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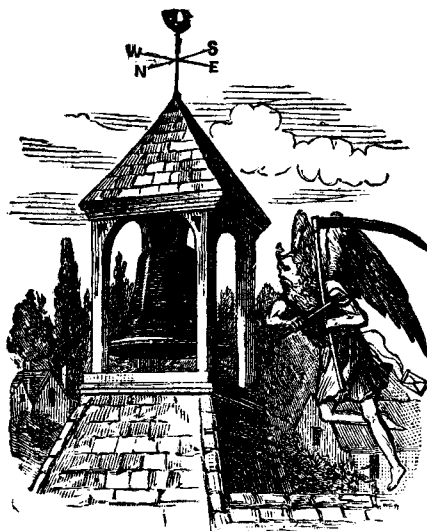
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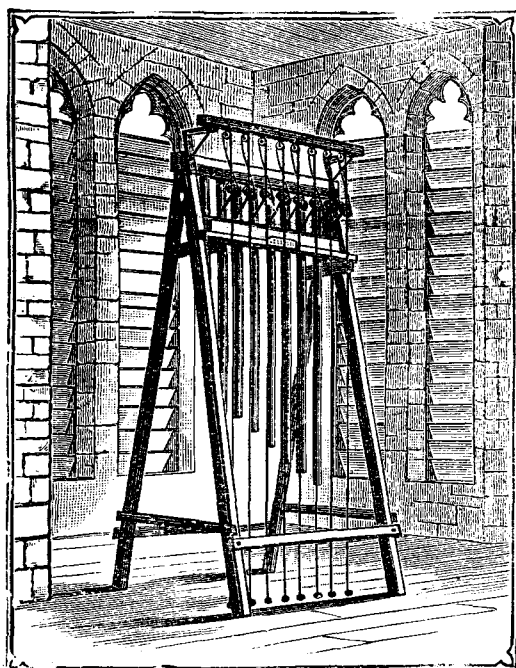
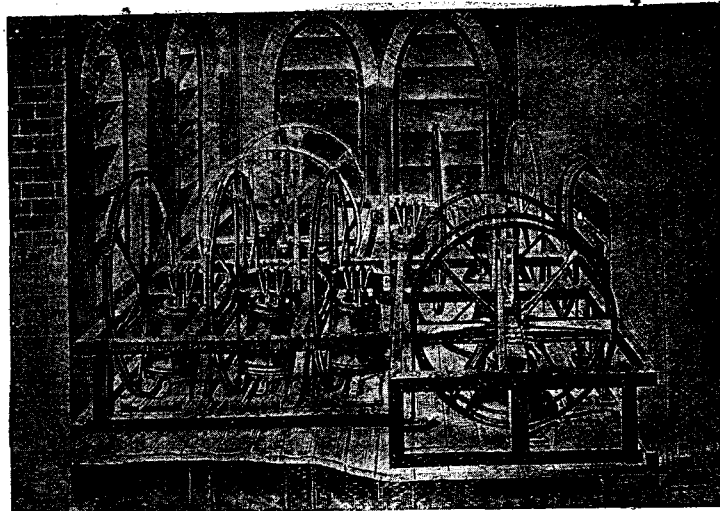
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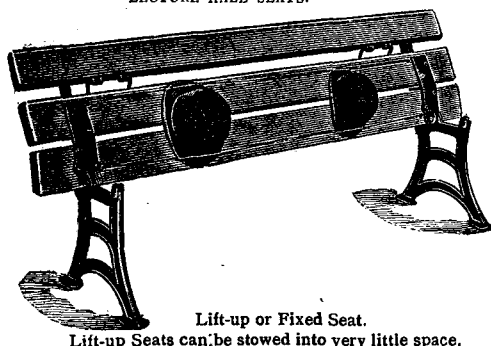
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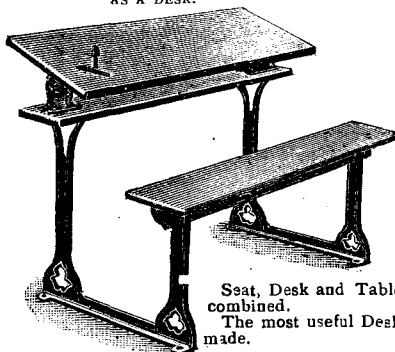
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THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Christmas Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Magor, Monmouthshire, on Monday, December 26th. Considering the wet and inclement state of the weather there was a fair muster of members, who spent the greater part of the day in the tower of the fine old church, trying their hands on the ring of six bells hung therein.

At 3.0 p.m. the Rev. D. H. Griffiths, M.A. Hon. Secretary of the Association, read Evensong at the parish church; after which the members repaired to the adjoining schoolroom, where the meeting was held under the presidency of the Vicar of Magor, the Rev. Benjamin Birbeck. In his opening speech of welcome the Chairman said some very kind things respecting the Association and its aims. He was not aware, until the Secretary had communicated with him, that there was a Diocesan Association of Ringers in existence. He had allowed his ringers to join, a few months previously, the Chepstow Association, which is a local society. Believing that unity and discipline were essential to success in all undertakings he would withdraw his ringers from the local society, and get them to join the larger and more comprehensive Association representing the Diocese. These pertinent remarks afforded much pleasure to the ringers present, and were received with great applause. It is not too much to say that the Association never received a warmer welcome into any parish than it did at the hands of the Vicar of Magor. There are in the parish—in which are two fine churches with peals in their respective towers—about twenty-five ringers, and if these become affiliated to the Association they will be an acquisition in every way. The Chairman remarked that the Magor ringers were most keen on ringing, and anxious to know more of the Art. To join the Association is just the means to attain this desirable end, as one of its chief objects is to send out instructors to towers where the ringers are not acquainted with various methods.

