell towers of King's Langley, Abbot's Langley and Hunton Bridge, will be held on Saturday, November 26th. Members are requested to meet at King's Langley Station on the arrival of the train from Watford at 3.36 p.m. A conveyance will be provided for those who signify to me by Wednesday, the 23rd inst., their intention to be present.

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

**Dagenham, Essex.**—Notice.—There will be a friendly gathering of ringers at Dagenham, on Saturday evening, November 26th. "LET-'EM ALL COME."

**The East Derbyshire Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield, on Saturday, December 3rd. Six bells in good order, five minutes from Clay Cross Station. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

**The Proposed Handbell Tune-Ringing Contest at Oldham.**—Through unforeseen circumstances the above contest cannot take place on the date advertised.

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## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BATTLE.—There is an old adage which says "Third time fair," and after two fruitless journeys to the historical town of Battle, the first peal of Stedman on the bells was successfully accomplished at the third attempt. The party consisted of Messrs. Williams, Bennett, and Hart (Brighton); Goldsmith (Lewes); Saker (Hastings), with three of the local men, Messrs. Eldridge, Franks, and Thomas. On the occasion of the first visit the ringing was not at all up to peal form, but on the second occasion it was probable that the peal would have been rung had not the Venerable Dean appeared in the ringing-chamber to stop the bells when only eleven courses remained to be completed. But alls well that ends well, and on Saturday last an excellent peal was knocked off. The visitors spent the night in Hastings, where they were very kindly entertained by the Battle men, and Messrs. Saker and Lock of Hastings. For the ten o'clock service on Sunday morning at Christ Church, St. Leonards, a 504 Grandsire Triples was rung. G. Williams, 1; C. Hill, 2; G. Watson, 3; F. Bennett, 4; K. Hart, 5; W. Franks, 6; J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. The party then proceeded to Christ Church, Blacklands, where 336 Bob Major conducted by F. Bennett, and 168 Grandsire Triples conducted by F. Lock, were rung for service. L. Stone, W. Franks, F. Bennett, F. Lock, S. Saker, J. S. Goldsmith, G. Williams, and K. Hart. At the same church for evening service, 464 Bob Major was rung. K. Hart, 1; W. Franks, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; F. Lock, 4; S. Saker, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. S. Goldsmith, 7; G. Williams, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Bennett, 1; S. Saker (conductor), 2; L. Stapley, 3; F. Lock, 4; J. Livermore, 5; W. Franks, 6; K. Hart, 7; W. Eldridge, 8. 168 Stedman Triples was also rung. During the trip the handbells were not forgotten. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples made the somewhat tedious journey from Brighton pass pleasantly enough, and on Sunday afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and a course of Grandsire Cinques were rung by Messrs. Williams, Hart, Bennett, Goldsmith, Saker, and Franks.

THE PEAL AT READING.—This peal was attempted on the previous Wednesday on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins. The peal was rung on the occasion of Lord Mayor's day; also as a birthday compliment to the captain, Mr. W. Newell, who attained his sixtieth year the day previous. First peal of Stedman Caters by Messrs. Reeves, Horne, and Bruce.

THE PEAL AT HEREFOKD.—This was the first peal of any description ever rang on handbells in the city of Hereford, and the first peal in the diocese. It was also Mr. Knight's fiftieth peal, as follows: Grandsire Triples, 16; on handbells, 3; Grandsire Major, 2; Grand-Caters, 17; Darlaston Bob Triples, 4; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 7; Stedman Triples, 3; total, 50.

THE PEAL OF TRIPLES AT STOCKPORT.—This peal was rung at the request of Mr. W. J. Thyng, of Chesterfield, who being on a visit to Stockport desired to try a peal on the newly-augmented and rehung bells, and at the conclusion he expressed himself well pleased with the work of Messrs. Taylor.

## AN APPEAL.

Most of our readers will have read the letter in last week's "BELL NEWS" *re* the Stansted parish church bells. An effort is being made to raise £170 to rehang the old six and add two new trebles. If this is to be done we shall require a little outside help to enable us to raise the above amount. The smallest donations will be most thankfully received and acknowledged in this paper. Cannot some of the more fortunate who have peals of eight and upwards in their own parish do a little for us? Below are a few donations from the local band:—

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N.B.—The smallest donations will be most thankfully received by William J. Watts, Lower Street, Stansted, and Harold J. Smith, churchwarden, "Woodfield," Stansted, Essex.

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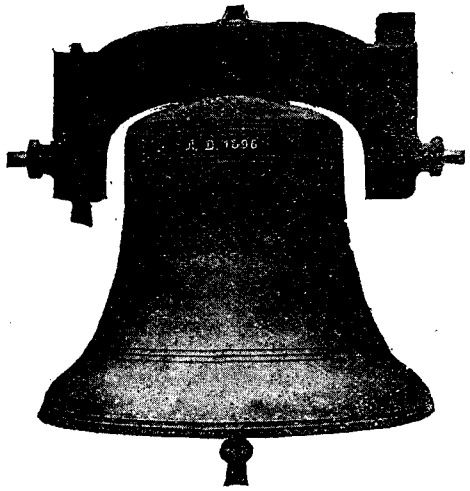

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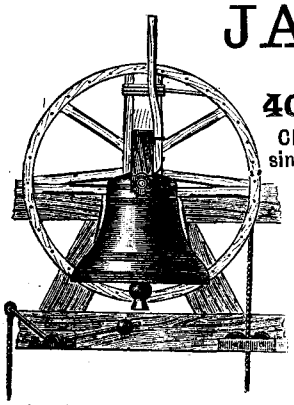

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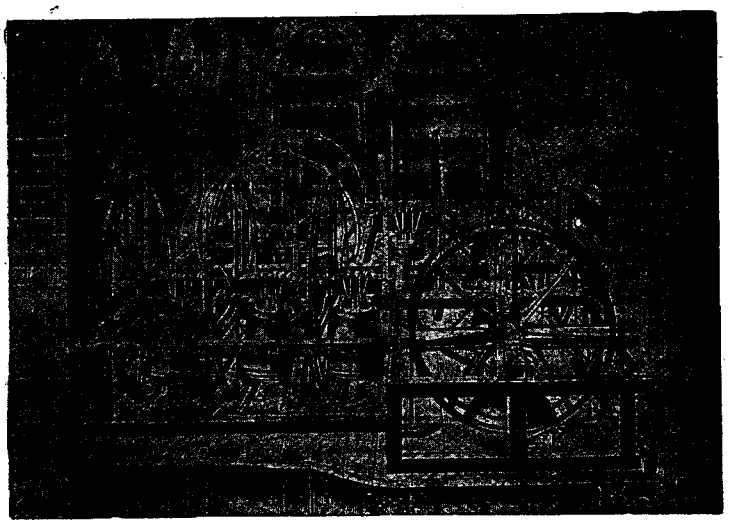

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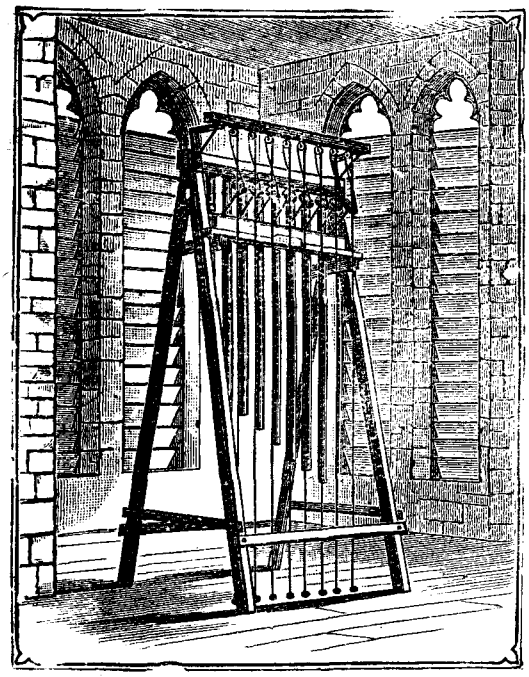

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## REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

### Re-opening of the Bells.

Some twelve years since the third bell in the Redgrave peal fell, and it was thought wise at the time to remove the ropes from two other bells, so that out of a peal of six only three have been available for chiming for some years past, and although (owing to the fact that young men frequently leave our country parishes now-a-days and render it difficult to maintain a company of ringers) there was not a company in Redgrave, many parishioners desired to restore the bells and have them sounding again. The 1897 Jubilee gave the first impetus to the movement, and side by side with subscriptions for a parish feast, a Bell Fund was started, of which Mr. Pursehouse was secretary and treasurer. This Jubilee collection amounted to about £8, and Mrs. Horsfall, then resident at the Hall, permitted the exhibition of her famous prize-winning Great Danes at the annual Flower Show. This exhibition raised £9 more, so that when a further effort was made this spring there was a fund of some £17 to start with. The Rector then issued an appeal to friends of Redgrave, who were resident or non-resident, and the response to the appeal has been most satisfactory, so that, with £10 from Jumble Sale, more than enough money to cover the expense of the bell-hanging has been raised, and some will be left over to meet the expense of fitting a pinnacle on the tower and repairing the lattice windows, which the Rector and churchwardens thought should be made good at this time before the opening day. The Redgrave bells have not such a good name amongst ringers for sound as Hinderclay or Tibenham, or as some others found in village belfries, but, such as they are, the sound is one familiar to several old inhabitants, and there was a desire amongst them to hear them once more. In old days there were various bell foundries in the Eastern Counties. We learn of one at Lynn in 1299, of one at Norwich in the fourteenth century until the eighteenth, at Thetford, 1577—1644 East Dereham, 1756 Downham Market, 1799 Bury St. Edmunds in the sixteenth century, Ipswich in the seventeenth, Sudbury 1694-1759, and also a small one at Redgrave itself from 1708 till probably the middle of the century. Two of the Redgrave foundry bells are to be found in the neighbourhood, one at Pulham St. Mary and one at Hoxne. We may therefore presume that at the time Goldsmith, the Redgrave bell-founder, lived, there were many merry peals in the Redgrave tower. Be that as it may, there are only one or two old ringers left, but a young and consequently ardent team of young men were busily practising all last winter on the handbells, preparatory to being initiated into the further mysteries of bellringing in the tower, so that there is some hope that a parish company may be formed once more. On the strength of the £17 raised in 1897 and the promise of more, Mr. Wilson, the owner of Redgrave Hall, and at the time the only churchwarden legally qualified, gave an order to restore the bells.

The Rector and churchwardens determined to celebrate the opening at the same time as the Harvest Thanksgiving, and selected Tuesday week, St. Luke's Day, as the day upon which to mark this great village event. The Rector issued invitations to all the chage-ringers in the Hartismere Hundred to be present if so minded, though in the case of Eye, Mr. Day offered to bring a company over. It was found that there were some eighteen parish churches in the Deanery possessing five bells or more, and that there might be a large compay present. But in some cases bell-ringing has not been kept up, and only about forty change-ringers accepted the invitation to be present. The Rector's wife also issued invitations to all the committee, who worked so well at the recent jumble sale, to be present at tea at the Mission Room, near the rectory, after service, and also to some others in the parishes or district interested in church work. To this invitation many responded. The jumble sale held in July had been partly for the Redgrave bells and partly for the Botesdale Chapel-of-Ease, and as there had been much unanimity amongst the two committees, the Rector's wife wished to take this opportunity of welcoming them. For a small parish of some five hundred people much money, and except in one case, without much cost to anyone, has been spent since 1896 in furthering school and church work. Miss Anna Wilson built a new residence, especially for the schoolmaster, in 1896; the infant school and another room had much money spent on them in the same year; in 1897 the Mission Room was built and furnished, and now, in 1898, the bells are restored, the expense thus incurred amounting to more than £650, which for a village in these days means a considerable amount, and by far the greater bulk of it emanated from residents. In addition to this, restoration work of the Chapel-of-Ease is proceeding in the companion parish of Botesdale, which will probably bring the total for the two parishes to over £700.

The peal of six bells have been taken up and entirely re-hung with all new fittings, viz., new stocks, wheels (fitted with improved sallies), stays, sliders, and pulley boxes (these work upon steel pivots), etc. The bells are turned on the new stocks, so that the clappers will strike on a fresh place. Six best wrought iron clappers have have been fitted, and also new iron staylaths and bolts for bell wheels, and cast iron bell carriages with gun metal bearings. The new gudgeons are on a improved plan, and the hanging irons, caps, straps, and cramps are all new. To keep the ropes steady and from wearing, six new deal troughs, each fifteen feet long, for the bell ropes to work in, have been supplied.

Tuesday last, the looked-for day, opened most inauspiciously for the occasion, a blustering night, heavy rain, and barometer as low as it had been for months, cheered the hearts of farmers and thousands of others with the thought that at last the longed for rain was coming. But for the parish event of the re-opening of the bells and harvest thanksgiving, a day of more cheerful promise had been desired. Still it is no use grieving over that outside our power. and the parishioners met the day with the patient fortitude which is one of the most marked

characterlstics of those who live in agricultural districts. Busy hands, under the direction of the Rector's wife, were at work all the morning decorating the church, to which Mrs. Godfrey Walter, of the Hall, and many others sent contributions.

As was fitting, the President of the Norwich Diocesan Association was the preacher on the occasion. Canon Raven, besides being interested in the bells and bell-ringing of the diocese, had also strong connection with the parish of Botesdale, having taken his wife therefrom many years since, so that many who remembered his wife with affection were pleased to think that he had promised to fill the post of preacher.

Besides Canon Raven, the following clergy were present: Revs. G. Hales and N. L. Bicknell (Rickinghall), E. Farrer (Hinderclay), J. S. Sawbridge (Thelnetham), E. A. Milne (Wyverstone), Gordon Roe, F. T. White (Cotton), A. C. Harlock (Westhorpe), B. H. Grigson (East Harling), C. L. Kennaway, Rural Dean (Garboldisham), whilst others were prevented by illness or previous engagements.

The first ringer to arrive on the scene was James Driver, the senior member of the old Redgrave company, and whose son is now an expert ringer in London. Just about eleven o'clock the bells were started after a silence of about twelve years, the first company to start them being G. Day (Eye), 1; J. Tyler (Thorndon), 2; H. Garnham (Redgrave), 3; F. Alderton (Thorndon), 4; J. Driver (Redgrave), 5; F. Day (Eye), 6. Fortunately the wind permitted the hearing of the bells in the village a mile distant. Ringers then generally began to gather from Eye, Brome, Palgrave, Burgate, Westhorpe, Thornham, Wickham Skeith, Cotton, and Gislingham; from some parishes the whole company came, and from others only a portion, anyhow some forty ringers mustered from the Hartismere Deanery, and ringing was kept up all the day, James Chenery, a man nearly seventy-six, an old old Blo' Norton ringer, though now of Redgrave, having a turn at the ropes.

In the morning many hands were engaged in decorating the church, Mr. Johnson, the Hall gardener, rendering much assistance, in addition to the usual willing staff of helpers. The fine church presented a very handsome appearance, but looked still grander at 3 o'clock with a congregation completely filling it. As it was week-day afternoon and not an evening service, the congregation was a very gratifying one. The Rector said the prayers and the responses, and singing generally was extremely good, the anthem especially coming in for commendation. The first lesson was read by the Rev. B. H. Grigson, and the second by the Rev. G. Hales. The President of the Association then delivered an admirable and practical sermon from 1 Thess. v. 18. In the course of his sermon he mentioned the fact that in 1553 Redgrave had three bells, in 1691 two more were added by Lord Chief Justice Holt, and in 1736 probably the present peal of six was placed in the tower. The sermon was listened to with wrapt attention, and the offertory amounted to between £9 and £10, partly for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund, and partly for church expenses.

After service the ringers and choir were entertained at the Hall Farm, under the presidency of Mr. Leonard Wilson, while Mrs. Holt Wilson held a reception at the Mission Room for friends and parishioners, many of whom had been excellent workers in the late Sale Committee. The weather after all favoured the event, and ringing was kept up to a late hour.

## TENTERDEN, KENT.

The above usually quiet place has been rather lively lately, especially regarded from a ringer's point of view. On Saturday, October 29th, to welcome home Major Finn, of the 21st Lancers, from the Soudan war, a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung by F. Edwards, 1: W. Cliff, 2: A. Hinds, 3; G. Cramp, 4; C. Tribe, 5; R. Edwards (conductor), 6; G. Neve, 7; H. Holdstock, 8. On Sunday, November 6th, being the anniversary of the restoration of the church, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung for both morning and evening service, and on Wednesday, November 9th, on the occasion of Mr. O. Edwards being elected Mayor, several 504s and other touches were rung during the day by F. and R. Edwards (the Mayor's sons), G. Neve, W. Cliff, A. Hinds, G. Cramp, E. and F. Burden from Rolvenden, C. Tribe and W. Spice from Charing, and H. Holdstock. The bells are a grand ring of eight, tenor 30 cwt., and go like tops. They are waiting for a band to come along and tap off some Double Norwich or Superlative on them. Brighton ringers please take note.

## HIGHWORTH, WILTS.

The bells at the parish church of St. Michael have recently been put in thorough good order; the fourth, fifth, and tenor bells have been recast, and the whole peal provided with new fiitings and hung in a new iron frame, the work being well done by Messrs. Warner in September last. Immediately after the completion of the work, 2520 Stedman Triples was rung. O. W. Layng, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; H. Roberts, 4; E. Bishop, 5; J. H. Shepherd, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; C. Gardner, 8. It was intended to ring a peal, but one of the band requested the conductor to call the bells round at the half-way. It should be mentioned that the Rev. F. E. Robinson's grandfather was Vicar of Highworth for sixty years, and the band who took part in the peal of Bob Major recorded this week, regretted that through a previous engagement Mr. Robinson was prevented from taking part in the first peal on the bells.

## ROLVENDEN, KENT.

On Saturday, November 19th, the Rye ringers paid another visit to this place to have a practice on the bells. They came by road, and their Jehu deposited them safely at the church at 6.45, where they found Mr. E. Burden, captain of the local band, Mr. F. Burden (his son), Mr. C. Tribe, from Tenterden, and Mr. G. Johnson, from Appledore. With the bells up ready, a start was soon made, and the first touch, 168 Grandsire Triples by four of the band was an accomplished fact. E. Burden, 1; H. Thorpe, 2; E. Reed, 3; C. Price, 4; F. Burden, 5; J. Durrant, 6; C. Tribe, 7; G. Johnson, 8. Messrs. W. Henley and W. Billenness also took part in the ringing during the evening. Before parting they promised to pay another visit before long, when it is hoped some of them will score their first quarter-peal. They are jolly good fellows, from their excellent captain (Rev. F. E. Berry) down to the last recruit, and deserve to be rewarded for their perseverance and patience. More power to their elbows; and so say all of us.

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

The North Lincolnshire Association had a very helpful meeting at Gainsborough on the 5th instant. The remarks made by the rev. chairman at the business meeting —Canon Moor—were, it may be presumed, very welcome to the assembled company. He understood that the tower of Gainsborough parish church "was quite capable of carrying a ring of ten, and as a ring of ten gave more scope to the science of change-ringing he hoped the peal would be augmented to that number."

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I can well imagine some of those present doing their best to prevent themselves ejaculating "Bravo!" and other interjections. Whatever must the Gainsborough men have felt at the bare mention of the idea that their bells might be made into a ring of ten? Every one will hope that the Canon will not let the matter rest. The church of Gainsborough I know not, I am sorry to say; but whatever the dimensions of the steeple, there will be no difficulty in placing the additional bells required. I noticed that one of the rev. gentlemen present at the meeting promised a subscription as soon as the appeal for such an excellent object was formally opened. Hear, hear; and bravo! vociferous applause! Waltham Abbey newspapers, please copy.

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Reading the report of the Durham and Newcastle meeting makes one think there is a screw loose somewhere. It is rumoured that the tower of Stockton-on-Tees parish church is closed to the members of the Association. That must be a mistake surely. How can a tower be closed to an entire Association? The thing is impossible; and I'll stake my reputation (which is saying a great deal) that it's a mere *canard*. The recent unfortunate misunderstanding between the executive of the Association and Mr. Clarkson and others of the Stockton company may effect a temporary estrangement I dare say, but it won't reach so far as closing a tower to ringers. May the difference of opinion, etc.

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The Ely brethren are waking up: no less than forty-four members having enjoyed recently a famous repast at "The Bell" (ominous sign) at Sudbury. The "pangs of hunger"—as the report says—having been satisfied, business was proceeded with, and nine new members were elected. See the benefit of having a "substantial repast" previous to the transaction of business. It works wonders, always.

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The reproof upon Bristol affairs was rather hard. At the same time it is deplorable that in a place where change-ringing might flourish, a place wherein is a great many bells, there should exist in all its fulness the great humbug of unfriendliness and discord. It is an unfortunate fact that much of the disagreements of ringers arise from the most petty means and contemptible sources. Local squabbles are getting beautifully less, and whoever tries his best to prevent them is as big a man as the hero of a thousand peals.

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Imagine the Sirdar—Lord Kitchener—having an ancestor who interested himself in the bells of his parish church. Would it not be well if some one called the attention of his lordship to the important fact? Perhaps we could get him to join one of our ringing societies. He would not be the first of his kind, for I think Sir Bartle Frere was a "smoking member" of one of the London companies. Would it be out of the question asking him to get up an interest in church bells in Egypt, do you think? Should there be any enterprising individual, say in the Soudan, who would like an "instructor" sent out, application may be made to the office of this paper for terms. Mutual references.

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The Central Northamptonshire Association have recently had a quarterly meeting at "the pretty and interesting village of Rushton." We are told the local men are being "instructed" in the Art, and the Rector co operates in the movement. Very good. When we are inclined to grumble at drawbacks and disappointments, these little bits of news ought to refresh us, and stimulate us to press forward in the good fight without fainting. For there is a lot of good work going on that we hear little of. Teachers are about in many places, doing their work quietly, sowing the good seed, which some day or other is bound to mature. The paragraph at the close of the report of this meeting is very well worthy of repetition: "These occasional meetings in outlying places are a great source of the Association's strength and success. They are a means of obtaining recruits, of pointing out defects in bells and belfries, also of enabling members to see how much clergy, churchwardens and parishioners in the villages are doing to put their bells in order, and add to the comfort and convenience of those who ring them." Every word of this is real.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## THE MILDENHALL SOCIETY, SUFFOLK.

On October 31st, the Mildenhall ringers visited Chippenham to try what is practically a new ring of six, tenor 15 cwt., cast by Warners. A start was made at a quarter to seven and the destination reached at half-past seven. After various trials about 1000 changes of Bob Minor were rung by Herbert Turner, 1; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 2; Henry Turner (conductor), 3; Alfred Turner, 4; George Turner, 5; Charles Carpenter, 6. The "go" of the bells, which have lately been hung in a new frame gave general satisfaction. A pleasant moonlight drive brought the band home at half-past ten, very pleased with their outing and grateful to the Vicar of Chippenham, Mr. Smedley and others, for the welcome and hospitality they received.

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NORTHAMPTON.—Recently at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Hensman, 1; W. Knighthall, 2; H Knighthall, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; A. Arnold (conductor), 4; A. Moore, 5; H. Blundell, 6; W. Farey, 7; C. Fennell, 8. At the church of S. Giles a quarter-peal in the same method. W. Harris, 1; T. Harris, 2; H. Key, 3; E. Haxley, 4; A. Moore, 5; A. Arnold, 6; A. Stewart, (conductor), 7; J. Freeman, 8. At the church of St. Sepulchre, a quarter-peal in the same method. W. Knighthall, 1; A. Moore, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; W. Farey, 4; A. Arnold, 5; A. Stewart, 6; H. Blundell (conductor), 7; C. Fennell, 8. This is the first quarter-peal on these bells, which have been rehung and two trebles added by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of them being excellent.

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5129.

| 23456789 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 436275 | – | | | – |
| 6234 98 | | – | | – |
| 3426 89 | | – | | – |
| 542376 | – | | | |
| 2345 98 | | – | | – |
| 3542 | | – | – | – |
| 5243 | | – | – | – |
| 4325 89 | | – | | – |
| 2534 98 | | – | | – |
| 5432 | | – | – | – |
| 4235 | | – | – | – |
| 3524 89 | | – | | – |
| 2453 98 | | – | | – |
| 4352 98 | | – | – | – |
| 5234 89 | | – | | – |

The last twelve courses three times repeated, calling the first course the same as the second, and single for bob at 4 in the eleventh course in the second and fourth parts. The above peal contains the twenty-four 7689s and 7698s.

5094.

| 23456789 | |
|---|---|
| 23456978* | |
| 342 | 7 8 |
| 423 | 7 8 |
| 2534 | 8th in three |
| 532 | 7 8 |
| 325 | 7 8 |
| 4253 87† | |
| 254 | 8 7 |
| 542 | 8 7 |
| 4325 | 7th in three |
| 324 | 7 8 |
| 243 | 7 8 |

*7th in and out at 3 with a double.
†8th in and out at 2 with a double.

The above twelve courses three times repeated, calling the first course 7th in and out at 2 with a double, and single for bob at the second and fourth part-ends produces 53426987. Calling bobs at 1 2 1 1 brings up the first lead of the plain course. This peal contains the twenty-four 6987s and 6978s.

### A PEAL OF UNION CATERS.

*By* ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5111.

| 23456 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 42563 | | | | 1 3 4 2 |
| 54263 | | | – | |
| 25463 | | | – | |
| 45623 | – | – | – | |
| 53624 | | – | | – |
| 65324 | | | – | |
| 35264 | – | – | – | |
| 23564 | | | – | |
| 52364 | | | – | |
| 32654 | – | – | – | |
| 24653 | | – | | – |
| 62453 | | | – | |
| 46253 | | | – | |
| 26543 | – | – | – | |
| 63542 | | – | | – |
| 53462 | – | – | – | |
| 43652 | – | – | – | |
| 64352 | | | – | |
| 36452 | | | – | |
| 46532 | – | – | – | |
| 56342 | – | – | – | |
| 35642 | | | – | |
| 65432 | – | – | – | |
| 45362 | – | – | – | |
| 34562 | | | – | |
| 54632 | – | – | – | |

The last twelve courses twice repeated, produces 42356. Round by 9th in and out at two.

### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

*By* JAMES PAGETT, *Kidderminster.*

5120.

| 23456 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43652 | – | – | |
| 64235 | | – | |
| 42635 | | | – |
| 26435 | | | – |
| 34625 | – | | – |
| 46325 | | | – |
| 23645 | – | | – |
| 36245 | | | – |
| 62345 | | | – |
| 43265 | – | | – |
| 32465 | | | – |
| 24365 | | | – |

Three times repeated; single instead of bob mid-way and end. This peal has the 5th and 6th each twenty-two times in 6th's place. First rung at Kidderminster, September 3rd, 1898, conducted by Albert E. Parsons.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* JAMES S. WILDE, *Hyde, Cheshire.*

5056.

| 23456 | w | 5th | 4th | B | M | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23564 | | | | – | | – |
| 34562 | – | – | – | | | – |
| 53462 | | | | | | – |
| 32465 | – | – | – | | | – |
| 43265 | | | | | | – |
| 24365 | | | | | | – |
| 53246 | – | | | | – | – |
| 25346 | | | | | | – |
| 32546 | | | | | | – |
| 24536 | | – | – | | – | – |
| 52436 | | | | | | – |
| 45236 | | | | | | – |

Three times repeated.. Single mid-way and end. This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right. First rung at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, November 12th, 1898, conducted by its composer.

### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB CATERS.

*By* ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5364.

| 23456 | M | B | 4ths | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34256 | | – | – | | 2 |
| 52436 | | | | 2 | 2 |
| 54326 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 53246 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 26435 | 1 | | | 1 | 2 |
| 24365 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 45362 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| 52364 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| 25463 | 2 | | | | 2 |
| 24653 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 43652 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| 32654 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| 23456 | 2 in | | | | 2 |

The 5th and 6th their extent in 5ths place, and the 6th her extent right.

### A QUARTER-PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

*By* JAMES PAGETT, *Kidderminster.*

1248.

| 23456 | M | IN | 5ths | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 65432 | – | | | – | – |
| 34256 | – | | | – | |
| 53246 | | | | – | |
| 32546 | | – | – | | |
| 42356 | | – | – | – | |
| 23456 | | – | – | | |

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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."

### EXPLANATION.

SIR,—With reference to the account of the Annual Meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association in your last week's issue, I notice Mr. Passman, of Middlesbrough, is reported to have accorded his support to a motion by Mr. Harrison; and as such is likely to convey to your readers a wrong impression, I shall be pleased of you stating that the Middlesbrough ringers were not officially represented at the meeting, therefore any support given by Mr. Passman was on his own behalf. JNO. H. BLAKISTON.

*Middlesbrough, November* 21, 1898.

### THE HEIGHT OF TOWERS.

SIR,—The height of towers and spires is a vexed question. Most authorities are agreed that the highest "tower" in England attached to a church or cathedral is the famous "Boston Stump," in Lincolnshire, estimated at from 284 to 300 ft. Then comes the Rood Tower at Lincoln, about 264 ft. The western tower at Ely is only 212 ft., being lower than the beautiful "Bell Harry" tower at Canterbury, 235 ft., and the towers at Gloucester and Westminster Abbey each 225 ft. With regard to spires, that at Wakefield Cathedral, 247 ft., is the highest spire in Yorkshire, but this is perhaps a few feet lower than the elegant spire at Newark, in Nottinghamshire, while the height of Louth Steeple (Lincs.) is generally given as 294 ft. I cannot help thinking that the figures quoted by your correspondent for the Coventry spires are two high, particularly with regard to Holy Trinity. But it would take a good deal of enquiry and research to get the exact measurements for a list of the six highest church steeples. With cathedrals the task is easier, the field being more limited and the dimensions better known. H. B. WOOLLEY.

*St. Andrew's, Mildenhall, Suffolk.*

### THE GREAT MARLOW RINGERS.

SIR,—The unlucky notoriety into which our usually unobtrusive belfry suddenly sprung, through one of our members, with more zeal than discretion, giving us away in the papers, has now I hope ceased to be in active being; and we trust we are now in a fair way towards returning to the more honourable, if more humble position, of a back seat. A month's absence from home (trying to get rid of sciatica and lumbago, at Bath) prevented my discussing the situation with my fellow-members of this tower until Thursday last; and at the risk of interrupting the process of such gradual sinking into oblivion, I write at the unanimous wish of our members to ask you to allow me to correct the various misapprehensions into which people have fallen, by a statement of the simple different facts concerning our member whose recent wedding was the unfortunate origin of some commotion.

I would especially take as my text the words of the President of the Central Council, as any words of his carry a special weight. At the Quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association, as reported in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 12th instant, Sir Arthur Heywood alluded to "a nonconformist ringer" who wished "to have the church bells rung on the occasion of his wedding." Our member, whose marriage is there referred to, is not a nonconformist ringer (we have none), but a communicant member of the Church of England, as is also his young wife. Her parents, however, who live at Bristol, are strong nonconformists, and they made a very special point of the wedding being celebrated at the chapel with which they are connected. While carefully abstaining from expressing any controversial opinion on the question, I think it will be allowed that our member's position can be very easily understood.

The proposed ringing on the occasion was not the outcome of a wish expressed by him, but was the desire of all the rest of us to pay this customary tribute to a valued and respected colleague. Unfortunately, it was unsuspectingly offered by me to him, before I made the usual application for permission to head-quarters.

I must add that our member has taken all the annoyance to which this publicity has subjected him in the best possible spirit; complaining of nothing except the ill-natured letter over the anonymous signature "No Hypocrite," re-produced in your columns on the 5th inst., and expresses himself as very grateful for the unanimous and strong sympathy shown him by his fellow-ringers.

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## Obituary.

### JOHN WILLIAM DAWSON.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of the above ringer, who was one of the oldest members of St. Matthew's church, Newcastle-on-Tyne. He was called to his rest on Friday, November 18th, at the age of twenty-three. He had gained the highest respect of the above and the neighbouring bands who were associated with him, by his ever being ready and willing to help in any way, and by his good ringing. On Sunday morning, November 20th, for Divine Service, 420 Bob Triples was rung by his sorrowful comrades who are mourning his loss. with the bells muffled, Mr. W. Holmes, who has instructed the band for two years and upwards, kindly assisting. G. G. Rawson, 1; J. E. Hughes, 2; R. M. Duke, 3; R. O. Hall, 4; H. B. Salkield, 5; W. Holmes, 6; E. E. Ferry (conductor), 7; S. O. Ferry, 8. In the evening 840 Bob Triples. J. E. Hughes, 1; R. M. Duke, 2; R. O. Hall, 3; A. Lamb, 4; H. B. Salkield, 5; W. Holmes, 6; E. E. Ferry (conductor), 7; S. O. Ferry, 8. The ringers of the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and tenor, of the evening band, together with the deceased, rang the first 720 of Minor on the back six of the above bells. Tenor 31¼ cwt. in D.

### JOHN PRESCOTT.

On Saturday, November 12th, the remains of the above were laid to rest. For twenty-five years he was the esteemed superintendent of Ormskirk parish church belfry, and also sexton. He commenced his career as a ringer at the Queen's Accession in 1837, and had rung on every notable occasion since then, including the rejoicing for the victory of the battle of the Alma, the sorrowful news of the Prince Consort's death, and of other notables, including clergy and laity. It was under his tuition the present band of ringers at the parish church received their knowledge of the art of change-ringing. He was a member of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, and took very great interest in the working of the Guild, and regularly attended its meetings, his presence being greatly appreciated by the members of the Guild, who regarded him as the father of the ringers of the diocese. He was borne to and laid in his last resting-place by four members of the Guild, viz.: J. Sholicar. W. Taylor, J. Pilkington, and W. Bentham, the bells ringing muffled touches as the cortege arrived at the church. The Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Woodrow, read the funeral service in a most impressive manner. Deceased was one of the old band of ringers, and by his death the last link has been broken, the last bob has been called, and now laid to rest the last of the old band of ringers of Ormskirk parish church.

### JOHN AVIS.

The death of the above-named ringer took place at his residence, Great Glemham, Suffolk, after a long and protracted illness, in his seventy-fifth year. Although he was not advanced in the more intricate methods, he was a splendid striker, and will be greatly missed by the Rendham company to which he belonged. He was carried to his last resting-place by four of his late comrades, and immediately after the funeral the bells were rung deeply muffled at Benhall church, where he was buried. In the evening the bells at Rendham were also muffled, and his age tolled at the finish.

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STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday, November 1st, 720 York Surprise. *J. W. Passman, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; J. Brown, 3; *J. H. Blakiston, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; *T. Metcalf (first 720 in the method), 6. *Belong to the Middlesbrough company. Also on handbells a course of Grandsire Cinques. J. W. Passman, 1-2; T. Metcalf, 3-4; T. Stephenson, 5-6; G. J. Clarkson, 7-8; J. H. Blakiston, 9-10; W. Newton, 11-12.

TURVEY (Beds).—On Saturday, November 19th, ringers from Olney and Emberton visited this village and rang 720 Bob Minor. T. Wright, 1; F. Hopper, 2; J. Lovell, 3; W. Jones, 4; W. Freeman, 5; H. Lett, 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with some of the local men taking part. T. Wright, 1; F. Hopper, 2; G. Allan, 3; H. Lett, 4; J. Lovell (conductor), 5; T. Hinds, 6. Two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Hopper, 1; E. Savage, 2; G. Allan (conductor), 3; J. Barker, 4; W. Sargent, 5; G. Lancaster, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. F. Hopper, 1; W. Jones, 2; H. Lett, 3; T. Wright (conductor), 4; J. Lovell, 5; W. Freeman, 6.

WILLENHALL (Staffs.)—On Tuesday, November 8th, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Atkins, 3; S. Dace, 4; J. A. Adams, 5; J. A. Brown (conductor), 6; J. Appleby, 7; J. Hamilton, 8.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1898.


IT is not with any pleasant feelings that we insert the letter at the top of the following page. It is thought by those who have some regard for the social amenities of life, that a second appeal of this kind would not have been required. The Honorary Secretary of the Central Council, it should not be forgotten, has other work to do besides that of this special office. The clergy—especially those who have the ministrations of an important parish relegated to them—have their time fully occupied in their pastoral and parochial duties. We do not of course know what Mr. BULWER'S thoughts are with respect to the gross inattention by which his invitations have been met; some people less affable and courteous than he would be inclined to denote such treatment by a very forcible and incisive expression. We would ask, how can the praiseworthy objects of any organization be carried out if those concerned neglect their duties? Success is not gained by insensibility or indifference to the end in view. It is humiliating to think that there is more apathy shown by ringers than by people following any other pursuit under the sun.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS.

SIR,—May I again implore those who have received the Glossary lists to return them to me, with or without additions, at once? Nearly one half of the number distributed have not yet come back, though a stamped addressed envelope for return was sent with each copy; and but little trouble is involved in putting the copy in the envelope, sealing it down, and posting it. From some districts no copy has yet been returned at all, though *three* were sent out to each Association Secretary for distribution. H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec. C. C.*

## The Metropolis.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, November 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| JOHN ROSE .. .. .. | *Treble.* | JOHN HACK.. .. .. .. | 5. |
| THOMAS G. DEAL .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE | 3. | ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. | 7. |
| ERNEST H. NIXON .. .. | 4. | WILLIAM BEDWELL .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. BEDWELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Bedwell and Nixon; their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

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

*On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

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

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| JOHN W. GOLDING .. | *Treble.* | WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. | 5. |
| CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. | 2. | FREDERICK DENCH .. .. | 6. |
| HARRY R. PASMORE.. .. | 3. | FRANK BUCK .. .. .. | 7. |
| ARTHUR G. ELLIS .. .. | 4. | HENRY R. NEWTON .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by F. DENCH and Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells, and now rung for the first time.

## The Provinces.

### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

*On Thursday, November 10, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTON'S THIRTY-COURSE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB. Tenor 26 cwt.

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| WILLIAM C. WAKLEY | *Treble.* | EDWARD I. STONE .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN BENSTEAD.. .. .. | 2. | ARTHUR WAKLEY .. .. | 6. |
| HARRY WAKLEY.. .. .. | 3. | JOSEPH GRIFFIN.. .. .. | 7. |
| GEORGE ROBINSON .. .. | 4. | WILLIAM WAKLEY .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

### GUILDFORD, SURREY.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, November 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

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| CHARLES WILLSHIRE | *Treble.* | ERNEST ALLEN .. .. .. | 5. |
| REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. | 2. | SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. .. | 6. |
| JAMES HUNT .. .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM W. THORNE .. | 7. |
| JOHN J. JONES .. .. .. | 4. | FRANK BLONDELL .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

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

### ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(ASHBY PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, November 16, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

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| GEORGE HATTON, JUN.* | *Treble.* | JOSEPH CURTIS .. .. .. | 5. |
| J. H. DUNMORE.. .. .. | 2. | E. W. BEADSMORE .. .. | 6. |
| HERBERT HATTON† .. .. | 3. | GEORGE HATTON .. .. | 7. |
| ARTHUR HITCHCOCK.. .. | 4. | HARRY SMITH .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by J. H. DUNMORE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the birthday of the conductor, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

### TWERTON-ON-AVON.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, November 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| T. KING .. .. .. .. | *Treble.* | W. LANHAM .. .. .. | 5. |
| G. TEMPLE .. .. .. .. | 2. | H. W. BROWN .. .. .. | 6. |
| W. DAVIS .. .. .. .. | 3. | J. FUSSELL.. .. .. .. | 7. |
| J. S. FLOWER .. .. .. | 4. | F. SKUSE .. .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by F. SKUSE.

This is the first peal of Bob Major by all the band; the first by the Association in the Bath district; the first on the bells; and the first peal in any method by T. King.

### STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN W. BRIGGS* .. .. | *Treble.* | JOHN H. SWINFIELD.. .. | 5. |
| JOHN NOBLE .. .. .. | 2. | †HENRY BRIGGS .. .. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS WRIGHT* .. .. | 3. | ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM .. | 4. | WILLIAM JONES .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. This is the first peal upon the bells since they have been augmented to eight.

### BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| FRANCIS T. HOAD .. .. | *Treble.* | †CHARLES WEBBER .. .. | 5. |
| GEORGE HUGGETT .. .. | 2. | JOHN ANSELL .. .. .. | 6. |
| GEORGE HOAD .. .. .. | 3. | †WILLIAM H. STREET .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM H. JUDD* .. .. | 4. | *WILLIAM FULLER .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE HUGGETT.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal on the bells. Rung on F. T. Hoad's 50th birthday, all wishing him many happy returns.

### ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being three 720s each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and one of Grandsire Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| EDWIN MAPP* .. .. .. | *Treble.* | †JAMES REYNOLDS .. .. | 4. |
| WILLIAM MARTIN* .. .. | 2. | THOMAS GRIFFITHS .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN EARP* .. .. .. | 3. | CHARLES BEAMAN .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES BEAMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor.

## THORNDON, SUFFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November* 19, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, and one of College Single.

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| EDWARD BUCKINGHAM* ..*Treble.* | FRED. POTTER .. .. .. 4. |
| JOHN BUCKINGHAM .. .. 2. | FRED. ALDERTON .. .. 5. |
| THOMAS DAVY .. .. .. 3. | GEORGE CATTERMOLE ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLE.

*First peal of Minor.

## RINGMER, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November* 19, 1898, *in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS .. ..*Treble.* | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 5. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. 2. | *THOMAS CARD .. .. .. 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT .. .. 3. | GEORGE A. KING .. .. 7. |
| EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4. | KEITH HART .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal of Superlative. This peal was arranged for Mr. Card, who hails from Tonbridge.

## ORDSALL, NOTTS.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November* 19, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

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

Being a 720 of College Single, and three 720s each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

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| HARRY MERRILLS* .. ..*Treble.* | *HARRY LAMBERT .. .. 4. |
| MATTHEW PHILLIPSON* .. 2. | *HARRY BLAGG .. .. .. 5. |
| GEORGE R. WINTER† .. 3. | *JOSEPH WHITE .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by HARRY LAMBERT.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. This is the first peal on the bells.

## PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, November* 19, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| ERNEST E. DAVIS .. ..*Treble.* | FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. 5. |
| FRED. G. MAY .. .. .. 2. | ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 6. |
| JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .. 3. | ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 7. |
| WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 4. | ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns.

## HASTINGS.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November* 19, 1898, *in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20¾ cwt.

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| CHARLES CARTER .. ..*Treble.* | JAMES LIVERMORE .. .. 5. |
| WALTER FRANKS .. .. 2. | SYDNEY SAKER .. .. .. 6. |
| LEONARD STAPBLEY* .. 3. | WILLIAM D. THOMAS .. 7. |
| FREDERICK LOCK .. .. 4. | WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. FRANKS.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung upon the eve of the twentieth anniversary services. Six of the bells were hung in 1890, and two new trebles were added last year in commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

## BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, November* 19, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

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| ARTHUR SYMONDS .. ..*Treble.* | GEORGE LILLEY* .. .. 5. |
| ARTHUR H. OSBORNE .. 2. | SAMUEL FORD .. .. .. 6. |
| THOMAS CADGE .. .. .. 3. | CHARLES G. BIXBY .. .. 7. |
| GEORGE DEBENHAM .. .. 4. | HARRY TURNER .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by C. G. BIXBY.

*First peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also Mr. W. E. Land, of The Dog and Partridge Inn, who hospitably entertained the band after the completion of the peal.

## PENARTH, SOUTH WALES.

### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November* 19, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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

Being 720 each of Kent, Oxford, and Violet Treble Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, and Plain Bob.

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| THOMAS NORTHEY .. ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM B. BISS .. .. 4. |
| FRANK BARTLETT .. .. 2. | PHILIP W. DAVIES .. .. 5. |
| DAVID THOMAS .. .. .. 3. | JOHN VINNICOMBE .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by DAVID THOMAS.

First in seven methods by all the band; first by the Association; and first peal of Minor in seven methods rung in Wales.

## HAWLEY, HANTS.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November* 19, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| MAURICE STEER .. ..*Treble.* | ALFRED E. COUSINS.. .. 5. |
| WILLIAM HORNE .. .. 2. | CHARLES GILES.. .. .. 6. |
| HENRY WHITE .. .. .. 3. | †ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. 7. |
| HENRY TUCKER .. .. .. 4. | JOHN TUCKER .. .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

†First peal of Major as conductor. A. E. Cousins was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

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

*On Saturday, November* 19, 1898, *in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| HENRY WHITE .. .. ..*Treble.* | WILLIAM HORNE .. .. 5. |
| HENRY TUCKER .. .. .. 2. | *MAURICE STEER .. .. 6. |
| CHARLES GILES† .. .. 3. | JOHN TUCKER .. .. .. 7. |
| ALFRED E. COUSINS .. 4. | ALFRED E. REEVES .. ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Triples as conductor. Between the above two peals the ringers were entertained at tea by Maurice Steer.

## LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November* 19, 1898, *in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| GEORGE THORNTON .. ..*Treble.* | WILSON ILLINGWORTH .. 5. |
| JOHN CLAYTON .. .. .. 2. | SIDNEY C. CLARK .. .. 6. |
| GEORGE HUNT .. .. .. 3. | EDWIN WHEATER .. .. 7. |
| WILLIAM RHODES .. .. 4. | DAVID STEPHENSON .. ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by OBADIAH LANG, of Liversedge, and Conducted by E. WHEATER.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

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| GEORGE S. BROWN .. | ..*Treble.* | THOMAS RICKETTS .. .. | 5. |
| CHARLES GARDNER .. .. | 2. | JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. | 6. |
| ALFRED LAWRENCE .. .. | 3. | ERNEST BISHOP.. .. .. | 7. |
| THOMAS ROBINSON .. .. | 4. | HENRY ROBERTS .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by HENRY ROBERTS.

This is the first peal on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

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| ARTHUR J. MAYO* .. | ..*Treble.* | ARTHUR W. HIGGS .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM J. WILKINS .. | 2. | WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. | 6. |
| BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. | 7. |
| JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. | 4. | ERNEST BRUCE .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

*On Monday, November 21, 1898, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

A VARIATION OF PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| JOHN KING .. .. .. | ..*Treble.* | JAMES NEWMAN.. .. .. | 5. |
| WARDEN WALDER .. .. | 2. | HENRY CHAPMAN .. .. | 6. |
| GEORGE W. WALDER* .. | 3. | GEORGE WALDER, JUN. .. | 7. |
| JOHN OSBORNE, JUN.* .. | 4. | JOHN OSBORNE, SEN... | ..*Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE WALDER, JUN.