The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were read and confirmed, and signed as correct. Three new members were enrolled, one being the Vicar of Magor. Thirteen members paid in their subscriptions for current year, and one for '98 and '99. On the proposition of Mr. Bartlett (Penarth), seconded by Mr. Watkins (Barry), Cowbridge was chosen as the place of next quarterly meeting.

The Hon. Secretary intimated that he was, in consequence of change of work in the parish, compelled to tender his resignation. He would however fulfil the duties until the forthcoming annual meeting in September.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for all his kindness closed the proceedings.

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 STOCKTON BELLS.

The Stockton-on-Tees parish church bells, which are at present dismantled to allow of the rearrangement consequent upon the increase of the peal from six to ten, were not rung to usher in the new year. It is believed that this is the first time within the past 200 years that the parish bells have been silent upon such an occasion. It will be gratifying to the members of the old parish church at Stockton, and the promoters of the new bell scheme in particular, to know that the whole of the amount of money required for the increasing of the peal and their construction has been forthcoming, Mr. John Mills, of Newham Hall, having cleared off the remaining debt in connection with the scheme by a generous gift of £126.

Mr. Mills is a native of Stockton, and for many years was a worshipper in Stockton parish church. His handsome donation, coming from such a quarter, has been received in Stockton with the utmost satisfaction.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

On Wednesday evening, December 21st, the two new treble bells which have been added to the ring of six at this church, thus making a complete octave, were dedicated to the glory of God. A short special service was held in the ringing-chamber, consisting of a hymn and a few selected collects. Afterwards evening service was held, followed by an appropriate sermon by the Vicar (Rev. F. P. Powell). The collection after the service in aid of the bell fund amounted to £2 7s. 9d.

Before the service 336 of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by W. J. Nevard, who must be complimented upon the success which has followed his unwearied efforts to augment the number of bells at his parish church. After service 336 Bob Major was called by W. J. Hazell.

Ringers came from the neighbouring parishes of Little Bentley, Tendring, Great Bromley, Thorington, and Brightlingsea, all of whom expressed their satisfaction with the bells.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

R. Marston, Esq., of Ludlow Castle, again gave his annual dinner to the ringers on New Year's eve. Besides the local ringers there were also invited Mr. Greenleaf (of Hereford), and Mr. J. E. Groves (of Wolverhampton). After dinner the company adjourned to the drawing-room, where they were entertained with songs and recitations, together with some excellent views shewn by the magic lantern.

Previous to the dinner two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at the church of St. Lawrence, conducted by J. E. Groves; and another touch conducted by R. Marston. The bells were rung muffled just before midnight, and open afterwards.

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THE GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL CLOCK AND THE CHIMES.

Considerable interest has been awakened by the fact that during the last few days the bells at the Cathedral have been heard recording the hours, half-hours, and quarters, after a silence of over six years. With a view to eliciting a few details which might be of interest, a press representative waited recently on Mr. T. W. G. Cook, sub-sacrist at the Cathedral, and was courteously conducted over the tower and shown the new clock. Mr. Cook possesses a whole fund of information regarding the history of the tower and belfry, but space forbids giving more than a few of the numerous facts and dates which he willingly communicated. Contrary to general opinion we find that there are no new bells, but that the hours are struck on the large bell, "Great Peter," and that the quarters are struck on the smaller bells alone. The clock has been erected in the first chamber of the tower, where the bell is situated, and is a handsome piece of mechanism, partitioned off from the chamber. The cost is over £300, and is a present to the Dean and Chapter from Sir Thomas Bazley. "Great Peter" hangs in the centre of the chamber, and is supported on a massive walnut frame. The bell, which weights over 58 cwt., is generally supposed to date from 1500, though some fix the date much earlier. The heavier and deeper tone which it gives out when striking the hours is accounted for by an improved system of dropping the hammer, which is worked on a ratchet and connected with the clock by overhead wires. Attached to the bell there still remains part of the swinging wheel by which the bell was swung and tolled at the death of royalty, or of a canon of the cathedral. Six men were required to swing its enormous weight, and Mr. Cook remembered the last occasions on which the bell was used in this way, at the death of Princess Alice and Sir J. Seymour, a Canon at the Cathedral. It was on this occasion that the wheel was broken, and as it has never been repaired, the bell is now never swung. It is expected that the chimes will be soon in working order, but the drum has not yet arrived. When it is placed in position and connected with the clock one of the four tunes will be rung three times daily, at 1 o'clock, 5, and 8, as they were rung more than six years ago.—*Local Paper.*