*First peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

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| ROBERT M. PICK .. | ..*Treble.* | *THOMAS H. NAISBY .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. | 2. | *JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM SMALLWOOD* .. | 3. | †JOHN NAISBY .. .. .. | 7. |
| THOMAS W. DITCHBURN* | 4. | *THOMAS BRASS .. .. | ..*Tenor.* |

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by JOHN NAISBY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

## Date Touches.

TERRINGTON (Norfolk).—On Thursday, November 10th, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Howling, 1; J. Edwards, 2; F. Easton, 3; H. Butters, 4; J. Wright, 5; A. Markwell (conductor), 6. This is the longest length ever rung on these bells, and the longest by all except A. Markwell.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, October 27th, a date touch (1898 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; F. Lowe, 3; J. Adams, 4; J. A. Brown (composer and conductor), 5; E. Unitt, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Hamilton, 8.

## Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 16th, for Divine Service, 560 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 2; J. Town, 3; L. Attwater, 4; R. Hims, 5: I. Emery, 6; P. F. Harman, 7; G. Durling (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; E. Dunn, 2; R. Hims, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; I. Emery (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; G. Durling, 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. Composed by G. Daynes, of Lewisham, and contains eighteen 7-4s. J. Town, 1; E. Dunn, 2; T. Harford, 3; R. Hims, 4; P. F. Harman, 5; F. Sanders, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, November 15th, for practice on the back six, 720 Bob Minor. G. Huxley, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; G. Daynes, 3; F. Sanders, 4; E. Dunn, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Sunday afternoon, November 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Humphrey (first 720), 1; J. Town, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; T. Batterson, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, November 13th, before Divine Service, various touches of Grandsire, Stedman, etc., were rung by the local band, in which also F. Gooch, Esq., of Poplar, took part. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. I. G. Shade, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 3; W. Foreman, 4; T. Taylor, 5; H. Hoskins, 6; W. Berry, 7; C Bird (Poplar, first quarter-peal), 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Berry and Thornton on the completion of their 40th and 36th years respectively.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Thursday, October 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. W. Jarrett, 1; H. J. Tidy, 2; G. H. Kite, 3; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 4; H. E. Simpson, 5; W. Tassell, 6; C. R. Millway, 7; A. Balchin, 8. Composed by J. H. Barrett and conducted by C. R. Millway. On Sunday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. J. Tidy, 1; C. R. Millway, 2; T. W. Jarrett, 3; E. J. Bottle, 4; H. E. Simpson, 5; R. Staines, 6; W. Tassell, 7; A. Balchin, 8. Composed by H. N. Davis and conducted by H. E. Simpson.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Norfolk).—On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 120 Stedman Doubles, 120 St. Simon's Doubles, and 120 New Doubles. E. Buckingham, 1; J. Buckingham, 2; E. H. Symonds, 3; A. W. Symonds, 4; W. H. Symonds, 5.

NORWICH.—On Monday, October 31st, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. E. Ward, 1; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 2; A. G. Warnes, 3; J. A. Trollope, 4; G. Howchin, 5; H. J. Tucker (Bishops Stortford), 6; H. J. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; G. Smith, 9; F. Knights, 10. On Wednesday, November 9th, in celebration of the election of Mayor and Sheriff, 462 and 638 Grandsire Cinques. H. W. Stanley, 1; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 2; E. Ward, 3; W. Bales, 4; P. Sadler, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; A. G. Warnes, 9; F. Knights, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12. Tenor 43 cwt. On Monday, November 7th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor in 20 mins. A. G. Warnes, 1; H. J. Borrett, 2; A. A. Hills, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 5·6. First 720 with a bob bell by Messrs. H. J. Borrett and Hills.

HETHERSETT (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, November 8th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. J. Borrett (first 720 on tower bells), 1; R. Blake, 2; W. Blake, 3; A. Curson, 4; W. H. Blake, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. *P. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. Symons, 4; W. J. Pickard, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6; †E. Newman (conductor), 7; *H. C. Ingram, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. †First quarter-peal in the method as conductor.

SHALFORD (Hants).—On Sunday morning, October 16th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Trewin, 1; G. Elston, 2; J. Hunt, 3; E. Lucas, 4; C. Willshire, 5; F. Blondell, 6. Also 260 in the same method. F. Blondell, 1; W. Trewin, 2; G. Elston, 3; C. Willshire (conductor), 4; E. Worsfold, 5; J. Smithers, 6. Also 180 Bob Minor. P. Worsfold, 1; W. Trewen, 2; C. Willshire, 3; F. Blondell, 4; E. Worsfold, 5; F. Hunt (conductor), 6. On Wednesday evening, October 19th, being the Harvest Festival, 360 Bob Minor. P. Worsfold, 1; W. Trewen, 2; G. Elston, 3; E. Lucas, 4; E. Worsfold (conductor), 5; J. Smithers, 6. Another 720 of Bob Minor was rung on the following Sunday evening by the local band.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Tuesday, November 15th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Emily Louisa, second daughter of Mr. J. Wheeler of Basingstoke, and Mr. W. W. Dip-

stale of Wandsworth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. Dora White, 1; Alice White, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; H. Lawes, 4; R. E. Sutton, 5; H. White, 6; J. E. Ballard (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; A. Knight, 8.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, November 15th, for practice at the parish church, 672 Bob Major. S. Wharton, 1; C. Powell, 2; J. Hale, 3; J. Rowland, 4; J. Hammond, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. Rutter, 7; J. Pownall (conductor), 8.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Saturday, November 5th, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins., owing to a mis-call. G. Smith, 1; H. Kilby, 2; W. Burrows, 3; I. Attwater (conductor), 4; A. Tennant, 5; A. Pittam, 6.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (six singles and eight bobs). G. Jordan, 1; C. Watkins, 2; J. Hopkinson, 3; F. Smith, 4; R. Thomas, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—On Saturday, October 29th, an attempt for a peal of Darlaston Bob Triples came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 9 mins. C. Thomas, 1; W. Evans, 2; S. Hope, 3; J. Thomas, 4; H. Allen, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6; J. Field, 7; W. Smart, 8. On Saturday, November 5th, another attempt was made, but the bells ran home after ringing 2310 changes in 1 hr. 16 mins., standing as before. On Monday, November 7th, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. J. Thomas, 1; W. Evans, 2; H. Allen, 3; S. Hope, 4; C. Thomas, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

RUSPER (Sussex).—On Saturday, November 12th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 3424 changes in 2 hrs. 1 min., it came to grief owing to a change-course. T. Worsfold, 1; C. Taylor, 2; G. Thompson, 3; G. Hoad, 4; T. Fairs, 5; A. Ellis, 6; J. Worsfold, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, November 10th, at St. Mary's church, on handbells retained in hand, a qurrter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Carter's twelve-part. J. Pagett (conductor), 1-2; T. J. Salter, 3-4; T. Wakeman, 5-6; J. O. Bennett, 7-8. On Sunday morning, November 13th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. C. Hunt, 1; J. O. Bennett, 2; N. Davies, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; T. Wakeman, 5; J. Crane, 6; J. Pagett (conductor), 7; J. Bennett, 8. For evening service 448 Superlative Surprise Major. T. J. Salter, 1; J. O. Bennett, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; N. Davis, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; T. Bennett, 6; J. Pagett (conductor), 7; T. Wakeman, 8.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday morning, November 13th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 336 Stedman Triples. For Divine Service in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Gardiner, 1; G. T. Brown, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Robinson, 4; J. H. Shepherd, 5; E. Bishop, 6; T. Ricketts (conductor), 7; W. Ball, 8. On Monday, November 14th, 720 Treble Bob Minor. T. Robinson, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; C. Gardiner (conductor), 3; G. S. Brown, 4; O. W. Layng, 5; T. Ricketts, 6.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service, 560 Bob Major. A. Newman, jun., 1; R. T. Hibbert, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. W. Smith, 5; E. J. Menday, 6; E. W. Menday, 7; H. Simmonds (conductor), 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Simmonds, the steeplekeeper's father, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. After service 504 Stedman Triples. R. T. Hibbert, 1; H. W. Smith, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. J. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; E. W. Menday, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

## THE ESSEX ASSSOCIATION.

ROYDON (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 2nd, at St. Peter's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24 mins. G. Dent, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor in 25½ mins. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; E. J. Webb, 3; A. Pearman, 4; T. Jordan, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And 360 Stedman Doubles. I. Cavill (conductor), 1; G. Dent, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; W. Pearman, 6. This was rung on the opening of a peal-board to record the peal which was rung on Tuesday, March 29th, in seven Treble Bob methods. Tenor 9 cwt.

FEERING (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, November 8th, for practice at All Saints' church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. W. Willshire (first 720), 1; H. Evers, 2; G. Hume, 3; C. Rogers, 4; D. Elliott, 5; J. Newman, 6. Also two courses of Double Court Bob, conducted by D. Elliott. On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Willshire, 1; W. Hunwick, sen., 2; W. Hunwick, jun. 3; G. Hume, 4; C. Rogers, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. Willshire, 1; W. Hunwick, sen., 2; G. Hume, 3; C. Rogers, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5; J. Newman, 6.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, October 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, November 13th, 720 New London Pleasure. S. Sargent, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Tuesday, November 15th, 720 Double Court Bob. N. Smith, 1; H. Collins, 2; W. Moore, 3; S. Sargent, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, November 20th, at All Saints' church, 720 New London Pleasure. W. Farrow, 1; *A. Chaplin, 2; W. B. Pettit, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; *Ernest Chaplin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 10 cwt.

## THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts.)—On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Dr. Pritchard, and also as a mark of condolence with the bereaved family. The deceased gentleman took a great interest in parochial matters connected with East Retford, and was also a great supporter of the 4th Notts. Volunteer movement. A. Winter, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 3; E. Collingburn, 4; F. W. Abbott, 5; H. Haigh, 6; G. Swannack, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes (composer and conductor), 9; G. Clayton, 10. Time occupied 52 mins.; tenor 24 cwt.

ORDSALL (Notts.)—On Tuesday, October 11th, 720 Merchants' Return in 25 mins. J. Gilbert, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; H. Haigh, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the 3rd ringer, and rung without practice. Also on Sunday, October 15, meeting one short for a 5040 in five different methods, a 720 of College Single was rung instead, in 24 mins. H. Merrills, 1; M. Phillipson, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6.

## CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Hobson, 1; G. Vick, 2; S. Hopton, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Prickett, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; E. Williams, 8. On Monday, November 7th, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Hobson, 1; G. Vick, 2; R. Thompson, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Prickett (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; F. Bye, 8.

## THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

KEMPSEY (Worcestershire).—Recently the members of the above Guild visited the parish church and rang 720 Bob Minor. B. Hill, 1; A. Hill, 2; C. W. Jones, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; W. Lebbon, 5; G. Checketts, 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles in which G. Hinton took part.

WORCESTER.—On Wednesday, November 9th, in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 502 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, 1; A. Hill, 2; G. Hinton, 3; G. Checketts, 4; W. Powell, 5; C. W. Jones, 6; W. Bright, 7; W. Page, 8; L. Longney (conductor), 9; W. H. Johnson, 10; W. Lebbon, 11; T. Malin, 12. Tenor 50 cwt.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

HIGHER SUTTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, November 9th, for practice at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Wood, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; W. Walmsley (conductor), 3; J. M. Davenport, 4; W. Steele, 5; J. Minshull, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. T. Taylor, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; W. Walmsley (conductor), 3; J. Manifold, 4; W. Steele, 5; J. M. Davenport, 6. And a touch of Canterbury Pleasure

Minor. J. Williams, 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Minshull, 3; J. M. Davenport, 4; W. Walmsley, 5; W. Steele, 6.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service in the eveniug at the parish church, 720 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 Saturday, November 5th, being Gunpowder Plot Day, 720 College Single. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. H. Tubb, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; J. Cornell, 4 F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And 240 College Single. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. H. Tubb, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway, 6. And 120 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb, 1; G. J. Miles, 4; the rest as before. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

## THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; J. Nicholls, 2; E. H. Adams, 3; S. Wade, 4; H. Adams, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; W. Elson (composer and conductor), 7; R. Charge, 8; C. Charge, 9; F. Parsons, 10.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 9th, 720 College Single. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; E. Timbrell, 6. On Friday, October 21st, 720 College Exercise. R. Kenyon, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. On Sunday, October 23rd, 720 Woodbine and 720 College Exercise. On Wednesday, October 26th, 720 Duke of York, and 720 Violet. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 College Pleasure, and 720 College Exercise. On handbells 72 Plain Bob, composed by C. E. Wilson.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, September 18th, for Divine Service, 462 Grandsire Triples. C. Stenner, 1; J. Clutterbuck, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; J. Harris, 4; P. W. Davies, 5; A. Rowley, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; C. Winfield, 8. On Thursday, September 22nd, for practice, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Lloyd, 1; C. Lloyd (conductor), 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harris, 4; P. W. Davies, 5; D. Thomas, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes, 9; B. Tilley, 10. On Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Stenner, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Winfield, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; B. Tilley, 8. On Wednesday, September 28th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Lloyd, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; G. Watkins, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Winfield, 5; P. W. Davies, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 8; J. H. Aldridge, 9; H. G. White, 10. On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; P. W. Davies (conductor), 2; J. Harris, 3; A. Rowley, 4; C. Winfield, 5; J. Clutterbuek, 6; W. Combes (conductor), 7; B. Tilley, 8. On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, 462 Grandsire Triples. C. Stenner, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; P. W. Davies, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; B. Tilley, 8. On Sunday, October 23rd, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Lloyd, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; P. W. Davies, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Winfield 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. H. Aldridge, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; H. G. White, 10. On Monday, November 7th, for practice, 1008 Bob Major. W. Lloyd, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; P. W. Davies, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes, 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, November 13th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins J. Vinnicombe, 1; J. Prickett, 2; P. W. Davies (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Morley, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; G. Watkins, 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. B. Biss, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; H. V. Wilkins, 4; P. W. Davies (conductor). 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. This is the first time the bells of the cathedral have been rung for several months owing to the serious illness of the Dean's wife, and it is hoped that she may soon be restored to health again.

BRIDGEND.—On Monday, September 12th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans (conductor), 2; J. South, 3; W. Hardwick, 4; R. Runston, 5; D. J. Hurford, 6. On Thursday, October 6th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob. R. Evans, 1; J. Evans, 2: D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Runston, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Sunday. October 9th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans (conductor), 2; J. Evans, 3; J. South, 4; J. Cox, 5; J. D. Hurford, 6. And for afternnon service, 720 College Single. J. Evans, 1; J. South, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Evans, 4; R. Runston, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. South, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans, 3; R. Runston, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; J. South, 3; R. Runston, 4; R. Evans, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans (conductor), 3; J. Cox, 4; J. South, 5; R. Runston, 6. On Sunday, October 23, 720 College Single. J. Evans, 1; J. South, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Runston, 4; R. Evans, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 25, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; D. J. Hurford, 2; J. South, 3; R. Runston, 4; R. Evans, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the conductor. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. On Tuesday, November 1st, 720 College Single. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; J. South, 3; J. Cox, 4; R. Runston, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 9th, on the occasion of the Wedding of Mr. R. L. Knight of Tythegston Court, to Miss M. G. Pritchard of Bryntirion, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. Jones (Newport), 3; R. Runston, 4; J. South, 5; D. J. Hurford (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. D. J. Hurford, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans, 3; R. Runston, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox (conductor). 6.

COITY.—On Sunday, November 6th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; D. J. Hurford, 2; R. Evans (first in the method as conductor), 3; R. Runston, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox, 6. First in the method on the bells. And 720 College Single. E. Fowler, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Runston, 3; R. Evans, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox, 6.

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BILSTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 13th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Harper, 1; S. Pitt, 2; E. Unitt, 3; J. Harper, 4; T. Lowe, 5; J. Adams, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; W. Eyre, 8. Messrs. Pitt and Adams belong to Willenhall, Unitt and Lowe to Darlaston.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, November 13th, at midnight, at St. Mary Redcliffe, 960 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 43 mins. P. Came, 1; A. Pearce, 2; G. Pearce, 3; W. Porch, 4; H. Tucker, 5; W. J. Hinton, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; G. T. Daltry, 8. This is believed to be the longest touch of Major on the bells.

CHIDDINGSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Whibley, 1; R. Chandler, 2; E. Budger, 3; S. Huntley (first quarter-peal), 4; H. Seal 5; A. Longley (conductor), 6; F. Edwards, 7: F. Butcher, 8.

KILDWICK (Yorkshire).—On Sunday morning, November 13th, for Divine Service, three courses, being one each of Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, and City Delight. W. Feather, 1; F. Mosley, 2; S. Tillotson, 3; W. Mosley, 4; C. Law, 5; J. Hill, 6. In the afternoon 2500 changes were rung in four methods, being 720 each of Arnold's Victory. College Pleasure, City Delight, and 360 Violet. C. Brown, 1; F. Mosley, 2; J. Boddy (conductor), 3; W. Morley, 4; C. Law, 5; J. Hill, 6. For evening service 240 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, and Duke of York. S. Tillotson, 1; J. Boddy, 2; W. Mosley, 3; C. Brown, 4; C. Holmes, 5; J. Hill, 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob. Visitors are made welcome at this tower at any time.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, Nov. 9th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on the front six, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. A. Daniell (first 720), 1; A. Jacob (conductor), 2; H. Stubbs, 3; W. Burrows, 4; A. Newman, 5; I. Attwater, 6. On Saturday, November 19th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, 720 Bob Minor. T. Withers, 1; J. Bradley, 2; T. Taffender, 3; W. Doran (conductor), 4; J. Mole, 5; W. Truss, 6.

PONTEFRACT (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 2nd, at the church of St. Giles, 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Spurr, 1; F. Moody, 2; W. Pearson (conductor), 3; S. Brook, 4; J. E. Keen, 5; J. Jackson, 6; C. Watts, 7; J. Carter, 8. On August 7th, 1008 Stedman Triples. J. E. Keen, 1; J. Carter, 2; W. Pearson, 3; S. Brook, 4; C. Watts, 5; J. Jackson. 6; F. Moody (conductor), 7; G. Booth, 8. On Sunday, November 13th, 1260 Stedman Triples. F. Moody, 1; W. Jackson, 2; W. Pearson, 3; C. Watts, 4; J. Carter, 5; J. Jackson, 6; J. E. Keen (conductor), 7; G. Booth, 8.

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TOUCH CORRECTION.—The 720 rung at Preston, Suffolk, on Saturday, October 29th, was Oxford Treble Bob, not Oxford Bob, as stated in "THE BELL NEWS," November 29th.

## 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 Ancient Society of College Youths.—The last meeting during the present month will be at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 29th, at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

The Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wem to-day, Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 2.15 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 1.53 p.m. J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
*Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.*

The Kent County Association.-Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, to-day, Saturday, November 26. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon Dist. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, November 26, at St. Francis' church, (R.C.) Holbeck (8 bells). Ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. Meeting house, The Foundry inn, Marshall Street. A good attendance of members is particularly requested to consider the destiny of the Society. Handbells provided. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A District Meeting for the purpose of visiting the six-bell towers of King's Langley, Abbot's Langley and Hunton Bridge, will be held today, Saturday, November 26. Members are requested to meet at King's Langley Station on the arrival of the train from Watford at 3.36 p.m. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

Dagenham, Essex.—Notice.—There will be a friendly gathering of ringers at Dagenham, this Saturday evening, November 26th.
"LET-'EM ALL COME."

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Dorking District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Dorking on Monday, November 28th. Bells available from 6 to 9.

EDWARD E. DODD, *Dis. Sec.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield, on Saturday, December 3rd. Six bells in good order, five minutes from Clay Cross Station. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this association will be held at Longton, on Saturday next, December 3rd. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Woods, 48, Clarence Street, Fenton, not later than Wednesday, November 30th.

Rev. G. T. BIRCH, } *Hon.*
W. TWIGG, } *Secs.*

The Lancashire Association.-Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at St. James' church, Accrington, on Saturday, December 3rd. It is expected that the annual report will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

R. PARKINSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.-The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, at St. Nicholas church, Liverpool. The tower will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and the meeting will be held at 6 o'clock in the belfry. It is hoped that members will endeavour to attend this meeting, as the last few meetings have been very poorly attended.

GEORGE WOODHALL, *Secretary.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.-The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Peter's church, Halliwell, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting and unveiling of peal-board at 7. All ringers invited.

HY. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Bowdon, Stockport, and Mottram Branches.—The next meeting will be held at Stockport parish church on Saturday, December 3rd. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be in the Wellington Road school at 5 o'clock.

H. LEIGH MALLORY, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 10th. Tower open at 4 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, with his usual kindness, will provide tea at 6 p.m. All members and ringing friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
*Lampton, Hounslow.*

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all those who send their names to Mr. H. Jones, "The Yews," Ringmer, by Thursday, December 8th. All members who have not already paid their subscriptions for 1898, will kindly oblige by sending the same at once to

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*
"*Arran*," *Baldslow Road, Hastings.*

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. E. GROVES.—A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints, Hereford, in 1840.

THOS. WHEELER.—Put the question to Mr. M. A. Wood, Church Row, Bethnal Green.

TOWTON.—Glad to recognise an old acquaintance. Sir Ralph Abercromby was killed in Egypt. Sir John Moore was in the action. It is futile to pursue the enquiry; Buonaparte was foiled, that is enoegh.

### BRAINTREE BELL FUND.

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| Amount previously announced .. | 7 | 0 | 6 |
| W. Lincoln, Writtle .. .. .. | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| E. Runter, Broomfield .. .. | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| F. L. Bumstead, Colchester.. .. | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Messrs. Pye, Chadwell Heath .. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Great Totham, card per T. Hammond | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| Stanstead, Essex, card per W. Watts | 0 | 5 | 0 |
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| Stisted, card per E. Radley.. .. | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Stebbing, card per J. T. Barker .. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Greenstead Green, card per W. Burst | 0 | 7 | 6 |
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Further donations, however small, will be thankfully received. I still require £10 to accomplish my task.

37, *Bank Street, Braintree.* C. H. HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*

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| Bingley Society .. .. .. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Gargrave Society .. .. .. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Lowmoor Society .. .. .. | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Halifax Society .. .. .. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Sheffield Society .. .. .. | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Hull Society .. .. .. .. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
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JOHN CLAYTON, *Hon. Sec.*
*Kirkgate, Birstall, Leeds.*

### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT GUILDFORD.—This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of the Mayor of Guildford (Mr. C. Wrist) to Miss Catherine Mary Christmas, of Worplesdon, which took place at St. Mary's church, Islington, the previous day, but owing to services at St. Nicolas on that day, the bells were not available for a peal. The band are all members of the St. Nicolas' society with the exception of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, who is Vicar of Crowthorne, Berks.

PENGE (Surrey).—Recently at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. T. Battson, 1; —. Edwards and Son, 2; G. Conn, 3; J. Town, 4; T. P. Richards, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, November 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. —. Humphrey, 1; W. J. Battison, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Town, 4; E. Dunn, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 18th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Wickens, 1; J. Town, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. T. Battson (conductor), 5; T. Chandler, 6. Messrs. Durling, Dunn, and Humphrey hail from Bromley, Kent; Chandler from Lewisham.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Wednesday, November 16th, on the occasion of the wedding of Albert E. Edwards, one of the local band, who was married that day, the ringers wishing them both long life, happiness and prosperity, 720 Bob Minor and three courses of the same with the tenor covering. G. Fuggle, 1; R. Pelling, 2; J. Baker, 3; A. T. Godley, 4; J. Maynard, 5; G. Turley (conductor), 6; G. Izzard, tenor. This is the first 720 in the method by G. Fuggle, and the first 720 away from the treble by A. T. Godley.

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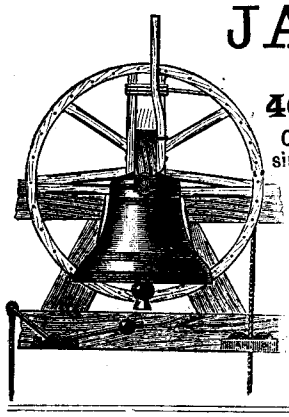

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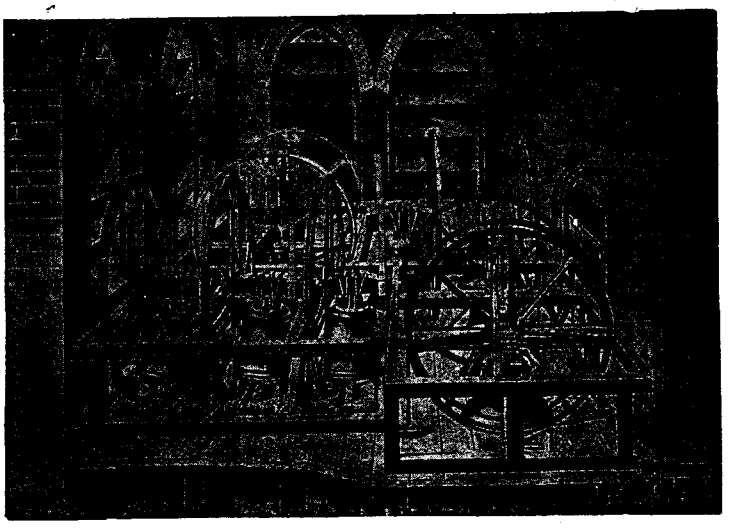

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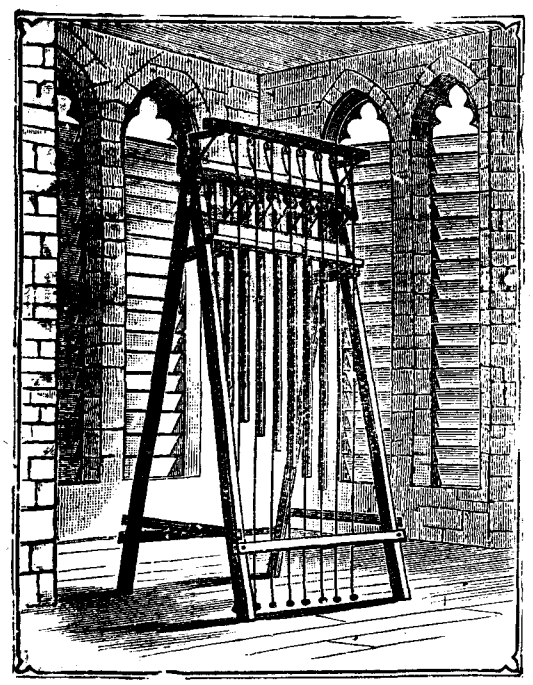

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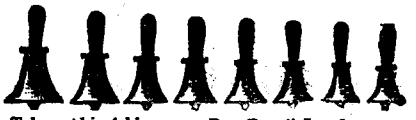

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# The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

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## CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXON.

This village, situate upon the borders of the counties of Oxford and Northampton, celebrated quite recently a great event in its ecclesiastical history, when the bells in the lofty embattled tower of the church of St. Mary the Virgin rang out merrily, after having been silent for nearly twelve months. For a long time these bells had been in a most unsatisfactory condition: one being literally in two pieces, and the frame unsafe. During the period of silence the whole of the bells have undergone a complete and thorough restoration at the hands of Messrs. Webb and Bennett, church bell hangers, of Kidlington, Oxfordshire. They have erected a new wrought-iron frame in the tower, recast the 3rd, and rehung the whole with entirely new fittings. The bell-chamber has been refloored, and a new internal staircase to the ringing-chamber provided. The sanctus bell is placed in the new frame, where room is left for a 6th bell. The cost of all this is nearly £150, which sum has been almost raised by voluntary subscriptions. The interest taken in the movement has been testified by the way the subscriptions have been received. Nearly everybody in the parish have given according to their means, and many outside friends have helped most liberally.

The proceedings on the day of reopening commenced with a tea in the schoolroom, the viands for the repast being gifts of various parishioners. The Kidlington brass band played outside the building during tea-time, and afterwards paraded the village. Five ringers from Kidlington raised the bells during the service, which was held at 6.30. It commenced with the hymn "Lift them gently to the steeple." The prayers were read by the Rev. H. A. Mais, Vicar of Studley; the lessons by the Rev. J. Wade, curate of Islip, and the Rev. E. R. Massey, Rector of Marsh Gibbon. The anthem was taken from Psalm lxi. 9-10—"Thou visitest the earth." Special collects, authorised by the Bishop of Oxford, were then said by the Rector of Charlton (Rev. C. E. Prior) for God's blessing on the bells and ringers; and immediately on their conclusion the Kidlington company rang a few rounds.

An address was then given by the Rev. R. F. Dale, rural dean, and Rector of Bletchington, which was attentively listened to by the large congregation. He took as the basis of his remarks the words, "The meaning of the voice," which was taken from the second lesson. He said the ringing of the bells was a summons to worship in God's house; sometimes of gladness and sometimes of sorrow, but whatever the meaning of the voice of the bells might be it meant that they were to bring their joy or sorrow unto God. For centuries, 1400 years probably, churchmen had been called to worship in God's house by the ringing of the bells. When all the bells were ringing they might interpret their meaning as "Come to church and pray," and later, when the single bell sounded, its voice seemed to be asking them to "Come, come," all things were ready for worship. They continually heard that voice, but did they always heed it? Some people never entered God's house at all, but God forbid that he should say they never prayed. Sometimes the voice of the bells was the voice of gladness. Religion was not all gloom. Jesus Christ while on earth shared in other people's pleasures, and what He did He would have His followers do as well. The bells were rung at weddings, at great national occasions of rejoicing as at the Jubilees, the recovery of the Prince of Wales from illness, and at the great festivals of the Church. This was to remind them that all happiness came from God, whether natural or spiritual. Then again the meaning of the voice was often the voice of sorrow. He remembered when a boy in London the great national humiliation at the time of the Indian Mutiny, and he would never forget the impression made upon him by all the bells in London being rung simultaneously. A great many of those present would remember the funeral of the late Duke of Wellington, and later the death of Prince Consort, and more recently still the decease of the Duke of Clarence. The ringing of the bells reminded them that there was something to look for beyond the grave. The bells were rung by men who had been trained; each ringer had his special part to do, and he must do it at the right moment. Disorderly ringing would spoil its sequence. The lesson was plain. Each of them had to do his work well and at the proper time, so that nothing would mar the whole band of workers.

"Hark, hark, my soul" was then sung, during which a collection was made on behalf of the fund for the bells; and the service closed with the singing of "Onward, Christian soldiers," the band accompanying. Miss Prior presided at the organ. In addition to the clergy whose names appear above there were also present the Rev. S. Crawley, Rector of Oddington; the Rev. J. H. Kirby, Vicar of Weston; and the Rev. P. V. Doyne, Vicar of Beckley.

The Kidlington ringers after the service rang a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, the company being Messrs. F. Webb, W. Bennett, H. Judge (conductor), J. Franklin, and W. Thorpe. The ringers, choir, and others partook of supper at the schools.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### Glossary of Technical Terms.

Sir,—May I again implore those who have received the Glossary lists to return them to me, with or without additions, at once? Nearly one half of the number distributed have not yet come back, though a stamped addressed envelope for return was sent with each copy; and but little trouble is involved in putting the copy in the envelope, sealing it down, and posting it. From some districts no copy has yet been returned at all, though *three* were sent out to each Association Secretary for distribution. H. Earle Bulwer, *Hon. Sec. C.C.*

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## THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES BELLS.

The unfortunate misunderstanding or hiatus in connection with this grand project of amalgamation will not tend to unity and progress in the neighbourhood affected. It is not our duty to make any comment on the position; we can only hope that all may be settled amicably before long. The Hon. Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association sends the following statement upon the questions at issue for publication:—

Touching a paragraph of "Plain Speaker's" notes in your issue of November 26th about the Stockton belfry, I regret to say there is some foundation for his saying that "that tower is closed to members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for all purposes." I enclose a circular issued to *some* of the members but not to the officers of the Association. It will be evident to all who read this, what a prejudiced production it is, and still more evident from whose individual pen it emanates, though signed "The Stockton Ringers." Had Mr. Clarkson taken this trouble early in the year, and issued a simple appeal to the members (as approved by those present at the Annual Meeting last year at Durham and at Gainford in February) under the heading of our Association, his fund would have been a great deal the richer. Instead of this he takes up some fanciful position—an impossible one to the Association—and when he finds he can't have all his own way, he attempts to drag the good name of the Association in the mud by accusations of ingratitude, etc. Mr. Clarkson would have been better advised had he put in an appearance at the October meeting held in Newcastle, and proved the courage of his opinions. I have always found that is the only way to get support, and after the sharp attacks made on the Association and the President by Mr. Clarkson in "THE BELL NEWS," he could most certainly have reckoned the latter speaking in defence. As to Mr. Harrison's vote of confidence being without notice, this was not necesary, as it did not affect the rules of the Association. The circular is very laudatory of Mr. Clarkson, but any debt we owe for past services has always been acknowledged, and in 1885 handsomely so, by a presentation from the Association. It speaks of Mr. Clarkson finding it necessary to *resign* his office of Secretary in 1889. This, I am sorry to say, as far as I can remember, he did *not* do—he coolly abandoned the Association, and at the Durham annual meeting, which he failed to summon, there was neither books, money, or secretary present. While giving Mr. Clarkson full credit for a big treasury balance at the end of his office, a large balance does not necessarily mean a flourishing state of affairs, and since then we have aimed rather at carrying out the objects of the Association than accumulating a large balance. Every one admits that Mr. Clarkson did a good work in founding with others, this Association, but the harm he has done by going out of his way to do its constitution injury on more than this occasion, is fast nullifying that feeling of gratitude.

Judging from the unanimous tone at the Annual Meeting in favour of the policy of the Executive, I am afraid the members who will be qualified (according to Mr. Clarkson's circular) to accept an invitation to the opening of their bells will be a very small and non-representative number. There are one or two other points in the Stockton circular which would bear contradiction, but I have trespassed on your space too long. I may mention that I had, by post-card dated November 19th, intimation of the closing of Stockton belfry against us, signed by Mr. Clarkson. As such power is vested in others, and no authority for the action is named, it is difficult to know whether to take it as serious. CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE,

*Hon. Sec. Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

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## A RINGING TOUR.

The Brighton Parish Church Branch of the Sussex County Association has arranged the following programme of peals for their annual eight evenings' ringing tour:—

| DATE. | | | PLACE. | METHOD. |
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| Saturday, Nov. | 26 | ... | Bolney ... ... ... | ... Cambridge Surprise Major. |
| Monday | ,, 28 | ... | St. Nicholas, Brighton... | London Surprise Major. |
| Tuesday | ,, 29 | ... | Southover, Lewes... | ... Oxford Surprise Major. |
| Wednesday | ,, 30 | ... | Heene, Worthing ... | ... New Cumberland Surprise Major. |
| Thursday, Dec. | 1 | ... | St. Paul's, Brighton | ... Superlative Surprise Major. |
| Friday | ,, 2 | ... | St. Peter's, Brighton | ... Gloucester Surprise Major. |
| Saturday | ,, 3 | ... | Steyning ... ... ... | ... Westminster Surprise Major. |
| Monday | ,, 5 | ... | New Shoreham ... | ... Norfolk Surprise Major. |

The result will be published in next week's "BELL NEWS."

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

## THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The last monthly meeting of the above society was held on Saturday, November 12th, at St. Marie's (R.C.) church, Norfolk Row, when a good muster of members assembled. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung, after which the business meeting took place at headquarters, The Sportsman inn. The late secretary, Mr. J. Mulligan, has resigned, and that office has now been taken up by R. Harrison.

## DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

In answer to the notice of "LET-EM-ALL-COME," on Saturday last, ringers turned up from Barking, Romford, Hornchurch, West Ham, Tottenham, Woodford, Leytonstone, Rainham, and East Ham. Ringing commenced with a 720 of Bob Minor, followed by a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. Touches of Double Oxford, Double Court, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were afterwards rung, in which the local men took part. Two courses of Grandsire Caters were also rung on the handbells, and a long touch of Treble Bob Major. The East Ham handbell ringers also rang several touches.

In an interview with the Rev. Dr. Moore, the rev. gentleman assured Mr. Deards that since the bells had been restored and rang so well, the church had been crowded so much at the evening service that they had to borrow chairs and seats of the neighbours to accommodate the worshippers. We wish here to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the locals for having provided everything to make the evening so enjoyable. A. D.

BREWOOD (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, November 24th, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of six 6-scores of Grandsire and four 6-scores and one 3-score of Plain Bob Doubles, each called differently, in 45 mins. J. Perry (conductor), 1-2-3; T. Perry, 4-5-6. Rung at the house of Mr. J. T. Perry. This is supposed to be the first quarter-peal rung in Brewood, and is the longest length by the above.

DARLASTON (Staffs.)—On Sunday, October 30th, 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Harper, 1; T. Lowe, 2; J. Adams, 3; E. Unitt, 4; J. Foster, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; W. Eyre, 8. On Thursday, November 10th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; W. Smith, 3; T. Lowe, 4; J. Foster, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. Messrs. Harper, Brown and Eyre belong to Bilston, Adams to Willenhall.

## 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."

### BRISTOL AFFAIRS.

SIR,—Readers of your comment of the 19th, and "Plain Speaker's" remarks of the 26th inst. would have a wrong impression of Bristol ringers. Your editorial states we "enjoy a diversity of opinion." We do not enjoy diversity of opinion any more than we enjoy ill-health, and on the contrary we endeavour to obtain unanimity of opinion. The recently proposed formation of a Bristol Diocesan Society was thought to be a compromise that all would agree with. We do not consider that we forfeit our claims to common sense, courtesy or cultivation by diversity of opinion, the finest body of gentlemen in the world, *i.e.*, our Houses of Parliament, being our justification. There is no personal unfriendliness between ringers here, and we all ring together and enjoy each other's company. Bristol has probably the oldest ringing society in the world (the Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, dating from 1620), and there was never a better feeling among its ringers than at present. G. T. DALTRY.

### THE PEAL AT HIGHWORTH, WILTS.

SIR,—I should like to point out to our friends who took part in the peal at Highworth on the 19th of November last, that it is not the first peal on the bells. Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung here on the 29th December, 1787, by the local ringers. This peal is of considerable interest, as I believe it was the first ever rung in the county of Wilts. Some years ago I endeavoured to obtain particulars of it, but I was unfortunately too late, as the record, which was on the ceiling of the belfry, had been destroyed during a so-called restoration. W. W. GIFFORD.

### THE HEIGHT OF TOWERS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Woolley, I beg to say that the height of the towers and spires I gave was taken from a list compiled during a discussion on the subject in *Shropshire Notes and Queries*, about the time of the sad disaster to St. Mary's spire, Shrewsbury, on February 11th, 1894. The accuracy of the measurements, of course, I cannot vouch for, but most of them are taken from "Our Parish Churches" (S.P.C.K). In my list "Boston Stump" is given as 268 ft., which I did not include, as only towers with steeples were asked for, though the name of steeple is often applied to either indiscriminately. Now that the subject is being discussed, I supplement the list by the height of several others, as given in my list, which perhaps will interest other readers. W. MEAD.

*Clun, Shropshire.*

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| Boston Tower | 268-ft. |
| Spitalfields Church Spire, London | 244-ft. |
| St. Bride's Church Spire, London | 233-ft. |
| Chesterfield Wooden Twisted Spire | 230-ft. |
| Bow Church Spire, London | 225-ft. |
| St. Mary's Spire, Shrewsbury | 222-ft. |
| St. George's Church Spire, Liverpool | 214-ft. |
| St. Michael's Church Spire, Liverpool | 201-ft. |
| St. Nicholas Church Tower, Newcastle-on-Tyne | 194-ft. |
| St. Alkmond's Church Spire, Shrewsbury | 184-ft. |
| St. Chad's Steeple, Shrewsbury | 150-ft. |

CATHEDRALS.

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| Lichfield (three spires) one is | 258-ft. |
| Canterbury Cathedral Tower | 235-ft. |
| Wakefield Cathedral Spire | 235-ft. |
| Westminster Abbey Tower | 225-ft. |
| Glasgow Cathedral Spire | 225-ft. |
| Gloucester Cathedral Tower | 224-ft. |
| St. Patrick's Cathedral Spire, Dublin | 223-ft. |
| York Cathedral Tower | 216-ft. |
| Durham Cathedral Tower | 214-ft. |
| St. George's Church Spire, Dublin | 200-ft. |

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### JOHN COOPER, OF LEICESTER.

AGE 52. DIED NOVEMBER 17, 1898.

It is with regret that we announce the end of the above ringer. The rider on the pale horse has not been sparing to Leicester veterans during the last few years, and at a comparatively early age another has answered his call. From his youth John Cooper was connected with St. Margaret's and St. George's churches. He rang in the first Association peals (Midland Counties) of Stedman Caters, also the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in Leicester. A safe, solid ringer, he invariably rang at the heavy end. He rang in the writer's first peal at St. Margaret's, and in his time could always be relied on for the Standard Methods. A stonemason by craft, it is believed his occupation impaired his health, for he was a powerfully built man. Four ringers acted as bearers, viz.: S. Cooper, W. Cooper, A. Millis, J. Needham. A muffled peal was attempted at St. Mark's but failed owing to a change-course. On Monday 720 Bob Minor, muffled, was rung at St. George's, and on Tuesday muffled touches were rung at St. Margaret's church. May he rest in peace. W. W.

FROCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, November 14th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. W. Davis, 1; R. T. Prout, 2; F. G. Prout, 3; C. East, 4; A. Summers, 5; F. K. Howell (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 17th, 720 Bob Minor. W. E. Prout, 1; R. T. Prout, 2; F. G. Prout, 3; C. East, 4; H. W. Fussell, 5; F. K. Howell (conductor), 6. Also some 6-scores of Stedman Doubles with H. Townshend, 6. First 720 by W. E. Prout.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Ethelreda, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. Composed by J. H. Barrett. J. J. Powers, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; W. J. Rumney, 3; S. Wade (conductor), 4; J. E. Miller, 5; J. T. Kentish, 6; A. Miller, 7; H. Tharby, 8. Tenor 26 cwt.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday, November 6th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. Dear, 3; I. Dear, 4; W. Watson (conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. On Sunday, November 20th, 720 Double Court. G. Dear, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. Pye, 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Dale, 5; W. Watson, 6. On Saturday, November 5th, on handbells, two 720s of Bob Minor. On Saturday, November 19th, two 720s in the same method. J. Dale, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, November 12th, a 6-score Grandsire Doubles. —. Baker, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Cheeseman (conductor), 3; J. Andrews, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Prebble, 6. And 360 Bob Minor conducted by A. Tanton. On Saturday, November 19th, 720 Bob Minor, taken from "THE BELL NEWS." J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Cheeseman, 3; —. Baker, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

STONEHOUSE (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, November 15th, the following ringers from Frocester, Messrs. E. W. Prout, A. Summers, C. East, and H. Townshend, with W. Davis and F. K. Howell rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, W. Phipps and A. Chandler, two of the local company, also taking part.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Saturday, November 19th, at St. Mary's church, two 360s Canterbury Pleasure. *F. Side, 1; I. Attwater, 2; —, Burrows, 3; *H. Kilby, 4; *A. Tennant, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. *First in the method. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Pittam, 1; *H. Kilby, 2; —. Burrows, 3; I. Attwater, (conductor), 4; A. Tennant, 5; *F. Side, 6. *First in the method.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, October 27th, 224 Grandsire Triples. M. Whatley, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; W. G. Granger, 3; S. A. Wright, 4; J. Hazeldean (longest length), 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; H. J. Selby, 7; J. Charman, 8. On Sunday, October 30th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. J. Selby, 1; S. A. Wright (longest touch of Stedman), 2; G. B. Selby, 3; W. G. Granger, 4; M. Whatley, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; J. Heath, 7; G. Steer, 8. On Thursday, November 3rd, 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Groombridge, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; H. Ford, 3; D. Wright (conductor), 4; H. Marchant (longest length), 5; J. Heath, 6; H. J. Selby, 7; G. Steer, 8. An attempt was made for Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal, but it came to grief at the second part-end—1680 changes. H. J. Selby, 1; S. A. Wright (longest length), 2; W. G. Granger (longest length with a bob bell), 3; M. Whatley, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone, 7; J. Charman (longest length), 8. On Sunday, November 20th, 252 and 504 Stedman Triples. M. Whatley, 1; S. A. Wright, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; W. G. Granger, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone, 7; G. Steer, 8.

## Compositions.

### A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

*By* J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, *Norwich.*

6496.

| 23456 | M | W | R |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45236 | | – | – |
| 24536 | | | – |
| 65432 | – | | – |
| 46532 | | | – |
| 53462 | | – | – |
| 45362 | | | – |
| 34562 | | | – |
| 56342 | | – | – |
| 23645 | – | | – |
| 62345 | | | – |
| 36245 | | | – |
| 52643 | – | | – |
| 65243 | | | – |
| 26543 | | | – |
| 35642 | – | | – |
| 63542 | | | – |
| 54632 | | – | – |
| 26435 | – | | – |
| 43265 | | – | – |
| 24365 | | | – |
| 32465 | | | – |
| 46325 | | – | – |
| 34625 | | | – |
| 63425 | | | – |
| 42635 | | – | – |
| 64235 | | | – |
| 53246 | – | – | – |
| 25346 | | | – |
| 32546 | | | – |

Repeated.

Contains the extent of the method in two parts without singles and with the tenors together.

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, *Norwich.*

5940.

| 23456 | W | 5th | 4th | IN | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36452 | – | – | – | | – |
| 65432 | | – | | 3 | – |
| 46532 | | | | | – |
| 54632 | | | | | – |
| 43652 | | – | | 3 | – |
| 64352 | | | | | – |
| 35642 | – | | | | – |
| 63542 | | | | | – |
| 56342 | | | | | – |
| 34562 | – | | | | – |
| 53462 | | | | | – |
| 45362 | | | | | – |

Four times repeated.

The sixty in-course course-ends.

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

*By* JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

10001.

Start from the second change of the Six instead of the fourth change, which produces:—

| 312456789 | 4 | 5 | 16 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 514362* | | | |
| 2463 | | | – |
| 3264 | | | – |
| 315462 | | – | – |
| 2564 | | | – |
| 213465 | | – | – |
| 5364 | | | – |
| 4563 | | | – |
| 412365 | | – | – |
| 5263 | | | – |
| 3562 | | | – |
| 314265 | | – | – |
| 314562 | | s | – |
| 2465 | | | – |
| 5264 | | | – |
| 513462 | | – | – |
| 2364 | | | – |
| 215463 | | – | – |
| 3564 | | | – |
| 4365 | | | – |
| 412563 | | – | – |
| 3265 | | | – |
| 5362 | | | – |
| 514263 | | – | – |
| 614352 | – | – | – |
| 2453 | | | – |
| 3254 | | | – |
| 316452 | | – | – |
| 2654 | | | – |
| 4256 | | | – |
| 413652 | | – | – |
| 2356 | | | – |
| 214653 | | – | – |
| 3456 | | | – |
| 6354 | | | – |
| 216453 | | | – |
| 3654 | | | – |
| 4356 | | | – |
| 412653 | | – | – |
| 3256 | | | – |
| 6352 | | | – |
| 614253 | | – | – |
| 3452 | | | – |
| 316254 | | – | – |
| 4652 | | | – |

| 413652879‡ | 4 | 5 | 16 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2356 | | | – |
| 6253 | | | – |
| 614352 | | – | – |
| 2453 | | | – |
| 3254 | | | – |
| 316452 | | – | – |
| 2654 | | | – |
| 213456 | | – | – |
| 6354 | | | – |
| 4653 | | | – |
| 214356 | | s | – |
| 6453 | | | – |
| 3654 | | | – |
| 312456 | | – | – |
| 6254 | | | – |
| 613452 | | – | – |
| 2354 | | | – |
| 4253 | | | – |
| 416352 | | – | – |
| 2653 | | | – |
| 512346 | – | – | – |
| 6243 | | | – |
| 615342 | | – | – |
| 2543 | | | – |
| 412365 | – | – | – |
| 5263 | | | – |
| 3562 | | | – |
| 314265 | | – | – |
| 5462 | | | – |
| 2564 | | | – |
| 213465 | | – | – |
| 5364 | | | – |
| 512463 | | – | – |
| 3264 | | | – |
| 4362 | | | – |
| 514263 | | s | – |
| 3462 | | | – |
| 2364 | | | – |
| 215463 | | – | – |
| 3564 | | | – |
| 312465 | | – | – |
| 5264 | | | – |
| 4562 | | | – |
| 413265 | | – | – |
| 5362 | | | – |
| 2563 | | | – |
| 214365 | | – | – |

Round next change.

*Bobs at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12.

‡Bobs at 2, 4, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16.

Contains the 6th twenty-four times behind the 9th and twenty-three times behind the 8th, and the 5th twenty-one times behind the 8th and 9th.

### A PEAL OF UNION CATERS.

*By* ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5003.

| 23456 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 42563 | | | | | 1 3 4 2 |
| 52643 | – | – | – | | |
| 62453 | – | – | – | | |
| 46253 | | | – | | |
| 24653 | | | – | | |
| 43652 | | – | | – | |
| 64352 | | | – | | |
| 36452 | | | – | | |
| 46532 | – | – | – | | |
| 62534 | | – | | – | |
| 56234 | | | – | | |
| 26354 | – | – | – | | |
| 32654 | | | – | | |
| 63254 | | | – | | |
| 23564 | – | – | – | | |
| 52364 | | | – | | |
| 35264 | | | – | | |
| 54263 | | – | | – | |
| 25463 | | | – | | |
| 53462 | | – | | – | |
| 45362 | | | – | | |
| 34562 | | | – | | |
| 54632 | – | – | – | | |
| 42635 | | – | | – | |
| 62345 | – | – | – | | |
| 32465 | – | – | – | | |
| 43265 | | | – | | |
| 24365 | | | – | | |
| 34625 | – | – | – | | |
| 64235 | – | – | – | | |
| 26435 | | | – | | |
| 46325 | – | – | – | | |
| 36245 | – | – | – | | |
| 23645 | | | – | | |
| 63425 | – | – | – | | |

The last twelve courses repeated produces 42356. Round by 9th in and out at two.

The 5th and 6th each twelve times wrong and right.

### PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

*By* ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5184.

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26354 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 52643 | | – | | 2 |
| 45236 | | – | | 2 |
| 53624 | 2 | – | | |
| 32546 | | – | | |
| 23645 | | – | 1 | 2 |

Twice repeated.

Has the 4th, 5th and 6th each five course-ends in 6ths, and 2nd never there.

## THREE PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

*By* FREDERICK DENCH, *College Youths.*

5000.

| 23456 | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52364 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 43265 | 1 | | 1 |
| 36452 | 2 | 2 | |
| 53624 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 25346 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 24653 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 52436 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 54326 | 1 in and 5ths | 2 | 2 |
| 23456 | | 2 | 2 |

5000.

| 23456 | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52364 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 24365 | 1 | | 2 |
| 63425 | | 2 | 2 |
| 45236 | 2 in and 5ths | 2 | 2 |
| 32546 | | 2 | 2 |
| 62453 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 62534 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 54326 | 2 in and 5ths | 2 | 2 |
| 23456 | | 2 | 2 |

5040.

| 23456 | M | W | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26354 | 2 | | 1 |
| 23564 | | 1 | 2 |
| 53624 | | 2 | 1 |
| 45236 | in and 5ths | 2 | 2 |
| 32546 | | 2 | 2 |

Repeated.

These peals have the 6th her extent right.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

*By* HORACE C. HOWLETT, *Norwich.*

5104.

| 23456 | W | 5 | 4 | M | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35426 | | – | – | – | – |
| 43526 | | | | | – |
| 54326 | | | | | – |
| 23546 | – | | | | S |
| 52346 | | | | | – |
| 34526 | – | | | | – |
| 53426 | | | | | – |
| 64325 | | | | – | – |
| 32645 | – | | | | – |

Four times repeated produces :—

| 32564 | W | M | R |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45236 | S | – | – |
| 23456 | – | | – |

*First rung at St. Michael's, Framlingham, on December 25th, 1897, conducted by its composer.*

## PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

*By* J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Leicester.*

5040.

1234567

| | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 13 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3412657 | S | | S | B | | | | S | B | B |
| 6132457 | S | B | | S | B | | B | S | B | B |
| 3261547 | S | | B | S | | | | S | B | B |
| 5146237 | S | B | | B | S | | B | S | | |
| 6235147 | S | | | | S | B | | S | B | B |
| 1365247 | S | B | | B | S | | B | S | B | B |
| 2563147 | S | | | | B | | B | S | | |
| 6325417 | S | | B | S | | | | S | B | B |

These eight courses to be four times repeated, calling the first course of the second, third, fourth, and fifth parts thus :—

| 1 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 13 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S | B | B | S | B | B |

instead of as above, produces :—

6214357

| | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 13 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4135267 | S | B | S | | S | B | | S | | |
| 2531467 | S | B | | B | | | | S | B | B |
| 4321567 | S | B | | S | B | | B | S | B | B |
| 5123467 | S | | | | B | | B | S | | |

The last four courses to be four times repeated, calling the first course of the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth parts thus :—

| 1 | 6 | 7 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|
| S | S | B | S |

The 7th is undisturbed throughout, and there are never more than two consecutive calls in its whole extent, and only eighty-two of these.

*First rung by the Leicester company of the Midland Counties Association, at All Saints, Loughborough, on Saturday, November 26th, 1898, and conducted by* GEORGE CLEAL.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

*By* G. LINDOFF, *Dublin.*

5760.

| 23456 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64235 | – | – | – |
| 52364 | | – | – |
| 43652 | | – | – |
| 26435 | – | – | – |
| 54326 | | – | – |
| 63542 | – | – | – |
| 25463 | | – | – |
| 34625 | | – | – |
| 56234 | | – | – |
| 42356 | | – | – |
| 63425 | – | – | – |
| 54263 | | – | – |
| 32654 | | – | – |
| 46532 | | – | – |
| 25346 | | – | – |
| 63254 | – | – | – |
| 42563 | | – | – |
| 35642 | | – | – |
| 26354 | – | – | – |
| 43526 | | – | – |

*Continued*—

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 65432 | – | – | – |
| 24365 | | – | – |
| 53624 | | – | – |
| 46253 | | – | – |
| 32546 | | – | – |
| 65324 | – | – | – |
| 43265 | | – | – |
| 52643 | | – | – |
| 36452 | | – | – |
| 24536 | | – | – |
| 65243 | – | – | – |
| 32465 | | – | – |
| 54632 | | – | – |
| 26543 | – | – | – |
| 35426 | | – | – |
| 64352 | – | – | – |
| 23564 | | – | – |
| 45623 | | – | – |
| 36245 | | – | – |
| 52436 | | – | – |
| 64523 | – | – | – |
| 35264 | | – | – |
| 42635 | | – | – |
| 56423 | – | – | – |
| 34256 | | – | – |
| 62345 | – | – | – |
| 53462 | | – | – |
| 24653 | | – | – |
| 36524 | | – | – |
| 45236 | | – | – |
| 62453 | – | – | – |
| 34562 | | – | – |
| 25634 | | – | – |
| 46325 | | – | – |
| 53246 | | – | – |
| 62534 | – | – | – |
| 45362 | | – | – |
| 23645 | | – | – |
| 56243 | S | – | – |
| 32456 | | – | – |

Repeated.

The bobs at 2 are called in the second lead when the treble is behind.

This peal contains the 120 course-ends.

*First rung at Kidderminster, on July 27th, 1898, conducted by* R. E. GROVE.

## A ¼-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

*By* G. WATSON, *St. Leonards-on-Sea.*

| | 234567 |
|---|---|
| | 672453 2 |
| | 346572 1 |
| | 673425 3 |
| S | 456273 1 |
| | 674532 3 |
| | 256374 1 |
| | 742635 2 |
| | 567342 1 |
| | 536274 |

Five times repeated.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1898.

THE bells of the parish church of Reigate, in Surrey, have been silent for some months owing to their unringable condition, and to such an enthusiastic company as the Reigate men are known to be, this state of affairs is disappointing. We have just heard, however, that of this drawback the end is in view. Messrs. MEARS and STAINBANK have sent in estimates for a new frame, and a restoration of the whole of the fittings, recasting the 2nd, and other items. This intelligence is refreshing to the local band. But they ask for more, and no one can blame them. For an additional £50 to the estimate of the above-mentioned firm, two trebles can be added to the peal, we are told. This is such a small amount that we have no doubt the Churchwardens, who have the matter in hand, will see that such a praiseworthy addition to their bells is effected. If they wish to immortalize their names, and remit to posterity the fact that they once filled the important office they hold, there is no better way of doing it than by taking advantage of an inscription on a new bell. This idea we commend to both gentlemen, and we are not without hope that the recommendation will be acted upon.

## The Metropolis.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 25 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM TRUSS | *Treble.* | CHARLES W. CLARKE | 5. |
| CHARLES H. MARTIN | 2. | *FRANK HULL | 6. |
| CHARLES WILKINS | 3. | JAMES PARKER | 7. |
| CHARLES CHASTY | 4. | JOHN R. SHARMAN | *Tenor.* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal of Superlative. Messrs. Clarke and Chasty, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Bedford.

### THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM,

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.** Tenor 21 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ANDREW S. OUGH | *Treble.* | †WILLIAM PICKWORTH | 6. |
| ERNEST A. ARTHURTON | 2. | WILLIAM T. ELSON | 7. |
| JAMES W. DRIVER | 3. | JAMES NICHOLLS | 8. |
| SIDNEY WADE* | 4. | EDWARD H. ADAMS | 9. |
| HORACE ADAMS | 5. | SAMUEL HOW | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM T. ELSON.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal on ten. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th in the tittum position. The figures were published in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 7th, 1898.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK A. NUNN* | *Treble.* | *STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE | 6. |
| CHARLES WILKINS | 2. | JOHN H. CHEESMAN | 7. |
| ALFRED W. BRIGHTON | 3. | *HARRY FLANDERS | 8. |
| GEORGE W. MULLEY* | 4. | *JOHN R. SHARMAN | 9. |
| ERNEST PYE | 5. | WILLIAM PYE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Royal.

## The Provinces.

### OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Monday, November 21, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM R. SMALL | *Treble.* | SAMUEL REEVES | 5. |
| WILLIAM H. GODDEN | 2. | JOHN T. ELTON | 6. |
| THOMAS HORTON | 3. | REUBEN HALL | 7. |
| WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT | 4. | JAMES HALL | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

### ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, November 23, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY STEADMAN* | *Treble.* | WILLIAM MARKS | 5. |
| JOHN WYATT | 2. | WILLIAM COOK | 6. |
| HENRY CORBETT | 3. | ARTHUR DEAN | 7. |
| JOHN HOYLE | 4. | WILLIAM FARRELL | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Messrs. Marks and Steadman were elected members before starting for the peal.

### NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, November 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR MEASURES | *Treble.* | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN | 5. |
| HARRY K. HORWOOD | 2. | JAMES F. CLARKE | 6. |
| WALTER STONE | 3. | JAMES GEORGE | 7. |
| GLADSTONE J. WINTER | 4. | CHARLES R. LILLEY | *Tenor.* |

Composed by C. W. CLARKE, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Major as conductor.

### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

*On Thursday, November 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 26 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM C. WAKLEY | *Treble.* | EDWARD I. STONE | 5. |
| JOHN BENSTEAD | 2. | ARTHUR WAKLEY | 6. |
| HARRY WAKLEY | 3. | JOSEPH GRIFFIN | 7. |
| GEORGE ROBINSON | 4. | WILLIAM WAKLEY | *Tenor.* |

Arranged by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE BURROWS | *Treble.* | G. R. LILLEY | 5. |
| GEORGE CLEAL | 2. | W. H. INGLESANT | 6. |
| JOHN O. LANCASHIRE | 3. | ARTHUR R. ALDHAM | 7. |
| W. A. TYLER | 4. | ALFRED MARTIN | *Tenor.* |

Composed by J. O. LANCASHIRE, and Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

The composition of this peal will be found on another page.

### ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

### OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS WHITWORTH | *Treble.* | WILLIAM LAMBERT | 5. |
| GEORGE BURNHAM | 2. | THOMAS BETTISON | 6. |
| WILLIAM J. THYNG | 3. | CHARLES SEVERN | 7. |
| JOHN P. TARLTON* | 4. | ARTHUR KNIGHTS | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Major. First peal in the Oxford variation by all with the exception of the 3rd ringer. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.

### HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

### THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.** Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN J. MAWBY | *Treble* | JAMES GARRATT | 5. |
| WILLIAM V. NEWMAN | 2. | THOMAS R. HENSHER | 6. |
| WILLIAM A. HALL | 3. | ALFRED H. MARTIN | 7. |
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER | 4. | JOHN B. MARTIN | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN B. MARTIN.

This peal contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with the 2nd never in 6ths place at a course-end. First peal in the method and first attempt by W. A. Hall, who hails from Rushden.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| R. HENRY BARTRAM* | *Treble.* | WILLIAM WILLSON | 5. |
| ERNEST J. GALE* | 2. | JOSIAH MORRIS | 6. |
| LEONARD W. COPSEY | 3. | WILLIAM T. MILLER | 7. |
| EDWARD E. SMITH | 4. | JOHN C. HILL | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal. The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble and 2nd, for whom the peal was arranged.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

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

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WALTER H. SYMONDS* | *Treble.* | JOHN HOWARD | 5. |
| STEPHEN COOK | 2. | JAMES MOTTS | 6. |
| EDGAR PEMBERTON | 3. | WILLIAM MOTTS | 7. |
| WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE | 4. | HENRY FOLKARD | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.-THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE F. WELBER, JUN. | *Treble.* | HAROLD D. SEARLE | 5. |
| PERCY DOICK* | 2. | †GEORGE H. LEE | 6. |
| ERNEST HOLDEN* | 3. | JOHN NETLEY | 7. |
| FREDERICK LUXFORD | 4. | ALFRED MILLS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE H. LEE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of esteem and respect towards the late wife of Mr. C. Blackman, who is the captain of the local band.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.-THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SIDNEY C. CLARK | *Treble.* | JOSEPH BROADLEY | 5. |
| WILSON ILLINGWORTH | 2. | FRED. W. HARGREAVES | 6. |
| JOHN CLAYTON | 3. | EDWIN WHEATER | 7. |
| DICK NEWTON | 4. | DAVID STEPHENSON | *Tenor.* |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by EDWIN WHEATER.

Rung on the birthday of Messrs. Hargreaves and Wheater, their brother-strings wishing them many happy returns.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOSEPH FAULKNER* | *Treble.* | *HARRY PRICE | 5. |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES* | 2. | *WILLIAM J. SMITH | 6. |
| WILLIAM TALBOT* | 3. | SAMUEL SPITTLE | 7. |
| WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT | 4. | JOHN SMITH | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HARRY L. KEY* | *Treble.* | ALFRED ARNOLD | 5. |
| ARTHUR MOORE | 2. | EDGAR H. HAXLEY | 6. |
| HERBERT RAINBOW | 3. | ARTHUR O. STEWART | 7. |
| WILLIAM FAREY | 4. | *JOHN FREEMAN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ARTHUR O. STEWART.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Howard and Leader for lighting the belfry and having all in readiness.

GORING, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HENLEY BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Woodbine, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN PARSONS | *Treble.* | GEORGE WILSON | 4. |
| CHARLES TIDBURY | 2. | JOHN ALEXANDER | 5. |
| JOHN WEDGE | 3. | JOHN BOWER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN BOWER.

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

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

(THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES H. MIDWINTER* | *Treble.* | SAMUEL WOOD | 5. |
| REV. T. LEWIS JONES* | 2. | GEORGE SALTER | 6. |
| JOSEPH GAYTON* | 3. | PHILIP W. DAVIES | 7. |
| SAMUEL TAYLOR | 4. | WILLIAM H. BARBER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal of Treble Bob. This composition has the 6th her extent right at ten course-ends, and is now rung for the first time. First in the method on the bells.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITY,

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

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HARRY WALLACE | *Treble.* | GEORGE WILLSHIRE | 5. |
| RICHARD STAINES | 2. | CHARLES MILLWAY | 6. |
| WILLIAM TASSELL | 3. | EDWARD E. FOREMAN | 7. |
| ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. | 4. | GEORGE WOOD | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN PACKWOOD† | *Treble.* | *GEORGE LINES | 5. |
| ARTHUR SMEATHERS* | 2. | THOMAS ABBOTT | 6. |
| PHILLIP L. MANNING | 3. | JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. | 7. |
| WILLIAM B. MEADOWS* | 4. | WALTER PERKINS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN.

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

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN CARTER .. .. | *Treble.* | JAMES GEORGE .. .. .. | 5. |
| ALBERT JACKSON .. .. | 2. | JOHN MASON .. .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. | 3. | GEORGE BOURNE .. .. | 7. |
| OLIVER JAMES .. .. .. | 4. | JAMES PARRY .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALFRED MOORE .. .. | *Treble.* | WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. | 5. |
| JOHN MASON .. .. .. | 2. | JAMES GEORGE .. .. .. | 6. |
| GEORGE HAYWARD .. .. | 3. | GEORGE BOURNE .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN CARTER .. .. .. | 4. | OLIVER JAMES .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was arranged and rung on the birthday of James George, the band wishing him many happy returns.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

*On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE DOUGHTY .. .. | *Treble.* | WILLIAM PERVIN .. .. | 5. |
| ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. | 2. | CHARLES HARRIMAN .. .. | 6. |
| HARRY WHITTLE .. .. | 3. | ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. | 7. |
| GEORGE HARDY .. .. .. | 4. | JOHN YATES .. .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Richard Ratcliff, Esq., of Stanford Hall. This is the conductor's twentieth peal.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. | *Treble.* | CHARLES H. EXON .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. | 6. |
| FRED. J. CASTLE .. .. | 3. | EDWARD HIMS .. .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM JEFFERY .. .. | 4. | JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Major on the bells.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALFRED KNIGHT* .. .. | *Treble.* | THOMAS FAIRS .. .. .. | 5. |
| CHARLES TAYLOR .. .. | 2. | ALBERT ELLIS .. .. .. | 6. |
| GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. | 3. | JAMES WORSFOLD .. .. | 7. |
| GEORGE HOAD .. .. .. | 4. | FREDERICK WICKENS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

*First peal.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| VALENTINE ROWE* .. .. | *Treble.* | *CHARLES GILES .. .. .. | 4. |
| ERNEST HOLLOWAY .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM HORNE .. .. | 5. |
| ALFRED E. REEVES .. .. | 3. | *FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

BEDFORD.

*On Tuesday, November 29, 1898, 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 College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford.

Tenor 7 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRANK WEBB* .. .. .. | *Treble.* | CHARLES CHASTY .. .. | 4. |
| ISAAC HILLS .. .. .. | 2. | CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. | 5. |
| JAMES AUSTIN SMITH .. | 3. | JOHN WM. BARKER .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 29, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Double Court Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOSEPH H. PARSONS .. | *Treble.* | ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. | 4. |
| FREDERICK BRACE .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM FRYER .. .. | 5. |
| HENRY DAKIN .. .. .. | 3. | GEORGE H. PAGETT .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ADOLPHUS ROBERTS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 30 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| H. L. WADDINGTON .. | *Treble.* | R. E. HAMMOND .. .. | 5. |
| J. EARWICKER .. .. .. | 2. | A. HALLETT .. .. .. | 6. |
| S. F. BARNES .. .. .. | 3. | W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. | 7. |
| J. E. RANDALL .. .. .. | 4. | G. WRIGHT .. .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

GLOUCESTER.

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

*On Tuesday, November 29, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JESSE GILLETT .. .. .. | *Treble.* | FRANCIS E. WARD .. .. | 5. |
| FRED. G. MAY .. .. .. | 2. | ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. | 6. |
| ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. | 3. | WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. | 7. |
| JOHN AUSTIN .. .. .. | 4. | ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

## Handbell Peals.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

*On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. H. PASMORE,

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

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| HARRY R. PASMORE .. | 1-2. | GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. | 5-6. |
| WILLIAM H. PASMORE.. | 3-4. | JOHN W. GOLDING .. | 7-8. |

Composed by J. D. MATTHEWS, of Bath, and
Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

First peal on handbells by all the band, and first in the method on handbells by the above society. Umpire—Harry Barton.

## Date Touches.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COSTESSEY (Norfolk).—On Monday, November 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob and Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 7 mins. A. Barber, 1; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 2; G. Howchin, 3; A. G. Warnes, 4; J. Bunn, 5. Longest length by Messrs. Barber and Bunn. Tenor 16 cwt.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, November 17th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins. T. Best, 1; E. Hinton, 2; E. T. Green, 3; G. H. Plummer, 4; S. Best, 5; J. J. Bristow, 6; C. W. Goodenough (conductor), 7; C. Forfitt, 8. Composed by G. R. Newton.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, November 16th, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 28 mins. A. Cooper, 1; C. Tyler, 2; E. J. Tyler, 3; G. Newbould, 4; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 5; H. Tinsley, 6; J. Malpass, 7; T. Cooper, 8. Longest touch by all except Messrs. Johnson and Tinsley, and was rang at the first attempt.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.—On Monday, November 21st, for practice at St. Patrick's Cathedral on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. R. Cherry, 1-2; H. P. Harman, 3-4; G. Lindoff (conductor), 5-6; R. T. Greene, 7-8. On Sunday, November 6th, at St. Patrick's cathedral, 432 Grandsire Caters. T. Rudd, 1; G. Davis, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3; H. P. Harman, 4; H. Greene, 5; J. Buffery, 6; C. Murray, 7; R. T. Greene, 8; R. R. Cherry, 9; R. Greene, 10. On Friday, November 11th, for practice, 546 Grandsire Triples. T. Rudd, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; H. Greene, 3; H. P. Harman, 4; C. Murray, 5; R. T. Greene, 6; R. R. Cherry (conductor), 7; D. Gibson, 8. On Monday, November 21st, for practice, 1064 Grandsire Triples. G. Lambert, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; H. Greene, 3; H. P. Harman, 4; C. Murray, 5; R. T. Greene, 6; R. R. Cherry (conductor), 7; E. Lister, 8. Tenor 45 cwt.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, November 10th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Harrington, 1; W. J. Wilson, 2; R. Pelling, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; G. Smithers, 5; A. Welsh, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; G. Kember, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Perkins, jun., 1; S. Perkins, sen., 2; J. Muggridge, 3; G. Smithers, 4; E. Mankelow, sen., 5; H. Ford, 6; A. Welsh (conductor), 7; E. Mankelow, jun., 8.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, October 30th, 560 Bob Major. W. Dawe, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; W. Bedwell (conductor), 5; G. H. Daynes, 6; J. Law, 7; W. J. Jeffries, 8. On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; E. H. Dixon, 4; W. Bedwell (conductor), 5; J. Law, 6; G. H. Daynes, 7; T. Daynes, 8. On Sunday morning, November 14th, for Divine Service, three courses of Stedman Triples. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; J. Rose, 2; E. H. Nixon, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; T. G. Deal, 5; W. J. Jeffries, 6; G. H. Daynes, 7; J. Law, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. J. Daynes, 1; J. Rose, 2; W. J. Jeffries, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; E. H. Nixon, 5; J. Law, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8.

CHATHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, November 12th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major in 30 mins. L. Bullock, 1; A. Tawney, 2; W. Mannering, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; W. Hunt, 6; W. Haigh (conductor), 7; A. Palmer, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Also two short touches of Double Norwich Major, being the first on the bells. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 19th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Webb, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Pilcher (conductor), 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Collins, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; W. Webb, 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; E. Wachter, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Monday, October 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Wachter, 1; P. Holmes (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, November 6th, 720 New London Pleasure. E. Wachter, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. Pilcher, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Webb, 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. Slade, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, November 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Farrow, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; E. Wachter, 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Farrow, 2; F. Slade, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Monday, November 14th, 720 Double Court Bob. P. Holmes, 1; H. Collins, 2; F. Slade, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; W. B. Pettitt, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. Collins, 5; F. Slade, 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUCKLAND DINHAM (Somersetshire).—On Thursday, November 17th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins. F. Prescott, 1; J. Witchell, 2; S. Brownjohn, 3; J. Fricker, 4; W. J. Prescott (conductor), 5; H. Beacham, 6. Rung as a farewell touch to the conductor, who has gone to Scotland for a time, his brother-ringers wishing him every success.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 20th, on handbells at the house of W. H. Pasmore, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 36 mins. H. R. Pasmore, 1-2; W. H. Pasmore, 3-4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MIDDLEWICH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, November 5th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 6-8 behind. W. Hine, 1; T. Bush, 2; A. Booth, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; H. Parker, 6; J. Ashmole (conductor), 7; G. Mann, 8. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 behind. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also the local band for their most kind welcome. On Thursday, November 17th, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; T. Moore, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; S. Moore, 6; J. Ashmole (conductor), 7; J. Arrowsmith, 8.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, November 6th, at St. Wilfrid's church for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hine, 1; T. Bush, 2; A. Booth, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood (conductor), 5; J. Ashmole, 6.

GREAT BUDWORTH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, November 12th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 180 Plain Bob, 7-8 behind. J. Holden, 1; T. Bush, 2; E. Cragg, 3; H. Dickens, 4; A. Booth, 5; H. Yarwood (conductor), 6; J. Ashmole, 7; T. Moore, 8. Also 168 of Grandsire Triples. A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; T. Moore, 3; H. Dickens, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; E. Cragg, 6; J. Ashmole (conductor), 7; F. Hubbard, 8.

### THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Thursday, September 11th, a touch of Minor in the following methods: College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. H. Carter, 1; J. Headey, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; J. F. Harvey, 5; W. H. Lawrence, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; J. F. Harvey, 5; A.

Wright, 6. On Monday, November 14th, two courses of Grandsire Triples, on handbells. A. Livings, 1-2; W. H. Lawrence, 3-4; A. Phillips, 5-6; A. Lawrence, 7-8. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Livings, 1; W. H. Lawrence, 2-3; A. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5-6. On Thursday, September 15th, eight courses of Stedman's Slow Course. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; F. Whitman, 6. This is the first in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Tuesday, September 25th, at St. Augustine's church, 720 Violet. T. Northey, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; P. W. Davies, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Northey, 1: F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; P. W. Davis, 6. On Tuesday, October 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. P. W. Davis, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6; the rest as before. On Saturday, October 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor, standing as before. On Sunday, October 9th, for evening service, 720 College Single. T. Northey, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; P. W. Davis, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Tuesday, October 11th, 720 College Single and 720 Grandsire Minor, standing as before. An attempt was made for a 5040, but it was lost in the third 720. On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; G. Watkins, 6. On Tuesday, November 8th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. W. T. Northey, 1; H. V. Wilkins, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; G. Watkins, 4; T. Northey, 5; P. W. Davis (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 15th, 720 each of College Single, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. J. Northey, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; P. W. Davis, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. The above was the fourth attempt for a 5040, which was lost after ringing a few leads of Violet.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Thursday, November 17th, for practice at the parish church by the local band, 168, 210, and 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Sherman, 1; R. Buckland (conductor), 2; T. Buckland, 3; W. F. Bagley, 4; A. S. Bagley, 5; J. Bagley, 6; J. Batting, 7; F. Bagley, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.—On Monday, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Watson, 1; C. Hill, 1; T. Waterhouse, 3; H. Harvey, 4; F. Medhurst, 5; G. Watson (composer and conductor), 6; F. Kennett, 7: H. Denman, 8.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Linfield (first in the method), 1; C. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; E. H. Phillips, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 14th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; T. Linfield, 2; R. Linfield, 3; E. H. Phillips, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Hammond (first in the method), 1; T. Parsons, 2; E. H. Phillips, 3; C. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6.

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

HEAVITREE (Devon).—Recently for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. Shepherd, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; W. Richardson, 4; T. Mudge, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Ackerman, 8.

BROADCLYST (Devon).—On Saturday, November 19th, by kind permission of the Vicar, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 38 mins. E. Searle, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; W. Richardson, 4; T. Mudge, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; W. Ackerman, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants). — On Sunday morning, November 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. P. Harman, 1; A. D. Stone, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harper, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. Newman, 7; H. C. Symons, 8.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, October 10th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Davis, 1; F. Mustow, 2; W. Boyles, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; M. Steer, 5; P. Hawkins, 6. On Sunday evening, October 30th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor with 7-8 covering. G. Davies, 1; F. Mustow, 2; W. Boyles, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; M. Steer, 5; B. Hawkins, 6; M. Miller, 7; D. Leary, 8.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire). — On Thursday, November 3rd, at the parish church, 324 Grandsire Caters. G. Browning, 1; H. Scrivens, 2; W. Mills, 3; H. Grosvenor, 4; R. Baker, 5; W. Hale (conductor), 6; S. Baker, 7; J. Poole, 1; W. Bateman, 9; A. Hanks, 10. On Thursday, November 10th, 518 Grandsire Triples and 324 Grandsire Caters by the same band. On Sunday evening, November 13th, 324 Grandsire Caters, with T. Peters, 2; H. Scrivens, 9. These are the first touches of Grandsire Caters by an entire Painswick band for several years.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY.—On Friday, November 18th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. F. Leigh, 1; H. Fuller, 2; J. W. Chapman, 3; J. Baker, 4; G. Weldon, 5; W. H. Heyhoe, 6; A. B. Shepherd, 7; F. Howden, 8. Rung to celebrate the 74th birthay of H. Fuller, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRACT (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, November 27th, for Divine Service, 240 each of College Pleasure and Duke of York, 120 Woodbine, 240 Oxford and Kent, and 96 Vfolet. W. Pease, 1; W. Brook, 2; G. Wilcock, 3; T. Pease, 4; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 5; W. Heckingbottom, 6. For evening service 240 each of Violet and Duke of York, 144 each of Oxford, Kent, and College Pleasure, and 96 Woodbine. W. Heckingbottom, 1; A. Strangward, 5; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 6; the rest as before.

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ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA.—On Saturday, November 9th, at the parish church, four 720s of Bob Minor were rung, each called differently. Several other touches were rung and the bells fired during the day. On Sunday, November 10th, for morning service, another 720 was rung while the Mayor, Mr. C. Garriett and the Corporation, the town band, coast guard men, fire brigade and Volunteers were marching to church. C. Smith (conductor), 1; H. Girling, 2; F. Cooper, 3; A. Wilson, 4; G. Churchyard, 5; E. Cooper, 6.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, November 17th, for practice at Christ church, 240 Darton Exercise. Joseph Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. Also 240 Cambridge Surprise. A. Windsor (Leeds parish church), 1. And 240 each of Morning Exercise and Sandal Delight, and a course of Royston Delight. F. Blacketh (Bramley), 1; the rest as before. On Sunday evening, November 20th, 240 each of Oxford and Merchant's Delight. F. Kerry, 1; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 2; Joe Thackray, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6.

BRIGHTON.—On Wednesday, November 9th, at 2, Grove Street, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Williams (conductor), 1-2; F. Bennett, 3-4; K. Hart, 5-6; Mrs. G. Williams, 7-8. On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Peter s church, 448 Cambridge Surprise. R. J. Dawe, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; F. Bennett, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; G. King, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6; G. Williams, 7; K. Hart, 8. And 192 London Surprise. T. Card, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; F. Bennettt, 3; G. Smart, 4; G. A. King, 5; K. Hart, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; G. Williams, 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; G. H. Head (conductor), 2; A. Miles, 3; H. F. Fayers, 4; C. Harffey, 5; J. Osborn, 6; G. Howse, 7; H. Hookham, 8. On Tuesday, November 8th, after an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal, which had been arranged for the Rev. H. G. Bird, President of the Middlesex Association, but which came to grief in the second part, the following touches were rung: 336 Grandsire Triples (six bobs and six singles). C. H. Head, 1; Rev. H. G. Bird, 2; A. Miles, 3; H. F. Fayers, 4; A. Gower, 5; C. Harffey, 6; G. Howse (composer and conductor), 7; F. Elms. 8. The above were the band for the peal with G. H. Head as conductor. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harffey, 2; A. Gower, 3; G. H. Head, 4; Rev. H. G. Bird, 5; A. Piper, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; G. H. Howse, 8. And 240 Stedman Doubles. Rev. H. G. Bird (conductor), 1; G. H. Howse, 2; G. H. Head, 3; A. Gower, 4; B. Hobbs, 5. 7-6-8 covering. On Friday, November 11th, 240 Bob Minor on the back six. G. H. Howse, 1; J. S. Goldsmith, 2; C. Harffey, 3; A. Gower, 4; H. F. Fayers, 5; G. H. Head (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 15th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; G. H. Head (conductor), 2; A. Miles, 3; A. Piper, 4; T. Price, 5; G. H. Howse, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; F. Elms, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Hewitt and Miles. On Sunday morning, November 20th, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples taken from Troyte. G. S. Hewett, 1; C. Harffey, 2; A. Miles, 3; H. F. Fayers, 4; G. H. Head, 5; J. Osborne, 6; G. H. Howse (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Hewitt, Miles, Fayers, and Hookham. Longest touch with a bob bell by J. Osborn. First quarter-peal as conductor.

## Notices.

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The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield, to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. Six bells in good order, five minutes from Clay Cross Station. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this association will be held at Longton, to-day, Saturday December 3rd. Rev. G. T. BIRCH, } *Hon.* W. TWIGG, } *Secs.*

The Lancashire Association.-Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at St. James' church, Accrington, to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. It is expected that the annual report will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

R. PARKINSON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.-The next monthly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, December 3rd, at St. Nicholas church, Liverpool. The tower will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and the meeting will be held at 6 o'clock in the belfry. It is hoped that members will endeavour to attend this meeting, as the last few meetings have been very poorly attended.

GEORGE WOODHALL, *Secretary.*

The Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch.-The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Peter's church, Halliwell, to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting and unveiling of peal-board at 7. All ringers invited.

HY. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild. — Bowdon, Stockport, and Mottram Branches. — The next meeting will be held at Stockport parish church to-day, Saturday, December 3. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be in the Wellington Road school at 5 o'clock.

H. LEIGH MALLORY, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

Sussex County Association. — Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all those who send their names to Mr. H. Jones, "The Yews," Ringmer, by Thursday, December 8th. All members who have not already paid their subscriptions for 1898, will kindly oblige by sending the same at once to

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*
*"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.*

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 2 p.m.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. I wish to remind members of this branch that subscriptions are now due. All ringers invited. E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting in the school at 6.30.

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Ranmoor, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 4.30.

R. HARRISON, *Sec.*

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next meetibg will be held at the parish church, Eccles, on Saturday. December 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting in the Mission Room at 7 p.m. It is expected that the annual report will be to hand before that date.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of six-bell ringers will be held at St. Martin's, Vicar's Road, Kentish Town, on Saturday, December 10th, when members and their friends are cordially invited to attend. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock.

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

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District —The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open at 4 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, with his usual kindness, will provide tea at 6 p.m. All members and ringing friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
*Lampton, Hounslow.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, December 17th. Full particulars next week.

HY. W. TOMKINS. *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

The St. Andrew's Society, Netherton.—The first annual dinner in connection with the opening of the two new bells will be held on Tuesday, December 20th, at The Five Ways inn, Netherton. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the undersigned, and should be applied for not later than the 17th inst.

JOHN SMITH.
*36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.*

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### NOTE TO PEAL.

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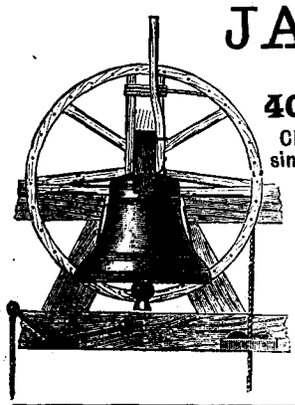

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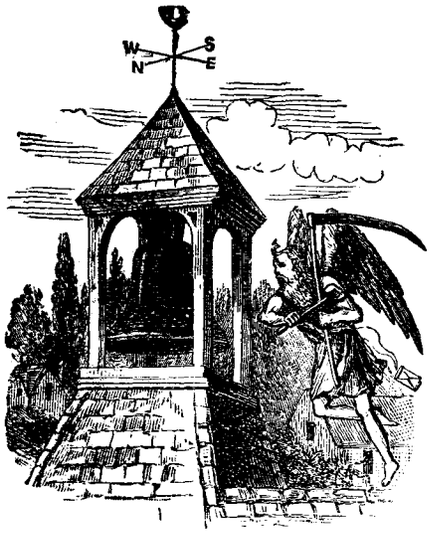


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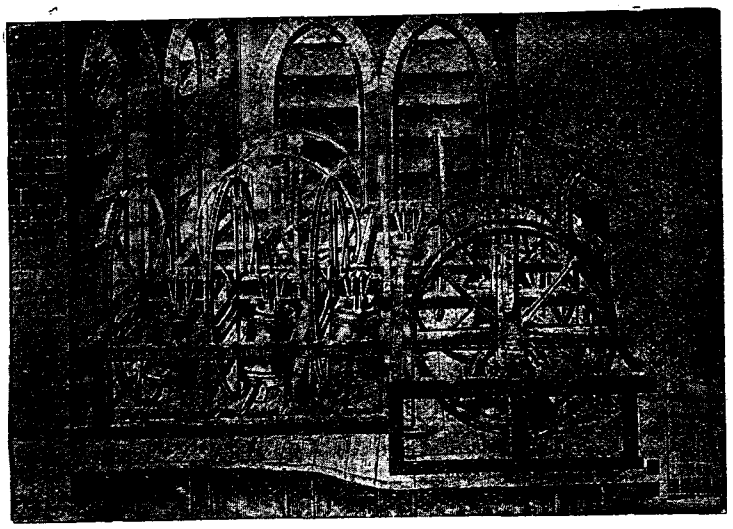

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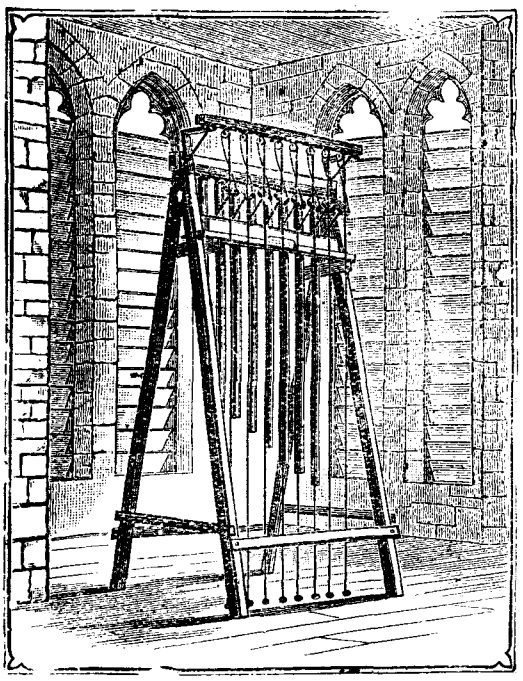

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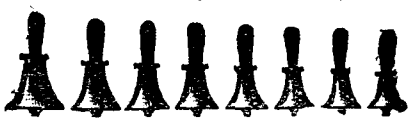

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## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

### Interesting Meeting at Croston.

A meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, November 26th, at Croston. There was an unusually large gathering of ringers—most of the towers being represented. During the afternoon several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The bells have just been hehung, and are in fine order. A service was held in the old church, which was heartily joined in by all present, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit and the Rector officiating.

The Rector (the Rev. A. G. Rawstorne), in addressing those present, said: Welcome to your Guild—glad you have so fine a day. When rather more than a year ago you met at Southport you were very truly told that "our bells were not in going order." To-day you meet in Croston under more auspicious circumstances than you could have done a year ago, and I am only expressing the opinion of those who know when I say that I believe you will find them now in very excellent order; they have been turned and rehung, and practically renewed in everything but the framework and the bells themselves—one of which, the 7th, has been recast—and so the whole peal is to-day in thoroughly sound, good-going order, and well worthy (if I may say it) of a visit from an Association or Guild of ringers like yourselves. Now, I suppose, it is a point which we here cannot solve, how long there have been bells sounding from the tower of Croston parish church. In old days their message of goodwill would sound over an even wider area than they do at present, for in old days the ancient parish of Croston included Bispham, Mawdesley, Rufford, Tarleton, Hesketh, Hoole, and Bretherton on the south and west, and extended as far as Chorley and Ulnes Walton on the north and east. The first parish to be cut off was Hoole, in the days of Charles I.; then followed Chorley and Rufford in 1793. Later on followed Tarleton and Hesketh, in 1821, and later still, in 1835, came Bretherton and Mawdesley—so that if, as seems probable, the name of Croston is derived from the Cross-Town, so called from the village cross, the base of which alone remains in the present day, but which we may hope some day to see restored—the call to worship God on this very spot has been sounding forth to the inhabitants of the country round for many hundred years as the bells have sounded—Sunday by Sunday the invitation to God's people to assemble themselves for service in the House of God. There seems to be little doubt that on this site has stood a church for more than 800 years, and though the first edifice to which reference is made in an old writing of the date of William the Conqueror, which is in existence still, belonging to the Priory at Lancaster, has long given place to a larger and a nobler building—yet you have here the evidence of the continuity of our branch of the Church—and this building in which we are met to-day probably dates back to about 1489. It has been restored at least on three occasions—in 1577, again in 1767, and more recently still in the time of Archdeacon Master—the first Archdeacon Master—in 1866. The names of the Rectors of Croston are on record since the year 1300, and in those almost 600 years there have been twenty-three rectors. And now a word about the bells themselves. There is a legend, how much or how little of truth there is about it neither you nor I can tell, that the old bells of Burscough Abbey were divided between the parish church of Ormskirk and the parish church of Croston. I believe I am correct in saying that so far as Ormskirk is concerned the old bell you have there gives grounds of probability for this view. Whether our bells here were old ones, which were recast in the end of the 18th century, or whether they were new ones, the fact remains that what are now the 3rd, 5th, 7th and 8th carry on them the name of John Rudhall, of Gloucester, and the date 1787, and the year when they were put up by him. In 1806 three more bells appear to have been added—the 1st, 2nd and 4th—while the 6th bell, which was added later, bears the date 1822. So they have gone on until the present year, when we have just been making an especial effort to repair them. Several of them have been rehung, turned, and repaired, and the fittings are entirely new, except the frame; while the 7th bell has been recast and the following motto placed upon it in memory of the work just recently completed:—

Ring clearer than before—
God's praises evermore.

We opened our peal after the work of repairs had been carried out on the occasion of our harvest festival, on the first day in October, and to-day we shall have the pleasure of hearing some of the most accomplished and practised of our church bell-ringers in this part of the country exercise their skill upon them; and we shall hear with interest their report upon the condition in which they are. I trust and believe your visit here will be a pleasure to yourselves, as I am sure it will be to us. And, now, will you allow me to add a few practical thoughts to the brief historical sketch which I have given you—which I think an occasion such as this seems to call forth. I thought, as I listened to the bells an hour or more ago, what a power these men possess; what a noble pastime they engage in; what a high and holy duty they perform. Think of those bells as they hang in the tower; the years they have hung there; the work they have done; the privileges of which they tell—hardly a service of any kind but the bells send forth their music. Our Sunday services, at holy baptism, the wedding peal, the muffled sound of the passing bell—at every stage in the life of the Churchman our church bells sound. And, yet, in themselves what heavy, cumbrous, silent things they are; but when you men are ringing them what music they give forth—what a power they have.

At the conclusion of the service, on the invitation of Mr. John Ascroft, J.P., The Lodge, the company adjourned to The Grapes hotel, where an excellent tea had been provided. Prior to the tea, a short business meeting was held. A vote of condolence was passed on the death of Sir A. B. Forwood, one of the vice-presidents of the society. On the proposition of Mr. Hutton,

seconded by Mr. Bentham, it was unanimously resolved to ask the Hon. Arthur Stanley to become a vice-president of the Guild. The death of Mr. John Prescott was feelingly referred to by Mr. Ascroft and others, and a vote of sympathy was passed to his representatives. Amongst the visitors present were the Rev. C. A. Clements, of St. Luke's, Ormskirk, and Mr. Walker, formerly of Ormskirk, and now leader of Blackburn parish church belfry. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ascroft and the Croston band was unanimously carried for their kind and liberal arrangement for the Guild.