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

The annual New Year's excursion in connection with this society, took place on Monday, January 2nd. Leaving the "ever faithful" by the 9.5 London and South Western train, the party reached Devonport about 11.30 a.m. and proceeded to St. George's, Stonehouse, where there is a light but musical peal of eight in excellent condition. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. E. Searle, 1; F. Coombes, 2; A. W. Searle, 3; W. Drake, 4; T. Mudge, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; C. Carter, 8. About 600 changes had been struck off like clockwork, when there was a tremendous knocking on the trap-door giving admission to the ringing-chamber, upon which the ringer of the 5th was standing. It was impossible to proceed, and "stand" was called. On lifting the trap-door the ubiquitous sexton made his appearance with a face wreathed in innocent smiles. The ringers had locked the entrance they used, but that official had gained access to the tower by another channel. He had come to request that the visitors would cease ringing at the end of another half-hour, in order that the minute-bell might be tolled. What an inestimable boon

it would be if sextons would cultivate a less demonstrative way than most of them now adopt in conveying a message; or better still, if they would develop an intelligent interest in half-pull ringing, and be enabled thereby to avoid many unnecessary interruptions. There being insufficient time to again attempt a quarter-peal, a short touch was rung, and the visit terminated. Dinner in Plymouth followed. In the afternoon the party proceeded to Charles Church, Plymouth, where the former peal of eight has recently been augmented to ten bells. Here Messrs. E. Taylor, Myers, and Marsh, jun., joined the party, and numerous touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung in capital style with Messrs. E. Shepherd and A. W. Shepherd acting as conductors. Tea was then partaken of, and the party returned by the 7 o'clock train, arriving at Exeter at 9.30, having spent a pleasant day. Thanks are due to the incumbents of the towers visited for the use of the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(RODMERSHAM BRANCH.)

Following up his usual custom, Mr. Churchwarden Dixon invited the members of the above Society to Dinner on New Year's Eve. A party of twelve sat down. Assembling at 7 p.m., full justice was done to the good things provided.

In proposing Mr. Dixon's health, Mr. J. Grensted referred to the great interest and generosity which he (Mr. Dixon) had always shown towards them. The toast was given with musical honours.

Mr. Dixon in reply said that it gave him much pleasure to see them, and that if they would stick to him, he would stick to them. Addressing the new members (four having recently joined), he hoped that they would do their utmost to become efficient. Remarking that, although the ordinary public did not appreciate change-ringing (because they did not understand it) neither did they appreciate clashing. [In passing, Mr. Editor, I must remark that I have often seen a far from pleasant expression on our genial ringing Churchwarden's face, when the striking has been what he so emphatically described as "ghastly."]

After a little harmony an adjournment was made to the tower, where a 720 of Plain Bob was rung, the bells being half-muffled. Just before midnight the muffles were taken off, and on the stroke of twelve old father time (Mr. J. G.) tolled out the old year, and then we all in turn, having had a pull to welcome the New Year, and wishing each other the usual greetings, departed to our respective domiciles. C.C.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

A pleasant little meeting of the ringers of Holy Trinity Church took place on New Year's Eve, when the junior ringers felt it a privilege to present to their steeple keeper and Master, Mr. S. Wesley, a handsome silver-mounted walking stick, for his noble example as a churchman, and never-tiring patience in instructing them for upwards of fourteen years, he also being a member and constant attendant of the choir for the same period. They wish him a happy New Year, also every ringer who reads "THE BELL NEWS."

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Christmas Day, 504 Grandsire Triples, E. Bristow, 1; J. Matthews, 2; G. Smart (conductor), 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Smart, 5; A. Gatland, 6; G. Gatland, 7; G. Lloyd, 8.

TENBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

The old peal of six bells, hanging in the Norman tower of the parish church, Tenbury, has for some years been in a wretched condition, some of them being cracked and plated together. The Vicar, the Rev. W. N. G. Eliot, who has only been there about 2½ years, laid the matter before his parishioners with the result that an influential committee was formed and the work soon put in hand.

The whole of the work was entrusted to Mr. W. Greenleaf, of Hereford, who is noted in the Hereford Diocese for the excellent way his work is carried out. Messrs. Barwell, Birmingham, was selected to re-cast the bells with additional metal, and great praise, is due to that firm for turning out an excellent peal of bells, with a tenor of 10½ cwt., the original tenor being 9 cwt. The Bells are hung on a massive English oak frame, and nothing has been spared to make the work complete and lasting.

The dedication service took place on Thursday, December 22nd, the preacher being the Rev. Prebendary Ayscough, Rector of Cradley, and who was Vicar of Tenbury from 1857 to 1892. The bells were rung by the local band, assisted by the Guild Instructor, Mr. J. E. Groves, when several 120s of Bob Doubles were rung.

Extensive repairs have also been done to the interior of the tower, which was much cut about to allow of the ringing of the old bells. A new light has also been placed in the ringing-chamber, which is a great improvement; this work has been carried out by Messrs. Hewitt and Sons, Builders, Tenbury, under the direction of Meredith and Pritchard, Architects, Kidderminster.

Tenbury can now be congratulated on having an excellent ring of six bells, the "go" of which leaves nothing to be desired.

The late Earl of Winchilsea, it seems has by his will bequeathed a yearly sum to the ringers of Ewerby on condition that the bells are regularly rung for Divine service, and an additional sum is given if the ringers do their best to acquire the art of change-ringing.