## OPENING OF A NEW TREBLE AT HEVER, KENT.

Advent Sunday witnessed the opening of a new treble bell to the ring of five at the church of the little village of Hever, in Kent. It is the gift of M. V. Charrington. Esq., a gentleman who has done much for the church since he has resided in the village. The church was built about the year 1200, and contains some very fine brasses, and was completely restored about four years ago. The funds for this, and also for providing a new organ, were, to a great extent, forthcoming from the same source as that for the new bell, which thus forms a fitting finish to the work of restoration. There is no record as to what date bells were first placed in the tower, but it appears from an old register of the churchwardens' accounts, that previous to the year 1702 there were only four bells, as in the entries for that year appear the cost of taking down and conveying the large bell to London, and also another account for taking down and conveying to London the the three smaller bells. In the following year (1703) the accounts include the amount paid to Mr. R. Phelps for casting five new bells, and the cost of bringing the new bells from London; also £12 paid to Francis Udall for hanging the bells, The tenor is about 8½ cwt. There is no record of anything more being done until the year 1887, when in commemoration of the Jubilee, the third bell (which was cracked) was re-cast, the others quarter-turned, and all rehung with new fittings and frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The work of casting and hanging the new bell was entrusted to Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and they fulfilled the promise to complete the work by Advent. It is of very good tone, weighing about 4½ cwt. in F sharp. It has the inscription, "My lips shall praise Thee O Lord." In response to an invitation from the local ringers, the secretary of the district of the Kent County Association (Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells), went down on Saturday to assist at the opening, It was thought desirable to meet on Saturday evening for a short practice, as with one exception none of the local ringers had ever rung on six bells, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a course or two of Grandsire Minor being rung.

On Sunday morning at seven o'clock the bells were raised in peal, and for over an hour were kept going in Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Minor. Meeting again at ten o'clock a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 24 mins. E. Seal, 1; E. Harrington, 2; W. Latter, 3; D. Webb, 4; C. Eastman, 5; F. J. Harrington (conductor), 6. This is very creditable, as four of the ringers had never rung on six bells before the previous evening, and it is the conductor's first attempt to ring a 720. The bells were again rung after the service for a short time. At two o'clock they were again set going to ring the afternoon service, when Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Minor were again rung, and again after the service. There was no dedication ceremony, but the Rector made special reference to the occasion in his sermons both morning and afternoon. At the conclusion of the ringing Mr. Eastman, sen., on behalf of the local ringers, expressed their thanks to Mr. Latter for his kind assistance to them on this occasion, to which Mr. Latter replied, saying it had been a great pleasure to him to be present at the opening, and he hoped the ringers would make as good progress on six bells as they had done on five.

It is whispered that in the near future there may be another addition to the bells to complete the octave; if this comes to pass it is to be hoped that the young men of the village will come forward and learn the good old English art of change-ringing, as it is very difficult to keep up a good band in the villages owing to ringers constantly leaving home to go out into the world. This is the case at Hever, where several of their best ringers have recently left the village, and of course others have to be taught to take their places.

## TITCHFIELD, HANTS.

On Thursday, November 24th, the ringers of St. Nicholas church, Wickham, paid a visit to the above church, having had a previous invitation from the Rev. H. Wheat, who takes a keen interest in ringing, and who gave us a very hearty welcome. Arriving at seven o'clock the bells were raised and started wiih Grandsire Doubles, after which Mr. Whiting, from Fareham, put in an appearance, and several attempts were made for a 720, but the bells would not have it at any price, on three occasions scoring nearly 500. Several 6-scores were brought round with the local band standing in, two being conducted by the Rev. H. Wheat. At 9.30 the bells were lowered, and preparations were made for home, when by the kind invitation of Mr. Wheat (who must have evidently been thinking about the wants of the inner man), the visitors, together with the local band, numbering about fifteen, were entertained with good substantial eatables, and with tea, coffee, and cocoa. Some of the band expressed their desire of again visiting Titchfield, when they may be more successful in ringing, but we are certain not more welcomed than on this present occasion. C.

## LATE NOTICE.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.—The next meeting will be held at West Tarring on Saturday, December 17th. Replies to Hon. Sec.

*Yapton Vicarage.* J. G. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*

MADAME TUSSAUD'S EXHIBITION. — This popular place of amusement is ever changing and well to the fore in placing things of interest before the public. Among the most recent additions is a well and prettily poised model of Queen Wilhelmina. In a group of British officers stands a striking figure of Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, whilst close at hand is a very fine collection of war implements taken from the Dervishes after the battle of Atbara. Emile Zola and Captain Dreyfus are well poutrayed. Under a mourning canopy in the hall of kings, stands an exquisitely modelled figure of the late Empress of Austria. We might add by the way, that the figure of Mons. de Rougemont is still full of interest to the visitors at Madame Tussaud's.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The following seven peals are the result of eight evenings' ringing by ten members of the Brighton Parish Church Branch of the Sussex County Association. We comply with the unanimous request of the company that these particular records may be published in this manner.

No. 1. BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,**
**5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 15 cwt.

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| GEORGE A. KING | *Treble.* | EDWARD C. MERRITT | 5. |
| GEORGE F. ATTREE | 2. | JAMES N. FROSSELL | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3. | KEITH HART | 7. |
| GEORGE SMART | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.**

No. 2. BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, November 28, 1898, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,**
**5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 16¾ cwt.

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| JAMES N. FROSSELL | *Treble.* | GEORGE SMART | 5. |
| GEORGE F. ATTREE | 2. | GEORGE A. KING | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3. | KEITH HART | 7. |
| EDWARD C. MERRITT | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

**This is the first peal of London Surprise on the bells.**

No. 3. SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 29, 1898, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR,**
**5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 17¾ cwt.

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| ROBERT J. DAWE | *Treble.* | EDWARD C. MERRITT | 5. |
| GEORGE F. ATTREE | 2. | GEORGE A. KING | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3. | KEITH HART | 7. |
| GEORGE SMART | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**This is the first peal of Oxford Surprise on the bells.**

No. 4. HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, November 30, 1898, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR,**
**5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 10¼ cwt.

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| ROBERT J. DAWE | *Treble.* | GEORGE A. KING | 5. |
| KEITH HART | 2. | GEORGE F. ATTREE | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3. | JAMES N. FROSSELL | 7. |
| EDWARD C. MERRITT | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

No. 5. BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, December 1, 1898, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**
**5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 13¾ cwt.

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| FRANK BENNETT | *Treble.* | GEORGE F. ATTREE | 5. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE | 2. | GEORGE A. KING | 6. |
| GEORGE SMART | 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 7. |
| ARTHUR A. FULLER | 4. | KEITH HART | *Tenor.* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

No. 6. BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, December 2, 1898, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR,**
**5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR A. FULLER | *Treble.* | EDWARD C. MERRITT | 5. |
| GEORGE F. ATTREE | 2. | GEORGE SMART | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 7. |
| GEORGE A. KING | 4. | KEITH HART | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

**This is the first peal of Gloucester Surprise on the bells.**

No. 7. HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 6, 1897, in 5 Hours and 3 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR,**
**5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| JAMES N. FROSSELL | *Treble.* | GEORGE A. KING | 5. |
| GEORGE F. ATTREE | 2. | GEORGE SMART | 6. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3. | KEITH HART | 7. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**This is the first peal of Norfolk Surprise on the bells.**

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A peal of Westminster Surprise Major was attempted at Steyning on Saturday, December 3rd, but lost through a change-course after two hours' ringing; and owing to circumstances over which the authorities at New Shoreham Church had no control, the peal of Norfolk Surprise intended to have been rung at that church had to be postponed to the following evening at Hurst.

## BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 26th, Messrs. J. George (of Rugby), J. Carter (Birmingham), and W. R. Small (Tipton), paid a visit to Bromsgrove to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters with the members of the Bromsgrove company, but meeting one short through illness, had to content themselves with Grandsire Triples, a peal of which was rung, and reported in our last number. Afterwards the company met at The Red Lion hotel, where a good substantial supper was awaiting them, and to which the usual ample justice was done. The company included Mr. E. Hartland, Churchwarden, to whom the Church and townspeople are indebted for his great liberality in giving the new bell frame, with all new fittings, the bells now being in good ringing order; a chiming apparatus has also been added. The cloth being drawn, Mr. W. R. Small was called to the chair. Several letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, the usual toasts were given and responded to. Songs were given by various members of the company.

During the evening Mr. Churchwarden Fitch looked in, and spent some time with the company. The Vicar (Rev. E. Vine Hall) and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells. They are pleased to hear them rung at all times, and have signified their intention to do all they could to keep them in proper order, and they would at all times take a great interest in their ringers.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. George for providing at his own cost the evening's entertainment. This was unanimously carried, and Mr. George suitably replied.

A vote of thanks to the chairman completed a grand evening's enjoyment; and "the act" having to be obeyed, the company dispersed. The following morning, however, some of them were found ringing (with the natives) a 1000 of Grandsire Caters for Divine Service, conducted by John Carter. In the afternoon a drive was taken to the neighbouring village of Hanbury, where by kind permission of the Vicar, a successful attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, two locals being seated in the tower during the performance, which was rung in honour of the 45th birthday of Mr. George, the usual compliments being passed, and thanks to him for his entertainment on this occasion also.

## A JUBILEE AT SWINESHEAD.

An event, which a local paper says is "almost unique in the annals of Church ministry," recently took place at Swineshead, Lincolnshire. The Rev. Canon Holmes, Vicar of Swineshead, has completed the 50th year of his ministry there. The rev. gentleman was the recipient of congratulatory communications from all parts of the United Kingdom, and the parishioners celebrated the jubilee by converting the day into one of general rejoicing. From end to end the streets were ablaze with multi-coloured streamers, Chinese lanterns, and a variety of national bunting, and there was scarcely a single residence to be seen without decoration on a more or less extended scale. During the day the bells rang out merrily in honour of the occasion.

A corespondent adds: "There is a good ring of eight bells at Swineshead, in excellent going order, but there is one ringer only who cares to learn change-ringing. The Vicar is a great friend of the ringers, always invites them with the choir to an outing or something every year. The ringers are the first persons outside his own family who wish him 'a happy new year,' and they are the first of his parishioners who receive a later compliment from him, for it is always his custom to invite the ringers to the vicarage for refreshment when they come down from the tower after ringing the old year out and the new one in. Would that all were like him."

## THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A Committee Meeting of the above was held at The Wakefield Arms, Dewsbury, on Saturday, December 3rd, and was presided over by the President, Mr. Sydney Goodall. The special business of the meeting was, formation of rules to be submitted at the yearly meeting in January, ready for insertion in the five years' report. The members present hope to see a good muster at Halifax on December 10th, it being the last meeting before the annual meeting.

## WICKHAM, HANTS.

Some time since the writer had an opportunity of bringing before the Rev. Stanhope Rashleigh and Miss Burnby Greene, two most devoted workers of the church, the sad and dirty condition the belfry was allowed to remain in, pointing out that it was most necessary that in order to maintain church-going ringers, they ought to make their belfry, which is a portion of the church, more in accordance with the keeping of the same, and he was sure the ringers would respect and reverence the place, much more than in the dirty plight these place are allowed to drift into.

Mr. Rashleigh visited the belfry, and he saw how much it needed a thorough clean up. He therefore consulted the ringers as to what was needed, and the result was it was to be match-boarded, stained and varnished, the upper portion of the walls coloured, windows cleaned and painted, new set of ropes, new bracket lamp, new cocoa matting for floor, and sundry other repairs to the bell-chamber, making it all cosy and comfortable. When all was finished, Mr. Rashleigh wished by way of opening to give the ringers and friends they wished to ask, a tea at the parish room, and Wednesday, November 30th, was the day selected. The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Hon. Secretary of the Winchester Guild, we are sorry to say, could not be present. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m, and continued until tea-time, when 720 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Single were brought round. After tea the bells were kept going till eight o'clock. We are sorry to say that the health of Mr. Rashleigh and Miss Greene prevented their visiting the belfry, but the ringers wish to convey to them their heartiest thanks for what they have done for them. It may not be out of place to state that the above-named gentleman is not the Rector of the parish. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Master of the Winchester Guild, was present.

G. E. C.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the above was held at North Wingfield on Saturday, December 3rd, members being present from Clay Cross, North Wingfield, Tibshelf, South Normanton, Alfreton, Ripley, Bolsover, Wingerworth, and Old Brampton.

The Rector (Rev. C. J. Boden) presided. An apology from Old Brampton ringers, regretting their inability to attend, was received. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved that a committee meeting be held at Alfreton on Saturday, January 14th, 1899, to make arrangements for the annual tea at Easter, an amendment in favour of Tibshelf being lost by three votes. It was also resolved that a special ringing meeting be held at Bolsover, with the Vicar's consent, on Saturday, February 4th, 1899. The Rev. J. Perry was elected an honorary member. An hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. C. J. Boden for presiding, providing tea, and also for the use of the bells and schoolroom, which was carried with musical honours and cheering, to which Mr. Boden suitably replied. The bells were kept merrily going until after nine p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## A NEW RINGING ASSOCIATION.

The scheme alluded to by our popular contributor about a fortnight ago relative to a new ringing organization is now, we are told, an accomplished fact. A meeting was held at Middlesbrough on Saturday, December 3rd, at which representatives from several towers in Cleveland and the district were present. Mr. G. J. Clarkson (of Stockton) was voted to the chair, and he stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the desirability of forming a change-ringing association for the neighbourhood. After considerable discussion a resolution favoring the idea was carried unanimously. It was further decided that the new association should be known as "The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Change-Ringing Association."

A committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. W. P. Wright (Stokesley), Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. Alexander (Whitby), Blakiston (Middlesbrough), Clarkson (Stockton) and Haswell (Guisborough), to draw up rules for presentation at the first general meeting. It was decided to hold this meeting on the occasion of the opening of the new peal of eight bells now being hung in Thornaby parish church.

## Correspondence.

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

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

### THE FIRST PEAL AT HEREFORD.

SIR,—I notice in your last issue you state that a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints, Hereford, in 1840. I don't pretend to doubt your authority, but was it a true peal? and have yon any further proofs beyond the mere assertion that the peal was rung. The ringers of Hereford, both old and young, are under the impression that a complete peal has never yet been rung at the Cathedral or any other church in the city. They are fully aware that the ringers of Worcester paid several visits to Hereford some time in the forties, and returned to Worcester on one occasion with the news that they had rung a peal, but the Hereford ringers and some ringers from Ross who met them there, said they had rung no peal. At this time Ross had a good company of ringers, and on a white marble tablet in that tower is recorded as being rung on February 11th, 1851, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins., and stating the fact that it was the first true peal ever rung in this county; conducted by Mr. Charles Bullock, sen. There is always a certain amount of interest attached to a first peal anywhere, and usually a tablet fixed recording the same, and had a "peal" been rung in Hereford at the time you mention, would it not have been recorded? The news that a peal was rung at All Saints in 1840, comes as a surprise to all, and until further proof comes to hand, I shall still claim the handbell peal rung at Hereford on November 13th as the first true peal of any description ever rung in the city of Hereford. JAMES E. GROVES.

[We have not the least wish to upset the claim of Mr. Groves. In the tower of All Saints, Worcester, is a tablet recording a peal of 6000 Treble Ten, rung on one Monday (the date we forget) in 1840. Seven members of this band we knew, some of them intimately. The late Mr. James Burford, a ringer of very high calibre, and a greatly-respected citizen, who rang the 9th, informed us that on the day following (Tuesday) they borrowed eight ropes from All Saints (Worcester) bells, and having hired a conveyance, went to Hereford and rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at All Saints in that city, using the ropes from Worcester. Other members of the company maintained the same thing. Mr. James Burford was a gentleman well known as not likely to make an untrue statement of this sort; his word would have been accepted by such men as the late Mr. Johnson, or we doubt not by Mr. John Day (both of whom knew him well), and others. Another thing: In speaking of this Hereford peal, the Worcester men never alluded to it as the "*first*" peal on the bells; therefore it may not have been. The absence of tablets or any other record at the period alluded to is no criterion whatever. We have no objection whatever to Mr. Groves holding to his claim. Our object in revising his footnote was to have things correct if possible. Some years ago the Kidderminster company rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Helen's, Worcester, and our friend Mr. Richard Grove in reporting it for this paper, added this footnote "supposed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells," asking us to "revise" it. Years before a peal had been rung, called by Robert Birt, of Painswick, and in which Mr. F. Musty (now of Cheltenham, and happily still alive) rang the 5th. But no one laid claim to this latter being "the first peal in the method on the bells" though no record was in existence of a previous peal. With all respect we should cling to the statement of Mr. James Burford regarding this Hereford peal more firmly than to any problematical supposition, even from Ross, especially dating so far back as 1840, when Herefordshire half-pull ringers were an unknown quantity. In our lengthy experience among the ringers of Worcester the county of Hereford was considered a *terra incognita* as regards half-pull ringers. Ringers from every other neighbourhood visited the former city, but we never then heard of a ringer coming from Herefordshire.—ED.]

### THE PEAL AT HIGHWORTH, WILTS.

SIR,—I am exceedingly obliged to Mr. Gifford for his kindness in informing us about the peal rung here in 1787. I asked several of the old inhabitants some time ago whether they ever heard of a peal being rung here, but I could get no information as to one, and there being no record in the tower led me to the conclusion that ours was the first peal on the bells. I readily withdraw the statement that ours was the first peal on the bells. H. ROBERTS.

*Highworth.*

### THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES BELLS.

SIR,—Just a word or two please *re* the last clause of Mr. Routledge's letter in your last issue, as it more nearly concerns the ringers themselves. In the first place I opine he is a little "too previous," but should his prophesy be fulfilled, it says little for the good sense of the general body of ringers, and nothing at all for their executive; but before it is too late, let the members think again; let it be thoroughly understood that Stockton has always held its own with its little musical peal of six, and there need be no qualms whatever respecting the higher number. Tell this not in Gath. W. NEWTON.

5, *Green Terrace, Stockton-on-Tees.*

### MR. J. O. LANCASHIRE'S PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—Allow me through the medium of your valuable columns to tender to my friend Mr. John O. Lancashire my sincere congratulations on his great scientific production of the above, which ranks above all others which have hitherto appeared in the method; and also to congratulate Mr. George Cleal on his successful conductorship of the peal. Some ten months ago I myself composed some peals on an entirely new principle, containing only single and triple bobs throughout, but up to the present have not published them. I beg to enclose you herewith one of these compositions for publication, with only two singles, and hope soon to ring it. I do not suppose they will be rung very often, owing to the task on the memory of the conductor, they being in point of difficulty far in advance of Thurstans' one-part, or Holt's Original of Grandsire Triples. JOHN CARTER.

[We shall publish Mr. Carter's peal, referred to above, next week.]

### THE HEXHAM ABBEY BELLS, ETC.

SIR,—I am glad to inform you that after a long period of silence and latterly of chiming, we hope to get our beautiful peal of bells again properly rung for service, and I need scarcely say that I am going to do my best to get on with change-ringing. In a small town like this (about 6000 inhabitants), it is difficult to keep a band together, but as a good many business people are coming here to live (travelling daily to their business in Newcastle as I do myself), I hope to get a fairly good band. You will have been sorry to note the trouble in our Association over the Stockton affair. I hope it may blow over, and get all friendly again, although I think the course we took was the right one, remembering that the Newcastle Cathedral Bell Fund was treated in exactly the same way. We can understand one going in enthusiastically for a scheme, as Mr. Clarkson has done, being disappointed at apparent want of support. But I feel sure had he adopted the offer made to unofficially ask the various belfries for subscriptions, he would have got a larger amount than could be given out of the Association's funds. We all most heartily appreciate the value of the Stockton band as ringers and friends, and I for one will be very sorry if they sever their connection with our Association. Wishing every success to our paper, "THE BELL NEWS," and its Editor, with whom I have not had the pleasure of corresponding for a long time.—I remain, yours truly,— WM. STORY.

*Causeway Hill Cottage, Hexham.*

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CHERITON (Kent).—On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Beal, 1; R. Beal, 2; J. Barter, 3; A. Castle, 4; J. Andrews (conductor), 5; W. Beal, 6.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, November 10th, after Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). R. Wilding, 1; C. Levitt, 2; C. Parker, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; A. Symonds, 6. And 720 New London (nine bobs). E. Fosker, 1; C. Levitt, 2; C. Green, 3; C. Parker, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; A. Symonds, 6. Also 720 Double Court standing as before, conducted by A. Keeble. Levitt and Fayers hail from Preston; Symonds from Lavenham; the rest are local.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Wednesday, November 23rd, at St. Martin's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. *G. Webb, 1; *R. P. Knight, 2; A. P. Ward, 3; T. Blackbourn, 4; T. F. Stevens, 5; S. Macey, 6; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 7; F. E. Wright, 8. *First quarter-peal.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, November 20th, after Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). D. Mayes, 1; E. Youngs (Thornham), 2; J. Rose, 3; F. Cullum, 4; F. Petter, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1898.

WE are always pleased to give expression to words of encouragement to those who constantly persevere in the practice of the Art, and whose aim is to become proficient in its highest branches. This week we are pleased to see the report of a peal of Surprise Minor, rung by the society at the village of Grappenhall, in Cheshire. The members of this village company have shown the most unflinching perseverance, and we congratulate them upon achieving the splendid performance which they looked forward to so anxiously.

Exploits of this nature convey the impression that those performing them have an important aim in view in all their ringing transactions—that of unity and cohesion. We know this to be a principal feature of the society in question, and though they have always striven to excel in ringing, they have been at the same time concerned in another matter of equal importance. They have successfully attempted an augmentation of their ring of bells to eight. Aided by the influence of the worthy Rector—the Rev. R. GREENALL—and other friends, they will soon be able to ring Triples and Major, for the new bells are, we

believe, already cast, and will soon be in position. There are cases, unfortunately, where the utmost exertions of the ringers to increase their bells do not meet with success. There is nothing for them to do but hope for better times, and, to use an homely phrase, "keep pegging away." There are rare examples of patience and perseverance before us, and this Grappenhall incident is one of them.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### Glossary of Technical Terms.

Sir,—I am much obliged to you for re-inserting my letter of request for return of Glossary lists, and also wish to thank those who have so far acceded to my entreaty as to reduce the number of lists still out from one half to one third; for of ninety-one sent out, twenty-nine are at this date (December 3rd) still unreturned. I hope these will come to hand during the coming week.

H. Earle Bulwer, *Hon. Sec. C.C.*

## The Metropolis.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary, Battersea,

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

Holt's Original.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Edward J. Turl* | *Treble.* | Harry Barton | 5. |
| Albert E. Quaife* | 2. | Arthur R. Davis | 6. |
| Frederick G. Perrin | 3. | Walter C. Hasted | 7. |
| William H. Webber | 4. | Frederick Gentry | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by Harry Barton.

*First peal.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 5, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary, Woolwich,

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

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| I. George Shade | *Treble.* | William Pye | 5. |
| William I. Aldridge* | 2. | Harry Flanders | 6. |
| William Foreman | 3. | Staff-Sergeant A. Pye | 7. |
| Edward Wells* | 4. | †A. R. Sandiford | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by I. George Shade.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

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

*On Tuesday, December 6, 1898, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Barnabas, Pimlico,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 19¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| George Langford | *Treble.* | James Willshire | 5. |
| Charles T. P. Brice | 2. | Frederick Dench | 6. |
| Arthur G. Ellis | 3. | John Oxborrow | 7. |
| Henry S. Ellis | 4. | Henry R. Newton | *Tenor.* |

Composed by James Washbrook, and Conducted by Henry R. Newton.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. Alfred Gurney, who was Vicar of the parish for nineteen years. First peal in the method on the bells.

## The Provinces.

### WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Holt's Original Reversed.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph Dines* | *Treble.* | William J. Piper | 5. |
| Alfred Tarbun | 2. | Arthur Edwards | 6. |
| James Tarbun | 3. | George W. Piper | 7. |
| Abraham Shuttleworth | 4. | Richard Dines | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by Arthur Edwards.

*First peal, and was elected a member of the above before starting.

### SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

*On Monday, November 28, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Harry Withers* | *Treble.* | *Thomas J. Elton | 5. |
| Charles H. Watts | 2. | Henry Middleton | 6. |
| William Short | 3. | †Albert Walker | 7. |
| Alfred Flowers | 4. | John Barber | *Tenor.* |

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by William Short.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major. This is J. Barber's 100th peal A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

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

(The Appleton Society.)

*On Tuesday, November 29 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| H. Woodwards | *Treble.* | R. White | 6. |
| N. Spindlow | 2. | S White | 7. |
| F. White | 3. | G Holifield | 8. |
| F. Barrett | 4. | J. Monk | 9. |
| W. Large | 5. | R. Bennett | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by G. Holifield.

### MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, November 30, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

At the Parish Church,

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

Thurstans' Composition.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Sewell | *Treble.* | Ernest C. Smith | 5. |
| James Drewitt | 2. | Albert Calver | 6. |
| Charles Bance | 3. | William S. Smith | 7. |
| Joseph A. Lambert | 4. | James Wignell | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by William S. Smith.

Rung to commemorate the seventy-fourth birthday of Mr. R. Sewell.

### KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

*On Wednesday, November 30, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Frederick Clayton | *Treble.* | William Short | 5. |
| John Barber | 2. | *Henry Middleton | 6. |
| John S. Pritchett | 3. | *Alfred Flowers | 7. |
| Thomas J. Elton* | 4. | Charles H. Watts | *Tenor.* |

Composed by J. Reeves, and Conducted by William Short.

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BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, December 2, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALFRED FLOWERS | *Treble.* | JOHN BARBER | 5. |
| ALBERT WALKER* | 2. | THOMAS J. ELTON | 6. |
| WILLIAM A. HANCOX | 3. | WILLIAM SHORT | 7. |
| HENRY MIDDLETON | 4. | FRANCIS H. JAMES | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. HANCOX.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Messrs. Barber and Elton were proposed members of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN TUCKER | *Treble.* | WILLIAM P. ROUTH, ESQ. | 5. |
| HENRY TUCKER | 2. | ARTHUR W. HIGGS | 6. |
| CHARLES GILES | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON | 7. |
| ALFRED E. REEVES | 4. | ERNEST BRUCE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

A ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY COLLINS* | *Treble.* | GEORGE WILLIAMS | 5. |
| WILLIAM MARE | 2. | THOMAS GOSLING | 6. |
| JOSEPH J. PARKER | 3. | JOSEPH GUTTERIDGE | 7. |
| REUBEN FLAXMAN | 4. | FREDERICK GUTTERIDGE | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY HARPER* | *Treble.* | †NEHEMIAH KIBBLE | 5. |
| STEPHEN PITT | 2. | ‡JOHN A. BROWN | 6. |
| EDWARD UNITT | 3. | WILLIAM SMITH | 7. |
| JAMES ADAMS | 4 | WILLIAM EYRE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN A. BROWN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor. This is the quickest peal on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

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*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Three Hours,*

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|---|---|---|---|
| JAS. MAINWARING | *Treble.* | SAMUEL HORSFALL | 4. |
| HY. THOS. MOSTON | 2. | FREDK. THOS. SPENCE | 5. |
| THOS. BURROWS | 3. | ROBERT GEO. LEWIS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by FREDK. THOS. SPENCE.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOE THACKRAY | *Treble* | *EDWIN WHEATER | 4. |
| HARRY GAYTHORPE | 2. | JOHN THACKRAY | 5. |
| JNO. W. T. HOLGATE | 3. | FRED. W. HARGREAVES | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOE THACKRAY.

*First peal of Minor.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FARRINGTON JONES | *Treble.* | ADAM H. HILL | 5. |
| THOMAS HORTON | 2. | ALFRED SMITH | 6. |
| JAMES HALL | 3. | REUBEN HALL | 7. |
| GEORGE JAMES | 4. | ERNEST BROWN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ADAM HICKMAN HILL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Farrington Jones.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being a 720 each of Oxford Bob and Grandsire, two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| EDWIN MAPP | *Treble.* | JOHN EARP | 4. |
| WILLIAM MARTIN | 2. | CHARLES BEAMAN | 5. |
| JAMES REYNOLDS | 3. | THOMAS GRIFFITHS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by THOMAS GRIFFITHS.

First peal as conductor. First peal in four methods by all except the conductor.

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*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** *Tenor 21 cwt.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE | *Treble.* | *JOSEPH GREEN | 5. |
| JOSEPH IRELAND | 2. | THOMAS DERBYSHIRE | 6. |
| JAMES HENRY RIDYARD | 3. | JOHN BAGULEY | 7. |
| JOHN WELSBY | 4. | JOSEPH RIDYARD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

TAYLOR'S VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. DAVIS* | *Treble.* | W. BRINKWORTH | 5. |
| W. PATES | 2. | G. H. PHILLOTT | 6. |
| F. MUSTY | 3. | *J. PENDRY | 7. |
| F. WADE* | 4. | *J. PARSONS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. PATES.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples. It is also the first peal in any method by Messrs. Davis and Parsons.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. | *Treble.* | FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. | 5. |
| JOHN WYATT | 2. | WILLIAM BURKIN | 6. |
| GEORGE THOMPSON | 3. | GEORGE F. HOAD | 7. |
| GEORGE HUGGETT | 4. | JOHN ANSELL | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. W. H. Judd for having everything in readiness.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HARRY LEA | *Treble.* | WILLIAM MOTTERAM | 5. |
| WILLIAM COLEY* | 2. | GEORGE N COCKIN | 6. |
| ELIJAH WHITE | 3. | †JOSEPH BRETTELL | 7. |
| HARRY WILLIAMS | 4. | MATTHEW HACKETT | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOSEPH BRETTEN.

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

CHIPPING, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| RICHARD KENYON | *Treble.* | WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL | 4. |
| FREDERICK TIMBRELL | 2. | EDWIN TIMBRELL | 5. |
| JOHN T. KENYON | 3. | THOMAS SEED | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. T. H. TIMBRELL.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells, by all the band, and by the Preston Branch.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A. COOPER* | *Treble.* | W. JOHNSON | 5. |
| C. TYLER* | 2. | H. TINSLEY | 6. |
| E. J. TYLER* | 3. | *J. MALPASS | 7. |
| G. NEWBOLD* | 4. | *T. COOPER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by J. BRUERTON, of Wolverhampton, and
Conducted by W. JOHNSON.

*First peal. This is the first peal by an entire Wednesbury band for over twenty years. All are members of St. Paul's society. C. Tyler is only 16 years of age.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, December 5, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN BROWN | *Treble.* | EDMUND ALDWORTH | 5. |
| HARRY HOLIFIELD | 2. | THOMAS SHORT | 6. |
| WILLIAM H. ADKINS | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON | 7. |
| GEORGE STANILAND | 4. | *AMOS FAWDRY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ERNEST E. HUNTLEY | *Treble.* | *WILLIAM I. OAKLEY | 5. |
| BERTRAM PREWETT | 2. | WILLIAM J. S. THORN | 6. |
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM | 3. | FREDERICK EDWARDS | 7. |
| HERBERT MARTIN | 4. | *WILLIAM H. TREWELL | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal of Stedman. Mr. Newell belongs to Berkhamsted, for whom the peal was arranged.

HILLINGDON, WEST.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 6, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 2.)

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| JOHN PEDDLE | *Treble.* | HENRY GOSDEN | 5. |
| WILLIAM H. GOSDEN | 2. | HENRY H. CHANDLER | 6. |
| REV. H. G. BIRD | 3. | *JOSEPH J. PRATT | 7. |
| HENRY S. REEVES | 4. | WILLIAM FOSTER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

*First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 6, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| FREDK. J. HARRINGTON | *Treble.* | THOMAS WALLIS | 5. |
| JOSEPH EDWARDS | 2. | RICHARD JENNER | 6. |
| JAMES HEASMAN | 3. | JACK PRESTON | 7. |
| JOHN W. STEDDY | 4. | PETER SMITH | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JACK PRESTON.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 6, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 26 cwt.

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| JOHN KENTISH, SEN. | *Treble.* | WILLIAM PICKWORTH | 5. |
| SIDNEY WADE | 2. | ARTHUR MILLER | 6. |
| JOSEPH J. POWERS | 3. | ARTHR SHEPHERD | 7. |
| JOHN E. MILLER | 4. | GEORGE SMITH | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

S. Wade was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Treble Bob Minor rung at Bedford on November 29th, should have been accredited to the Bedfordshire Association.

## Date Touches.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 15th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. H. Sholicar, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; W. J. Taylor, 3; W. Bentham, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; A. Halton, 7; T. Martland and J. Pilkington, 8. Composed by J. R. Pritchard, of Liverpool. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late John Prescott. On Thursday, November 24th, another date touch in the same method in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. J. Taylor, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; J. H. Sholicar, 3; J. Pilkington, 4; R.

Coombes, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; A. Halton, 7; T. Martland, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Earl Lathom.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BOLTON BRANCH.

BOLTON.—On Sunday morning, November 13th, after Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 2 mins. P. Ince, 1; W. Thornley, 2; J. Pennington, 3; J. Makin, 4; J. Makinson, 5; P. Nuttall, 6; H. Moss (conductor), 7; J. Moulding, 8. Rung in honour of the Mayor of Bolton, W. Nicholson, Esq.

## Miscellaneous.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROYDON (Herts).—On Friday, October 7th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; I. Cavill, 3; W. Littlechild, 4; E. J Webb, 5; A. King, 6. Also 720 Old Doubles called differently, standing as above, conducted by I. Cavill. On Friday, October 21st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; I. Cavill (conductor), 3; A. Pearman, 4; J. Crabb, 5; W. Littlechild, 6. On Sunday evening, October 23rd, before Divine Service, three 6-scores of Old Doubles, each called differently. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; I. Cavill, 3; A. Pearman, 4; J. Crabb, 5; W. Littlechild, 6. After service 720 Bob Minor, standing as before, conducted by I. Cavill. E. J. Webb hails from London; J. Crabb from Hunsdon.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a quarter-peal (1280) of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 46 mins. A. Deards, 1; E. Wightman, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; C. Fenn, 4; R. Fenn, 5; E. Andrews, 6; A. C. Hardy, 7; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor. After service, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to A. Carter, sen., one of the local ringers, 448 in the same method, and 448 Superlative Surprise Major. A. W. Brighton, 1; E. Pye, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; C. Fenn, 4; E. Wightman, 5; R. Fenn, 6; A. C. Hardy, 7; W. Pye, 8.

### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—*Handbell Ringing.*—Recently at the rooms of the Rev. G. H. Ridout, 9, Lea Road, 720 Bob Minor (twelve bobs and two singles). H. W. Kirton, 1-2; F. S. W. Butler, 3-4; Rev. G. H. Ridout (composer and conductor), 5-6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). H. W. Kirton, 1-2; Rev. G. H. Ridout, 3-4; F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 5-6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles, non-conducted). H. W. Kirton, 1-2; Rev. G. H. Ridout, 3-4; F. S. W. Butler, 5-6. This is the first silent 720 by all. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. W. Kirton, 1-2; Rev. G. H. Ridout, 3-4; F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 5-6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles, non-conducted). Rev. G. H. Ridout, 1-2; F. S. W. Butler, 3-4; H. W. Kirton, 5-6. Another 720 (twenty-two singles). H. W. Kirton, 1-2; Rev. G. H. Ridout, 3-4; F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 5-6. H. W. Kirton hails from Manchester.

### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—On Saturday, November 12th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Greenleaf, 1; W. G. Hall, 2; R. Pickering, 3; H. Knight, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also two 120s of Stedman Doubles. R. Pickering, 1; J. E. Groves, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; H. Knight, 4; A. Griffith, 5; F. Jones, 6. Another 6-score of Stedman. J. E. Groves, 1; —. Porch, 2; W. G. Hall, 3; H. Knight, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; W. Smith, 6. On Monday, November 14th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Williams, 1; W. Davies, 2; R. Trehearn, 3; A. Williams, 4; C. Powell, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also a quarter-peal in the same method, ten-and-a-half-6-scores, each called differently in 42 mins. H. Williams, 1; W. Davies, 2; J. E. Groves (conductor), 3; A. Williams, 4; C. Powell, 5; R. Trehearn, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

LUGWARDINE.—On Tuesday, November 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Jones, 1; W. Davies, 2; A. Brace, 3; C. Clifford, 4; G. Cole, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6 Tenor 15 cwt.

WITHINGTON.—On Monday, November 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. T. Gwilliam, 1; W. Davies, 2; A. Brace, 3; A. Bowers, 4; G. Cole, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—Recently at St. James' church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Millard, 1; H. J. Poole (conductor), 2; H. Pearce, 3; A. Evans, 4; W. Gillard, 5: T. W. Radford, 6; E. E. Burgess, 7; G. H. Yendall, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. J. Maddock (conductor), A. Doble, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; W. Gillard, 5; E. E. Burgess, 6; A. Evans, 7; E. Harris, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Evans, 1; W. Gillard, 2; H. Moggridge, 3; J. Maddock, 4; W. Hayward, 5; A. Doble, 6; H. J. Poole (conductor), 7; F. Millard, 8. On Friday, November 11th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; H. Peace, 2; A. Evans, 3; F. Millard, 4; W. Gillard, 5; A. Doble, 6; H. J. Poole, 7: W. Thorn, 8. On Thursday, November 17th. 432 Stedman Triples. J. Maddock, 1; H. Pearce, 2; A. Evans, 3; F. Millard, 4; W. Gillard, 5; A. Doble, 6; H. J. Poole (conductor), 7; W. Thorn, 8.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Sunday evening, October 1st, 720 Oxford was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect for a brother-ringer's wife—Mrs. Ormerod. J. H. Smith, 1; A. White, 2; A. Downing, 3; G. Shottin, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On October 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, with the bells deeply-muffled. Z. Lord, 1; D. Briggs, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 3rd, 720 Westminster. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, 720 Violet. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 10th, for practice, 720 Superlative. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 16th, 720 Merchant's Delight. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, October 21st, 720 Violet. J. H. Barnes, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; L. Holt, 3; D. Briggs, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 23rd, 720 College Treble. Z. Lord, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; G. Shottin, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Primrose. Z. Lord, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; G. Shottin, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Saturday afternoon, October 29th, 720 Oxford was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. S. Lomas to Miss Sarah Alice Spencer. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; J. Smith, 3; D. Briggs, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 30th, 720 Tulip. L. Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Kent. W. Ormerod, 1; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 1; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; W. Smith, 6.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE (Berks).—On Wednesday, November 9th, for practice, the local band, with the assistance of their Instructor Mr. J. Wilkins, of Maidenhead, rang at the first attempt three 120s of Bob Doubles, and a plain course and 120 of Bob Minor. On Monday, November 14th, 180 and 240 of Bob Minor, and several 6-scores of Doubles. On Sunday, November 20th, for evening service, 120 and 180 Bob Minor. The above ringing was the first by local men, and was conducted by J. W. Wilkins.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Friday, November 18th, on handbells, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. Annie M. Wilkins (aged 11 years), 1; P. W. Wilkins (aged 14), 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3-4-5-6. And another 6-score. J. W. Wilkins, 1-2-3-4; P. W. Wilkins (conductor), 5-6.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES.—On Monday, November 21st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. *A. Barrett, 1; T. Gratton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Barrett, 5; *J. Jackson, 6. *Longest touch in the method.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 26th, meeting short for a peal of Stedman Triples, six members rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Quaife, 1; F. C. Perrin, 2; W. H. Webber, 3; H. Barton, 4; W. S. Langdon, 5; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 6.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, November 14th, at St. George's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. *J. C. Hill, 1; C. H. Fowler, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; J. Wilson, 4; *W. T. Miller, 5; W. Willson (conductor),

6. *First in the method. On Monday, November 21st, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor. S. Cooper, 1; J. O. Lancashire, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; J. Buttery, 4; W. Willson, 5; C. H. Fowler (conductor), 6. Also 240 Kent. J. Buttery, 1; J. O. Lancashire, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; A. Miller, 4; C. H. Fowler, 5; W. Willson, 6.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

PIMLICO.—On Sunday, November 20th, for evening service at the church of St. John the Evangelist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Channer, 1; G. T. McLaughlin, 2; S. J. Reed, 3; E. Duff, 4; J. M. Hayes, 5; J. Thimblethorpe, 6; J. N. Oxborrow (conductor), 7; R. A. Wilson, 8.

## ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD.—On Monday, November 21st, at the Cathedral, 854 Grandsire Triples. A. Millington, 1; A. Bowles, 2; J. Key, 3; W. Dempster, 4; H. Meacham, 5; C. Barrett, 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Saturday, November 5th, J. W. Whiting, of Fareham, and G. E. Chappell, of Wickham, paid a visit to this place for the purpose of having a practice with the local band, when the following was brought round: 720 Oxford Single. W. Horner, 1; H. Griffen, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; A. Millard, 4; C. Apps, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob. C. Apps, 1; H. Griffen, 2; W. Cooper, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; A. Millard, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. C. Apps, 1; W. Cooper, 2; A. Millard, 3; H. Griffen, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, November 12th, for combined practice, two 360s of Oxford Single. W. Singleton, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. W. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob. C. Apps, 1; H. Griffen, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; A. Millard, 4; G. W. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Single. W. F. Churcher, 1; W. Singleton, 2; H. Griffen, 3; E. Jacobs, 4; C. Apps, 5; A. Millard (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Apps, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; A. Millard, 4; G. W. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Thursday, November 17th, for combined practice, various touches were brought round in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, the members present being J. Harper, J. Hewett, H. Westbrook, G. E. Chappell, W. Singleton, Rev. H. Wheat, E. Collins, J. W. Whiting, F. Hill, C. Privett, G. Grafham, Rev. W. H. Gordon. A very pleasant evening was spent.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SLINFOLD (Sussex).—On Saturday, November 26th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Garton, 1; R. Dale, 2; J. Brown, 3; E. Walder, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Rice (conductor), 6. Also another 720 (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). J. Garton, 1; R. Dale, 2; E. Walder, 3; J. Brown, 4; W. Short, 5; H. Burstow, 6. And another 720 (nine bobs and six singles). J. Garton, 1; R. Dale, 2; E. Walder, 3; J. Brown, 4; J. Rice, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 22nd, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Gillett, daughter of T. Gillett, Esq., ex-Mayor of Faversham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Wallace, 1; G. H. Foster, 2; A. Biggs, sen., 3; H. Foster, 4; A. Biggs, jun., 5; F. Hunt, 6; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 7; G. Wood, 8.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Tulett, 1; —. Ashbee, 2; G. Chantler, 3; A. Osborne, 4; —. Sullivan, 5; W. Hobbs, 6; W. Baker (conductor), 7; E. Rayner, 8. For evening service 640 Treble Bob. J. Tulett, 1; E. Rayner, 2; A. Osborne, 3; G. Chantler, 4; O. Sullivan, 5; C. R. Millway (Borden), 6; W. Hobbs, 7; W. Baker, 8. On Tuesday, November 22nd, 360 Stedman Triples. J. Tulett, 1; W. Haigh (conductor), 2; E. Rayner, 3; J. Kidd, 4; W. Baker, 5; G. Chantler, 6; W. Hobbs, 7; J. Rayner, 8. And 336 Bob Major. W. Ashbee, 1; W. Haigh (conductor), 2; E. Rayner, 3; J. Kidd, 4; W. Baker, 5; J. Rayner, 5; W. Hobbs, 7; G. Chantler, 8. On Sunday, November 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Lock, 1; A. Osborne, 2; W. Ashbee, 3; J. Kidd, 4; O. Sullivan, 5; J. Tulett, 6; W. Hobbs (conductor), 7; J. Rayner, 8.

ALTON (Hants).—On Thursday, November 24th, for practice at the parish church, 1512 Grandsire Triples. Miss W. Whyley, 1; W. Brambley (conductor), 2; Miss F. Whyley, 3; A. Davies, 4; Rev. F. Whyley, 5; R. Applegath, 6; F. Healey, 7; F. Noakes, 8.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Monday, November 28th, at the parish church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 45 mins. A. Mill, 1; J. Nelbey, 2; F. Luxford, 3; H. Searle, 4; H. Lee (conductor), 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman, 7; E. Hammond, 8. First quarter-peal in the above method by the local band.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, October 9th, 742 Grandsire Triples. G. Tomsett, 1; H. Hill, 2; F. Hill, 3; R. Wood, 4; A. Tomsett, 5, H. Stalham, 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; G. Hill, 8. On Saturday, October 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Freeman, 1; P. Allfrey, 2; W. Palmer (first quarter-peal), 3; W. Tucker, 4; R. Wood, 5; W. Allfrey (conductor), 6; H. Stalham, 7; H. Searle, 8. On Sunday, October 30th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; H. Stalham, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; W. Tucker, 4; R. Wood, 5; P. Allfrey (conductor), 6; F. Hill, 7; G. Hill, 8. On Sunday morning, November 20th, 600 Grandsire Triples J. Freeman, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; F. Hill, 3; W. Tucker, 4; R. Wood, 5; P. Allfrey, 6; H. Stalham, 7; G. Hill, 8.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 20th, for evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Sinden, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. H. Eldridge, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; A. Saunders, 8. On Tuesday, November 15th, for practice, several courses of Stedman Doubles. F. Mathis, 1; W. Franks, 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; W. Thomas, 4; F. Lock, 5; W. H. Eldridge, 6; J. Sinden, 7; A. Saunders, 8.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, November 28th, at St. Mary Redcliffe, 1311 Stedman Cinques in 59 mins. H. Tucker, 1; J. Hinton, 2; H. Pring, 3; A. Pearce, 4; G. Pearce, 5; C. Gordon, 6; W. Cave, 7; W. Porch, 8; C. Tomkins, 9; H. Porch (conductor), 10; G. T. Daltry, 11; P. Came, 12. Longest touch of Cinques on the bells to date.

DARTFORD (Kent) — On Sunday, November 13th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. S. Everson, 1; A. Perry, 2; F. French, 3; R. Cullum, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; G. Cullum, 6; H. Castle (conductor), 7, J. Cullum, 8.

FARNWORTH (Lancashire).—On Friday, November 11th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Miuor. A. Carter (first 720), 1; W. Patten, 2; J. Wilde, 3; J. Witter, 4; J. T. Lowe (conductor), 5; R. Johnson, 6. Composed by H. G. Rowe. Another 720 in the same method. A. Carter, 1; W. Patten, 2; J. T. Lowe, 3; J Wilde, 4; J. Witter, 5; R. Johnson (conductor), 6.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Wallace, 1; G. Foster, 2; H. Foster, 3; J. Henley (first quarter-peal), 4; G. Willshire (conductor), 5; F. Hunt, 6; E. E. Foreman, 7; G. Wood, 8.