The funeral of the late James Nicholls (whose tragic death was announced in "THE BELL NEWS" for December 31st), took place at Coggeshall, Essex, on Tuesday, December 27th. The Vicar of Coggeshall, Rev. Charles Craig Mills, very kindly read the service for the burial of the dead, both in the church and by the grave side. In addition to many of his relatives, several of the Coggeshall ringers, also ringers from Kelvedon, and Messrs. J. W. Driver and C. H. Adams, as representatives of the All Saints' Society, Fulham, paid their respects by attending the interment of deceased. Thursday, December 29th, being the usual practice night at Fulham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled, 1259 changes, in 59 minutes. A. Ough, treble, J. W. Driver, conductor, 2nd, W. E. Garrard, 3rd, J. Aldridge, 4th, H. Adams, 5th, R. Charge, 6th, W. T. Elson, 7th, E. H. Adams, 8th, C. Charge (composer) 9th, S. How, tenor. After which the usual whole pull and stand, and a touch of Stedman Triples, Messrs. J. Green, H. Barton, R. Burgess, M. Smith, etc., also being present. Deceased had taken part in most of the best performances by the Fulham Society. Altogether he had rang in thirty-six peals.

The tender of Messrs. Barker, of London, for £18,967 for the erection of the archiepiscopal palace in the Precincts, Canterbury, as a permanent residence of the Archbishops of Canterbury has been accepted. The architect is Mr. W. D. Caroe, of Whitehall Place.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

At All Saints' rectory, Wokingham, on Saturday last New Year's Eve, the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Sturges, with their usual liberality gave the annual supper to the bell-ringers and choir. After supper the usual toasts were proposed, and S. Paice, responding for the ringers, expressed a hope that the many improvements connected with the grand old church would this coming year be crowned by the addition of two new bells to the present ring of six.

The Rector, in reply, stated that the subject of additional bells had been previously considered, and it was thought the strength of the tower was not equal to the extra weight, but if a reliable authority could be got to report on the matter, he had no doubt the necessary funds would be forthcoming. The ringers and others trust that now the thin edge of the wedge has been inserted, the breach will continue to open until the new bells are admitted.

At an influential meeting of clergy, held at Rhyl, on Wednesday, it was decided to present the Bishop-designate of Bangor with a testimonial from the clergy and laity in the St. Asaph diocese.

The *Lincoln Diocesan Magazine* states that the corn rents payable to the Rector of Fulbeck have recently been converted into tithe rent-charge, and the proceedings are illustrative of a change which has taken place (with slight variations) in almost every parish in England during the present century. On the application of the Rector to the Board of Agriculture (who now exercise the powers of the Tithe Commissioners under the Tithe Communication Acts) the corn rents payable under the Inclosure Act of 1805 have been converted into tithe rent-charge, and the new tithe rent-charge apportioned on the various lands subject to it, and the cost has been just under £25.

Mr. M. E. Sanderson, of Kettlethorpe Hall, near Wakefield, has made a handsome gift to the vicarage endowment of Wakefield. He has transferred the Church the rights to all the coal under his Kettlethorpe estate, which covers 80 acres, and is rich in minerals. The rent under the present coal lease at once adds £110 (net) to the income of Archdeacon Donne. The details of the scheme will be worked out by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and the permanent value of the benefice will be increased—the value of the coal to be got in the years to come being capitalised for the sake of future incumbents. Archdeacon Donne, in his New Year's letter to the congregation and parishioners, thanks Mr. Sanderson for his gift in the name of himself and of all future Vicars, as well as of the congregation and parishioners.

The *City Press* says that Holy Trinity Church, Minorities, possesses not a little historic interest. It dates back, indeed, to the year 1293, when an abbey for the nuns of the order of St. Clare was founded by the Earl of Lancaster, the brother of Edward I. At the time of the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII, the abbey became the church of the parish, and since then it has continued as such. The present building, however, only dates from 1706, as although the church escaped the Great Fire, the edifice had become in such a dilapidated condition at the commencement of the eighteenth century that its absolute reconstruction was rendered a necessity. Perhaps the most interesting relic the church contains is the head of the Duke of Suffolk, the father of Lady Jane Grey. *The Guardian* learns from the same source that this church is not to meet with the fate that will shortly overcome the church of St. Michael, Bassishaw. "The idea, I believe, is to dismantle it and convert it into a parish-room for the use of the residents generally. The decision is an eminently wise one, as a church with such a history deserves to remain as one of the links to connect the present with the past. One can only regret that in connection with former amalgamations of a similar character a like condition has not been included in the schemes adopted."

A RINGING TOUR.

During the Christmas holidays several members of the Sussex Association visited various towers in the county for the purpose of peal ringing, and with what measure of success may be judged from the peal records this week. On Boxing-day the band visited Warnham, where they were kindly allowed to attempt two peals. Owing to two weddings taking place that morning, the first could not be started for until twelve o'clock. But before eight o'clock that evening a peal of Superlative Surprise, and another of Kent Treble Bob had been completed. For the next day a full programme had been arranged, and about 7.45 a.m. Grandsire Triples was started for at Southover, Lewes. This was completed in 2 hours 50 minutes, and the inner man having been satisfied, a move was made to Ringmer, where a peal of Bob Major was knocked off. At Buxted in the evening a similar performance was repeated, making the third peal that day within 13 hours and the fifth within 33 hours. The total number of changes rung was 25,200, and the time actually occupied 14 hours 53 minutes. Those who took part in the peals were Messrs. R. S. Cherriman, R. J. Dawe, G. A. King, J. N. Frossell, K. Hart, P. Allfrey, W. Palmer, junior, and L. Sears (Brighton), J. S. Goldsmith, A. J. Turner, A. S. Langridge, and J. F. Steadman (Lewes), T. Card and W. Steed (Tonbridge), J. Steddy (Edenbridge), and A. Rooke (Ringmer). Three took part in all full peals, and two others were in the three on Tuesday. Some of the party then went on into Kent, where equal success attended their efforts. On the Wednesday evening a peal of Stedman Triples was rung to the credit of the Royal Cumberlands at Tonbridge, this being K. Hart's 200th peal and T. Card's 100. Mr. Hart's performances are as follows:—

Grandsire Triples 15, conducted 5; Grandsire on handbells 3; Grandsire Major 1; Grandsire Caters 4; Stedman Triples 32, conducted 7; Grandsire Caters 9, conducted 2; Bob Major 18, conducted 7; Bob Royal 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 14, conducted 6; Kent Treble Bob Royal 4, conducted 4; Double Norwich Court Bob 23; Champion Surprise 2; Oxford Surprise 2; Westminster Surprise 2; Norfolk Surprise 1; Gloucester Surprise 2, conducted 2; New Cumberland Surprise 3; Superlative Surprise 36, conducted 7; Cambridge Surprise 17, conducted 1; London Surprise 13. Total 203; conducted 41.

The hundred peals of Mr. Card are:—

Grandsire Triples 33, conducted 19; Grandsire Caters 1; Stedman Triples 2; Bob Major 24, conducted 14; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, conducted 1; Double Norwich 6; Treble Bob Major 29, conducted 18; Treble Bob Royal 1; Oxford Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise 2; on six bells 1, conducted 1. Total 100; conducted 54.

On the following evening at Edenbridge, under the auspices of the Kent County Association, a peal of Stedman was successfully accomplished, while on Friday, the tour was brought to a close with a peal of Treble Bob at Speldhurst, this performance going to the credit of the Royal Cumberland Youths. The ringers tender through the medium of this paper their best thanks to the various incumbents and steeple-keepers, for the use of the bells of their respective churches.

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With the kind permission of the Dean of Hereford and Canon Williams, the St. Michael's Juniors journeyed to that cathedral city on Boxing day to attempt a peal on the ring of ten. They were well aware what a big task was before them, so a good band was got together, so as to if possible ring the first peal on the bells.

The bells were sent into changes just before twelve o'clock, and it was not until 3 hrs. and 40 mins. had elapsed, that the welcome "that's all" was heard above the noise of the bells, and the first peal upon them was an accomplished fact. Of course to ring a peal of Treble Ten is nothing remarkable to experienced ringers, but when the difficulty of hearing and the number of attempts that has been made is taken into consideration, it is something to feel proud of to be in the first peal on these bells. Very great credit is due to Mr. A. Pegler for the way he rang the tenor, a bell reported in *Shipway* to be 44 cwt., and is by the way the heaviest yet turned in by the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The splendid "go" of the bells speaks well for the bell-hanging of Mr. W. Greenleaf, of Hereford, who was one of the first to congratulate the band on being successful in ringing the peal.

The inner man had not been forgotten while the peal was being rung, for Mr. Groves made splendid arrangements for a meat tea at Mr. Gaine's, The Raven hotel, which was done full justice to, after which a very pleasant evening was spent with the local men. Songs, touches on handbells, etc.; and special mention must be made of the tune-playing of Mr. C. H. Watts on handbells, who was accompanied on the piano by Miss Gaines, daughter of the landlord; afterwards she with her younger brother ringing plain courses of Doubles on the handbells. Mr. Pegler made an admirable chairman, and kept the company in roars of laughter with his natty speeches. The Juniors wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who so kindly helped to make the day's outing so enjoyable.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday evening, December 30th, the ringers of the St. Mary's (Bletchley) branch of this Guild, had their annual supper, at the house of Mr. V. Sears, Master, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, all the ringers being present on the occasion. The Rev. W. Bennett, Rector, paid a visit to the company during the supper and wished all a most enjoyable evening and a happy New Year, which seasonable wishes were most heartily accepted, and many thanks were given him for his kindness. The company also wish to thank those who so kindly patronised them on boxing-day, and so enabled them to clear everything up to their entire satisfaction. Since the 5th of November last, the members of this band have tried their best in the art of change-ringing, and are making headway now. Several touches have been rang of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and several young lads have begun to learn that method. Mr. V. Sear's youngest son (age 13) took part in several touches, also taking the treble in the midnight peal on New Year's Eve, which lasted 55 minutes, being his longest touch. The ringers who took part were: V. Sear, R. Sear, A. G. Crane, A. N. Atkins, J. Atkins, E. Marks, F. James, F. Hedges, L. Meager, A. Crane, W. Sear, and F. Morby. Several 6-scores of Doubles were rang on the front six, 6, 7, 8 covering; and on the back six, 1-2 leading, tenor covering; also a course of Grandsire Triples.

Compositions.

The three following peals by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield :—

TREBLE BOB CINQUES.

5148.

23456	M	B	4ths	W	H
36452	I	—	—	—	2
34562	—	—	—	I	2
42563	I	—	—	—	2
43265	2	—	—	—	I
35264	I	—	—	—	2
32654	—	—	—	I	2
24653	I	—	—	—	2
23456	2	—	—	—	I
23456	in				

5324.