FINEDON (Northants).—On Tuesday, November 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 47 mins. J. Packwood, 1; J. T. Tompkins, 2; J. Pettitt, 3; A. Smeathers, 4; P. J. Manning, 5; S. Abbott, 6; W. B. Meadows (conductor), 7; W. Perkins, 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing many happy returns.

HUNSDON (Herts).—On Tuesday, November 25th, at St. Dunstan's church, 720 Bob Minor with the tenors covering. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; E. J. Webb, 3; A. Pearman, 4; J. Crabb, 5; I. Cavill, 6. Also a 600 standing as before, conducted by I. Cavill. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Also two 6-scores of Old Doubles with two trebles before. J. Cannon, 1; W. Skeggs, 2; J. Sewell, 3; J. Webb, 4; J. Crabb, 5; A. Pearman, 6; I. Cavill (conductor), 7; W. Littlechild, 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Sunday evening, November 20th, for Divine Service, 1440 Bob Major. A. Tyler, 1; J. Houghton (conductor), 2; W. Pettit, 3; A. Smeathers, 4; T. Abbott, 5; P. J. Manning, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Perkins, 8. Longest length of Major by Messrs. Smeathers, Abbott, and Manning.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire). — On Sunday, November 27th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. F. W. Steele (first 720), 1; E. Gallimore, 2; W. Dempster, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Bowler, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in A. Mr. Steele is son of the Rector of the parish, and this was his first attempt for a 720.

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**Sussex County Association.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All members who have not already paid their subscriptions for 1898, will kindly oblige by sending the same at once to

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*
"*Arran*," *Baldslow Road, Hastings.*

**The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chorley to-day, Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 2 p.m.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. I wish to remind members of this branch that subscriptions are now due. All ringers invited. E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

**The Lancashire Association.**—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ramsbottom to-day, Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting in the school at 6.30.

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

**The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Ranmoor to-day, Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 4.30.

R. HARRISON, *Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Eccles, to-day, Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting in the Mission Room at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association.**—North and East District.—A meeting of six-bell ringers will be held at St. Martin's, Vicar's Road, Kentish Town, to-day, Saturday, December 10th, when members and their friends are cordially invited to attend. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
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**St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.**—The next meeting of this Society will be held on Thursday, December 15th. Members are requested to attend. C. J. IRISH, *Hon. Sec.*

**Middlesex County Association.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open at 4 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, with his usual kindness, will provide tea at 6 p.m. All members and ringing friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
*Lampton, Hounslow.*

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, December 17th. Short service in the parish church at 4 p.m. with an address by the Rector. Tea and business meeting after at Glass's restaurant, Regent Street. The bells of the parish church will be available, also Worle and Uphill. Members who intend being present must kindly inform the Hon. Sec. at once, unless they have already done so.

HY. W. TOMKINS. *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

**The St. Andrew's Society, Netherton.**—The first annual dinner in connection with the opening of the two new bells will be held on Tuesday, December 20th, at The Five Ways inn, Netherton. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the undersigned, and should be applied for not later than the 17th inst.

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**The Llandaff Diocesan Association.**—The Christmas Quarterly Meeting will be held on Monday, December 26th, at Magor, Mon. There will be a service at St. Mary's church at 2.30. Meeting in the schoolroom at three o'clock. The bells will be available for ringing all day. Members who have not already done so, are kindly requested to pay their subscription for the current year at this forthcoming meeting. REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, H. G. WHITE, *Hon. Secs.*

### NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT SELLY OAK.—This was J. Barber's 100th peal, made up as follows: Double Norwich, 20; Seven methods on six bells, 17; Kent Treble Bob Major, 14; Bob Major, 13; Grandsire Triples, 8; Superlative Surprise, 5; Canterbury Major, 4; Stedman Triples, 4; Double Oxford, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Canterbury Royal, 1; Canterbury Triples, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Grandsire Major, 1; Union Triples, 1; Bob Triples, 1; total—100; conducted 7; rang in 45 different towers. It was the intention of the band to attempt seven peals at seven towers in the week, but the two towers for Saturday being unavailable, only five peals were attempted. Selly Oak—Monday, Bob Major; Perry Barr—Tuesday, Kent Treble Bob Major, lost after ringing 4600 changes through the 7th rope slipping wheel, in 2 hrs. 33 mins.; King's Norton—Wednesday, Kent Treble Bob Major; Handsworth—Thursday, Stedman Triples, lost in the twenty-eighth course in 1 hr. 20 mins. through a trip in the slow; Deritend—Friday, Stedman Triples. The band are much obliged to Mr. F. H James for ringing the tenor, as the other was unable to come.

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| 5324 | | – | |
| 2453 | – | – | |
| 5243 | | – | |
| 5423 | | S | |
| 2354 | – | – | |

The last nine courses repeated, omitting the s in the first course. The above peal contains the 3rd, 4th, and 5th their extent in 5ths place at a course-end, with the 6th undisturbed throughout.

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| 23456 | M | B | 4ths | W | H |
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| 34256 | 1 | | | | 2 |
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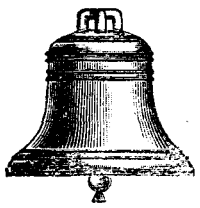

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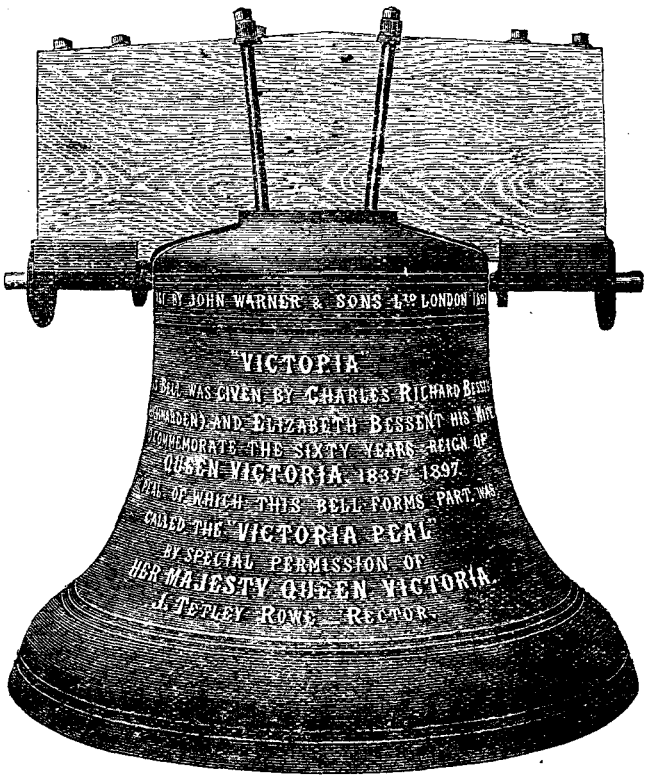


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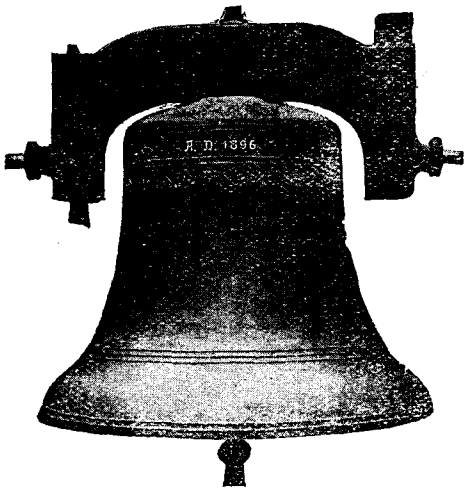


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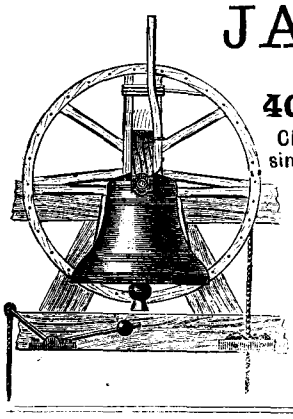

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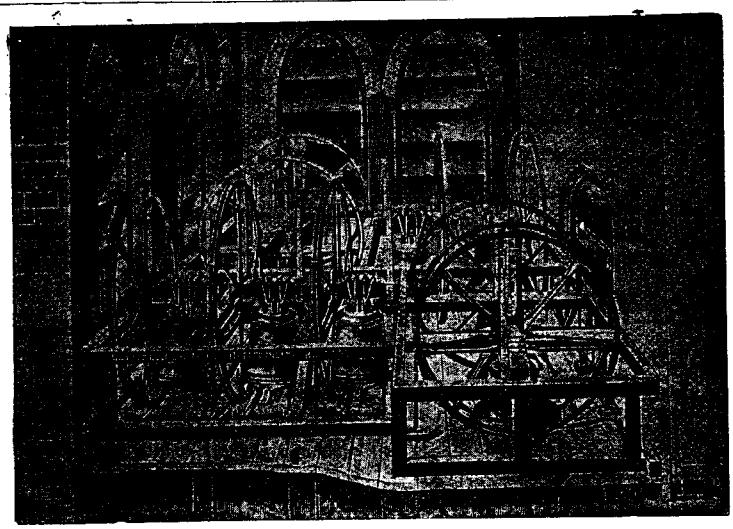

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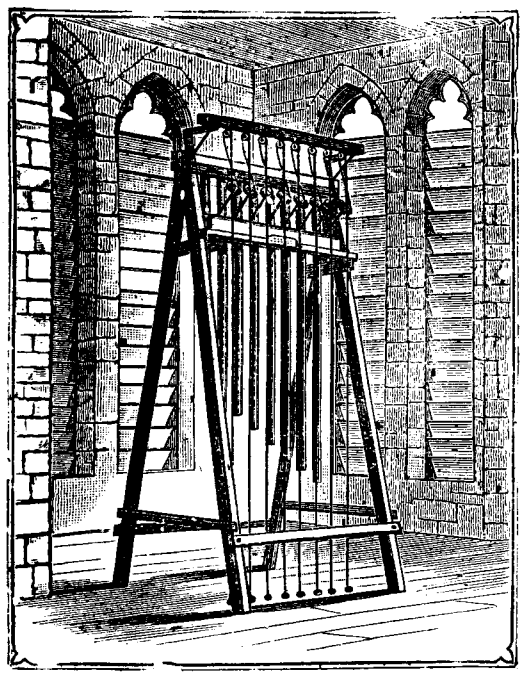

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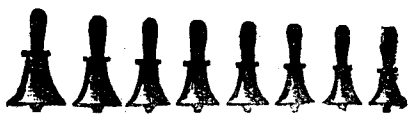

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## THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, NORTHAMPTON.

Mr. R. Birdsall gave a most interesting talk on "Old St. Giles," at the fortnightly meeting of the St. Giles's Social and Literary Society, held at St. Giles's Church Buildings, on Tuesday evening. The Vicar, the Rev. A. White, presided over a good attendance of members and friends. Mr. Birdsall gave a similar talk last season, when he brought his hearers down to the beginning of Elizabeth's reign. Continuing his history, he by means of a lantern exhibited a number of enlarged photographic slides of the old parish registers, and fully explained them. They were, he said, unique in the information they contained, and it was information they could not get elsewhere. Many of the entries were first made on paper, and then copied into the register book, and the parish registers of St. Giles were much better kept and in a much better state than they were in many places. There were, however, some missing. They were most interesting, as they contained references to excommunication, licenses to eat flesh in Lent, penances, storms, floods, the plague, the civil war, and drought. Many interesting entries were read, having reference to the different Vicars and their writings, and the peculiar though important things that occurred during the time they were in office, among them being baptisms, burials, executions, institutions of Vicars, etc. Particular reference was made to the Rev. Robert Sibthorpe, who was inducted Vicar in 1607. He was a remarkable and able man, and son-in-law of the Dean of Arches and Chancellor of the Diocese, Sir John Lambe, who then lived at the tower house. The Rev. Robert Sibthorpe, who resigned the living of St. Giles's in 1681 and went to St. Sepulchre's, was a man of extreme views, and taught obedience to royal authority under every conceivable circumstance. In the time of the civil war he left his living at Brackley and Burton Latimer, and joined the king's army. His livings were sequestrated in the time of the Commonwealth, but at the time of the Restoration he returned to Burton Latimer and died. St. Giles's tower fell in 1613, and the registers were not kept for four years after that. Mr. Sibthorpe began the restoration, but did not finish it, as the work was continued for some ten to seventeen years afterwards. A view of the town in 1610, showing the surroundings of St. Giles' before the tower fell, was exhibited. The town walls, the Churches, the Market Cross, and the different places of importance were all clearly defined. Reverting to the parish registers, Mr. Birdsall showed entries referring to the terrible ravages of the plague in the parish in 1605, and to the deaths of whole families within a day or two. The names were the same in many instances as were known in the town at the present time. The plague re visited the town in 1638, and again there were many entries found on the registers having reference to it and payments in connection therewith. In the months of June and July, 1638, two whole pages of the register were closely filled with the names of those who had died in the parish during that time, whereas usually a quarter to a third of one page sufficed for such entries. Referring to the time of the Civil War, the talker showed entries having reference to several of the officers and men who fell at the Battle of Naseby, and who were buried in St. Giles's churchyard. Similar entries were also to be found in All Saints' registers, and how many fell in the Civil War and were buried in Northampton he said they would never know. There were three entries showing that Thomas Sparrow, who was executed at Abington gallows, was buried on the 23rd February, 1610, and Pedder, who was executed at the same place, on the 25th of February, 1610, in St. Giles's churchyard. Stephen Preston, who was executed at Walbanke, situate at the north gate, was also buried there on the 8th of April, 1611. The manner in which the churchwardens' accounts were kept in 1627 and onwards was next shown, and attention called to the singular entries therein. In 1639 there was a payment of £57 6s. for "casting the for bell and the founding the two bell," and there were numerous entries for helping the bell man. Mr. Birdsall said they were rather reproached at the present time for taking money for seats, but in 1631 there were several entries in the churchwardens' books of the receipt of the sums of 3s. and 6s. from various persons for seats in the church. Views of the town in 1731, 1746, 1807, and 1830, and also various views of the church of St. Giles' at different periods were shown and much appreciated, and the closing slide was the portrait of the old parish clerk, Mr. Penn, who, Mr. Birdsall said, was a man of iron will and a terror to all the young folk.

The Rev. A. W. Thompson moved, and the Rev. R. A. White seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Birdsall for his interesting talk, and it was carried with acclamation. After the company had partaken of light refreshments, the musical part of the evening's entertainment was commenced. The members of the St. Giles's Glee Society sang "Charity," by Rossini, the solo part being sustained by Mrs. Osborn Smith. Lady Bedford, wife of Admiral F. G. Bedford, also sang "Husheen" (Needham), "If thou wert blind" (Noel Johnson), "When daises pied and violets blue" (Dr. Arne), and "Damon" (Max Strange). Miss Stanton presided at the piano. Altogether the evening's entertainment was both of an instructive and most enjoyable character.

## EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

At Edgbaston parish church last Monday, the 12th instant, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25½ minutes, was rung by the following members of the St. Martin's Guild; and on the 5th ultimo a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 minutes, the ringers standing as follows: Plain Bob Minor—Messrs. W. Bryant, W. Ellis, F. Clayton, R. Hunt, R. Hackley, T. Miller (conductor). Kent Treble Bob Minor—W. Bryant, J. Day, W. Short (conductor), 3; T. Miller, 4; J. Barker, 5; C. H. Watts, 6.

This ring of bells has been augmented by a new treble, and a new oak frame has been supplied, together with the thorough rehanging of the whole of the bells by Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., of Smethwick. These bells are proclaimed to be now one of the finest rings of six in England,

## DEDICATION OF TWO MEMORIAL WINDOWS AT SMETHWICK OLD CHURCH.

On Wednesday, November 30th, two stained glass memorial windows and a sanctuary chair were dedicated at the above church in the presence of a large congregation, by the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. Robert Hodgson, M.A., R.D.) The window in the east end of the church is a memorial to a former vicar (Rev. Edward Addenbrooke), and is the gift of the parishioners, whilst a sanctuary chair in his memory is the gift of the members of the deceased clergyman's family. The other window is in memory of the late Samuel and Mary Ann Thompson, and is presented by their son, Major Thompson, J.P. of "The Uplands." Mr. J. J. Horton asked the Vicar's acceptance of the gifts, and requested that these gifts may be solemnly dedicated to the service of the Almighty, and set apart from all wordly and profane purposes, and for ever preserved for the religious use of the people of this parish.

The Vicar (Rev. George Astbury, M.A.), as the representative of the church in that parish, thankfully accepted the gifts, and placed them under the care and guardianship of the churchwardens, and Mr. W. J. Durose, one of the churchwardens, accepted the charge, and said it should be their endeavour to see that these gifts were used for the purpose of which they had been given.

The Archdeacon then dedicated the gifts, and subsequently delivered an address. The subject of the window which is fixed in the east end of the church, is the Ascension. Our Lord is shewn rising from the earth above the heads of the Apostles, who are grouped in various attitudes of devotion gazing at His ascending figure. The colouring is rich and harmonious. The inscription on the window reads: "To the glory of God and in memory of the late Rev. Edward Addenbrooke, B.A., for years curate and Vicar of this parish, died on St. Andrew's Day, 1897, aged 81 years, and interred at Rees, Salop." The other window contains two subjects—The Good Samaritan and The Prodigal Son. The window is admirably designed.

At the close of the service the local band with the assistance of Mr. Samuel Reeves, of West Bromwich, rang the Queens, Tittums, and Whittingtons; also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Wiggins, 1; E. Brown, 2; H. Mills (conductor), 3; S. Reeves, 4; J. Mordey, 5; W. Carr, 6; J. Hughes, 7; A. Bennett, 8. Also another 6-score. G. Wiggins, 1; H. Mills, 2; S. Reeves (conductor), 3; E. Brown, 4; J. Mordey, 5; W. Carr, 6; J. Hughes, 7; A. Bennett, 8.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday last eight members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association met in the tower of St. Andrew's church and made an attempt for a peal of Forward Major, but after ringing 1634 changes in 58 mins., "stand" was called owing to a change-course. The bells were muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Alfred Bell Timbrell, M.A., Rector of Oldswinford, who died somewhat suddenly on Sunday, December 4th, at Walton-on-Thames, whither he had gone to consult Dr. Povey. The deceased gentleman took a deep interest in the work of the Association, and was its first clerical Hon. Secretary, an office he held for some time, until ill-health caused him to resign. W. R. Small, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; A. Spittle, 3; S. Spittle, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. Goodman, 6; J. Smith, 7; J. Carter (conductor), 8.

## HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Sunday, November 27th, the Goole parish church company visited the parish church and rang 118 Grandsire Triples. H. Driffield, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; A. Harlington, 3: J. Hodds, 4; —. Stephenson, 5; J. Swingler (conductor), 6; J. Driffield, 7; A. Tate (Goole) and T. Moore (Howden), 8. The above is supposed to be the first and longest touch of any seven or eight-bell method yet rung on these bells since their restoration in 1829. The above 118 was again attempted and successfully brought round. J. T. Walsh, 1; J. Hodds, 2; J. Driffield, 4; A. Tate (conductor), 7; the rest as before. Tenor 27 cwt. It is the intention of the Goole company to go for a longer touch early in the New Year. It is worthy of note that two of the present company, Messrs. Tate and Walsh, took part in the only 720 in any method rung on these bells about four years ago.

## ST. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL.

On Sunday, November 13th, three new stained glass windows presented to the church by the Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, was unveiled and dedicated. The windows, which have been placed in the north aisle, are fine examples of stained glass work, being (1) "Scenes of the Incarnation," (2) "Jesus in the Temple," (3) "The Mount of Beatitudes." The first window is to the memory of "departed Masters of the Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers;" the second to the memory of "Arthur Vyvian James, Master, 1893, died 1894;" the third to the memory of "George Nichols, Master, 1873, died 1896."

The Rev. E. J. Houghton, Rector of St. Stephen's, preached the sermon. For the above service 384 Superlative Surprise Major was rung. R. Clark, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; W. Knight, 3; F. Elles, 4; C. H. Tomkins, 5; C. H. Gordon, 6: W. A. Cave, 7; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 8. Several touches of Stedman Caters were also rung.

## THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S 550 PEALS.

| | RUNG. | CONDUCTED. |
|---|---|---|
| Grandsire Triples | 52 | 8 |
| Grandsire Caters | 27 | 1* |
| Stedman Triples | 235 | 100 |
| Stedman Caters | 58 | 28† |
| Stedman Cinques | 1 | ... |
| Union Triples | 1 | ... |
| College Single Triples | 2 | ... |
| Bob Major | 2 | ... |
| Duffield Major | 1 | ... |
| Double Oxford Major | 1 | ... |
| Double Norwich Major | 73 | 5‡ |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major | 3 | ... |
| Kent Treble Bob Major | 13 | 2 |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal | 9 | ... |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus | 2 | ... |
| Duffield Royal | 1 | ... |
| Superlative Surprise Major | 43 | 6 |
| Cambridge Surprise Major | 13 | 2 |
| London Surprise Major | 13 | 3§ |
| | 550 | 155 |

*Including a peal of 13,247 changes.
†Including a 12,041 and a 15,041 (record).
‡Including a 10,080 and 12,096.
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## CURRENT TOPICS.

I need not make any lengthy reference to those remarkable performances just recorded by the Brighton company, because I am told they are alluded to by another writer. The job was well done, and they could not have done better if I had formed one of the party.

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The peal record is getting on. Performances of great merit appear every week; the "cramp" methods are "cramp" no longer, and some of the talent go about in tears because nothing more difficult than simple "London" is to be had. Well they can try a few of the comparatively unknown methods—Shipway's principle, Imperial, Mermaid, Hippopotamus, and so on. If none of these are sufficiently entertaining, Old Doubles will prove a fair alterative.

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There appeared a notice of a meeting at a place called "Dagenham," and the sender very likely thought he had made a good hit by using one of the present catch phrases—"Let 'em all come." And they comed, apparently. Mr. Deards is understood to be the Dagenham teacher, and it is to be hoped he makes his pupils "all come" up to the scratch; in other words, strive to excel, and in a short time be able to teach their teacher.

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The new ringing Association for Cleveland and North Yorkshire is become an accomplished fact, apparently. I suppose that between the two northern Associations there are some "trimmings" available for collection, and this new body may snap them up. If the "authorities" of each Association secure only one dozen ringers who are members of no Association whatever, their *locus standi* is accomplished. That is if they have a hard-and-fast rule—very hard and very fast—that every member has a copy of this paper every week all to himself.

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And so the grand old Abbey of Hexham is to have its bells ringing merrily in the near future. Mr. W. Story is at the head of affairs, and it may be believed that he will keep things moving there. The difficulties of keeping a company together militate against complete success very often, but as was said last week in the leader—"keep pegging away," Mr. S.

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There are one or two appeals on the *tapis* just now which I hope are being attended to. There is one for the benefit of an afflicted brother, David Wilson; particulars of this have been given. Perhaps at this season of the year some of my friends may open their hearts—and their pockets—in aid.

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The praiseworthy desire to augment rings of church bells from six to eight at more than one well-known spot is being shown, and whoever can spare a shilling towards these schemes will, I hope, have their reward.

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One more thing I may mention. There are too many ringers out of work, as the advertisements prove. Let us ask you all to keep your eyes wide open for employment for those of your brethren who are in want of it.

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Next week we shall be in the thick of preparations for Christmas. The amount of provender of various kinds got together to enable us to get through the festive season is really wonderful. Both London and provincial markets will be chock full of everything—fish, flesh and fowl. What becomes of it all? Many newspapers are reaping a harvest through the insertion of advertisements of Christmas produce, both solid and liquid.

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We may see in any street in London the monarch of the poultry farm brought to a very ignoble condition; miles upon miles of beef, mutton and pork; mountains of fruit of every kind; and tons of confectionery.

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Not only food for the body but the mind also. The trade in publications for Christmas is beyond conception, while articles of utility and ornament for the purpose of presentation are exhibited at every coign of vantage to catch the eye.

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Perhaps this diffusion of good things shows the wealth and prosperity of the country. We must confess that we live in fairly happy times, and therefore ought to feel thankful that, taking it altogether, we are so comfortable.

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Those of my readers who prefer quiet upon every occasion, will not give the rein to boisterous mirth. Christmas-Day is in itself a hallowed festival of the Church, and should therefore be kept in a reverent manner. We can be merry and joyful all the same, but the worldly festivities may without offence be postponed till the following day, when we can sing, and dance, and make good cheer. Most of us will be fully occupied on Christmas day with our duties at church, which we shall carry out with our usual exactitude.

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I should like to recommend for Christmas reading a famous book I have just had lent to me to read, which contains a vast amount of wit and humour of the best sort. "The memories of Dean Hole" is the title of the volume. The author is a perfect humourist. Let me relate one instance. The late Sir William Don was a very tall man, and he, when walking through the streets of a garrison town, was accosted by two bricklayers thus: "Sir William, me and my mate have been having a bet what your height is." "My height," quoth the baronet, "is six feet four; and yours is the height of impudence."

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Another story is told in the same book. Speaking of church choirs it is stated that the congregation of St. Peter's church, Marlborough, when assembled in church, knew when they were going to have an anthem, for just before there was a stampede of the choir, who sallied out to The Six Bells over the way to "whet their whistles."

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Should I not have the felicity of appearing before you next week, I beg to wish you all "The Compliments of the Season." When around the festive board on Christmas Day, I shall give utterance to the same wish for my old friends.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A Record of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 6d.; cloth do., 9d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Berks.

## SHALL WE HAVE A CONGRESS?

Is it not somewhat surprising that the suggestion so ably made by Mr. E. A. Davies, of Barking, who occupied the vice-chair at the College Youths' dinner on November 5th, has not caused any discussion in these pages? It was the second time Mr. Davies had brought forward his idea, without, it would appear, any practical result. If one understands the question Mr. Davies advocates, it is that a great meeting of ringers from all parts should be held in the metropolis, at which not only practical demonstrations should be given of the Art of change-ringing, but that at a business meeting certain resolutions should be passed which should afterwards be submitted to the Church Congress, which will meet in October at the Albert Hall. Many will agree that Belfry Reform is not making that permanent progress which it ought to do, and alas! that there are still many belfries in which reform is still unknown.

Up to the present all attempts to introduce the subject before the Church Congress have failed. There is however no reason why an attempt to carry out Mr. Davies's idea should not be made, for surely the game must be worth the candle. The prominence that would be given to a resolution submitted to the Congress from a large and influential body of representatives of the entire ringers of England, must naturally of itself be productive of some good, and might be the means of driving in the thin edge of the wedge for a discussion on the whole question of Belfry Reform at some near future Congress.

To carry out Mr. Davies's entire idea would of course require some considerable time to complete the necessary arrangements. The first question which arises is who should move? Some will contend that the Central Council should make an effort, others will say it is outside the Council's work. As the Council does not however meet till Whit-Monday, it would appear to me that the time and the constitution of the Council, if the meeting should be held on the August Bank Holiday, both tell against making the attempt. I would therefore suggest to Mr. Davies, who appears to have the whole question at his fingers' ends, that he should attempt to bring about the formation of a preliminary joint Committee of the two great and respected ancient societies to consider the matter, and if it was considered desirable to make the effort, a strong Committee of the two societies should be formed with the President of the Central Council as chairman, in order that an appeal should go forth early in the New Year to all County and Diocesan Associations throughout the kingdom, to join in making what would undoubtedly prove the greatest event in the annals of change-ringing a complete success.

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**Situations Vacant.**

GROCERS' ASSISTANT.—I shall have a vacancy for above early in the new year. Applicants please state age, experience and salary required. Indoors.—GEO. DENT, Grocer and Draper, Harlow, Essex.

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## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, the 10th instant, Messrs. F. Sheraton, J. Anderson, and A. Meyers, from Chester-le-Street; Story and Gofton from Whitley; and W. Hunt from North Shields, visited Houghton-le-Spring for the purpose of attempting a 5040 in seven methods, but unfortunately it was lost after some good ringing. The visitors were pleasantly surprised to be informed at the start that they must finish by 6.30 p.m., as tea would be ready for them at that hour. After ringing several touches in different methods, a muster was made in the parish room, where the visitors, in company with the local ringers, were most hospitably entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Roll, the former being people's warden. The Rector, the Rev. Canon Brown, very kindly presided, supported by his curate; full justice being done to the fare so thoughtfully provided. In returning thanks to their generous hosts, Mr. Story took the opportunity to thank the Rector for his kind permission to ring, and congratulated him on the condition of his belfry and bells.

The ringers are, unfortunately, not change-ringers, or members of the Association, but are a kindly body of men who would not stand in the way of advancement if change-ringing could be introduced.

A most pleasant afternoon was spent in spite of the loss of the peal, and the visitors went away with warm feelings towards the Rector and Dr. and Mrs. Roll.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Liverpool Diocesan branch of this Association had its monthly meeting at the church of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, December 3rd, and was well attended by members from the towers of St. Peter's and St. Luke's, Liverpool; Aughton; and West Derby. The bells were set going at five o'clock, when some good ringing was done by the West Derby company on six bells until six o'clock, when the meeting was held, the two curates of the parish church—the Rev. J. L. Jenkins and the Rev. W. Brown—attending the meeting.

The Rev. J. L. Jenkins, on being invited to take the chair, said that he hardly knew what to say to them as it was the first time he had ever attended a ringers' meeting, but he would do his best. He was sorry that the bells were in such bad order, but he hoped the time was not far distant when they would be restored. There seemed two ways by which ringers might benefit by ringing: firstly, from the excellent bodily exercise; and secondly, by the spiritual help it was to them as churchworkers. It had given him very great pleasure to meet them, and he hoped he should have the pleasure of presiding over many more meetings of ringers.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Grassendale. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

Ringing was then kept up till nine o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich and Grandsire Caters on the handbells.

FELSHAM.—On Thursday, December 2nd, for practice on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles). E. Steggals, 1; E. Kinsey, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; J. Horrex, 4; H. Horrex, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. Also two courses of Bob Major. W. Kinsey (conductor), 5-6; H. Horrex, 7-8; the rest as before.

## SUSSEX NOTES.

Seven Surprise peals in nine attempts must be acknowledged by everyone to be a fine achievement, but added to this the fact that each was in a different method, additional lustre is given to the performance accomplished by the St. Peter's (Brighton) branch of the Sussex Association, as the list of peals published last week shows. It is without doubt a record, which will require a great deal of beating.

The performance however may not come as a surprise to some members of the Exercise, knowing the great things which have often been accomplished by the St. Peter's band, whose *personnel* has changed but little during the last eight or ten years, and whose success can only be attributed to the perfect cohesion which exists between the individuals of the band, and the perseverance and campanological enthusiasm of all the party, at whose head is the worthy Master of the Association, Mr. G. F. Attree.

There is however one point in which the Brightonians have an advantage over many other bands in the country, whose capabilities are without doubt equal to the men of "London-on-Sea." Within a radius of a dozen or sixteen miles of Brighton there are almost as many eight-bell towers to which access is easy, and at which permission to ring is willingly granted by "the powers that be."

Of the two attempts which were unsuccessful, one was lost through that common cause which overtakes even the best ringers, namely "a change-course," but, if report be true, it was through a mean despicable action that the other came to grief. No one worthy of the name of a man would cut the ropes in a tower to prevent a band obtaining a peal. And yet this seems to have been done at one tower visited by the Brightonians, for it was surely something more than an accident which caused three ropes to be partially severed. Whoever committed this dirty action must be full of spiteful jealousy. A searching enquiry should be, and doubtless will be held into the matters by the authorities of the church concerned, and the ringers themselves will be exceedingly glad to have such an unpleasant occurrence cleared up.

Sussex, who according to the last analysis published in "The Bell News," stands well ahead of the rest of the Associations of England, received as the result of this "ringing week" a considerable number of points, which will largely assist in establishing the county in a position, which, if it will not be impossible it is highly improbable, that any other Association will attain this year. Although the Surprise peals rung in Sussex at intervals through the year total a goodly number of points, yet the solid addition of 230 in one week by the efforts of a single branch is a substantial help.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division held at Ringmer was well attended, although but few towers were represented. Perhaps the position of the tower, situated as it is at the extreme boundary of the Division, and the fact of it necessitating a three-mile walk in weather which has lately been anything but settled, prevented a larger attendance of members from the district in which the meeting was held, but certain it is that by far the largest portion of those present came from the adjoining Division. But wherever they came from does not detract from the all-important fact that the meeting was successful.

The Vicar very kindly gave the tea and welcomed the Association to his tower. As to the working of the Association he said he knew very little, but he was sure of the creditable, loyal and faithful manner in which the ringers of his church carried out their duties. The Master in thanking the Vicar for his words of welcome, said he did not doubt the loyalty of the Ringmer ringers, but he would like to see, all the same, their names appearing oftener in "The Bell News" in connection with peal-ringing. This is a matter which Mr. Attree always takes opportunity of impressing on the minds of local bands, and it is undoubtedly a fact that in Sussex there is not a band, with but one or two exceptions, which makes any attempt to organise or ring peals. Either they don't care for peal-ringing, or the effort to arrange one is too much for them. Local ringers would do well to take Mr. Attree's suggestions to heart. Occasional Contributor.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter-at-Arches Society.)

Before commencing the ringing for Divine Service on Sunday morning, the 27th ult., at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, Mr. C. W. P. Clifton said the members were well aware that that was the last day they would have the pleasure of the company of Mr. J. R. Mackman (formerly of Spalding), who was about to leave them to join the 2nd Life Guards, and to take up residence at Windsor. The society had felt that his brother-ringers could not let him leave without presenting him with a small token of the esteem and respect which he had won during the two years he had been in Lincoln. Mr. Clifton referred to the rapid progress he (Mr. Mackman) had made, from Grandsire Triples to Surprise methods, during his brief stay, and wished him every success in the army. He was assured that if he conducted himself in the same manner as he had done while in Lincoln, he would win the respect of his comrades. He then presented Mr. Mackman with a case of Sprock's razors, and hoped that when he was preparing to appear on parade with a clean chin, he would be reminded of his friends in the St. Peter-at-Arches society.

Mr. Mackman, in responding, thanked the company for the kindness he had always received from them, and for their tuition in the art of change-ringing. It had always been a pleasure to be amongst them, and he hoped to meet them again in the near future.

A well-struck 504 of Seedman Triples formed the parting touch, rung by Messrs. R. Dawson, G. Flintham, R. E. Clarke, G. W. Bemrose, C. W. P. Clifton, A. Craven, J. R. Mackman, J. W. Watson.

## HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

A meeting of those interested in the ringing of the bells of the Abbey was held in the vestry on Thursday, the 1st instant, by the invitation of the recently-appointed Rector, the Rev. E. Sidney Savage.

It was decided to form a Guild of Ringers, and rules were adopted. Mr. W. Story was appointed Guild-Master, and Mr. R. J. Conkleton assistant. Ringing for service on Sundays at 10.15 a.m. and 6.0 p.m. Practice on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. Any ringer visiting the neighbourhood will be welcome.

## JASPER W. SNOWDON'S WORKS.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1898.

AMONG our records in this number will be found one of a peal rung at Basingstoke in Hampshire on the 8th instant. There is nothing out of the ordinary with this performance as such, for it was only the popular ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples of JOHN HOLT'S. But nevertheless it possesses a peculiarity open to comment.

What is this peculiarity? No less than three bells were rung by ladies—the MISSES DORA and ALICE WHITE (daughters of the conductor), and MISS FRANCES WHYLEY (daughter of the Vicar of Alton).

All these ladies have for some time taken a great interest in half-pull ringing, and we have on more than one occasion drawn attention to the fact. The MISSES WHITE have, as is well-known, rung peals before this one, but this is MISS WHYLEY'S first peal, though she has rung some tolerably good lengths.

We think this performance is another proof that the practice of change-ringing, under suitable conditions, is eminently fitted for the gentler sex. We shall doubtless see before long more of them taking a part among

the ropes, perhaps on a light ring we may hear of a peal being rung solely by ladies.

Another record this week also deserves an allusion. This is the 550th peal by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. An analysis of these performances is also given, and to describe such list as wonderful, even in these times, falls short of a complete designation. One hundred peals of Stedman Triples, conducted by one man, is positively an amazing record of prowess. Whether the rev. gentleman has some great feat pending, which may astonish the Exercise still more, we cannot say, though we should not doubt the rumour that a 40,000 was under consideration.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### Glossary of Technical Terms.

Sir,—I am much obliged to you for re-inserting my letter of request for return of Glossary lists, and also wish to thank those who have so far acceded to my entreaty as to reduce the number of lists still out from one half to one third; for of ninety-one sent out, twenty-nine are at this date (December 3rd) still unreturned. I hope these will come to hand during the coming week.

H. Earle Bulwer, *Hon. Sec. C. C.*

## The Metropolis.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Thursday, December* 8, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary, Bow, E.,

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

Brook's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| James Pettit | *Treble.* | James Scholes | 5. |
| Richard Turner | 2. | Henry Springall | 6. |
| York Green | 3. | Emanuel Hall | 7. |
| Samuel Hayes | 4. | George Barrell | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by Henry Springall.

Rung on the thirty-ninth birthday of Emanuel Hall, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December* 13, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Andrew, Enfield,

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

Holt's Original Reversed. Tenor 18 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sydney T. Darlington | *Treble.* | Percy J. Darlington | 5. |
| Alfred W. Darlington | 2. | John E. Miller | 6. |
| Sidney Wade | 3. | Arthur Miller | 7. |
| Frederick W. Bines | 4. | Robert R. Johnson | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by Sidney Wade.

## The Provinces.

### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

*On Tuesday, December* 6, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES.**

Tenor 27¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| F. Brown | *Treble.* | Wm. Jakeman | 6. |
| Rev. T. L. Jones* | 2. | J. Mellor | 7. |
| J. Booth | 3. | S. Wood | 8. |
| P. W. Davies | 4. | J. Adams | 9. |
| J. Wood | 5. | S. Booth | *Tenor.* |

Composed by W. Walmsley, and Conducted by Samuel Wood.

*First peal of Caters.

### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Wednesday, December* 7, 1898, *in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 30 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas Wakeman* | *Treble.* | Thomas J. Salter | 5. |
| John O. Bennett | 2. | *Albert E. Parsons | 6. |
| William H. Smith | 3. | James Pagett | 7. |
| Noah Davis | 4. | Richard E. Grove | *Tenor.* |

Composed by Henry Dains and Conducted by R. E. Grove.

*First peal of London Surprise.

### SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, December* 8, 1898, *in Three Hours,*

At the Church of St. Edmund,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Frederick Lambert | *Treble.* | Thomas King | 5. |
| Edward Chatton | 2. | Charles Kerrison | 6. |
| Arthur Took | 3. | Robert Tracy | 7. |
| Albert Lee | 4. | Samuel Kerrison | *Tenor.* |

Composed by H. Hubbard, and Conducted by F. Lambert.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. T. King and Miss E. Palmer, which took place the previous Saturday.

### BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

*On Thursday, December* 8, 1898, *in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 26 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Harry Wakley | *Treble.* | Edward I. Stone | 5. |
| William J. Smith | 2. | Arthur Wakley | 6. |
| John Benstead | 3. | Joseph Griffin | 7. |
| George Robinson | 4. | William Wakley | *Tenor.* |

Arranged by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., and Conducted by William Wakley.

### BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, December* 8, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

At the Parish Church,

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

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dora White | *Treble.* | Henry White | 5. |
| Alice White | 2. | John E. Ballard | 6. |
| Frank Hopgood | 3. | John W. Whiting | 7. |
| Frances Whyley* | 4. | *Frank Redgate | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by Henry White.

*First peal and first attempt. The peal was arranged for Miss F. Whyley daughter of the Rev. F. Whyley, Vicar of Alton, Hants.

### GLOUCESTER.

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

*On Thursday, December* 8, 1898, *in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 20 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jesse Gillett | *Treble.* | William T. Pegler | 5. |
| Ernest E. Davis | 2. | John Austin | 6. |
| Fred. G. May | 3. | Robert A. Barratt | 7. |
| Francis E. Ward | 4. | Arthur E. Pegler | *Tenor.* |

Composed by H. Johnson, and Conducted by John Austin.

It was intended to have rung a peal of Stedman Caters, but meeting one short the above was rung.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December* 10, 1898, *in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NOAH DAVIS | *Treble.* | THOMAS J. SALTER | 5. |
| JOHN O. BENNETT | 2. | THOMAS WAKEMAN | 6. |
| JOHN S. PRITCHETT | 3. | WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT | 7. |
| ALBERT E. PARSONS | 4. | RICHARD E. GROVE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December* 10, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE (R.C.),

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOS. MULLIGAN | *Treble.* | HENRY WARD | 5. |
| ROBERT HARRISON† | 2. | GEORGE O. DIXON | 6. |
| F. BURGAR | 3. | J. A. DIXON | 7. |
| J. EVINSON* | 4. | THOMAS CHOWN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ROBERT HARRISON.

*First peal in the method. †First in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Thomas Dixon, many years a member of the above society.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December* 10, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS RICKETTS | *Treble.* | ERNEST BISHOP | 5. |
| GEORGE S. BROWN | 2. | HENRY ROBERTS | 6. |
| ALFRED LAWRENCE | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON | 7. |
| JAMES H. SHEPHERD | 4. | CHARLES J. GARDINER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December* 10, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.** Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs. in E.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT DEARDS | *Treble.* | ROWLAND FENN | 5. |
| YORK GREEN | 2. | THOMAS FAULKNER | 6. |
| HENRY SPRINGALL | 3. | SAMUEL HAYES | 7. |
| CALEB FENN | 4. | ALBERT C. HARDY | *Tenor.* |

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

First peal of Superlative on the bells. The band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for granting permission to ring; also the steeple-keeper (Mr. J. Burgess), for having everything in readiness. The "go" of the bells is excellent.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, December* 10, 1898, *in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES WATKINS | *Treble.* | FREDERICK SMITH | 5. |
| HENRY W. ALLEN | 2. | CHARLES LAYTON | 6. |
| STEPHEN HOPE | 3. | ANDREW LAYTON | 7. |
| THOMAS WILLIAMS | 4. | *HENRY ELLESMORE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

*First peal. First peal in the method by the treble, 4th, 5th and 7th men.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December* 10, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WALTER CHANDLER | *Treble.* | THOMAS ANDREWS | 5. |
| ARTHUR CHARMAN | 2. | *WILLIAM STANFORD | 6. |
| WILLIAM HOOKER | 3. | JOHN COOK | 7. |
| GEORGE WOODMAN | 4. | ALFRED COX | *Tenor.* |

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

This peal, which is in eighteen parts, is now rung for the first time. *First peal in the method. It is also the conductor's 100th peal in Warnham belfry.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December* 10, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one of Grandsire Minor and two each of Plain Bob and College Single.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN EVANS | *Treble* | RICHARD EVANS | 4. |
| DAVID J. HURFORD | 2. | RICHARD BUNSTONE | 5. |
| JAMES SOUTH | 3. | JOHN COX | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN COX.

First peal in five methods by all, and on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December* 10, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.** Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN J. MAWBY | *Treble.* | WILLIAM PETTITT | 5. |
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER | 2. | JAMES GARRATT | 6. |
| WILLIAM V. NEWMAN | 3. | WALTER PERKINS | 7. |
| THOMAS R. HENSHER | 4. | JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN.

This peal is a reduction of a 6720, all the calls being made in pairs, and is now rung for the first time.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Saturday, December* 10, 1898, *in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM H. GODDEN | *Treble.* | THOMAS J. ELTON | 5. |
| WILLIAM R. SMALL | 2. | JOHN C. ADAMS | 6. |
| WILLIAM GRIFFIN* | 3. | SAMUEL REEVES | 7. |
| THOMAS HORTON | 4. | RICHARD W. FROST | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, December* 11, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK A. NUNN | *Treble.* | WILLIAM PYE | 5. |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN | 2. | EDGAR WIGHTMAN | 6. |
| ALFRED W. BRIGHTON | 3. | HARRY FLANDERS | 7. |
| GEORGE R. PYE | 4. | JOSEPH HOARD | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The band wish through the medium of this paper to thank Mr. Hoard for his kind hospitality in entertaining them after the peal. The above is G. R. Pye's 50th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

*On Monday, December 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| S. BOOTH | *Treble.* | WILLIAM JAKEMAN | 7. |
| W. BROWN* | 2. | H. CHAPMAN | 8. |
| J. BOOTH* | 3. | J. MELLOR | 9. |
| WALTER JAKEMAN* | 4. | B. THORPE* | 10. |
| J. WOOD | 5. | A. CROSS* | 11. |
| P. W. DAVIES* | 6. | S. WOOD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by WM. JAKEMAN.

*First peal of Maximus.

SHIPTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, December 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| REV. G. F. COLERIDGE | *Treble.* | ALFRED THOMAS | 5. |
| CHARLES HOUNSLOW | 2. | FREDERICK WHITE | 6. |
| RICHARD WHITE | 3. | REV. F. E. ROBINSON | 7. |
| WILLIAM BENNETT | 4. | WALTER LONGSHAW | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 550th peal, and his 100th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. A list of Mr. Robinson's peals will be found elsewhere.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Monday, December 12, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM ROGERS | *Treble.* | WILLIAM DEVEY | 5. |
| JAMES BATE | 2. | HORACE SADLER | 6. |
| PERCY SADLER | 3. | ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT | 7. |
| RICHARD C. BALCOMBE | 4. | E. SIDNEY HODGES | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

## Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, December 7, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. BURRELL, ESSEX BUILDINGS, LONDON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.** Tenor 21 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE R. PYE | 1-2. | ERNEST PYE | 5-6. |
| WILLIAM PYE | 3-4. | EDGAR WIGHTMAN | 7-8. |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire—W. Watson.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal rung at Mitcham on November 30th, the name of the ringer of the 5th bell should read Ernest C. Lambert instead of Ernest C. Smith.

## Date Touches.

FATELEY BRIDGE (Yorks).—On Wednesday, November 30th, for practice at St. Cuthbert's church, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 12 mins. *R. Nibbs, 1; S. Bastnett, 2; *A. Haigh, 3; *G. H. Mason, 4; J. Mason, 5; *J. Summersall (composer and conductor), 6. *Longest touch in any method.

## Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday evening, November 27th, at All Saints' church, Boyn Hill, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. G. Martin (conductor), 1; W. Walker, 2; F. Bissley, 3; W. Brown, 4; J. Eldridge, 5; W. Ayres, 6; J. C. Truss, 7; A. Harding, 8.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. E. T. Druce, 1; H. Bond, 2; E. Large, 3; C. Packer, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; T. Bond, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; G. Parker, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDMONTON (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 4th, for morning service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. T. Darlington, 1; P. J. Darlington, 2; H. Nix, 3; R. Goodchild, 4; J. Lawson, 5; A. W. Darlington, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; B. Nix, 8. Composed by G. Watson, of St. Leonard's-on-Sea, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 3rd, 1898. And for evening service, 504 in the same method, J. Waghorn, sen. ringing the 5th.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On November 27th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Miller, 1; P. J. Darlington, 2; A. W. Darlington, 3; A. Miller, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. W. Newby, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; H. Balaam, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On September 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Butler, 1; H. Lingham, 2; R. Munn, 3; G. Morrad, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On September 11th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Beer, 1; G. Butler, 2; H. Lingham, 3; B. Spunner, 4; L. Silver, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. On September 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Butler, 1; G. Morrad, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spunner, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On October 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Butler, 1; L. Silver, 2; G. Morrad, 3; B. Spunner, 4; J. Avis, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Beer, 1; G. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; G. Morrad, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by W. Beer. On Wednesday, November 9th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Beer, 1; W. Ware, 2; L. Silver, 3; G. Morrad, 4; J. Avis, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Beer, 1; F. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; G. Morrad, 4; W. Ware, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 22nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Lingham, 1; R. Munn, 2; F. Ring, 3; G. Morrad, 4; L. Silver, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6.

GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Thursday, November 24th, at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Avis, 1; R. Munn, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; L. Silver, 6; F. Hayes (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Preston (conductor), 1; J. Edwards, 2; T. Wallis, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Steddy, 5; R. Jenner, 6. On Sunday, November 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Maylan, 1; J. Edwards, 2; T. Wallis, 3; J. Heasman, 4; J. Steddy (conductor), 5; R. Jenner, 6. On Tuesday, November 8th, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Maylan, 1; J. Steddy, 2; J. Heasman, 3; J. Edwards, 4; J. Preston (conductor), 5; T. Wallis, 6; R. Jenner, 7; P. Smith, 8. On Tuesday, November 29th, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. J. Maylan, 1; J. Edwards, 2; T. Wallis, 3; R. Jenner, 4; J. Heasman, 5; J. Steddy (conductor), 6; P. Smith, 7.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, 588 Stedman Triples. W. Norris, 1; J. B. Bates, 2; G. N. Price (conductor), 3; B. Prewett, 4; H. Martin, 5; W. Norris, 6; C. George, 7; J. Vernon, 8. For evening service 1008 Stedman Triples. A. Lance, 8; the rest as before. On handbells, 652 Grandsire Triples. C. George (conductor), 1-2; G. N. Price, 3-4; H. Martin, 5-6; J. B. Bates, 7-8. On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 336 Bob Major. F. Glennerster, 1; J. B. Bates, 2; B. Prewett, 3; W. Norris, 4; Wm. Norris, 5; C. George, 6; G. N. Price, 7; H. Martin (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 20th, for evening service, a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Eden, 1; B. Prewett, 2; W. Norris, 3; C. George, 4; H. Martin, 5; G. N. Price, 6. On Sunday, November 20th, for evening service, 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Vernon, 1; H. Eden, 2; C. George, 3; J. B. Bates, 4; Wm. Norris, 5; B. Prewett, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8.

ALDENHAM (Herts).—On Sunday, November 20th, 720 Bob Minor. B. Prewett, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; W. Norris, 4; C. George, 5; G. N. Price (conductor), 6.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants). — On Sunday evening, November 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Harper, 1; A. D. Stone, 2; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 3; J. T. Matthews (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 4; A. E. Tomlins, 5; J. Gould, 6; J. W. Whiting (Fareham), 7; E. Newman, 8.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On November 30th, on the occasion of the opening of the belfry, 720 Bob Minor. W. Singleton, 1; W. Cooper, 2; W. F. Churcher, 3; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 4; G. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And 720 Oxford Single, standing as above, conducted by G. E. Chappell. And 240 College Single. W. F. Churcher, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; W. Cooper, 3; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 4; Cummins, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HECKINGTON.—On Friday, November 18th, 720 College Single. W. Woods, 1; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; T. Woods, 5; J. H. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; F. Hilton, 8. On Sunday, November 20th, for service, 720 College Single. H. Nash, 1; J. Hilton, 3; J. T. Holmes, 4; E. Houlden, 5; J. H. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; W. Houlden, 8. On November 25th, 630 Darlaston Bob Triples. W. Woods, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Hilton, 4; E. Houlden, 5; J. H. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; H. Wash, 8. First touch of Darlaston Bob Triples by all the band. All conducted by W. Dickinson.

HALE MAGNA (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, November 8th, for practice, 720 College Single, in 29 mins. J. W. Woods, 1; C. Ward, 2; J. R. Green, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; T. B. Woods, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 24th, on the occasion of the re-opening of the church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. R. Green, 1; R. Masters, 2; C. Ward, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; T. B. Woods, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, November 6th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Hartley, 4; D. Campbell, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, November 8th, 720 Woodbine. T. Knowles, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Heys, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Walton, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; N. Townend, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 20th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; N. Townend, 5; R. Hartley, 4; D. Campbell, 5; T. Redman, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. Also for evening service, 720 Kent. W. Walton, 1; R. Hartley, 2; T. Redman, 3; N. Townend, 3; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 22nd, 720 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; D. Heys, 2; T. Redman, 3; W. Walton, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 22th, 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; N. Townend, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; T. Redman (conductor), 2; W. Walton, 3; R. Hartley, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth, 6.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, November 27th, for Divine Service, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Eastland, 2; W. J. Thomas, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; C. R. Carter, 5; A. H. Saxby (Canterbury), 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; J. Sinden, 8. On Tuesday, November 29th, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Sinden, 1; W. Franks, (conductor), 2; W. Eastland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. H. Eldridge (longest length), 5; J. Livermore, 6; W. J. Thomas, 7; A. Saunders, 8. Also 504 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Mathis, 1; S. Saker, 2; W. J. Thomas, 3; F. Lock, 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; J. Sinden, 8. On Saturday, December 3rd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples which was lost owing to a change-course, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 47 mins. W. H. Eldridge, 1; C. Hyland, 2; W. Thomas, 3; F. Lock, 4; S. Saker, 5; C. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; J. Sinden, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. Eldridge, Lock, Saker, Carter, and Sinden.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk). — On Saturday, December 3rd, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Doubles in 47 mins. in the following methods: The Dream, Morning Star, April Day, St. Dunstan's, Fortune, St. Simon's, London, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. E. Youngs, 1; E. Buckingham, 2; W. Rose (longest length), 3; J. Buckingham, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5. Also a 6-score of Stedman Slow Course. E. Youngs, 1; C. Nunn, 2; J. Buckingham, 3; E. Buckingham, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5. First in the method by all.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITTON, NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, November 8th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Forster (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; S. Johnson, 3; G. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6. On Thursday, November 17th, 720 Bob Minor. S. Johnson (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; G. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6. On Saturday, November 19th, 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 BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD.—On Tuesday, November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. R. Cottle, 1; E. Knight, 2; G. Tippitt, 3; L. Moore, 5; A. Gale, 5; J. Nisbitt, 6; W. Gillingham (conductor), 7; C. Urch, 8. First quarter-peal by all and on the bells. On Sunday, November 13th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Acker, 2; R. Cottle, 3; S. Moore, 4; A. Gale, 5; J. Nisbitt, 6; W. Gillingham, 7; C. Urch, 8. First 720 by Messrs. Acker and Urch.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Thursday, December 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Burrows, 1; H. Kirby, 2; S. Wade (conductor), 3; A. Pittam, 4; F. Richardson, 5; A. Tennant, 6. And 720 Double Oxford Bob. R. George, 1; W. Burrows, 2; A. Tennant, 3; F. Richardson, 4; S. Wade (conductor), 5; A. Pittam, 6. First in the method by all except W. Burrows, and first 720 in the method on the bells. Also several courses of Double Stedman Slow Course Minor.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.—On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service at Holy Trinity church, 504 Bob Triples. R. Miller, 1; F. Naisby, 2; W. Smallwood, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; T. H. Naisby, 5; J. J. Leighton, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8. On November 8th, for practice, 840 Bob Triples. On November 15th, 840 Bob Triples and 350 Grandsire Triples. On November 20th, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending church, 532 Bob Triples was rung for service. After service 840 Bob Triples. All conducted by J. Naisby. On November 29th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Naisby, 1; R. Miller, 2; W. Smallwood, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; T. Naisby, 5; J. J. Leighton, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8. In reference to the peal of Bob Triples rang on Tuesday, November 22nd, it was the first peal on the bells by a local band; also first peal by J. Naisby, as well as the first as conductor. On Sunday morning, December 3rd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles, called differently. W. Denteth, 1; G. S. Taylor, 2; R. H. Blakey, 3; J. W. Parker (conductor), 4; R. Patterson, 5. This is the first time Doubles have been rung for service by the local band.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Sunday evening, December 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Hern, 1; T. Teasdale (conductor), 2; W. Hunt, 3; A. Tully, 4; J. Browell, 5; J. Hern, 6; C. E. Waugh, 7; A. Dowell, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL. — On Wednesday, November 30th, at St. Stephen's church, 1152 Superlative Surprise Major. C. H. Horton, 1; F. Elles, 2; W. Knight, 3; J. D. Matthews, 4; C. H. Tomkins, 5; C. H. Gordon, 6; T. Radford, 7; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 8.

YATTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, November 26th, at the parish church, 2528 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Jones, 1; F. Elles, 2; W. Knight, 3; J. D. Matthews, 4; C. H. Tomkins, 5; C. H. Gordon, 6; T. Radford, 7; W. A. Cave (conductor), 8. This is the first in the method on the bells, and was brought round at the request of one of the band, instead of going on for the peal.

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ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, November 16th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Bowen, 1; W. Martin, 2; J. Reynolds 3; E. Mapp, 4; C. Beaman, 5; T. Griffiths (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 21st, 720 Bob Minor. T. Griffiths, 1; E. Mapp, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; W. Martin, 4; C. Beaman, 5; J. Earp, 6. On Wednesday, November 23rd, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Mapp, 1; J. Reynolds, 2; J. Earp, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; C. Beaman, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, December 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob. E. Mapp, 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; J. Earp, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6.

BEARSTED (Kent).—On Saturday, December 3rd, the Boxley ringers visited Bearsted, to have an evening with the local band, and rang 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Stubbs (first 720), 1; Rev. A. L. Brine, 2; J. Shorter, 3; A. Arnold, 4; W. Kilpatrick, 5; G. Pound (conductor), 6. Also 600 Grandsire Minor. C. Attwood, 1; A. Arnold, 2; J. Shorter, 3; W. Hope, 4; W. Kilpatrick, 5; G. Pound (conductor), 6.

BILSTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, November 26th, an attempt to ring Cox's six-part peat of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 43 mins., owing to the tenor rope breaking. H. Harper, 1; S. Pitt, 2; E. Unitt, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. A. Brown (conductor), 5; J. Adams, 6; W. Smith, 7; W. Eyre, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Richard Harper.

BRISTOL.—On a recent Sunday after Divine Service at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. J. Thomas, 1; F. Isaacs, 2; E. Hauberg, 3; S. Thomas (conductor), 4; A. Isaacs, 5; G. Thomas, 6. On Thursday, November 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. A. Stowell, 1; W. Lea, 2; S. Thomas (conductor), 3; R. Clark, 4; A. Isaacs, 5; F. Isaacs, 6. First 720 by A. Stowell, and first 720 with a bob bell by Messrs. Lea and F. Isaacs. And 360 Bob Minor in 12 mins. S. Thomas (conductor), 1; W. H. Lea, 2; W. H. Thomas, 3; E. Hauberg, 4; F. Isaacs, 5; A. Isaacs, 6. Longest touch of Bob Minor by E. Hauberg. On December 4th, at All Saints church, 1248 Superlative Surprise Major, in 47 mins. W. Paddock, 1; A. Pearce, 2; H. Pring, 3; G. Pearce, 4; H. Tucker, 5; W. Porch, 6; G. T. Daltry, 7; H. Porch (conductor), 8.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On Sunday, November 25th, at St. Alphege church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. E. Waghorn, 1; G. G. Jenkins, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; M. W. Pierce (conductor), 4; F. G. Brett, 5; P. H. Pierce, 6.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 20th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Mark, 1; T. Lowe, 2; J. Adams, 3; N. Kibble, 4; W. Smith, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8.

FROME (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, November 19th, at the parish church, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 600 changes. This attempt was made on the occasion of the last attendance of one of the band, Mr. W. Prescott (who conducted), previous to his leaving for Scotland. H. Gaisford, 1; W. Bishop, 2; F. Rebbeck, 3; H. Scammell, 4; E. Fricker, 5; H. Nutley, 6; W. Prescott, 7; C. Wareham, 8.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Withers, 1; F. Clayton (conductor), 2; A. Pritchett, 3; J. Pritchett, 4; W. S. Pritchett, 5; T. Pritchett, 6; E. J. Withers, 7; G. Cooper, 8. On handbells 378 Grandsire Triples. W. Palmer, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; W. S. Pritchett, 5-6; H. Withers (conductor), 7-8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, November 27th, at St. Martin's 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Palmer, 1; G. Cleal (conductor), 2; J. C. Hill, 3; G. Burrows, 4; C. Fowler, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; A. Martin, 7; S. Cotton, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. A. R. Aldham (conductor), 1; G. Cleal, 2; J. O. Lancashire, 3; G. Burrows, 4; C. Fowler, 5; S. Cotton, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; A. Martin, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. Rang on the back eight.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, November 28th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; S. Hall, 4; J. George (composer), 5; A. Dubber (conductor), 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8.

STRATTON STRAWLEY (Norfolk).—On Thursday, November 24th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Smithson, 1; H. Smithson, 2; R. Hook, 3; J. Laws, 4; J. Hardingham, 5; W. Rought (conductor), 6.

SEDBERGH (Yorks).—On Wednesday, November 30th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Pennington, 1; R. Ibbotson, 2; J. E. Senogles, 3; R. Atkinson, 4; F. S. J. Pile, 5; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. This was rung on the occasion of the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and it is the thirty-third 720 rung by the local band since they started to learn to ring a year ago.

WILBURTON (Cambs).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Markwell, 1; Jas. Markwell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; H. Markwell, 6. For evening service 720 College Single. H. Sharp, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; W. Smith (first in the method as conductor), 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Markwell, 5; J. Markwell, 6. On Monday, November 1st, 720 Bob Minor. R. M. Croft, 1; Jas. Markwell, 2; J. Markwell, 3; W. Smith (conductor), 4; H. Markwell, 5; H. Sharp, 6. On November 6th, 720 Kent. J. Markwell, 1; Jas. Markwell, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6. Also 720 Woodbine. A. Hazel, 3; H. Markwell, 4; H. Sharp, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On November 13th, 720 Merchants' Return. J. Markwell, 1; Jas. Markwell, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Sharp, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. On November 20th, 720 Violet. J. Markwell, 1; H. Sharp, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; A. Markwell, 6. This is W. Smith's first 720 in the last two methods.

## Obituary.

### HARRY CHARLES WOODWARD.

We regret to announce the death of the above named ringer, of Derby, at his residence, on November 28th, aged forty years. He was interred in the new cemetery, Nottingham Road, Derby, on Thursday, December 1st. The deceased was one of the founders of the Midland Counties Association, and conducted its first peal on June 23rd, 1882, at St. Alkmund's, Derby. He had rung seventy-five Association peals, many of which he conducted. Derby has lost one of its most prominent ringers, and one who has done much for the advancement of the Art in his locality, and as a last tribute of respect and esteem the following band rang on Tuesday evening, December 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 50 mins., at St. Alkmund's church, this being the first place he rang at in Derby. T. Anthony, 1; J. W. Thompson, 2; L. L. Lomas, 3; C. Draper, 4; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 5; S. Maskrey, 6; J. Newbold, 7; S. Smedley, 8.

### THOMAS DIXON.

The St. Marie's branch of the Yorkshire Association regret to announce the loss of a member, Mr. Thomas Dixon, who, after a long and painful illness, borne with great patience, died on Sunday, December 4th, in the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield. Born at York, in 1850, he early turned his attention to the art of ringing, and in 1874 he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Marie's, and in 1876 he conducted peals on handbells, Kent Treble Bob Royal, and Grandsire Triples, and Grandsire Caters in 1897. These peals were rung at York by the Minster company. He was one of the first to join the Yorkshire Association, under whose report he has thirty-eight peals in various methods to his credit, the greatest number of which he conducted. These, however, are only a portion of the peals in which he took part, as he was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and as such took part in and conducted many peals in and around London. He came to Sheffield (a second time) and during the past seventeen years had been actively connected with the St. Marie's Society. He acted as judge on several occasions at ringing contests. He was an excellent conductor, and teacher to the new beginner, always ready to ring when his services were requested; a man widely known and as much respected. He was borne to his last resting place in the Wardsend Cemetery on Thursday, December 8th, by four of his fellow workmen, and followed by others, and representatives from the various towers in the district. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the grave-side, and a muffled peal on December 10th.

## 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 HEREFORD PEAL.

SIR,—Your reference to the late Mr. James Burford in last week's "BELL NEWS" woke up many pleasant memories of my long acquaintance with that gentleman. I endorse all you say as to his high character as a ringer and man, and I am sure he would not have said he had rung a peal if such was not the fact. I think our friend Mr. Groves may rest satisfied that his was not the first peal rung at Hereford. Besides, things of that kind are so easily forgotten, note the two peals of Treble Bob Royal rung at Bromsgrove, one rung in 1851, the other in 1854, yet in 1896 or '97 there was no one left in Bromsgrove who knew anything about their ever having been rung.

*Harborne, Birmingham.* J. DAY.

P.S.—We had no "BELL NEWS" in those days.

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Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, to-day, Saturday, December 17. Tower open at 4 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, with his usual kindness, will provide tea at 6 p.m. All members and ringing friends are cordially invited.

C. Edwards, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

*Lampton, Hounslow.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare, to-day, Saturday, December 17th. Short service in the parish church at 4 p.m. with an address by the Rector. Tea and business meeting after at Glass's restaurant, Regent Street. The bells of the parish church will be available, also Worle and Uphill.

Hy. W. Tomkins. *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

Sussex County Association. — Western Division.—Next meeting at West Tarring to-day, Saturday, December 17. Members are requested to send numbers to Hon. Sec. All subscriptions for this year should be sent in at once. J. W. G. Loder Cother,

*Yapton Vicarage.* *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Andrew's Society, Netherton.—The first annual dinner in connection with the opening of the two new bells will be held on Tuesday, December 20th, at The Five Ways inn, Netherton. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the undersigned, and should be applied for not later than the 17th inst.

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36, *Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Christmas Quarterly Meeting will be held on Monday, December 26th, at Magor, Mon. There will be a service at St. Mary's church at 2.30. Meeting in the schoolroom at three o'clock. The bells will be available for ringing all day. Members who have not already done so, are kindly requested to pay their subscription for the current year at this forthcoming meeting. Rev. D. H. Griffiths, *Hon.* H. G. White, *Secs.*

Death of the Vicar of Crawley, Sussex.—The Rev. John Barrett-Lennard, M.A., Rector of Crawley, died on Tuesday afternoon. Born in 1839, he entered the Royal Engineers, obtaining his lieutenant's commission. Relinquishing the army, he went to Magdalene College, Cambridge, and graduated in 1864 in the Second Class of the Theological Tripos, with distinction in Hebrew. He was ordained the same year to the curacy of St. Jude's, Chelsea, and was presented to the Vicarage of Fauls, Salop, in 1866. Ten years later he was appointed rector of Crawley, the church of which parish he completely restored and enriched with wood carvings executed by himself. Mr. Lennard was a practical change-ringer.

Change of Address.—Mr. A. Walker has removed from 180, Walford Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, to 23, Primrose Avenue, Poplar Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

"Bell News" Wanted.—Wanted "Bell News" No. 636. Will give 1s. or any reasonable price.—E. W. Allen, Ave Maria Lane, London, E.C.

## St. James's, Bury St. Edmunds.

Writing on the subject of church expenses in the *St. James's Magazine*, the Vicar (the Rev. George Hodges) says: "There is always the possibility of unlooked-for expenses arising in a large building like St. James's church. Now we have two items which have been sprung upon us; one entailing an expense of £45, and the other about £45. The boiler of the heating apparatus is quite worn out, and must be replaced at once; and four of the bells require to be rehung, as they are not considered, by the bellfounder who has examined them, safe. The question has also arisen whether it may not be well to take this opportunity of extending the heating apparatus along the north side of the church to the west end, so as to have another coil in the north-west corner, where there is, at present, no stove. The advantage of the scheme will be at once apparent, but it will require another £100 to execute it. This means that a sum of £185 must be raised. The subject is receiving the anxious consideration of the authorities, who hope shortly to make a proposition that will be acceptable to the parisioners, as to the best means of accomplishing it."

Every one acquainted with the truly beautiful ring of bells in the Norman tower of St. James's church will be pleased to hear that the bellhanger has been called in. This church should be the great rallying centre of ringing for West Suffolk.

## Lakenheath, Suffolk.

Following upon the publicity recently given to the fact that an ancestor of the Sirdar was born here, Lord Kitchener of Khartoum entered into correspondence with the Vicar of Lakenheath (the Rev. F. G. Scrivener), kindly requesting him to furnish all the particulars he could. When his Lordship was at Cambridge last Mr. Scrivener went to see him by appointment, accompanied by Mr. Edwin J. Rolph. They made their way to Christ College Lodge, the residence of Dr. Peile, at whose house the Sirdar was entertained. In the interview which followed, Lord Kitchener expressed his thanks to the Vicar for all the trouble he had taken to get the particulars concerning his ancestors. It is worthy of mention that the oldest gravestone in Lakenheath churchyard is that of Thomas Kitchener. This stone stands almost opposite the south porch of the church, and is dated April 9, 1731. His Lordship having had his attention drawn to his Lakenheath associations, the bell with his ancestor's name upon it will have been noticed. At present there are five bells there. Why not now add a 6th? The Rev. W. W. Crump is just the man to set the idea afloat.

Cook's Ten Guinea Tour.—We have received from Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son their illustrated programme of popular tours for the winter and spring season, and are struck by the large number of attractive excursions which it contains for the inclusive sum of ten guineas. Not only may tours ranging from ten to seventeen days be made to Rome, or to Nice, Cannes, and Mentone; or again to the Swiss Riviera on the sheltered shores of the Lake of Geneva, to Davos Platz, and other similar places, but even yachting cruises in the Mediterranean of thirteen days' duration, visiting Algiers, the Balearis Islands, Tunis, Palermo, Naples, and other interesting places by the Steam Yacht "Midnight Sun."

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## The Kent County Association.

At the meeting of the Central Committee of this Association, held at Rochester on Saturday, December 10th, 1898, the following resolutions were passed:—

(1) That the next Annual General Meeting be held on Whitsun-Monday at Ashford, or, failing that, at Hythe.

(2) That the travelling expenses of only one Central Council Representative be paid by the Association when the C.C. meeting is held in the provinces, unless anything particularly affecting K.C.A. be on the agenda.

(3) That at their summer meeting the Committee add to their number so many practising members as they shall see fit.

(4) That the next December meeting of the Committee be held at Maidstone.

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

## NOTICE.

Our next number will be accompanied by a portrait of Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster.

With this issue is given the last handbell coupon. Coupons must reach our office not later than the first post on Saturday, January 7th. There are four prizes of handbells, viz.: one peal of eight; one of ten; one of twelve; and one of fifteen. These prizes will be awarded generally to those sending the highest number of coupons, but we may require evidence that the numbers containing the coupons have been purchased by the individual sending them. On the whole matter of distribution we shall exercise a wide discretion, which must not be brought into question. It may be added that we are much obliged to those readers who have complimented us on such an enterprise, but the result leads us more firmly to believe in the conviction that gratuitous actions meet with small encouragement.

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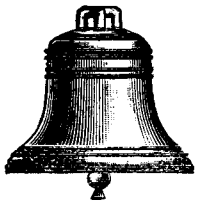

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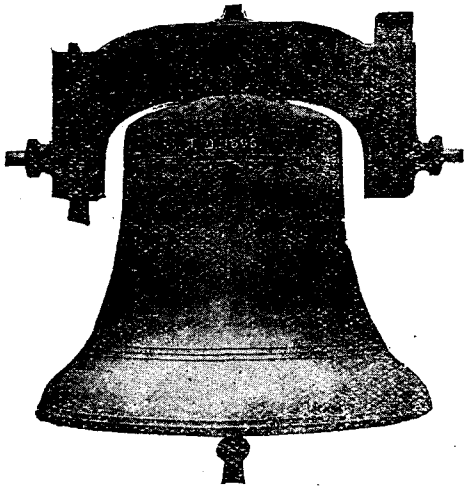

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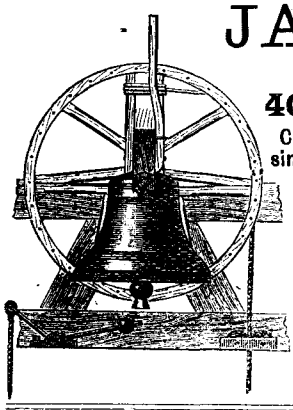

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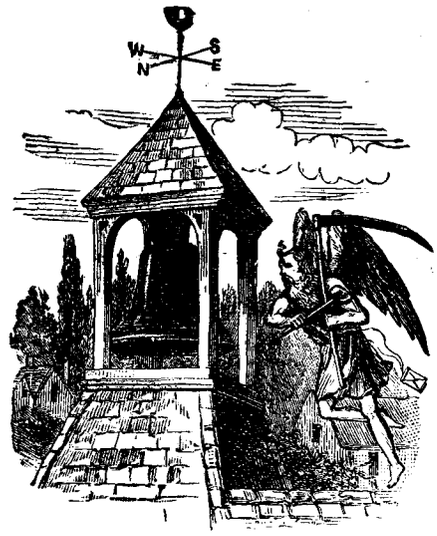


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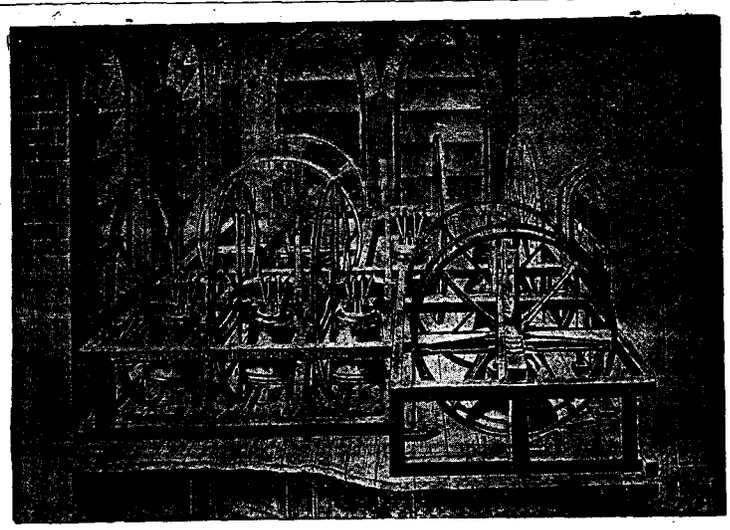

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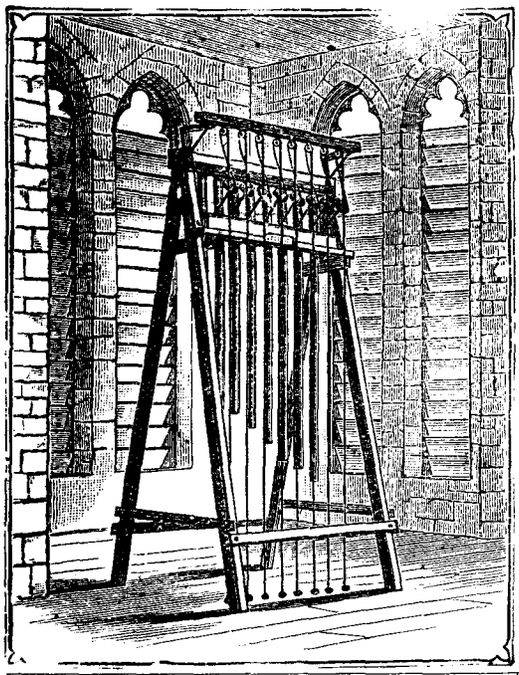

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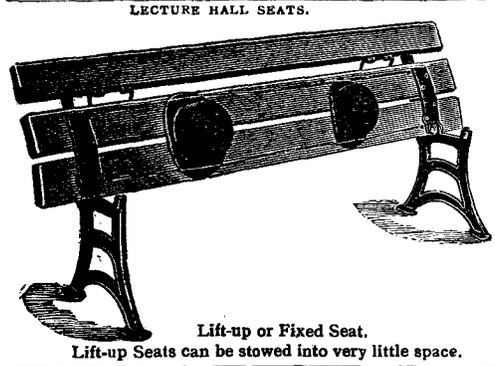

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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Chipping Norton Deanery.)

The Annual Meeting of this branch was held on Monday last at Shipton-under-Wychwood, and was attended by members from Chipping Norton, Charlbury, Leafield, and Shipton. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Guild, was present with a picked band of ringers, and conducted a peal of Stedman Triples, the record of which has appeared. After the peal had been completed, evensong was celebrated at the church, when an address was delivered by the Rev. A. C. Smith, Vicar of Charlbury, an honorary member of the branch. The rev. gentleman took his text from Revelation xxii.—"The Spirit and the bride say come." He showed how everything in this world should be done with a definite purpose, and God's work could be done in various ways, even in ringing a peal of bells. The art of bell-ringing was not a simple and ordinary science, but it was one which required a great deal of practice and skill to do it well. Sunday after Sunday they called people to worship, and as they called others so they ought to set an example and see to it that they worshipped God themselves.

At the close of the service the members of the branch sat down to a meat tea in the school. This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. H. Barter, President of the branch, who stated that he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from the Rev. A. G. Grisewood and the Rev. J. E. Phipps.

The Secretary, Mr. J. F. Barlow, read the minutes of the two previous meetings, and the report of the year's work. In this he said it was to be regretted, in the first place, that no peal had been recorded during the year as having been rung by the members of the branch. They still kept up the number of members, and they had now 25 honorary, 7 life subscribers, 41 qualified, and 20 probationers, making a total of 93 as against 87 in 1897. This was satisfactory so far, but the proportion of probationers was much too large, and he was sorry to say they were not making progress in their ringing. That was a matter he had spoken about more than once, and he was sorry to say it had had no effect, though he hoped they would get on better next year. Financially they were in a better position. They had collected in subscriptions during the year £9 11s. as against £8 4s. last year; and they had a balance in hand of £6 11s., though from that sum the loss on the tea supplied that day would have to be deducted.

The Chairman proposed that the report be adopted, and that Mr. Barlow be thanked for the trouble he had taken in the matter.

The next business was to elect officers of the branch. The Rev. A. C. Smith proposed that the Rev. H. C. Barter be asked to accept office again for the ensuing year. They all knew how much the branch owed to its President, and he was sure they could not get any one who would do the work better.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The next business was the election of Secretary, and he thought they could not do better than re-elect Mr. Barlow. He had great pleasure in moving that Mr. Barlow be asked to continue secretary. Mr. Longshaw seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Barlow said he should be pleased to do what he could to further the interests of the branch. He hoped they would do better things next year than they had done this.

The chairman proposed that Mr. T. H. Burbidge be re-elected auditor, which was agreed to unanimously.

The following new members were then elected:—Messrs. C. Lee Campbell, H. B. Eglinton, J. Greenshields, and the Rev. A. C. Smith, honorary members: Messrs. T. Cooper, B. Empson, G. Kitchen, A. Pratley, W. Souch, and E. Burden, all of Chadlington, probationers: Messrs. A. Miles, R. Coombes, and R. Hartley, qualified: and H. Bayliss, probationer.

The chairman thanked Mr. Smith for his appropriate address, that gentleman responding. He also thanked the Master of the Guild for coming to see them, and said they had to congratulate Mr. Robinson upon having completed his 550th peal, and the 100th peal of Stedman Triples he had conducted.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in responding, said he had two or three words to say by way of apology and explanation. In the first place they were rather late in finishing the peal, but that was owing to the Great Western Railway Company, who had evidently other things to do besides bringing the band of ringers to Shipton. Then by way of explanation, he might state that the reason he brought a band of ringers was that he wanted the members of the branch to be stimulated by hearing a band of good ringers, and he hoped they had been stimulated accordingly.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Leafield.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Eastern Division.

A District Meeting of the above was held at Ringmer, on Saturday, December 10th, and ringing commenced upon the arrival of the first contingent of members from Lewes about 3 p.m. The tea, which took place in the parish room, was kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. F. B. Gribbell, and prepared by the wives of the local ringers, about six and twenty sitting down. The Vicar presided, supported by the Master of the Association (Mr. G. F. Attree), Mr. S. Saker (Divisional Hon. Secretary), Mr. G. Williams (Central Divisional Secretary), and representatives from St. Peter's, St. Nicholas (Brighton), Blacklands, Hastings; Christ Church, Eastbourne; Southover, Lewes, and Ringmer.

At the conclusion of the meal the Vicar apologised for having to leave before the business commenced, but he had, he said, to conduct a service. He heartily welcomed the Association to Ringmer, both in his own name and in that of the ringers of his church. He would have liked to have entertained them all at his house, but he could not

do so for reasons which were both fortunate and unfortunate. Unfortunate, because he and his family had sustained a deep loss by the death of his wife, and his daughters did not feel equal to the task of entertaining them. Unfortunate, too, that his house was not big enough for such a large party, and yet fortunate, that with the great decrease in the tithes he had not a palatial mansion to keep up, instead of a small house. He could not say much about their Association, because he knew nothing about it, but he could say something about his own ringers. They carried out their duties in connection with the church in an excellent manner, and while they did it in such a way he thought it was best not to interfere. But a more loyal, fathful set of men he did not wish to have. In conclusion he again welcomed the Association to Ringmer, and wished it every success.

The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing such an excellent tea, and also for granting the use of the bells.

This having been acknowledged by the Vicar, the sceretary commenced by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, after which the following members were elected. viz.—E. Mallard, A. Fayers (Christ Church, Eastbourne), S. F. C. Saker, J. Penfold (Christ Church, Blacklands).

The Master of the Association then explained the progress that the Committee appointed by the Central Council had made with reference to the railway fares question, and asked every one present to sign the petition when it was ready.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Jones for making all arrangements, and to the ladies who had assisted in preparing the tea, concluded the proceedings, and the members returned to the tower for further ringing.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and London, Superlative, New Cumberland and Norfolk Surprise Major were rung.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Chorley on Saturday, December 10th, when members attended from Higher Walton, Preston, Penwortham, Leyland parish church, St. James's, Leyland, Standish, Blackrod, and Chorley. Owing to the sad death of Mr. Joshua Blackburn, of Chorley (formerly a member of the local company, and a member of this Association up to the time of his death, which occurred on Wednesday last, and the funeral taking place on that day at 3.30), the bells were deeply muffled and chimed as the funeral passed the parish church to the cemetery. Shortly after four o'clock the muffles were removed, and the bells raised in peal, several touches of Grandsire Triples, London Single Bob, and Plain Bob being rung. At six o'clock the members adjourned to The White Horse hotel, where they partook of refreshments, after which the business meeting was held, the President (Mr. J. Banister), presiding. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, and the same was duly confirmed. Other business being concluded, a vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the President for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

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## RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT LENHAM, KENT.

The old ring of eight (tenor 23 cwt.), which for years have been almost unringable, were re-dedicated on Tuesday evening, December 13th. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have recast the treble, quarter-turned and rehung the bells in the old frame. Unlike some recent bell-hanging operations in Kent, this appears to be a most successful and satisfactory job, as is testified by the fact that a peal was easily knocked off on Saturday last, though unfortunately only Grandsire, by members of the Kent County Association. It is supposed that no previous peal has been rung at Lenham during the present century, the last on record having been rung in 1799. There is small reason to doubt that, with the permission and approval of the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Nepean, several peals will be rung in 1899. It has already been arranged to hold the Maidstone District meeting there in January; and probably this quaint old Kentish village will become a favourite resort of the ringing confraternity.

The service on Tuesday evening, December 13th, opened with the Litany, which was followed by the Form of Dedication issued by *Church Bells*. The address was given by the Rev. W. Southey, curate-in-charge of Hollingbourne, upon the verses of the hymn—

> **"When e'er the sweet church bell**
> **Peals over hill and dell,**
> **May Jesus Christ be praised."**

The other clergy present besides the Vicar were the Rev. C. D. B. Marsham, Rector of Harrietsham; Rev. H. Watson, Rector of Boughton Malherbe; and the Rev. W. Gardner-Waterman, Rector of Bicknor. The music during the service was well rendered, the special hymn, "Hark on high the joyful music," from the *Hymnal Companion*, being especially admired. During the service sixty changes were rung, and afterwards several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles by the local ringers, assisted by Messrs. Willis, Ward, Archer, and Spice from Charing. As already stated a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Saturday, which is duly reported in the peal columns.

The Vicar and people of Lenham are to be congratulated upon the successful accomplishment of the work, which was undertaken as a means of commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; but for special congratulation we would single out Mr. W. Hadlow, who for years has longed to hear a peal on the bells of his own parish church, and to be allowed to put the finishing touch on it himself (for what is a peal of Triples without a good tenor-man). At the tea wherewith he kindly regaled his fellow peal-ringers, the happy smile of contented satisfaction played unceasingly on his broad good-humoured countenance: and it was a matter of almost equal delight to him to hear his own handbells also "opened" by his friends from Maidstone, Messrs. T. Mannering, Bullock, Palmer, and W. Mannering, who struck off a pretty 504 of Stedman Triples upon them. We shall hope before long to afford our kind friend and host another occasion of similar enjoyment.

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## DISCORD IN THE BELFRY.

Under this heading the following paragraph appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* of December 14th:—

A novel dispute has occurred between the bellringers of St. Peter's church, Thetford, and the authorities of the church. The ringers had been informed that they must no longer carry liquid refreshment into the church belfry, and objection was taken to their not remaining to Divine Service on Sundays after summoning the worshippers. This policy of prohibition has incensed the ringers, who last Sunday declined to ring the usual peals, and merely kept a monotonous "chiming" by way of protest at the recent injunction. It is likely now that other steps will be taken to deal with this latest form of labour trouble.

And this is not all, for the influential daily organ has a leader on the matter, which is too long to give fully here, but which is couched in anything but complimentary terms to ringers and ringing. In respect to the circumstances which have led to the dispute, no one would deny that in this particular case belfry reform, if the report is correct, and one can scarcely doubt its authenticity, is obviously needed. Apparently the ringers of Thetford are affiliated to no county or diocesan association, otherwise this reform, which ringing societies cherish as their primary object, would have long ago been introduced. It may not be possible for ringers to attend every service to which they summon worshippers, and probably in this case a hard and fast rule on the point would not be laid down by the authorities of the church, but no one will doubt the impropriety of taking "liquid refreshment" into the belfry, and it is high time that this practice was abolished in every place where it now exists. The article in the *Daily Telegraph* concludes thus:—

It is likely, we are told, that "other steps will be taken to deal with this latest form of labour trouble." Such steps certainly cannot be taken too soon. We should, indeed, be disposed to counsel the incumbent and churchwardens of St. Peter's to get the control of the bells into their own hands by force, stratagem, or negotiation with as little delay as possible. A party of discontented bellringers locking themselves into the belfry would in a very terrible sense of the phrase be masters of the situation. By a sufficiently vigorous exercise of their noise-producing power they could force a deafened town to a speedy capitulation, and could make their own terms as to beer and public worship before evacuating the position. Meanwhile it is possible that the epidemic of revolt may spread to London, and in view of such a contingency we would suggest a general and immediate lock-out of Metropolitan bellringers, a step which would bring blessed relief next Sunday morning to the ears of many a distracted citizen.

Reading between the lines, the writer evidently tries to give one the impression that the practices which have been carried on at Thetford, and which probably have been in existence from time immemorial, are still *extant* in the churches of London, and thereby gives those, who do not know otherwise, the idea that a low moral tone characterises metropolitan ringers. Nothing could be more misleading. As to the "blessed relief" which the stopping of ringing would bring to the ears of "many a distracted citizen," all one can say to that is "what would Sunday and the Christmas season be like without the sound of the joyous bells?"

There is, as usual, plenty of twaddle in these remarks of the *Telegraph*. It is bound to be so when writers touch upon matters they know nothing of.

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## ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.

Saturday, December 17th, was the day fixed for the opening of a peal tablet recording a peal of Minor rung at the parish church. The Rector, the Rev. H. Savill Young, joined the ringers in the belfry, and expressed the pleasure it was to him to meet them there on that occasion. Although not a ringer himself, he should always be glad to do anything for the good of ringing. The inscription on the board, which is of very neat design, reads as follows:—

"Englefield, Berks.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, September 17th, 1898, in 2 hours and 40 minutes, at the church of St. Mark, a peal of Minor, 5040 changes, being 720 of College Single, and two 720s each of Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. The ringers were: William Vince, *Treble*; James Abery, 2; William T. Horne, 3; Charles Giles, 4; Henry Tucker, 5; Alfred E. Reeves, *Tenor*. Conducted by Charles Giles. Rev. H. Savill Young, *Rector*; J. H. Benyon and G. S. Roake, *Churchwardens*."

Mr. Roake is the donor of the peal-board, and the cost of writing the same has been defrayed by Mr. James Abery, who took part in the peal. During the evening a 720 of College Single was rung. W. Vince (Englefield), 1; J. Abery (Englefield), 2; W. Horne (Reading), 3; C. Giles (conductor, Reading), 4; J. Hatto (Beenham), 5; A. E. Reeves (Reading), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Vince, 1; J. Abery, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; C. Giles, 4; J. Hatto, 5; W. Horne (200th 720), 6. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were also rang.

## LATE NOTICE.

### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of representatives will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, January 14th, 1899, at 6 p.m., which I trust all who can will attend. Will representatives kindly obtain and forward before the 31st inst., the subscriptions still unpaid for the current year. Charles Dean, jun., *Hon. Sec.*
5, *Manor Parade, High Street, Sutton.*
*December 21st*, 1898.

## Obituary.

### JOHN ASTBURY.

On Tuesday, December 13th, the remains of the above well-known ringer was interred in the Walsall new cemetery. Deceased was forty-eight years of age, and was for a number of years the esteemed leader of the Walsall tower and handbell ringers. He had served in the 38th regiment, and had also been drummer in the 1st Warwickshire Regiment. He was until his death drummer to the Walsall Volunteer Band. On the day of the funeral the route taken by the sad procession was lined with people, and many thousands assembled in the cemetery to witness the last rites over the deceased. The volunteer band headed the procession and played the "Dead March" on the way. A company of the South Staffordshire Regiment formed the firing party, and fired three volleys over the grave, and afterwards a course of Grandsire Caters was rung. C. Astins, 1-2; F. Hallsworth, 3-4; W. Smith, 5-6; J. Lawton, 7-8; E. Lightwood, 9-10. In the evening 540 Grandsire Caters were rung on the deeply-muffled bells of St. Matthew's church. W. Hallsworth, 1; D. Chapman, 2 E. Washbrook, 3; S. Atkins (Willenhall), 4; F. Edwards, 5; W. Smith (Darlaston), 6; E. Lightwood, 7; J. Lawton, 8; J. Lawton, 8, J. A. Brown (Bilston, conductor), 9; J. C. Adams, 10.

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*** We again respectfully ask correspondents to exercise greater care in compiling their reports.

## MUSIC OF BELLS.

The sound of no instrument on earth is so sweet as the music of bells, and bells are sounded in the civilised world more than all other instruments put together. In music literature we have bell tunes to suit every occasion, Birth Bells, Majority Bells, Wedding Bells, Death Bells, Funeral Bells, Christmas Bells, Easter Bells, Whitsuntide Bells, New Year's Bells, Jubilee Bells, Thanksgiving Bells, Victory Bells, Peace Bells, Bells of Heaven, Bells of the Monastery, Convent bells, Church Bells, Matin Bells, Vesper Bells, Golden, Silver and Sweet Chiming Bells, and a hundred other bells ; also in the manifold affairs of everyday life we have Gate Bells, Gaol Bells, Door Bells, Workhouse Bells, House Bells, Curfew Bells, Clock Bells, Stage Bells, Bathing Bells, Merry Andrew Bells, Breakfast Bells, Dancing Dress Bells, Dinner Bells, Baby Rattle Bells, Supper Bells, Sheep Bells, Milkman's Bells, Goat Bells, Dustman's Bells, Dog Bells, Postman's Bells, Cat Bells, School Bells, Cow Bells, Market Bells, Horse Bells, Town Crier's Bells, Harness Bells, Auction Bells, War Bells, Town Hall Bells, Sleigh Bells, Telephone Bells, Weather Bells, Factory Bells, Fire Bells, Miners' Bells, Alarm Bells, Ship Bells, Getting up Bells, Railway Bells, and Going to Bed Bells. In fact, we may say we are born to the sound of bells, march through life to the sound of bells, the whole of civilised life is set to bell music in one shape or another, and the happiest day of thousands of lives is when the marriage joy bells ring out their merry peal, and the saddest day is when someone nearest and dearest to them are having muffled peals rung when being laid in God's Acre. Bells have been common in almost every country in the world; they were used by ancient Assyrians, Jews, Greeks, Romans, Hindoos, Burmese, Chinese, Japanese and many other nations, and are now common anywhere. They have been made in gold, silver, iron, glass and earthenware, but all the bells of the principal nations are made of bell metal. The largest bells in the world are the Great Bell of Moscow, weighing 193 tons, another in that city 128 tons, one in Burmah about 100 tons, the Great Bell of Pekin 53 tons, the bell at Nara, in Japan, 37 tons. Bells, like musical instruments, have gradually through the ages been brought to perfection; commencing with the baked pottery and bronze crude jingling Bells of the savage down to the enchantingly sweet-toned bells of the present age. The countries where bellringing mostly prevails are Holland, Belgium and the United Kingdom, and in these countries it has become a passion. England has been emphatically called the Ringing Island of the world, and every important village, town or city in the United Kingdom has its bells from one up to twelve. The music from them has delighted, soothed and blessed hundreds of the British race, and done much to entwine their affections around the spot of their birth. Poets have written lovingly of bells. Cowper says:—

> How soft the music of those village bells
> Falling at intervals upon the ears
> In cadence sweet.