23456	M	B	4ths	W	H
36452	I	—	—	—	2
63254	2	—	—	—	2
52364	—	—	—	2	2
24365	I	—	—	—	2
45362	I	—	—	—	2
54263	2	—	—	—	2
62453	—	—	—	2	2
23456	I	—	—	—	2
23456	in				

BOB ROYAL.

5040.

23456	W	M	H
43625	S	—	—
63524	—	—	—
45326	—	—	—
34526	—	—	—
52346	—	—	—
35246	—	—	—
24356	—	—	—
32456	—	—	—
43256	—	—	—
54236	—	—	—
23546	—	—	—
42536	—	—	—
53426	—	—	—
25436	—	—	—

Repeated.

This will run true on Canterbury Royal.

STEDMAN CATERS.By F. DENCH, *College Youths.*

5020.

231456	I	4	5	6	16
361524	—	—	—	—	—
163425	—	—	—	—	—
365214	—	—	—	—	—

Continued— I 4 5 6 16

364512	—	—	—	—	—
462135	—	—	—	—	—
465231	—	—	—	—	—
564132	—	—	—	—	—
562431	—	—	—	—	—
561234	—	—	—	—	—
165432	—	—	—	—	—
165234	S	—	—	—	—
164532	—	—	—	—	—
461235	—	—	—	—	—
465132	—	—	—	—	—
462531	—	—	—	—	—
264135	—	—	—	—	—
265431	—	—	—	—	—
261534	—	—	—	—	—
162435	—	—	—	—	—
265314	—	—	—	—	—
264513	—	—	—	—	—
462315	—	—	—	—	—
265143	—	—	—	—	—
562341	—	—	—	—	—
261453	—	—	—	—	—
263154	—	—	—	—	—
362451	—	—	—	—	—
361254	—	—	—	—	—
163452	—	—	—	—	—
162354	—	—	—	—	—
164253	—	—	—	—	—
461352	—	—	—	—	—
462153	—	—	—	—	—
463251	—	—	—	—	—
364152	—	—	—	—	—
364251	S	—	—	—	—
361452	—	—	—	—	—
163254	—	—	—	—	—
164352	—	—	—	—	—
461253	—	—	—	—	—
463152	—	—	—	—	—
462351	—	—	—	—	—
264153	—	—	—	—	—
263451	—	—	—	—	—
261354	—	—	—	—	—
162453	—	—	—	—	—

Rounds by bobs at 3, 5, 8 (three changes before the course-end).

GRANDSIRE MINOR.By T. DALTON, *Croston.*

720.

56243	S
34526	—
26354	S
45236	—
63425	—
25643	S
34265	—
56324	—
42536	—
36452	S

Five times repeated; bob for single midway and end.

BOB MAJOR.By H. W. WILDE, *Belgrave, Cheshir*

5184.

23456	W	5th	4th	M
42356	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—

Five times repeated, with single instead of bob at the end of the third and sixth parts. Contains the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 6ths place at the course-ends. This peal may be reduced to 5040 by calling the seventh course 5th, 4th, M H in any one part, thus cutting out one course.

5088.

23426	W	5th	4th	B	M	H
42356	—	—	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—	—	—

Five times repeated, with single instead of bob at the end of the third and sixth parts. This peal contains all the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place at the course-ends.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.By E. TIMBRELL, *Chipping.*

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
25634	2	—	I	I
52436	—	—	I	2
23564	—	—	—	—
62345	—	—	—	2
24365	I	—	—	—
46325	I	—	—	—
65324	2	—	I	2
54326	2	—	I	2
42356	—	—	—	2
26354	2	—	I	2
52364	I	—	—	2
43265	2	—	I	I
42635	—	—	I	2
63425	I	—	2	I
53246	2	—	—	I
23456	I	—	—	I

This peal has 4, 5 and 6 exclusively in 6ths place at the course-ends.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1899.

If during the year just expired the progress of ringing has been steadily maintained, we surely have an additional cause for gratification in the fact that bell-restoration and augmentation has not been allowed to pause. Of course we should like to see more of the latter, a great deal more; but what has been carried out affords an earnest of what is to follow, if we still keep before those concerned the great importance that the bells of the Church should be made as perfect as possible. There are very few issues of our paper without an account of some quantity of bell-work; our reports of such for a twelvemonth, if collated and got together, would be very satisfactory reading, we think, and would show us that the interest in bells is by no means drooping. Those people who occasionally amuse themselves by tilting at bells and ringing, do not stay the current for one moment.

While we may feel encouraged at such a prospect, it is open to doubt whether a corresponding increase has taken place in the ranks of intelligent ringers. Of men who can merely pull a rope we have enough perhaps, but the

educated intelligent ringer is not in such force as he ought to be. Reasons for this belief are not wanting. We have information now and then from men ardent in the pursuit of change-ringing, complaining that they cannot induce their colleagues to make an attempt to get out of the old groove, and proceed to something higher than "Bold Queen Anne" or "cross-changes." We can only live and hope, under such circumstances; hope for better things, and work hard to obtain them. But for those who will not advance, who positively refuse to do the work of ringing in an intelligent manner, there can be no sympathy, even if their obstinacy results in them being prevented entering the tower at all.