Carrington says:—

Oh, merry are the village bells that sound with soothing chime,
From the dim old tower, grown grey beneath the shadowy touch of time;
They give a murmur of delight, to earth, and sky, and seas,
That mingles with the running streams, and floats upon the breeze.

Moore says:—

> Those evening bells, those evening bells
> How many a tale their music tells,
> Of youth, of home, and that sweet time,
> When last I heard their soothing chime.

*The following is part of the Poem by Schiller, called* "THE LAY OR CASTING OF THE BELL."

Fast, in its prison-walls of earth,
Awaits the mould of baked clay;
Up, comrades, up, and aid the birth
The bell that shall be born to-day!

From the fir faggot take,
Keep it, heap it hard and dry
That the gathered flame may break
Through the furnace, wroth and high,
When the copper within
Seethes and simmers—the tin,
Pour quick, that the fluid that feeds the bell
May flow in the right course glib and well.

From the dross and the scum
Pure, the fusion must come;
For perfect and pure we the metal must keep
That its voice may be perfect, and pure, and deep.

Now the casting may begin;
See the breach indented there
Ere we run the fusion in
Halt! and speed the pious prayer.
Now clasped the bell within the clay—
The mould the mingled metals fill—
Oh, may it, sparking into clay
Reward the labour and the skill.

While the mass cooling now,
Let the labour yield to leisure
As the bird upon the bough,
Loose the travail to the pleasure.

Now, its destined task fulfilled,
Asunder breaks the prison mould;
Let the goodly bell we build,
Eye and heart alike behold.

Rejoice and laud the prospering skies!
The kernel bursts its husk—behold
From the dull clay the metal rise,
Pure shining, as a bar of gold.

Slowly now the cords upheave her
From her earth-grave soars the bell
'Mid the airs of heaven we leave her,
In the music-realm to dwell.

"THE BELL."—*By Edgar Allan Poe.*

Hear the sledges with the bells—silver bells
What a world of merriment their melody foretells;
How they twinkle in the icy air at night,
While the stars that oversprinkle,
All the heavens seem to twinkle with a crystalline delight.
Keeping time with a sort of runic rhyme,
To the tintinnabulation that so musically well,
From the jingling and the tinkling of the bells.

Hear the mellow wedding bells—golden bells
What a world of happiness their harmony foretells
Through the balmy air of night,
How they ring out their delight
From the molten golden notes, and all in tune.
What liquid ditty floats
To the turtle-dove that listens on the moon while she gloats
Oh, from out the sounding cells,
What a gush of euphony voluminously wells
How it swells; How it dwells
On the future; how it tells of the rapture that impels
To the swinging and the ringing of the bells, bells, bells,
To the rhyming and the chiming of the bells. P.

## THE HAPPY DISCOVERY; OR THE CULPRITS FOUND OUT.

One Tuesday night, not long ago,
My mind to disencumber;
I took a solitary walk,
Upon the banks of Humber.

While musing there of by-gone days,
With thought's delight to cherish;
Of early friends, whose once lov'd forms,
From memory ne'er can perish.

At once I paus'd, dismissed my thoughts,
And put them to the wing;
As well I might, when suddenly
The bells began to ring.

The sound was sweet, the music full,
The notes distinct and clear;
A gentle breeze conveyed the tone,
And brought them to my ear.

I lingered on the water's brink,
And heard the careful rise;
That's good, thought I, it merits praise,
And censure it defies.

The bells they paused a little while,
And then they made a start;
With beat so true, as prov'd them rung
By men who knew the art.

The dulcet changes soon struck off,
In regular succession;
Like soldiers trained, or lodges taught,
To move in due procession.

The peal was "Grandsire Tripple" call'd,
So termed by all our ringers:
For they have names for every peal,
As tunes have names for singers.

It sounded well, and promis'd fair,
To reach its destined round;
'Twas like a vessel gliding soft,
And to its haven bound.

When lo! a misadventure came,
I cried "What's now the matter?"
For all at once the music ceased,
And all was jar and clatter.

The bells were jumbled in the peal,
And no one knew its place;
The dogs came falling on the fox,
And finished up the chase.

And now a silence intervened,
And all was still and quiet;
Dear me, thought I, how sweet the calm
That supersedes a riot.

But since I know those worthy men,
Who labour in the steeple;
I'll e'en go in and ask them,
Why thus annoy the people?

The resolution formed—I went,
A private key suspending;
And as I mounted up the steps,
Kept bending, bending, bending.

At length I reached the door I sought,
And lifted up the latch;
I found the youths assembled there
A neat and goodly batch.

"How's this my lads," I soon exclaimed,
"Why don't you know the peal?
Ben T—k—h taught you how to ring,
And that you know and feel."

The first that spoke I long had known,
His name was William P——;
His words were few, he merely said,
"I'm sure it is not me."

"Nor me," said Joseph H—— "I'm sure,
My bell ne'er left its place;
When I was clearly in the bunt,
How could it be the case?"

Said Stephen S——"I made my thirds,
And down again to lead;
In one I met the treble bell—
So I'm from censure freed."

The next to speak was Thomas N——,
And he expressed no doubt,
"That some near neighbour, not himself,
Had put the 'Grandsire' out."

"It was not me," said Edward A——,
"I met the bell in two;
So I was dodging four and five,
What ought else I to do?"

"Come, Come," said Charley P, "Be still,
We some of us are wrong:
The fault however I may say,
Does not to me belong."

James A—— was equally sure
That he was in the right;
He always counted up and down,
And kept the ropes in sight.

The last to speak was Joseph B——,
Upon the platform mounted;
The Tenor Bell of all the peal,
Most worthy being accounted.

To clear himself he neatly said
"Of order I'm a lover;
I never wander up and down,
But always wait to cover."

Well, this is passing thought,
A singular affair;
The men were all so confident,
It made me stand and stare.

At length a lucky thought occurred,
Which showed the matter clear;
And prov'd a fact which should be known,
By ringers far and near.

Now gentle reader! don't be stunn'd,
While I this fact unfold;
Although it be the strangest thing,
That poet ever told.

As sure as mourner ever wept,
Or singer sang a song;
Although the ringers all were right,
The bells themselves went wrong.

"There!" every voice at once exclaim'd,
When once they saw the matter;
"'Tis plain enough where lies the blame,
Of all this noise and clatter.

"Twas not with us who pull'd the ropes,
And pulled them so true;
The culprits are above our heads,
As sure as blue is blue.

"The rascals are on mischief bent,
They've join'd in firm alliance;
To play the master when they please,
And set us at defiance."

And now from henceforth be it known,
Whene'er a peal turns lame,
The *Ringers* never are in *fault*,
The *Bells are all* to *blame*.

REV. WM. KNIGHT, *Vicar of Hull.*

[The valued correspondent who sends the above wishes to know whether there is any special reason as to why these verses were written by the Vicar of Hull, who appears to have known something (by the style of the writing) of change-ringing.]

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1898.

THE great festival of the Church is again at hand; in fact before some of our readers peruse these lines it will have dawned. A festival, by the way, for which much preparation is always made, showing the influence it has upon all who "call themselves Christians." Do we ever think what the state of civilization would be if by some unrighteous legerdemain the festivals of the Christian Church were done away with? The madmen of the French Revolution abolished the Sabbath, but they made a sorry reckoning in so doing, and were obliged to retrace their steps.

Some decry the festive manner in which Christmas is spent; and perhaps such people as these prefer what they would call a philosophic treatment of the season. Let these be happy in their own conceits. Christmas is a season of mirth and joy; of happiness and pleasure; of contentment and gratification, not only from its bountiful provision, but also from the comforting belief in the glorious event which happened so many centuries ago. However it may be doubted, there is in the minds of most

people, even those who do not closely follow religious observances, a feeling that the festival is held to celebrate an occurrence which had for its object their eternal benefit. To the devout and pious Christian the festival is all-important, and a time for thankfulness for the initial event in the work of his redemption.

We should then cherish our Church festivals—especially that of Christmas. All of them are refreshing in every sense. Happily, it may be said that ringers are prominent among those who keep them. Their constant and regular service is the reason of this. And in keeping the present festival we wish all our kind friends, old and young, "A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

We announced last week the publication of a portrait ot a most distinguished ringer with this number. All provision was made, having this object in view, and every care taken to have the promise fulfilled. The portraits were already printed, and put in order by those concerned in such duty for inserting in the copies of the issue. One of those unfortunate mishaps, however, which are always unexpected, happened in this instance, and the whole of the portraits were destroyed. Under these circumstances there was nothing left but to postpone the publication of the portrait till next week. We hope the gentleman most concerned, and our kind readers, will excuse this unfortunate delay.

## The Metropolis.

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

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CLAPTON,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 15 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY R. NEWTON | *Treble.* | HENRY S. ELLIS | 5. |
| CHARLES T. P. BRICE | 2. | *WILLIAM H. PASMORE | 6. |
| HARRY R. PASMORE* (age 17) | 3. | JAMES WILLSHIRE | 7. |
| ARTHUR G. ELLIS | 4. | JOHN N. OXBORROW | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE BOW SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;** BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES SCHOLES | *Treble.* | THOMAS FAULKNER | 5. |
| ROWLAND FENN | 2. | HENRY SPRINGALL | 6. |
| YORK GREEN | 3. | EMANUEL HALL | 7. |
| EBENEZER ANDREWS | 4. | SAMUEL HAYES | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells on this occasion.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES PETTIT | *Treble.* | WILLIAM B. MANNING | 6. |
| MATTHEW A. WOOD | 2. | *CHARLES H. MARTIN | 7. |
| WILLIAM D. SMITH | 3. | GEORGE J. SMITH | 8. |
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM | 4. | JOHN R. SHARMAN | 9. |
| ALBERT COLES | 5. | ARTHUR T. KING | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 19¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK A. NUNN | *Treble.* | GEORGE R. PYE | 5. |
| ALFRED W. BRIGHTON | 2. | ALBERT C. HARDY | 6. |
| ERNEST PYE | 3. | EDGAR WIGHTMAN | 7. |
| CALEB FENN | 4. | WILLIAM PYE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. All the above are bachelors. This is considered to be the first peal in any Surprise method ever rung by a company of bachelors.

### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HARRY BARTON | *Treble.* | *ALBERT E. QUAIFE | 5. |
| ARTHUR HARDY | 2. | JOHN W. GOLDING | 6. |
| REUBEN CHARGE* | 3. | VICTOR W. WEST | 7. |
| FREDERICK G. PERRIN | 4. | CORNELIUS CHARGE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Rang as a birthday compliment to H. N. Davis, past Master of the above society *First peal in the method.

## The Provinces.

### HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, December 3, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY WEST† | *Treble.* | *ALFRED FLOWERS | 5. |
| THOMAS COLLINSON | 2. | GEORGE HITCHMAN | 6. |
| HENRY GROSVENOR* | 3. | *HENRY MIDDLETON | 7. |
| JOHN CARTER | 4. | *GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This variation is now rung for the first time, and is in twelve parts. *First peal in the method. †First peal; came from Cardiff.

### TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

### THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being a 720 of Violet Treble Bob, two 720s each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK CURTIS | *Treble* | ALBERT WEST | 4. |
| HERBERT KING | 2. | WILLIAM ELKINGTON | 5. |
| FRANCIS COBB | 3. | GEORGE ELKINGTON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE ELKINGTON.

This is the first peal by all the band and by a local company.

### CHELTENHAM.—CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

*On Thursday, December 15, 1898, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| F. WADE | *Treble.* | W. BRINKWORTH | 6. |
| G. H. PHILLOTT | 2. | W. TOWNSEND | 7. |
| F. MUSTY | 3. | W. PATES | 8. |
| A. HUMPHRIS | 4. | T. PENDRY | 9. |
| G. EDWARDS | 5. | *J. DEAN | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by W. T. PATES.

*First peal. This peal is now rung for the first time. F. Musty is the old veteran Mr. F. Musty mentioned in "THE BELL NEWS" a fortnight ago as having rung in the peal of Stedman Triples at St. Helen's, Worcester, conducted by R. Birt, of Painswick.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, December* 15, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST E. HUNTLEY | *Treble.* | CHARLES GEORGE | 5. |
| HERBERT MARTIN | 2. | FRANK A. SMITH | 6. |
| BERTRAM PREWETT | 3. | W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM | 7. |
| FREDERICK EDWARDS | 4. | WILLIAM I. OAKLEY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, December* 15, 1898, *in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE PARKIN | *Treble.* | JOHN PARKIN | 5. |
| LEONARD JACKSON | 2. | THOMAS ROBBINS | 6. |
| DAVID BREARLEY | 3. | GEORGE WM. DRONFIELD | 7. |
| THOMAS MCKEGG | 4. | JOHN DRONFIELD | *Tenor.* |

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

Rung to commemorate the seventy-first birthday of the Right Hon. the Earl of Wharncliffe, of Wortley Hall, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

*On Thursday, December* 15, 1898, *in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE | *Treble.* | HORACE HOWLETT | 5. |
| FREDK. J. HOWCHIN | 2. | GEORGE SMITH | 6. |
| ALBERT G. WARNES | 3. | WILLIAM BALES | 7. |
| GEORGE HOWCHIN | 4. | CHARLES E. BORRETT | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the late JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

*On Saturday, December* 17, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being 720 each of Chelsea, Chester, Lincoln, Durham, Bristol, Ely, and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK HANCOCK | *Treble.* | GEORGE BURNHAM | 4. |
| THOMAS BETTISON | 2. | WILLIAM HY. TURTON | 5. |
| JAMES EMSEN | 3. | CHARLES SEVERN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, December* 17, 1898, *in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES GEORGE | *Treble.* | JOHN T. PERRY | 5. |
| JOHN JENNINGS | 2. | GEORGE HITCHMAN | 6. |
| WILLIAM G. ELLIS* | 3. | JOHN CARTER | 7. |
| HENRY MIDDLETON | 4. | HENRY GROSVENOR | *Tenor.* |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is on an entirely new principle, containing only single and triple bobs throughout, with only two singles, observation-bell not effected by them, and is now rung for the first time; birthday peal of Mr. H. Middleton. *First peal in the method. The figures will be found elsewhere.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

*On Saturday, December* 17, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

COMPOSER UNKNOWN. Tenor 18 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| AMOS COOPER | *Treble.* | H. TINSLEY | 5. |
| C. TYLER | 2. | W. JOHNSON | 6. |
| E. J. TYLER | 3. | J. MALPASS | 7. |
| G. NEWBOLD | 4. | T. COOPER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. JOHNSON.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late John Astbury, of St. Matthew's, Walsall; also to John Pym, late of St. Paul's Society.

TONG, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December* 17, 1898, *in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 720 each of Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford.

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|---|---|---|---|
| J. CORDINGLEY | *Treble.* | *P. CORDINGLEY | 4. |
| T. LATIMER* | 2. | G. BOLLAND | 5. |
| H. ODDY | 3. | F. W. HARGREAVES | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by G. BOLLAND.

*First peal.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Saturday, December* 17, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

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|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES H. WATTS | *Treble.* | THOMAS J. ELTON | 6. |
| SAMUEL REEVES | 2. | THOMAS REYNOLDS | 7. |
| WILLIAM H. GODDEN | 3. | THOMAS RUSSAM | 8. |
| FREDERICK FLOWERS | 4. | REUBEN HALL | 9. |
| THOMAS HORTON | 5. | JAMES HALL | *Tenor.* |

Composed by W. KENT, and Conducted by S. REEVES.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains twenty-four courses with the 6th behind the 9th, and twenty-four courses before the 8th in the inverted rounds position, the last forty-eight courses reversed every six courses. Mr. Flowers was elected a member before starting.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, December* 17, 1898, *in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HARRY WHITTLE | *Treble.* | WILLIAM H. INGLESANT | 6. |
| ALBERT E. THOMPSON | 2. | WILLIAM HICKLING | 7. |
| THOMAS DRAPER | 3. | BENJAMIN SUGDEN | 8. |
| GEORGE DAWSON | 4. | JOHN FLOWER | 9. |
| JOHN THOMPSON | 5. | CHARLES R. LILLEY | *Tenor.* |

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

This peal is now rung for the first time. It was W. Hickling's 100th peal.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

*On Saturday, December* 17, 1898, *in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| G. OATES* | *Treble.* | W. LAMBERT | 5. |
| J. GOACHER | 2. | S. THOMAS | 6. |
| A. KNIGHTS | 3. | T. WHITWORTH | 7. |
| T. G. SAREL | 4. | W. BIGGIN | *Tenor.* |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. BIGGIN.

*First peal This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and is now rung for the first time.

## HEYWOOD, LANCS.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Tenor 22¾ cwt. 2 lbs.

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|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE WALMSLEY* | *Treble.* | *JOSEPH PARTINGTON | 5. |
| ALBERT CHADWICK* | 2. | JOHN HARRISON | 6. |
| HARRY WALMSLEY* | 3. | *ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM | 7. |
| JOHN MILLETT | 4. | *ALGERNON NEWMAN | *Tenor.* |

Composed by W. H. THOMPSON, and Conducted by JOHN MILLETT.

*First peal of Union. This peal is taken from the Central Council's Report 1894, page 27.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 20 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| W. HOLME | *Treble.* | J. BOOTH | 5. |
| S. WOOD | 2. | *H. PALMER | 6. |
| J. DONALD | 3. | W. WOLSTENCROFT | 7. |
| WM. JAKEMAN | 4. | W. BOOTH | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Wolstencroft his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

## BRISTOL.—THE ST. MICHAEL'S ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being four 720s of Plain Bob and three of Grandsire Minor.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| STEPHEN THOMAS | *Treble.* | ERICH HAUBERG | 4. |
| WILLIAM W. LEA | 2. | FRANK ISAACS | 5. |
| JOHN BURFORD | 3. | ALICK M. ISAACS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMAS.

First peal on the bells, first as conductor, and first peal by all except the treble man and first attempt. The bells were half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Miss Cullen, who met with a sad end.

## LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.** Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs. in E.

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| GEORGE A. KING | *Treble.* | KEITH HART | 5. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE* | 2. | *JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 6. |
| GEORGE F. ATTREE | 3. | JAMES N. FROSSELL | 7. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 4. | GEORGE WILLIAMS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of New Cumberland Surprise by the above society, also first in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method.

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

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

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| LEONARD BULLOCK | *Treble.* | WILLIAM SPICE | 5. |
| WALTER MANNERING | 2. | THOMAS MANNERING | 6. |
| REV. F. J. O. HELMORE | 3. | ALFRED PALMER | 7. |
| ALFRED W. TAWNEY | 4. | WILLIAM HADLOW | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ALFRED PALMER.

This is believed to be the first peal on these bells during the present century. An account of the re-opening will be found on another page.

## NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D sharp.

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| TOM HARRIS | *Treble.* | WILLIAM FAREY | 6. |
| ARTHUR MOORE | 2. | EDGAR H HAXLEY | 7. |
| HENRY L. KEY | 3. | WILLIAM ROBERTS | 8. |
| ALFRED ARNOLD | 4. | ARTHUR O. STEWART | 9. |
| HERBERT RAINBOW | 5. | FREDERICK WILFORD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT, of Kingston-on-Thames, and Conducted by ARTHUR O. STEWART.

First peal. This is the first peal on ten bells by the Association, and by all the above. It is also the first peal on the ten. It is 115 years since the last peal was rung on the old eight. The composition is now rung for the first time.

## HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

## PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lbs.

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| ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT | *Treble.* | ROBERT PICKERING | 5. |
| H. JOHN BALCOMBE | 2. | HERBERT KNIGHT | 6. |
| WM. GEORGE HALL | 3. | JOHN JAGGAR | 7. |
| R. CUTHBERT BALCOMBE | 4. | JOHN BRADNEY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

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

## HORLEY, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Sunday, December 18, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| GEORGE WICKENS | *Treble.* | ALFRED D. MILLS | 5. |
| GEORGE THOMPSON | 2. | FREDERICK WICKENS | 6. |
| GEORGE F. HOAD | 3. | JAMES WORSFOLD | 7. |
| FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. | 4. | *ALBERT ELLIS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

*First peal of Major as conductor. The band wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

## KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, December 19, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

VICARS'S SIX-PART.

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| FRANK WEBB* | *Treble.* | HARRY WALTERS | 5. |
| WILLIAM BENNETT | 2. | JAMES FRANKLIN | 6. |
| J. FISHER† | 3. | HARRY J. JUDGE | 7. |
| WILLIAM THORPE | 4. | WILLIAM FRANKLIN | *Tenor* |

Conducted by HARRY J. JUDGE.

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

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 19, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

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

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| ALEXANDER MCFARLANE | *Treble.* | CHARLES HALL | 5. |
| FRED. P. HOWCROFT | 2. | WILLIAM RUDD | 6. |
| JAMES CARTER | 3. | JOHN W. BLAKISTON | 7. |
| RICHARD FENWICK | 4. | THOMAS METCALFE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

This is the first peal rung by the Association in any method, also first 5000 of Superlative on the bells and by the ringers, and was rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. W. G. Dormer, M.A.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HENLEY BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, December 20, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

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| H. SIMMONDS | *Treble.* | J. HANDS | 5. |
| E. J. MENDAY | 2. | G. ESSEX | 6. |
| R. T. HIBBERT | 3. | H. SMITH | 7. |
| E. W. MENDAY | 4. | T. NEWMAN | *Tenor.* |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Menday, all wishing him many such birthday peals.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 20, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Couri, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| R. CARRIER | *Treble.* | JAMES A. SMITH | 4. |
| SAMUEL CONSTANT | 2. | CHARLES CHASTY | 5. |
| CAARLES WM. CLARKE | 3. | ALBERT ROBINSON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First 5040 and first attempt.

## Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, December 5th, at St. Luke's church, a date touch in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. S. Mann (conductor), 1; J. Aspinwall (composer), 2; B. Richardson, 3; R. Phipps, 4; G. Woodhall, 5; W. James, 5; G. Fisher, 7; T. Hammond, 8. Tenor 16¾ cwt. in F.

ILKLEY (Yorks.)—For evening service at the parish church on Sunday, December 11th, a date touch of 1898 Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Stubbs, 1; W. Crawshaw, 2; W. Cook, 3; C. Stephenham, 4; S. Kendle, 5; F. Pell, 6; W. Waland (conductor), 7; T. Demby, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Composed by H. W. Needham, of Hull.

## Miscellaneous.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, December 4th, at the parish church, 720 York Surprise Minor. J. Clarkson, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; J. Brown, 3; J. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; W. Newton, 6. This is the first 720 of Surprise Minor by the Association.

STOKESLEY.—On Saturday, December 10th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor. *W. Clarkson, 1; G. F. Alexander, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3; *H. H. Bowes, 4; R. Haswell, 5; W. Newton, 6. *First 720.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Thursday, December 1st, for practice at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; F. Harrington, 2; W. Latter (conductor), 3; G. Smithers, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; H. Marchant (first 500), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; E. Turner, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. T. Groombridge (conductor), 1; E. Mankelow, 2; H. Porter, 3; W. Latter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; G. Smithers, 6; F. Harringer, 7; G. Hember, 8. Also 112 Double Norwich. J. Muggridge, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; G. Smithers, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Latter, 5; H. Porter, 6; F. Harrington, 7; T. Groombridge, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On July 24th, at St. Giles' church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. W. Pike (conductor), 6; A. W. Higgs, 7; C. House, 8. On July 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; R. Mayo, 6; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 7; A. W. Higgs, 8. On August 7th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. Boddington, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 6; A. W. Higgs, 7; H. Smart, 8. On August 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. J. Mayo, 3; G. L. Boddington, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; A. W. Pike (conductor), 6; F. Sweetzer, 7; C. House, 8. On September 3rd, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Another 504 in the same method. G. L. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. J. Mayo, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; C. House, 8. On September 18th, 447 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Sweetzer. On September 25th, for the Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 7: H. Smart, 8. On October 2nd, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. L. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 1; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On October 9th, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. W. Higgs, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. J. Mayo, 3; G. L. Boddington, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; H. Smart, 8. On October 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. J. Mayo, 3; G. L. Boddington, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 7; C. House, 8. On October 30th, 447 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. J. Mayo, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 7; G. L. Boddington, 8. On Sunday, November 6th, 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; C. House, 8. And 560 Bob Major. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; W. P. Routh, Esq., 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; A. W. Higgs, 8. On Wednesday, November 9th, 860 Bob Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; F. Sweetzer, 8. Also 560 Bob Major. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; A. W. Higgs, 8.

THE ESESX ASSOCIATION.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, November 20th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Ward, 1; D. Dawson, 2; J. Savill, 3; W. Sharpington, 4; M. Rolfe (conductor), 5; W. Hawkes, 6. On Tuesday, November 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. M. Rolfe, 1; W. Hawkes, 2; E. Runter, 3; A. Bradley (conductor), 4; E. Wright, 5; H. Sharpington, 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. J. Savill, 1; M. Rolfe, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; E. Runter, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, December 11th, for Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original in 46 mins. A. L. Hume (first quarter-peal), 1; E. Fenn, 2; G. Faulkner, 3; R. Fenn (firot as conductor), 4; A. J. T. Carter, 5; A. C. Hardy, 6; C. Fenn, 7; A. D. Mason, 8.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 23rd, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans's one-part, in 35 mins. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Harper, 1; E. Newman, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; E. Reynolds, 5; J. T. Mathews, 6; W. J. Pickard 7; R. Harman, 8.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, December 13th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. *H. Hatton, 1; E. H. Beadsmore, 2; *G. Hatton, jun., 3; A. Hitchcock, 4; J. Curtis, 5; G. Hatton, 6; †J. H. Dunmore (conductor), 7; *H. Smith, 8. *Longest touch in the method. †Longest touch as conductor.

## THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT.—On Tuesday, December 13th, at St. Woolo's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Butler, 1; J. Butler, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. Atwell, 4; F. Green, 5; J. H. Jones, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; D. Thomas, 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. Pippin, who is one of the St. Woolo's band.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, November 19th, the ringers from this church made an attempt for a peal of Bob Major at Neston, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing 4528 changes, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. C. Owens, 1; H. S. Brocklebank, 2; J. Owens, 3; J. Grant, 4; G. R. Newton, 5; J. Evans, 6; W. Hughes, 7: J. Hughes, 8. This is the longest length of Major by any of the band.

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BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, December 1st, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 46 mins. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker (conductor), 2; T. Newman, 3; H. J. Tucker (composer), 4; H. Champness, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; P. Springham, 7; H. Sear, 8.

DOVER (Kent).—On Saturday, December 10th, at St. Mary's church on the back six, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 28 mins. A. E. Chambers (Royal Engineers), 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Potter, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; E. Newman, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, December 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; W. Foreman, 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; J. A. Dart, 4; F. W. Thornton, 5; T. Taylor, 6; W. Berry, 7; C. Bird (Poplar), 8. Longest length of Stedman by J. A. Dart, who came from Tottenham.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. King, 1; W. Dixon, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; W. Miller, 4; S. Wade (conductor), 5; A. Jacob, 6.

OAKHAM (Rutlandshire).—On Thursday, December 8th, on handbells at the residence of Mr. Needham, Dean's Lane, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. G. Towell, 1; G. Welch, 2; F. Towell, 3; J. Ellicott, 4; T. Briggs (conductor), 5; F. Needham, 6. Another 6-score by the same conducted by F. Towell. These are the first 6-scores rung by a local band in Oakham, to which credit is due.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 27th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Bob Minor. G. Conn, 1: H. Edwards, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; T. Battson, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. Another 720 of Bob Minor. G. Wickens, 1; H. Edwards, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; T. Battson (conductor), 5; T. Chandler (conductor), 6.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, December 11th, on handbells, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Keeble, 1; A. Keeble, 2; B. Keeble, 3-4; J. Keeble, 5-6. The above are all members of the United Patriots Benefit Society. Mr. B. Keeble is a member of both the executive and general committee of the society, in which there are 30,000 members.

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## Correspondence.

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

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

### THE EDGBASTON BELLS.

SIR,—I noticed in your last issue an account of two 720s rung at Edgbaston parish church near Birmingham, and the account finishes up with these words, viz., "These are proclaimed to be one of the best peals of six in the country." Now I should like to know who proclaims them to be so. I know that no sensible qualified change-ringer with any experience of bells would not venture such an absurd remark. Moreover the bells in question have always been regarded by those who are competent to judge, to be an inferior peal. It appears that these sort of boasting announcements are made by those outside the ringing Exercise entirely. The weight of the tenor is about 9 cwt.

LOOKER-ON.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

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JOHN CARTER.

## Notices.

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Christmas Quarterly Meeting will be held on Monday, December 26th, at Magor, Mon. There will be a service at St. Mary's church at 2.30. Meeting in the schoolroom at three o'clock. The bells will be available for ringing all day. Members who have not already done so, are kindly requested to pay their subscription for the current year at this forthcoming meeting. REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, } *Hon.*
H. G. WHITE, } *Secs.*

The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held on January 7th, 1899, at Rotherham parish church. Tower open 4 p.m.
R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Bramley (six bells) on Saturday, January 7th, 1899. Meeting house The Cardigan Arms. The Leeds St. Peter's Society of Handbell Ringers will attend and play selections at intervals during the evening. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday afternoon, January 7th, 1899. W. W. C. BAKER.
*Ridgmont Vicarage, Bletchley.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The 21st anniversary meeting will be held at Gloucester, on Thursday, January 12th, 1899, when it is hoped there will be a record attendance. Fuller particulars next week. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER. *Hon. Sec.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT PENN.—This peal is the composition of Mr. J. F. Penning, see *Grandsire* page 101, and is the first peal in the method on the bells. It is Mr. Bradney's first peal. Mr. W. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, who was on a visit to Wombourn, heard the greater part of the peal and congratulated the band on their performance. Mr. R. C. Balcombe came from Cardiff, Mr. Bradney from Shifnal, Salop, Mr. Cartwright from Wombourn, the rest belong to Wolverhampton. It was Mr. Jaggar's 150th peal, made up us follows: Grandsire Triples, 38; Grandsire Caters, 5; Stedman Triples, 29; Stedman Caters, 3; Stedman Cinques, 1; Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 15; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Duffield Royal, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major. 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 20; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; Superlative Surprise Major, 21; London Surprise Major, 3; total 150.

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## PERFORMANCES OF THE LATE H. C. WOODWARD, OF DERBY.

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| Grandsire Triples | .. | 18 | .. conducted | 10 |
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| Kent Treble Bob Royal | | 3 | .. | |
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| Duffield Royal | .. .. | 2 | .. | |
| Double Norwich Major | | 3 | .. | |
| Double Oxford Major | .. | 4 | .. | |
| Oxford Bob Triples | .. | 5 | .. ,, | 4 |
| Court Bob Triples | .. | 1 | .. ,, | 1 |
| Union Triples | .. .. | 2 | .. ,, | 2 |
| Stedman Triples | .. | 2 | .. | |
| Stedman Caters | .. .. | 2 | .. | |
| | | 75 | | 34 |

*Including one 10,000 at Duffield.
†Including one with 7-8 on handbells.

## THE LATE REV. J. B. LENNARD.

The following touches were rung after the memorial service which was held in Crawley church, in memory of our late Rector, the Rev. John Barrett Lennard, with the bells deeply muffled, on Saturday, December 17th, viz.: 504 Grandsire Triples. F. W. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; G. Attfield, 3; P. Tyler, 4; J. Rice (conductor), 5; R. Jordan, 6; G. Paice, 7; F. Merritt, 8. Also 504 in the same method with G. Ward (longest touch in any method), 1; J. Rice (conductor), 2; G. Attfield, 3; P. Tyler, 4; F. W. Rice, 5; G. Paice, 6; R. Jordan, 7; F. Merritt, 8. The ringers would undoubtedly have started for a peal on this occasion, but were debarred from this, owing to serious illness in close proximity to the church. To deal adequately with our late Rector's doings in Crawley for the last twenty-two years would fill several columns, but I should like to mention one or two things he has done during that time. He had not been there seven years before he restored and added to the grand old church of Crawley. Under his directing power between three and four thousand pounds were raised, with which the north aisle was built and the chancel considerably enlarged. Next the famous ring of eight bells was put in, Mr. Lennard giving one himself, and his brother, the baronet, another, a grand improvement in itself, considering there were only two when he came, one of which was badly cracked. Later the fine organ, which exists to-day, was provided in place of the harmonium which led the singing at that time. It was left for this year, the year of his death, to see the completion of one more scheme for the glorifying of the edifice he loved so well. This was the provision of a new carriage approach from the main street. For years it had grieved him to know that a complete view of the fine old church could not be obtained from the Crawley High Street, and that its existence might therefore be unknown to the thousands of travellers who used the road. His earnest appeal again went forth to the public, and the liberal response it met with enabled Mr. Lennard to acquire the property and the land which has now been converted into the new approach to the sacred building, the opening ceremony in connection with which took place as recently as July of the present year, costing in all some £1500. Mr. Lennard was at one time an enthusiastic bell-ringer. Visions arise to-day of the time not long past when he and his friend Mr. Tom Smith would gladly walk to Rusper, Charlwood, Slaugham, Burstow, and so forth, returning in the middle of the night amply rewarded if they had been able to take part in any change-ringing, but of late years he had not done much in the belfry owing to his time being taken up so much with other duties in the church and failing health. He was a life member of the Sussex County Association. May he rest in peace. R.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

On Friday evening, December 16th, a meeting of the St. Margaret's society took place at their meeting-room, the occasion being the opening of a new set of handbells which have just been purchased by Mr. Chas. Samson. The bells are a set of fifteen, size 19. in the key of F., supplied by Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., and upon which various touches were rung in the Plain and Treble Bob methods. The splendid tone of the bells were much admired, and reflects great credit upon the makers.

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*First Local.*—"You must be wrong, I'm sure the name is Stares and Meanbank."
*Second Local (getting warm).*—"Some people are cunning; I know 'tis Mares and Steambank."
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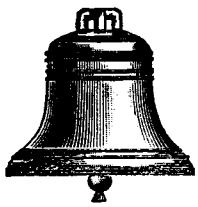

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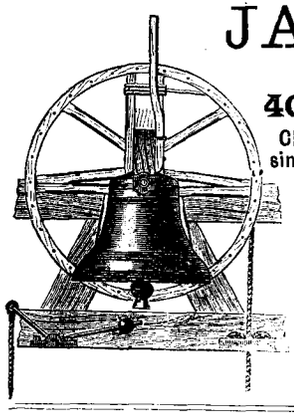

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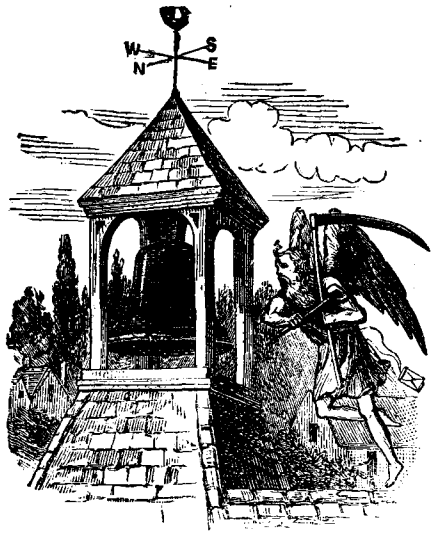


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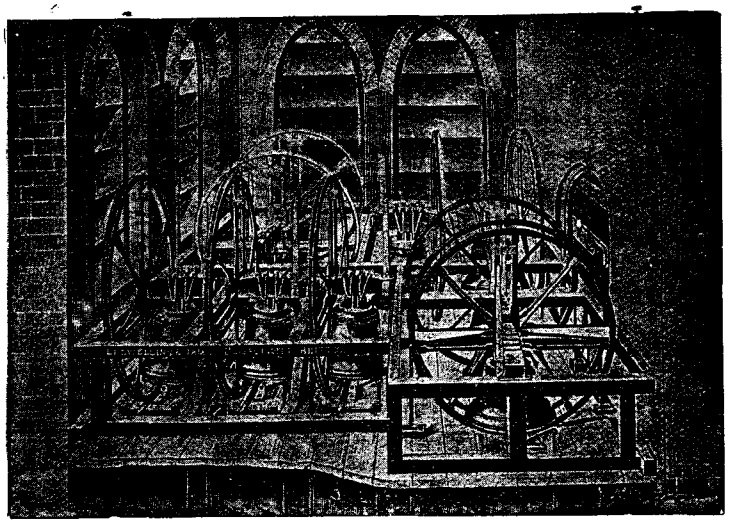

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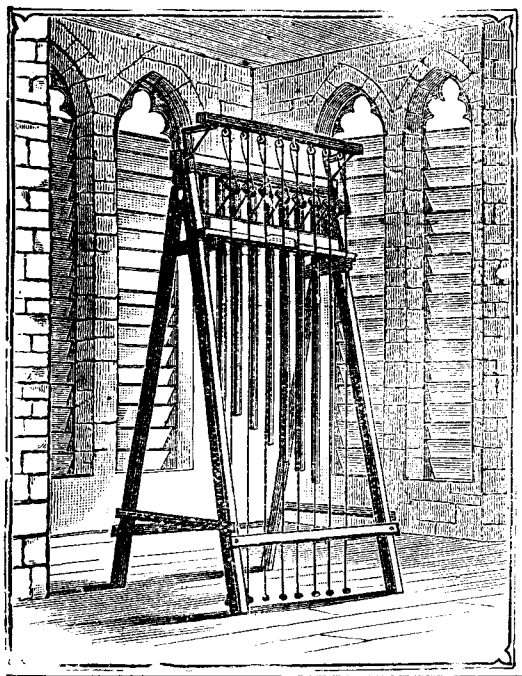

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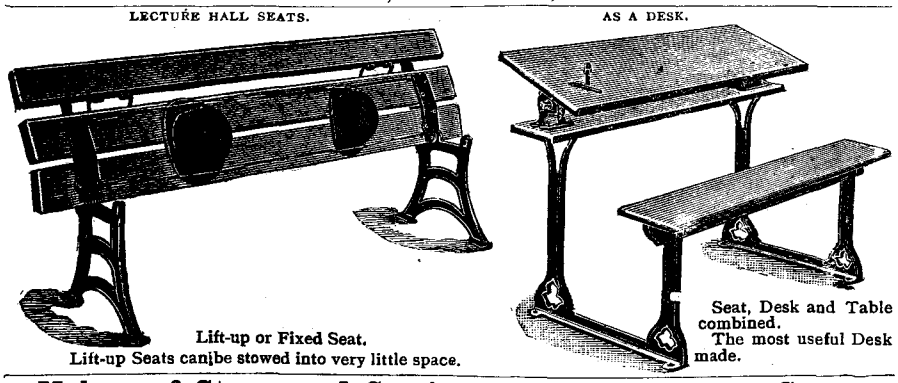

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## STRATTON, DORSETSHIRE.

### Re-Dedication of the Church Bells.

For some years past the five old bells in Stratton Church were known to be in a dangerous condition owing to the floors and beams of the tower being in a bad state, and as far back as in April, 1889, Mr. G. R. Crickmay (the then diocesan architect) advised that the bells should be re-hung in new framing, and that the ringing of the bells should be discontinued as he considered the practice dangerous. Nothing was done, however, until early in the present year, when Mr. Thomas Blackbourn, of Salisbury, was instructed to report upon and give an estimate for the re-hanging of the bells. He reported the bells to be all sound and in good condition, but to be deeply pitted where the clappers struck, and advised that they should be quarter-turned. The wooden framework was reported to be very old and much decayed, as the main-bearing beams were worn out and dangerous. The cost of re-hanging the bells all on one level, using iron framework, and doing away with the box on the tower, Mr. Blackbourn estimated at £163 10s. The bells and their inscriptions are: 1, Elias Wood, David Casher, C.W., 1753; 2, Samvel Fisher, C.W., T.P., 1695; 3, Anno Domini, 1658, I.P., C.W.; 4, G.P., Anno Do. 1619; 5, R.P., Anno Domi-ni, 1627. It will thus be seen that some of the bells are nearly 300 years old. An appeal was made by the Vicar, the Rev. C. L. Dundas, and the churchwardens, Messrs. A. Pope and T. Chick, to all who were interested in the preservation of the mediæval bells of the county to assist in preserving the Stratton bells intact. The appeal has been generously responded to, and the subscriptions received, together with the proceeds of a jumble sale at Stratton, the Jubilee festival, concerts at Charminster and Stratton, and the sale of a harmonium, make a total amount of about £141, so that between £20 and £30 is still needed to meet the entire expense. The work of quarter-turning, tuning, and rehanging the bells has been satisfactorily completed.

On a recent Thursday evening the interesting quintet were re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Dorset, the Ven. F. B. Sowter. The little church was crowded on the occasion. The service was taken by the Rev. J. Cane, and the Lessons were read by the Vicar, the Rev. C. L. Dundas. The special Psalm was cxlvii. During the singing of the hymn "O God, our help in ages past," the Archdeacon, accompanied by the Revs. C. L. Dundas and J. Cane, passed down the aisle to the belfry, where, at the conclusion of the hymn he offered the customary prayers over the bells. "O Lord of Hosts, and earth, and sky," was sung as the clergy returned to the chancel. Archdeacon Sowter then ascended the pulpit and selected his text from 1. Cor. xiv. 16. He observed that they should not merely hear the sound of the bells, but be able to distinguish the meaning of their voices, and, what was more, the meaning which should edify the church. Of the romantic history attached to bells, there was, of course, no doubt whatever. In the old days bells were used to summon the soldiers, summon citizens to their assemblies, and summon Christians to church. Their voices had been mingled in the strangest scenes in history. Some of them would remember hearing them ring alike over slaughter, and over ransomed cities. Some would remember when they were heard throughout Europe in the hour of victory and in the hour of irreparable loss. It was not to be wondered at that bells had appealed to the average Englishman, who did not profess to be a sentimental sort of person. He did not think elsewhere they heard anything which could charm them so much as a good English peal of bells. The German poet Schiller had described a number of variations in the voice of the bells, and in each stage he introduced some scene of pathos in the story of human life. In the first of his series there was the infant child carried at the call of the church bell, to be consecrated to God in baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, the picture of the husband and mother bending over the child to be dedicated to God. The Archdeacon pointed out the results which followed neglect, carelessness, and sin at home and disregard to the baptismal bell. The next thing the poet described was the happy youth sent out into the world, and the return to the old home of the lad who had grown up into the man. Then the marriage with a maiden who had been the companion of his childhood. Might God grant that the bells of that parish church might ring out prophecies of joy and gladness for those who would be united in holy marriage, and that the tone of their lives might be a perfect tone. The next thing the poet took in connection with the bells was one which was very familiar with them. The husband had gone forth from the peace of his home to gather wealth in the labour and strife of the outside world, and his efforts had been rewarded with success. His wife and children were all that he could wish. Then at the height of his prosperity the fire ascended upon the household and the voice of the alarm bell clanged out from the tower. The next voice of the bell brought with it much more of human sadness. It was the funeral knell tolling for the death of the wife and mother who had been everything to her home. Then once again as the harvest waggon rolled in heavily laden with the sheaves: as the street and market became still and industries silent the vesper bell rang out. That was the association of the church bells with all the changes of life. So their bells would continue to mingle their voices with all the events of their daily life. As they rang out over the parish, they thanked God that many a kind and generous hand had been seen during those last years. He did not think the view of the sacredness of church bells was sufficiently appreciated, but many changes had taken place in that respect. The office of ringer was an office of the Church, and the 800 ringers in their county would more and more learn to feel that to ring the bells was to hold a definite office in the church of God. In conclusion the Archdeacon quoted some lines from Tennyson's. Ring out, wild bells." "Now thank we all our God" was the closing hymn.

A collection was taken for the church bells fund and amounted to £2 16s. 11d.

After the service the bells pealed forth merrily, and the ringers from Bridport who had come to pull the ropes expressed themselves well pleased with the tone of the bells. We should be very pleased to hear that the Vicar and wardens of Stratton had joined the holy crusade commenced for increasing all the rings of five bells in the county to six.

## WINKFIELD, BUCKS.

On Saturday last, the Bray Church Ringers, by the kind invitatiou of the vicar (Rev. J. Daubeny), paid a visit to Winkfield Church for a pull on the bells. A start was made soon after 2 o'clock, but the heavy going rendered anything like quick travelling out of the question, and it was nearly 4 o'clock before the party reached Winkfield. Various touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were very creditably performed. At about five an adjournment was made to the Vicarage, where an excellent repast was thoroughly enjoyed, appetites being somewhat sharpened by the ride. Grace having been said by the Vicar, the Winkfield Ringers entertained the visitors with an excellent selection of tunes on their fine lot of handbells, the visitors expressing their appreciation by frequent applause. The ringers who took part were:—Messrs. G. Worsford (leader), J. Brant, E. Bailey, W. Bailer, A. Cooper, and F. Blunden. The curate (the Rev. Watts) jointed the company during tea. Mr. G. Bloomfield, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Vicar for his kindness, and expressed a hope that the visit would soon be returned by the Winkfield Ringers. The Vicar, in response, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, and hoped all had enjoyed themselves. A start was made on the return journey soon after nine o'clock, home being reached safely, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, December 17th, when about twenty representatives attended from Wraxall, Bristol, Abbot's Leigh, Banwell, Huntspill, Highbridge, Minehead, Old Cleeve, and Weston-super-Mare. A capital tea was provided at Glass's Restaurant. After which the usual business meeting was held.

The Master presided, and he was supported by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Long Ashton. After tea, an adjournment was made to the tower of the parish church, where during the evening touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles and Minor were rung. The Weston ringers have some knowledge of change-ringing, and it is hoped that ere long they will qualify for membership.

## GREETING!

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association wishes all members (also friends belonging to other Associations) a very happy and prosperous New Year. He thanks them for help and support in the past, and asks for a like encouragement during the coming year (the last of the Century).

"England expects that every man will do his duty."

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## THORNABY, YORKSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF BELLS BY THE BISHOP OF BEVERLEY.

The new ring of eight bells presented by Mr. and Mrs. T. Wrightson to the Thornaby Parish Church in commemoration of the 60th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria was formerly dedicated on Tuesday evening by the Lord Bishop of Beverley (Dr. Crosthwaite).

The bells and frame have cost £450, and have been supplied by Messrs. Llewellins and James, of Bristol. They are of particularly fine tone, and have been cast by the founders after the model of the old bells at Stockton. Each bell has the following inscription:—"To the glory of God, and in commemoration of the 60th year of reign of Victoria, this bell was presented by Thomas and Elizabeth Wrightson, Neasham Hall, Darlington, January, 1889." In addition the bells are also inscribed as follows:—No. 1, "Come, all ye faithful;" No. 2, "Glad Tidings of great joy;" No. 3, "Lest we forget;" No. 4, "Glory to God in the highest;" No. 5, "Holy, holy, holy;" No. 6, "Ring out the false, ring in the true;" No. 7, "Praise the Lord in the beauty of holiness;" No. 8 (tenor), "Day by day we magnify thee."

When the Parish Church congregation decided to add a tower to the church in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee it was then that Mr. and Mrs. Wrightson generously came forward and offered to present the bells to the town. They are now hung in the tower, which cost £1,300, £500 having still to be raised, but will probably not be rung before January to allow of the new structure properly setting. A formal opening will then probably take place.

At the dedication ceremony last night the Bishop was accompanied by the clergy, choir, and churchwardens to the tower, and was formally requested by the latter to "dedicate to the glory of God and the use of this church" the new peal of bells. Dr. Crosthwaite, receiving the ropes, said: By virtue of our sacred office we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses these bells, now dedicated to the glory of God, for the benefit of His holy church. Afterwards the Bishop committed the bells to the custody of the Vicar (Rev. Henry Mellowes, M.A.), and they were then chimed for a few minutes whilst the Bishop, clergy, and choir entered the church, where His Lordship afterwards delivered a short address.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.—A meeting of the above was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 17th. Ringing commenced about 4.30. At about six o'clock the members adjourned to the Church Room, where a substantial tea was provided by the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, who heartily welcomed all. After tea, to which about twenty-five sat down, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until nine o'clock. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Isleworth on Saturday, January 28th.


### Situations Vacant.

GROCERS' ASSISTANT.—I shall have a vacancy for above early in the new year. Applicants please state age, experience and salary required. Indoors.—GEO. DENT, Grocer and Draper, Harlow, Essex.

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## In Memoriam.

### JOHN ASTBURY, OF WALSALL.

By the death of this man (at the early age of forty-eight years), the company of St. Matthew's church, Walsall, have lost the services of an able ringer and conductor, whose abilities were widely known in the Midland Counties. He was a born ringer, his late father being for many years a distinguished ringer in the band of St. Matthew's church. Some years ago upon the death of Mr. William Hallsworth, who had been conductor of St. Matthew's band for many years, Mr. John Astbury was chosen to fill his place as conductor, and he has ably filled that position, and kept up the name of the Walsall band as a first-class ringing society. So recently as Wednesday, November 30th, he was at his post in the tower, and called several touches, and then arranged his band for a peal of Grandsire Caters to be rung on the following Saturday. When leaving the tower he said he did not feel well, and thought he had a cold upon him. The following day he went to his work as a caster, and when lifting a pot of molten lead from the furnace, he stated that he had injured himself internally, and immediately went to his home in Hall Lane, where he died on Wednesday, December 7th. In his last moments his thoughts were engaged upon his favourite art of change-ringing, counting and calling "bobs and singles." Not only in St. Matthew's tower will his loss be felt, but also by the Walsall handbell ringers, of which company he was conductor, and his place will be difficult to fill.

He was also a member of the Walsall volunteer band as drummer. In addition he was a member of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, which Order was represented at the funeral. As soon as the ringers of St. Matthew's Church heard of his death they, together with the handbell ringers, at once decided to relieve his widow of all responsibility connected with the expense of the funeral, and their action was heartily approved of by other bands of ringers in the district, who also together with other friends contributed towards the fund, and for which co-operation the Walsall band desire to tender their sincere thanks. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Ryecroft Cemetery, with full military honours, the volunteer band rendering Chopin's "Funeral March" on the route and as the procession entered the Cemetery. The burial service was impressively read by the Rev. W. S. Swayne, Vicar of St. Matthew's Church; three volleys were fired over the grave, and then the following five of his brother ringers rang a touch of Grandsire Caters, viz.: Charles Astins, 1-2; Frank Hallsworth, 3-4; William Smith (Darlaston), 5-6; Ephraim Lightwood, 9-10. The funeral was witnessed by a large and orderly crowd of people.

In the evening muffled touches of Grandsire Caters were rung on the tower bells of St. Matthew's Church, and thus one of Walsall's renowned Church bellringers was laid to rest until the resurrection morn, and of whom it may be not out of place to quote the old ringers' epitaph:—

Here lies an old ringer beneath the cold clay,
Who has rung many peals both serious and gay,
Through Grandsire and Stedman with ease he could range,
Until death called the Bob which brought round the last change.

May he rest in peace.

### RINGERS' EXCURSION TO REDHILL, SURREY.

On Saturday, December 10th, the Tonbridge society visited the above place for an evening's ringing practice at St. John's church. Journeying by an afternoon train, and accompanied by Mr. Mankelow, of Tunbridge Wells, they were met by Mr. Dewey, the amiable steeplekeeper, who piloted them to an inn close to the church, where Mr. Wadmore, who resides at Sutton, joined the party, as also did Mr. Argent, of Reigate. A very nice tea was here partaken of, which had been kindly arranged by Mr. Dewey. Then to the tower, where the bells were soon swinging to the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, this being the first time they had answered to Stedman and Treble Bob. Messrs. Argent and Reeves joined the visitors in several touches, and a very pleasant and instructive evening was spent. Many thanks are due to Mr. Dewey for all his excellent arrangements; to the Vicar for his permission to ring; and to the gentlemen who welcomed the visitors and rang with them. Light refreshments at the inn, accompanied by the fraternal intercourse peculiar among lovers of the art of change-ringing, brought the time of departure only too soon, and eventually home was reached just after the stroke of eleven. Excellent railway accommodation was afforded at reduced rates, and it is hoped this is the first of many such outings, which are easily and amply paid for by a small weekly contribution.

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The *Yorkshire Evening Post* is responsible for the following paragraph. We should like to know what were the provisions of the late Earl's will:—

"The best way to be remembered after death is to do something strikingly atrocious. I am not going to waste the little space I have left in recalling instances. The intelligent reader can recall them for himself, and as for the unintelligent reader—well, at Christmas time there is no unintelligent reader. Here, however, is an instance which is quite up-to-date, and which, with ironical incongruity, is published on the very eve of Christmas Day. The otherwise amiable and blameless Lord Winchilsea has left some money to encourage bellringing. Thus will his memory ring down the ages, and deafened generation will ask the generation which had been deafened before, "Who did this thing?" The monotonous reply, from age to age, will be Lord Winchilsea, and when Nero and Caligula are forgotten the memory of Lord Winchilsea will still be clanging and reverberating upon the tortured tympanum."

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The following paragraph has been going the round of the papers:—

"At the present time there is living in Grimsby an old man named Matthew Larking, who is believed to be the oldest bellringer in England. He, until recently, resided at Tetney, near Horncastle. He is 97 years of age, and started bellringing at the age of 15, and for 82 years has been a ringer at the parish belfry. He proposes being amongst the ringers on Christmas day."

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*The Morning Leader* of Thursday last, had a ridiculous article entitled "The Tin-tinnabulation of the Bells." We should not recommend our friends to make any effort to get this number of the paper; it is full of error, and impudent also.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The first annual dinner to celebrate the presentation of two new bells to St. Andrew's church, was held at The Five Ways inn, on Tuesday, December 20th. Among those present were the Vicar (Rev. J. S. Marriott), and the Revs. J. B. Brinkworth and D. M. Evans (curates), the churchwardens, Councillor D. Robinson, Messrs. E. Russell, H. Talbot, and J. Townsend (sidesmen), and about twenty ringing members from the surrounding district, including Messrs. W. R. Small, Parsons, Mason, A. Spittle, Goodman, Hughes, and Micklewright.

The good things provided having been duly appreciated, the Rev. J. B. Brinkworth (in the absence of the Vicar, who arrived later in the evening) was called to the chair, submitted the toast of "The Queen," which was heartily drunk. Mr. A. E. Parsons, in proposing "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," remarked that the Church clergy of Netherton were at one with their nonconformist brethren in the great work of Christianity. The other toasts were—"The Donor of the Bells," "the St. Andrew's Society," and one or two others of a complimentary nature, all of which were heartily pledged.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to recitations and songs, and courses on the handbells. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasantly-spent evening to a close.

## RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Friday evening, the 16th instant, the young and rising band of ringers at the church of St. Paul, Wednesbury, assembled with a number of invited guests at the church schools, Wood Green, to partake of a supper which had been kindly provided for them by the following gentlemen, viz.: Lieut.-Col. Smith, Councillor Pritchards, Amos Tonks, Esq., Job Edwards, Esq., and Frank Dickens, Esq., as an encouragement to the band for ringing their first peal on the 3rd instant. The respected Vicar of St. Paul's (Rev. G. Tuthill) presided, supported by his curate; and among the guests were county Alderman E. Elwell, J.P., Mr. Churchwarden Aston, E. Wilson, Esq. (deputy townclerk), Messrs. Tyler, Jukes, Cooper, Johnson, Tinsley, Gough, ex-Inspector Hamilton, etc.

A vote of thanks, proposed by the Vicar, and seconded by Alderman Elwell, was passed to the donors of the supper, which was suitably responded to. Mr. Hamilton responded for the visitors, and after thanking heartily the band for their kind invitation said that considering the short time the band had taken to scientific change-ringing they had made very rapid progress in scoring their first peal of Grandsire Triples. He was not surprised at this when he knew it was their good fortune to have such an able instructor as Mr. William Johnson. They also were fortunate in having the encouragement of the clergy and gentry of their parish, which was not so in some parishes, therefore he urged them to rally round their instructor, for in him they had a master of the standard methods. He took that opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the many kindnesses he had received at his hands.

The Vicar suitably responded.

The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being rendered by the company, and tunes on the handbells by Messrs. Johnson and Tinsley, the party breaking up at 10.30 p.m.

*** We again respectfully ask correspondents to exercise greater care in compiling their reports.

## Obituary.

### GEORGE HOBBS.

The Redenhall company regret to have to announce the death of their oldest member—George Hobbs—who died on Monday, the 12th instant, in his 77th year. Deceased had been a change-ringer for sixty years, and was much respected by all who knew him. He had taken part in forty-five peals, his first being a 6016 of Oxford at Alburgh in 1849, and his last also of Oxford at the same tower in 1892. On the following Friday the company rang with the bells half-muffled 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 336 of Double Norwich, and 704 of Superlative.

## TRAGIC DEATH OF A RINGER.

We are sorry to recount the death of one of our most promising ringers under peculiarly distressing circumstances. James Nicholls, an inhabitant of Coggeshall, Essex, and only son of the respected parish clerk and sexton of that place, learnt the rudiments of change-ringing with the writer of this memoir, in his native town, after the hanging of the bells in 1874. Soon after that he removed to Wandsworth gasworks, and where he remained until his death. He became a member of the College Youths, and formed one of the company that rung every Sunday at Fulham parish church. He still retained his membership in the Essex Association, and generally was present at the annual meeting. The pressure of work seems lately to have affected his mind and urged upon him unfortunately to take his life. The circumstances accompanying this last act were very sad, and must have brought much sorrow to his wife and family and bereaved father. We tender our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of trial, rendered the keener by coming just on the eve of Christmas.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 6th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing 4900 changes in 3 hrs. A. Strutt, 1; G. Strutt, 2; E. Stacey, 3; W. Tiller, 4; G. Naish, 5; J. Baldwin, 6; J. Howes (conductor), 7; J. Chandler, 8. Tenor 33 cwt.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On a recent Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Faulkner, 1; A. Jolly, 2; W. Dowsett, 3; W. Dudley, 4; G. Smith, 5; H. Smith, 6; J. Smith, 7; W. Bingham, 8. Longest length on the bells.

SEDBERGH (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Senogles, 1; R. Ibbotson, 2; W. Pennington, 3; R. Atkinson, 4; F. S. J. Pile, 5; G. F. Woodhouse, (conductor), 6. This is the first in the method on the bells, and the first on tower bells by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

TAMWORTH (Staffordsire).—On Wednesday, November 30th, at St. Editha's church, an attempt was made for Carter's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 2562 changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins., owing to the tenor clapper breaking. J. Windridge, 1; W. Lago, 2; J. W. Timms, 3; W. Chapman, 4; A. Everitt, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; J. Pratt, 7; C. Pratt, 8.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—The following touches have been rung during the month of November at the parish church, either at the practices or for Divine Service: Grandsire Minor, 360; Triples, 504; Stedman Triples, 256; Bob Major, 224, 672, 320. The ringers taking part were Messrs. G. Card, T. Card, J. Chimers, C. Corke, A. Lawrence, W. Nightingale, G. Rabbitt, W. Steed, G. H. Stonestreet, B. Wadmore, W. J. Wolfe and J. Smith.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, December 6th, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Goodchild, 1: S. Pitt, 2; S. Dace, 3: N. Kibble, 4; S Atkins (conductor), 5; H. Harper (first touch), 6; J. A. Brown, 7; W. Eyre, 8. On Tuesday, December 13th, 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Harper, 1; S. Pitt, 2; N. Kibble, 3; S. Atkins, 4; S. Dace, 5; J. A. Brown (conductor), 6; J. Appleby, 7; W. Eyre, 8.

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## Notices.

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**The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7th, 1899, at Rotherham parish church. Tower open 4 p.m.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Bramley (six bells) on Saturday, January 7th, 1899. Meeting house The Cardigan Arms. The Leeds St. Peter's Society of Handbell Ringers will attend and play selections at intervals during the evening. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.** — The quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday afternoon, January 7th, 1899. W. W. C. BAKER.
*Ridgmont Vicarage, Bletchley.*

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—The 21st anniversary meeting will be held at Gloucester, on Thursday, January 12th, 1899, when it is hoped there will be a record attendance. Fuller particulars next week. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Saturday next, January 7th, 1899.

REV. G. T. BIRCH, W. TWIGG, } *Hon. Secs.*

**The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.**—The first meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Thornaby-on-Tees, on Saturday, January 7th, 1899. Service at 12 o'clock, Luncheon at 1, particulars by circular. Important business meeting after luncheon. Ringers intending to be present at luncheon kindly inform the Secretary not later Wednesday, January 4th.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
*Stokesley.*

**Lancashire Association.** — **Manchester Branch.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, January 14th, 1899. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. All ringers invited.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

**Lancashire Association.** — **Blackburn Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, January 14th. Meeting in the belfry at 7.30 prompt. The meeting will be presided over by the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherley, Vicar. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock, but as there is service in the church at 7 o'clock no ringing is allowed between 7 o'clock and the close of the meeting.

R. PARKINSON, *Branch Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.**—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. John's Church, Hackney, on Saturday, January 21st. The bells will be raised at 4 o'clock. The Hon. and Rev. A. G. Lawley, Rector of Hackney, has kindly intimated that he will preside at the meeting. It is hoped that all members and friends who have the welfare of the Association at heart, will endeavour to attend. *Datur honos arti!*

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

**The Surrey Association.**—A meeting of representatives will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, January 14th, 1899, at 6 p.m., which I trust all who can will attend. Will representatives kindly obtain and forward before the 31st inst., the subscriptions still unpaid for the current year.

CHARLES DEAN Jun., *Hon. Sec.*,
5, *Manor Parade, High Street, Sutton.*

## NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT OLDBURY.—This is the 100th peal by Messrs. Smith and Grove, and is also the quickest peal rung by the Worcestershire Association. It is also the third quickest peal of Triples ever rung, exceeding the peals by the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Sussex County Association by half a minute only.

R. E. GROVE'S 100 PEALS. — London Surprise Major 2, conducted 2; Cambridge Surprise Major 9, conducted 9; Superlative Surprise Major 16, conducted 13; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 17, conducted 15; Double Oxford Bob Major 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Bob Major 2, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 34, conducted 29; Canterbury Pleasure Triples 1; Bob Triples 2, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 10, conducted 3; seven methods on 6 bells 4: total rung 100; conducted 73.

MR. W. H. SMITH'S 100 PEALS.—London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 10; Superlative Surprise Major, 14; Double Norwich, 16; Double Oxford Bob, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Grandsire, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Stedman Triples, 30; Grandsire Triples, 5; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Royal, 1; seven different methods on six bells, 7; On handbells—Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; total—100; conducted 7. Rung on twenty-four peals of bells.

THE PEAL AT LOUGHBOROUGH. — The following is a list of Mr. C. R. Lilley's 50 peals: Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Bob Royal, 3, conducted 2; Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Bob Major 4, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 2; Union Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 6, conducted 4; in seven methods on six bells, 16; in two and four methods on six bells, 4, conducted 2; in twelve methods on five bells, 3; in three methods on five bells, 1. Total—50. Conducted 9. Rang in thirty different towers.

## Compositions.

### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.—5040.

By GEO. R. WINTER, *Retford, Notts.*

| 2 3 4 5 6 | W | M | H |
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| 6 4 2 3 5 | – | – | – |
| 2 6 4 3 5 | | | – |
| 4 2 6 3 5 | | | – |
| 3 4 6 2 5 | – | | |
| 6 2 3 4 5 | – | | – |
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| 3 5 2 6 4 | – | | – |
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| 4 5 2 3 6 | – | | |
| 3 2 4 5 6 | – | | s |

Repeated.

### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By C. CHARGE, *London.*

5040.

| 2 3 4 5 6 | W | M | H |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6 4 2 3 5 | – | – | – |
| 2 6 4 3 5 | | | – |
| 4 3 2 6 5 | – | | – |
| 5 2 3 6 4 | | – | – |
| 3 5 2 6 4 | | | – |
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| 4 2 3 5 6 | – | | – |
| 3 4 2 5 6 | | | – |
| 3 2 4 5 6 | | | s |

Repeat the last eleven courses with bob at middle omitted. If the whole is repeated, the peal will be 6120. This peal has the 6th twenty-two courses at home.

### WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Monday, December 26th, 720 College Single in 24 mins. R. M. Craft, 1; Jas. Markwell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; H. Markwell, 4; A. Markwell, 5; J. Markwell, 6. Also a 720 Duke of York in 24 mins. J. Markwell, 1; Jas. Markwell, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Sharp, 5; A. Markwell (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 Duke of York on the bells during 1898, the same being rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Markwell, who was conductor of the band for upwards of seven years, and who at the beginning of the year took up his abode at Terrington, Norfolk, his absence being keenly felt by his brother-ringers at Wilburton.

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# The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1898.

WE have very little more space allowed us in this column than is sufficient to wish all our readers and friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year! The numerous records of peals, many of them coming to hand very late indeed, has effected quite a change in all our arrangements, and compelled us to postpone one or two important matters until next week. Forty-three peals in one issue is nearly as great a number as ever were published To prevent in the future the great strain upon the small staff of this paper we must ask our friends to lose no time in sending reports of peals rung. The late reception of so many this week has caused us unnecessary trouble and disappointment, which we must endeavour to guard against in the future.

Such a number of performances appears to be an excellent salute to the dying year. Forty-three peals in one issue! How many, we wonder, of unsuccessful attempts? The number for the corresponding week a year ago was twenty-seven. We care not if the number is doubled, so that we receive the reports in good time.

## The Metropolis.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM J. COAKHAM | *Treble.* | THOMAS MAYNARD | 6. |
| CHARLES HOPKINS | 2. | WILLIAM H. FREEMAN | 7. |
| GEORGE GRIMWADE | 3. | WILLIAM R. PINSENT | 8. |
| ROBERT J. MAYNARD | 4. | FREDERICK A. NUNN | 9. |
| WILLIAM B. MANNING | 5. | THOMAS WATSON | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by FREDK. A. NUNN.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WALTER G. DARLINGTON | *Treble.* | *HARRY LAWSON | 5. |
| SIDNEY WADE | 2. | ALFRED W. DARLINGTON | 6. |
| PERCY J. DARLINGTON | 3. | LEWIS J. DARLINGTON | 7. |
| JOHN E. MILLER | 4. | SYDNEY T. DARLINGTON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. T. Darlington, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 15 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM BEDWELL | *Treble.* | THOMAS G. DEAL | 5. |
| JOHN ROSE | 2. | GEORGE H. DAYNES | 6. |
| WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE | 3. | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES | 7. |
| EDWARD DUNN | 4. | JAMES GEORGE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

## The Provinces.

### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, December 17, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

A VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN O. BENNETT | *Treble.* | WILLIAM H. SMITH | 5. |
| NOAH DAVIS | 2. | JOHN CRANE | 6. |
| RICHARD E. GROVE | 3. | THOMAS WAKEMAN | 7. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER | 4. | ERNEST C. HUNT | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

### REDDISH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, December 18, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| H. SMITHSON* | *Treble.* | *T. SMITHSON | 5. |
| T. MARSHALL | 2. | A. BARNES | 6. |
| S. FERNLEY | 3. | J. S. WILDE | 7. |
| J. FEARNHEAD | 4. | J. BAILEY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by J. S. WILDE.

*First peal.

### PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

*On Tuesday, December 20, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES WILLIAMS* | *Treble.* | ALFRED FLOWERS | 5. |
| THOMAS COLLINSON† | 2. | HENRY MIDDLETON | 6. |
| JOHN BARBER | 3. | WILLIAM SHORT | 7. |
| THOMAS J. ELTON | 4. | CHARLES H. WATTS | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Treble Bob Major.

### DISS, NORFOLK.

### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 20, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK WATLING† | *Treble.* | WILLIAM CHENERY | 5. |
| WILLIAM IRELAND | 2. | ARTHUR HAMMOND | 6. |
| CLEMENT MOORE* | 3. | JOHN SMITH | 7. |
| JOHN TAIT* | 4. | ELLIS HAYWARD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, of Lincoln, and Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal.

### ECCLES, LANCS.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, December 22, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM DENNER* | *Treble.* | *SAMUEL OAKES | 5. |
| JOHN DENNER* | 2. | *JOSEPH BROOKES | 6. |
| JAMES BARRATT | 3. | ALFRED POTTER | 7. |
| JOHN POTTER | 4. | RICHARD RIDYARD | *Tenor.* |

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method.

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

(THE WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

*On Thursday, December 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| J. T. EASON* | *Treble.* | J. W. MOORHOUSE | 5. |
| ALBERT SCOTT | 2. | THOMAS MARS | 6. |
| FRED MOORHOUSE* | 3. | *GEORGE BUCKLEY | 7. |
| GEO. HINSLEY* | 4. | JNO. E. HARTLEY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

*First peal. Rung on the light eight.

### WESTERHAM, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Thursday, December 22, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

J. J. PARKER'S VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23¼ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HENRY J. SELBY | *Treble.* | GEORGE STEER | 5. |
| WILLIAM G. GRANGER* | 2. | WILLIAM LATTER | 6. |
| DAVID WRIGHT | 3. | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE | 7. |
| HERBERT J. FORD* | 4. | ROBERT STONE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal of Stedman. This was Mr. Granger's first attempt for a peal of Stedman, and was rung to celebrate his coming of age, after which the band wished him many happy returns.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, December 22, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| PERCY TAFFS | *Treble.* | *ERNEST MEXTER | 5. |
| WILLIAM BATE† | 2. | WILLIAM EASTER | 6. |
| WALTER HOBBS | 3. | WILLIAM HUNT | 7. |
| WILLIAM HOLLIER* | 4. | WILLIAM HAIGH | *Tenor.* |

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. HAIGH.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

*On Friday, December 23, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

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| THOMAS START | *Treble.* | ALBERT E. THOMPSON | 6. |
| ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS | 2. | HARRY WHITTLE | 7. |
| RICHARD LANE | 3. | JOHN H. GRUNDY | 8. |
| JOHN THOMPSON | 4. | JAMES HUTCHBY | 9. |
| WILLIAM H. INGLESANT | 5. | CHARLES A. LILLEY | *Tenor.* |

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Start, Matthews, Lane, Grundy, and Hutchby; and first peal in the method upon the bells. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal, particulars of which will be found on another page.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, December 23, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| ARTHUR NEALE | *Treble.* | WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE | 5. |
| GEORGE CONYARD | 2. | FREDERICK FRENCH | 6. |
| EDWARD AUDSLEY* | 3. | CHARLES WILKINS | 7. |
| FRANCIS GROVES* | 4. | †JOHN H. CHEESMAN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 3rd. †First peal of Stedman as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM LATTER | *Treble.* | HERBERT FORD | 5. |
| EDWARD DUNK | 2. | JAMES HEASMAN | 6. |
| STEPHEN PERKINS | 3. | EDWARD MANKELOW | 7. |
| GEORGE SMITHERS | 4. | JACK PRESTON | *Tenor.* |

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by JACK PRESTON.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

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| WILLIAM GORDON | *Treble.* | HY. T. MOSTON | 5. |
| SAMUEL FERNLEY | 2. | FREDK. T. SPENCE | 6. |
| THOMAS SALE | 3. | ALLAN S. GORDON | 7. |
| JOSEPH BARLOW | 4. | GEORGE D. WARBURTON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by FREDERICK THOMAS SPENCE.

The above peal was kindly arranged by W. Gordon for Messrs. Moston and Spence, who hail from Grappenhall, who take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells, from whom special permission had been obtained.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE A. KING | *Treble.* | JAMES N. FROSSELL | 5. |
| KEITH HART | 2. | GEORGE F. ATTREE | 6. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE | 3. | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH | 7. |
| ARTHUR A. FULLER | 4. | GEORGE SMART | *Tenor.* |

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

DEANE, BOLTON. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

*On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

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| JOSEPH PENNINGTON | *Treble.* | JOSEPH POTTER | 5. |
| ROBERT DUCKWORTH | 2. | WILLIAM DUCKWORTH | 6. |
| JOHN MOSCROP | 3. | THOMAS PEERS | 7. |
| EDMUND HEWITT | 4. | TITUS BARLOW | *Tenor.* |

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN EVANS | *Treble.* | F. G. BIGGS | 5. |
| F. K. BIGGS | 2. | S. T. GOODCHILD | 6. |
| R. H. BIGGS | 3. | F. BOREHAM | 7. |
| H. STRATFORD | 4. | JOS. EVANS | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by F. BOREHAM.

This was F. Boreham's first peal as conductor, and was begun on the 24th and finished on his birthday, his brother-ringers wishing many happy returns and many more such excellent peals.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

*On Saturday, December 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN BENTLEY | *Treble.* | RICHARD ASHWORTH | 5. |
| ISAAC WHALLEY* | 2. | *THOMAS WALLWORK | 6. |
| ROBERT WALLWORK* | 3. | ROBERT PARKINSON | 7. |
| JAMES HY. BANKS* | 4. | TOM REDMAN | *Tenor.* |

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

*First peal in the method.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

*On Sunday, December 25, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY | *Treble.* | JAMES GRABHAM | 5. |
| ALBERT J. CHILCOTT | 2. | REV. H. C. COURTNEY | 6. |
| ROBERT HOLE | 3. | WILLIAM W. THORNE | 7. |
| JOHN TUDBALL* | 4. | JOHN PAYNE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung for Divine Service in the evening.

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.
*Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells.* Forwarded Post Free, on receipt of 7d. By James Hewett, 16 Chapel Row, Gosport.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK DAY | *Treble.* | JAMES RUMSEY | 5. |
| WILLIAM GROOM | 2. | ALERED GRIMES | 6. |
| ELIJAH BROOME | 3. | WILLIAM RUMSEY | 7. |
| WALTER LAST | 4. | WILLIAM GRIMES | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

This was the conductor's 50th peal.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM H. BROWNE | *Treble.* | GEORGE F. ALEXANDER | 5. |
| ISAAC FOLKARD | 2. | ERNEST LINCOLN | 6. |
| FREDERICK HEMBLING | 3. | ROBERT BAKER | 7. |
| WILLIAM FELGATE | 4. | FREDERICK BAKER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ROBERT BAKER.

It is sixteen years since a peal was rung on these bells by a local band. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev. Dr. Allan for the use of the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.** Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS ABBOTT* | *Treble.* | WALTER PERKINS | 5. |
| THOMAS R. HENSHER | 2. | JOHN R. SHARMAN | 6. |
| WILLIAM R. HENSHER | 3. | JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. | 7. |
| CHARLES CHASTY† | 4. | CHARLES W. CLARKE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal in the method. †100th peal.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs. in G.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN R. SHARMAN | *Treble.* | CHARLES CHASTY | 4. |
| WILLIAM R. HENSHER* | 2. | HERBERT SHARP | 5. |
| CHARLES WM. CLARKE | 3. | THOMAS R. HENSHER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First 5040 in seven methods. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

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|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN T. HOLMES | *Treble.* | WILLIAM DICKINSON | 5. |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY | 2. | WILLIAM PICKWORTH | 6. |
| JOHN HILTON | 3. | EDWARD HOLDEN | 7. |
| FREDERICK HILTON | 4. | HERBERT NASH | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM LLOYD | *Treble.* | ALLEN ROWLEY | 5. |
| FREDERICK ATTWELL | 2. | JOHN CLUTTERBUCK | 6. |
| JOHN W. JONES | 3. | WILLIAM COOMBES | 7. |
| JOHN HARRIS | 4. | BENJAMIN TILLY | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBES.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY | *Treble.* | REV. H. C. COURTNEY | 5. |
| ARTHUR LONG* | 2. | JOHN PUGSLEY | 6. |
| ROBERT HOLE | 3. | WILLIAM W. THORNE | 7. |
| JAMES GRABHAM | 4. | HENRY MOORE | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM | *Treble.* | HERBERT MARTIN | 5. |
| WILLIAM E. OAKLEY* | 2. | GEORGE N. PRICE | 6. |
| CHARLES GEORGE | 3. | ERNEST E. HUNTLEY | 7. |
| WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD | 4. | *JOSEPH J. ALLEN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRANK HOPGOOD | *Treble.* | *WILLIAM HORNE | 6. |
| ALFRED E. REEVES* | 2. | ALFRED WATMORE | 7. |
| FRANK BENNETT | 3. | AMBROSE OSBORNE | 8. |
| HENRY TUCKER | 4. | WILLIAM NEWELL | 9. |
| CHARLES STONE* | 5. | JOHN TUCKER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal of Treble Ten.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

First peal of Stedman by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND SINGLE. Tenor 20 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS LAWRENCE | *Treble.* | WILLIAM LAWRENCE | 5. |
| GEORGE S. BROWN | 2. | THOMAS RICKETTS | 6. |
| ALFRED LAWRENCE | 3. | CHARLES J. GARDINER | 7. |
| THOMAS ROBINSON | 4. | CHARLES TITCHENER | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Six Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,464 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK A. NUNN | *Treble.* | CHARLES WILKINS | 5. |
| GEORGE R. PYE | 2. | ERNEST PYE | 6. |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN | 3. | HARRY FLANDERS | 7. |
| I. GEORGE SHADE | 4. | WILLIAM PYE | *Tenor.* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the longest peal in the method ever rung in the county and by the Association, and longest peal on the bells and by all the band except C. Wilkins. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. S. Adams, for the use of the bells, and also J. Garrard, steeplekeeper, for having eyerything in readiness on this and previous occasions.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM H. BARBER | *Treble.* | THOMAS R. BENNET | 5. |
| JOSEPH GAYTON | 2. | JAMES PAGETT | 6. |
| JOHN O. BENNETT | 3. | ERNEST C. HUNT | 7. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER | 4. | THOMAS WAKEMAN | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Barber and Gayton, who came from Bangor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| REUBEN FLAXMAN | *Treble.* | *HENRY S. REEVES | 5. |
| EDGAR COLLINS | 2. | CHARLES EDWARDS | 6. |
| JOSEPH J. PARKER | 3. | *GEORGE ALLDER | 7. |
| JOHN BASDEN | 4. | HENRY CHANDLER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN, and Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal of Major.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Miuutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

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|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS B. WOOD* | *Treble.* | CHARLES R. LILLEY | 5. |
| JOHN T. HOLMES | 2. | EDWARD HOLDEN | 6. |
| JOHN HILTON | 3. | WILLIAM DICKINSON | 7. |
| FREDERICK HILTON | 4. | FREDERICK WARRINGTON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal; also first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for kindly entertaining them after the peal; also Mr. G. Dawson, the steeplekeeper.

BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Coventry, London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM WIGHTMAN | *Treble.* | ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN | 4. |
| EDGAR WIGHTMAN | 2. | DAVID G. WIGHTMAN | 5. |
| GEORGE WIGHTMAN | 3. | STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, Jun. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

First peal of Minor ever rung by six brothers.

WALTHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OP ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720s of Grandsire, two 720s of Canterbury, and three 720s of Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| GEORGE SQUIRES | *Treble.* | JOHN WILDMAN | 4. |
| ERNEST J. GALE | 2. | R. HENRY BARTRAM | 5. |
| JOHN JAMES JACKSON | 3. | WILLIAM WILLSON | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal on the bells, and first by Messrs. Squires, Jackson, and Wildman.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

*On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.** Tenor 14½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| FREDK. J. PITSTOW | *Treble.* | ALFRED PITSTOW | 5. |
| ERNEST PITSTOW | 2. | JOHN F. PENNING | 6. |
| ARTHUR JAMES | 3. | NATHAN J. PITSTOW | 7. |
| CHARLES FREEMAN | 4. | FREDK. PITSTOW | *Tenor.* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FREDK. PITSTOW,

This is the first peal rung in the method in the county from which it took its name.

MIDHURST.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

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

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent, and two of Woodbine, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| 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.

Rung to celebrate the recent wedding of Dr. George, late of Midhurst.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY | *Treble.* | JAMES GRABHAM | 5. |
| HENRY J. POOLE* | 2. | REV. H. C. COURTNEY | 6. |
| ARTHUR DOBLE* | 3. | *JOSEPH MADDOCK | 7. |
| WILLIAM W. THORNE | 4. | FRANK MILLARD | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Two Hours Twenty-seven-and-a-½-Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS WAKEMAN .. | *Treble.* | WILLIAM H. SMITH .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN BENNETT .. .. .. | 2. | RICHARD E. GROVE .. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. | 3. | ALBERT E. PARSONS.. .. | 7. |
| JAMES PAGETT .. .. .. | 4. | REUBEN HALL .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SMITH.

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

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE | *Treble.* | *JAMES STEVENS.. .. .. | 5. |
| GEORGE SMITHERS .. .. | 2. | HERBERT J. FORD .. .. | 6. |
| WILLIAM LATTER .. .. | 3. | STEPHEN PERKINS .. .. | 7. |
| EDWARD MANKELOW .. | 4. | *JAMES MUGGRIDGE .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by STEPHEN PERKINS.

*First peal of Stedman. This was Mr. Stevens's first attempt for a peal of Stedman, he only having rung one touch previously.

## Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, December 21, 1898, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. H. BURRELL, LONDON ROAD,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE R. PYE .. .. | 1-2. | ERNEST PYE .. .. .. | 5-6. |
| WILLIAM PYE.. .. .. | 3-4. | WESLEY WATSON .. .. | 7-8. |

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—E. Wightman. Rung to celebrate the birthday of W. Watson, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

## Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 9 mins., consisting of 720 London Pleasure, 720 Kent, and 458 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Crozier, 1; C. Parsons, 2; E. Runter, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 18th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 61 mins. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Dace, 3; J. Adams, 4; N. Kibble, 5; J. A. Brown (conductor), 6; S. Atkins, 7; J. Appleby, 8. Rung on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

## Miscellaneous.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. F. Bywater, 1; W. R. Small, 2; T. Horton, 3; A. Flowers, 4; T. Collinson, 5; G. James, 6; A. H. Hill, 7; J. Hall, 8. Composed and conducted by T. Collinson. On Friday, December 16th, Messrs. Jaggar, Balcombe and Hodges of Wolverhampton, and R. Balcombe, of Cardiff, visited this tower for the purpose of seeing the extraordinary hanging of the bells and ringing a touch on them by the local company, including three of the young band—Thomas Hill, James Small and Edward Jones. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung during the evening. On December 17th an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but it came to grief after a short time. F. Bywater, 1; W. R. Small, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; G. James, 4; S. Hughes, 5; T. Collinson, 6; A. H. Hill (conductor), 7; J. Smith, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. R. Small. On Sunday, December 18th, before morning and evening services, touches of Grandsire Minor were rung by W. R. Small (conductor), F. Bywater, James Small, Edward Jones, Thomas Hill and Adam Hickman Hill, of the local band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HOLLINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Saturday, November 26th, at All Saints' church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (44 bobs and 10 singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; A. Day, 2; A. Trowell, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; A. Trowell, 2; A. Day, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; W. H. B. Wilkins, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 4; A. Day, 5; A. Trowell, 6. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, which are a fine ring of six.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four singles and twenty-six bobs). E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; H. Lampkin, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; H. Lampkin, 6. On Tuesday, November 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; J. Clout (first 720 in the method), 3; W. J. Walker, 4; H. Lampkin, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 15th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; J. Clout, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; H. Lampkin (first 720 as conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Dennis, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; J. Clout, 3; H. Lampkin, 4; H. Shipp, 5; W. J. Walker (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 20th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; J. Champion, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Tuesday, November 29th, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; J. Clout (first 720 in the method), 3; H. Lampkin (first 720 in the method), 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6.

CHARING (Kent).—Recently several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. E. Archer, 1; J. Willis, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; W. Spice, 5; J. Clifford, 6. On October 4th, 720 Plain Bob. P. Edwards, 1; J. Willis, 2; E. Archer, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; W. Spice, 6. On Saturday, November 19th, 720 Grandsire (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; J. Willis, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 4th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Willis, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Goode, 3; J. Willis, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Thursday, December 8th, for pratice at St. Peter's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; S. Perkins, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; F. Harrington, 4; G. Smithers, 5; G. Kember, 6; S. Perkins, sen. (conductor), 7; E. Turner, 8. Also a plain course of Stedman Doubles. S. Perkins, 1; S. Perkins, sen., 2; F. Harrington, 3; G. Smithers, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; S. Faithful, 6; G. Kember, 7; H. Martin, 8. A plain course of Stedman Doubles, with W. Smith ringing the treble, the others as before. Also two courses of Stedman Doubles. G. Smithers, 1; S. Perkins, sen., 2: E. Mankelow, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; F. Harrington, 5; S. Faithfull, 6; G. Kember, 7; H. Martin, 8. A plain course of Grandsire Triples. H. Martin (first attempt), 1; W. Smith, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; G. Smithers, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; F. Harrington, 6; G. Kember, 7; E. Turner, 8.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On October 23rd, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). W. Hollands, 1; H. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; W. J. Walker, 5; S. Beach, 6. On October 13th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). C. Clift, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; W. Spice, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; S. Beach, 6. On Saturday, November 12th, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Kitchingham, 1: J. Clout, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; J. Dixon, 4; H. Lambkin, 5; W. J. Walker 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). *J. E. Grensted, 1; A. Day, 2; W. Lambkin, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; H. B. Wilkins, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. *First 720. And 720 Grand-

sire (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). A. Day, 1; W. T. Hyland, 1; W. Wilkins (conductor), 3; J. Dixon, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; H. Lambkin, 6. On Sunday, November 27th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sedge, 1; W. Hollands, 2; J. E. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; H. Coast, 5; J. G. Grensted, 6. On Sunday, December 11th, for the Dedication Festival, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Clift, 1; W. Hollands, 2; J. E. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; H. Coast, 5; J. G. Grensted, 6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Tunbridge, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; E. Wright, 4; E. Runter, 5; A. Bradley (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Wright (conductor), 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; T. Crozier, 5; E. Runter, 6. On Friday, November 11th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Crozier, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; E. Wright, 5; A. Bradley (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 23rd, 720 Woodbine. T. Crozier, 1; E. Runter, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 24th, 720 Duke of York. E. Runter, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Bradley (conductor), 1; T. Crozier, 5; E, Runter, 6. On Sunday, November 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Runter, 1; C. Parsons, 2; G. Parsons, 3; J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; E. Wright (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent. E. Wright (conductor), 1; T. Crozier, 5; E. Runter, 6. On Wednesday, November 30th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. T. Crozier, 1; C. Parsons, 2; E. Runter, 3: J. Tunbridge, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; E. Wright, 6.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 20th, for Divine Service, 699 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, November 27th, a 700. On Sunday, December 4th, 644 in the method. E. Parish, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent (conductor), 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6, H. Perrin, sen., 7; A. Bass, 8. On Tuesday, November 29th, an attempt for Holt's Original came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 48 mins. G. Dent (conductor), 1; H. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; F. Perrin, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin, sen., 7; H. J. Tucker (Bishops Stortford), 8. On Sunday, December 11th, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Cavill (Hoddesdon), 1; H. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent (conductor), 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin, sen., 7; A. Bass, 8.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, November 30th, 252 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Malins, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; F. Hollingworth, 4; W. Earl (conductor), 5; H. Hollingworth, 6; J. Warren, 7; G. Parsons, 8. Also 364 Grandsire Triples. W. Malins, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 5; H. Hollingworth, 6; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 7; W. Earl, 8. Also 252 Oxford Bob Triples, standing as before, conducted by H. Hollingworth. On Sunday, December 3rd, for evening service, 252 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Malins, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earl, 5; J. Warren, 6; G. Hollingworth (conductor), 7; F. Parsons, 8. Recently, for practice, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. Earl, 1; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 2; W. Malins, 3; J Warren, 4; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 5; G. Parsons, 6. On handbells, retained in hand, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Hollingworth (conductor), 1-2; H. Hollingworth, 3-4; W. Malins, 5-6. First 720 on handbells by all.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 29th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. H. Collings, 1; J. Buckingham, 2; G. Kemp, 3; E. Buckingham, 4; F. Potter, 5; G. Cattermole, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Mays, 1; J. Buckingham, 2; F. Potter, 3; E, Buckingham, 4; G. Kemp, 5; G. Cattermole, 6. On Sunday, December 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Mays, 1; T. Davy, 2; J. Buckingham, 3; E. Buckingham, 4; F. Cullum, 5; G. Cattermole, 6 On Tuesday, December 6th, 720 Double Court. D. Mays, 1; G. Kemp, 2; T. Davy, 3; F. Potter, 4; J. Rose, 5; G. Cattermole, 6. All conducted by G. Cattermole.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HALE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. R. Green, 1; T. B. Wood, 2; C. Ward, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; R. Masters, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.—On Tuesday, December 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, Bishopwearmouth, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). R. W. Langton, 1; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 2; J. W. Parker, 3; R. M. Pick, 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; J. Field, 6. J. W. Parker belongs to the church of St. Ignatius, and this is his first 720.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE SOCIETY.

GUISBOROUGH (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Knaggs, 1; J. Cottrell, 2; J. Thompson, 3; J. Metcalfe, 4; R. Haswell (conductor), 5; W. G. Haswell, 6.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 896 Superlative Surprise Major. W. J. Titchener, 1; J. W. Passman, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; R. Fenwick, 4; C. Hall, 5; W. Rudd, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; A. Mc Farlane, 8. This is the first touch of Superlative by the above Association, which came into existence the day previous.

## THE CHESTER DIOCSSAN GUILD.

CREWE.—On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 364 Plain Bob Triples. J. Kettle, 1; R. T. Holding, 2; R. Langford, 3; T. Davies, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; J. Denthith, 6; R. T. Holding, sen. (conductor), 7; A. Crawley, 8. For evening service 504 Plain Bob Triples. J. Kettle, 1; R. T. Holding, jun., 2; G. Crawley, 3; R. Langford, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; J. Denthith, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Crawley, 8. Longest length by the ringer of the 3rd.

## THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On December 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Single Minor, composed by H. W. Wilde, of Duffield. T. Millington (conductor), 1; J. Maycock. 2; W. Goodge, 3; F. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5: J. J. Cook, 6. First 720 in the method by all.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 4th, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. **A. Strutt**, 1; J. Howes (conductor), 2; E. V. Beadle, 3; C. Edwards. 4; G. Strutt, 5; T. Beadle, 6; J. Basden, 7; A. Sheard, 8.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, November 22nd, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief two bobs past the half-way single, through the breaking of the 3rd rope. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harffey, 2; A. Miles, 3, H. F. Fayers, 4; G. H. Howse, 5; J. Osborne, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; F. Elms, 8. On November 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. H. Howse, 1; C. Harffey, 2; A. Miles, 3; T. Price, 4; B. Hobbs, 5; J. Osborne, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8. On December 4th, for afternoon service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harffey, 2; A. Miles, 3; A. Gower, 4; G. H. Howse, 5; H. F. Fayers, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8.

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ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, December 8th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Kent. B. Cowling, 1; A. Haigh (Pateley Bridge, first 720 of Treble Bob), 2; J. Summersall (Pateley Bridge), 3; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. And 144 Oxford. F. Blacketh (Bramley), 1; A. Haigh (first in the method), 2; Jno. Thackray, 3; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Summersall, 6. An attempt tor 720 Bob Minor came to grief.

BILDESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; T. Levitt, 3; R. Wilding, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; A. Keeble, 6.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, December 8th, at St. Michael's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. W. Ricketts, 1; A. Tucker, 2; T. Newman, 3; H. Sear, 4; H. Champness, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8. Longest length with a bob bell by H. Sear.

HARTLIP (Kent).—On Friday, November 25th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Kitchingham, 1; J. Clout, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; E. Clout, 5; H. Lampkin (conductor), 6.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 4th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; C. Green, 3; R. Wilding, 4; A. Keeble, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6.

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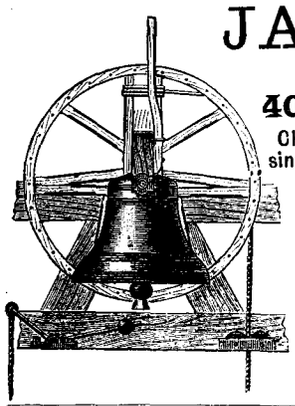

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