The batch of Christmas and New Year's cards sent this year are considerably above the average, a splendid engraving of Cirencester Church coming from Mr. BOND, of that town. We thank our old and young friends for their kind wishes.

The Metropolis.

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

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

On Tuesday, January 3, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST G. FENN* Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER 5.
THOMAS FAULKNER 2.	CALEB FENN 6.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER* .. 3.	ALBERT C. HARDY 7.
ROWLAND FENN 4.	EDWARD A. DAVIES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

*First peal. Mr. Churchwarden Davies has promised to erect a tablet recording the above, it being the first peal rung by all residents in the parish.

The Provinces.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. FINCH Treble.	J. W. WASHBROOK 6.
JOB HOWES 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
W. J. SMITH 3.	WM. BENNETT 8.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 4.	EDWIN HIMS 9.
WM. JEFFERY 5.	ANTONY STRANGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

A. L. PREECE Treble.	J. SHEPARD 5.
J. F. HARVEY* 2.	J. J. POWERS 6.
G. CARTER 3.	G. BARKER 7.
A. E. HARVEY 4.	J. LADLEY Tenor.

Conducted by J. F. HARVEY.

*First peal as conductor.

HEREFORD.

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

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor about 40 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 6.
LIONEL LONGNEY 2.	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. 9.
ERNEST BISHOP 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The above is J. E. Groves' 150th peal, and F. G. May's fiftieth peal. This is the first peal on the bells. Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5073 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs.

FRED. G. MAY Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 2.	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 7.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 3.	FRANCIS E. WARD .. 8.
CHARLES W. JONES 4.	JOHN AUSTIN 9.
NOAH DAVIS 5.	JOHNSA STEPHENS Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM T. PATES, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS B. WOOD Treble.	FREDERICK HILTON 5.
WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 2.	JOHN T. HOLMES 6.
JOHN HILTON 3.	EDWARD HOLDEN 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.	HERBERT P. NASH Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Grandsire Triples upon the bells, which was rung on the back eight.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 29, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALBERT J. LINCOLN .. Treble.	EDGAR BAILEY 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. 6.
JOHN LARTER 3.	WILLIAM DREW 7.
EDWARD WIGG 4.	GEORGE HARDY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM DREW.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 29, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM BURROWS .. Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM 4.
HARRY KILBY 2.	FRED. RICHARDSON .. 5.
ROBERT GEORGE 3.	ARTHUR TENNANT Tenor.

No conductor mentioned.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. JAMES Treble.	FRANK BOREHAM 5.
FREDK. G. BIGGS 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
H. STRATFORD 3.	FRANK K. BIGGS 7.
RHYS HAWES 4.	JOHN EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDWARD BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	FREDERICK POTTER 4.
JOHN BUCKINGHAM 2.	JAMES ROSE 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

First peal in seven methods by all.

BRISTOL.

On Saturday, December 31, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JOHN W. JONES Treble.	FREDERICK PORCH 5.
ALFRED PEARCE 2.	WILLIAM PADDOCK 6.
FREDERICK PEARCE 3.	FRANK GOODING 7.
GILBERT PEARCE 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SHIPWAY, and
Conducted by GEORGE THOMAS DALTRY.

First peal in the method by all except the 2nd ringer and the conductor. This peal was arranged for John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt. in A flat.

CHARLES SILLITOE Treble.	*GEORGE LANCASTER 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2.	*CHARLES CLARK 6.
WILBY HAZELL 3.	HARRY BOWERS 7.
WILLIAM HOWELL 4.	*GEORGE ANDREWS Tenor.

Composed by W. SÖTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

*First peal. This is the first peal on these bells, which have recently been augmented from six to eight through the exertions of Mr. Nevard. The band were entertained to a first-class spread by Mr. Nevard, at the conclusion of the peal, for which they beg to return thanks.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 31, 1898, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble.	*ARTHUR SLATER 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT* 2.	*JOHN ALLEN 6.
THOMAS G. SAREL 3.	WILLIAM J. THYNG 7.
THOMAS WHITWORTH 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal in the method.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1898, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT E. REEVES Treble.	ARTHUR W. HIGGS 5.
FREDERICK SWEETZER 2.	*AMBROSE OSBORNE 6.
ALFRED W. REEVES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
ARTHUR H. EVANS* 4.	*HENRY SMART Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN G. LUSHER Treble.	CHARLES LYES 5.
STEPHEN KNIGHT 2.	HARRY FORD 6.
THOMAS MANSFIELD 3.	HENRY LOVELL 7.
CHARLES COX 4.	GEORGE PARSONS Tenor.

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and
Conducted by HARRY FORD.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN CREASY Treble.	JAMES DURRANT 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3.	WILLIAM E. H. BULLOCK .. 7.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 4.	*WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1898, in Four Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 7023 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS 6.
HARRY PRING 2.	FREDERICK W. ELLIS 7.
CHARLES H. HORTON 3.	CHARLES H. GORDON 8.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS 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, and will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 5th, 1898. It is the longest length rung in the method in the city, and the longest by all the band. Being the last day of the year the bells were half-muffled.

DEANE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	THOMAS PEERS 5.
EDMUND HEWITT 2.	WILLIAM DUCKWORTH 6.
JOHN MOSCROP 3.	JOHN EACHUS 7.
HENRY MOSS 4.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by GEO. F. WOODHOUSE.

Rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to R. Duckworth, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.
On Monday, January 2, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES COX Treble	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 6.
FRED G. MAY 3.	HENRY LOVELL 7.
HARRY FORD 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by W. T. PEGLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	EDWIN BARNETT .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 7.
FRANCIS GROVE* .. 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CHARLES WILKINS.

The composition of this peal will be found on page 80 of Snowdon's Treble Bob.
*First peal in the method.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lbs.

H. JOHN BALCOMBE .. Treble.	ROBERT PICKERING .. 5.
HERBERT KNIGHT 2.	GEORGE BURROWS .. 6.
WM. GEORGE HALL 3.	JOHN JAAGAR 7.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 4.	ISAAC PURSER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING .. 5.
ROBERT S. CHERRIMAN .. 2.	THOMAS CARD 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL.. 7.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

A note to this and subsequent peals will be found elsewhere.

The following peals were obtained during a ringing tour:—

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble.	WILLIAM STEED .. 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE 2.	JOHN STEDDY 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL.. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

This composition has the 6th her extent at home at ten course-ends.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 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 TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM STEED .. 5.
KEITH HART 2.	PHILIP ALLFREY .. 6.
ALFRED J. TURNER .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
JOHN STEDDY 4.	JOHN F. STEADMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER, JUN.* .. Treble.	WILLIAM STEED .. 5.
LIONEL S. SEARS* 2.	JOHN STEDDY 6.
ARTHUR ROOKE† 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 7.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

PHILIP ALLFREY .. Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 5.
LIONEL S. SEARS 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 6.
WILLIAM STEED 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
JOHN STEDDY 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD .. Treble.	EDWARD MANKELOW .. 5.
THOMAS CARD 2.	*GEORGE A. CARD .. 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	KEITH HART 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE RABBITT .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells with the present tenor. This was the conductor's 200th peal, and the 100th peal by Thomas Card, lists of which will be found elsewhere.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 29, 1898, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JACK PRESTON .. Treble.	THOMAS WALLIS .. 5.
JAMES WALLIS 2.	JAMES HEASMAN .. 6.
JOSEPH EDWARDS .. 3.	KEITH HART 7.
JOHN STEDDY 4.	RICHARD JENNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

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.

WANTED.—An Improver to the Plumbing, and general work of a country shop. Apply—E. BARNETT, Crayford, Kent.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 30, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
KEITH HART 2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	GEORGE SMART Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to usher out the old year. This was K. Hart's 60th peal during the year.

Date Touches.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Christmas Eve, at the church of St. Laurence, a date touch, 1898 changes, in 1 hr. 18 mins., being a 720 of College Single, and 1178 Bob Minor. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. J. Milner, Esq. (longest touch), 1; H. Tarlton, 2; W. Butler (conductor), 3; T. Clough, 4; J. T. Butler, 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Christmas morning, at St. Mary's church, a date touch, 1898 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins., in six different methods, being 98 Plain, 360 London Doubles, 360 Antelope, 360 April Day, 360 Old Doubles, and 360 Grandsire. E. Abbott, 1; W. Flory, 2; F. Ling, 3; H. W. Baldry, 4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEDHAM (Sussex).—On Monday, December 26th, at St. James' church, a date touch, 1898 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins., being 74 Kent, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, 720 Duke of York, and 384 Woodbine. W. Marshall, 1; T. Stroud, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; F. Trussler, 5; J. Lee, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON.—On Christmas morning, at the church of The Saviour, a 720 of Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Banks, 1; W. Hulme, 2; R. Fiddies, 3; J. Calderbank, 4; E. Hewitt, 5; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BEESTON (Notts).—On Christmas morning, December 25th, for Divine Service, 576 Bob Major. J. Paling, 1; W. Clifford, sen., 2; F. Price, 3; W. Clifford, jun., 4; R. Clifford, 5; G. Oldham, 6; A. Lowe, 7; J. Hutchby (conductor), 8. For evening service 1280 Bob Major by the same band.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Christmas Day for evening service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Godfrey, 1; W. Godfrey, 2; *Rev. F. Knight, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; H. Channon, 5; J. Baker, 6; J. Godfrey (conductor), 7; J. Lovering, 8. *First 500.

AXMINSTER (Devon).—On Monday, December 26th, some members of the Ottery St. Mary branch, and three members of the Guild from Exeter, started for a peal of Grandsire Triples on this fine peal of eight, but after ringing 2 hrs. 28 mins. it came to grief. H. Channon, 1; F. Davey (conductor), 2; J. Locke, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; J. Godfrey, 5; J. Baker, 6; A. Pike, 7; J. Moss, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, November 30th, at the house of Mr. G. Gray, 720 Bob Minor. T. J. Watts, 1; T. Jordan (first 720 on handbells), 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; G. Jordan (first 720 on handbells), 6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. T. J. Watts, 1-2; W. Watts (conductor), 3-4; G. Jordan, 5-6. On Thursday, December 8th, 720 Bob Minor. T. J. Watts, 1; H. Little (first 720 on handbells), 2; G. Gray, 3; T. Jordan, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; G. Jordan, 6. Also 120 Oxford Treble Bob. T. J. Watts, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. Jordan, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; G. Jordan, 6.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDMONTON (Middlesex).—On Monday, December 12th, at All Saints church, 504 Stedman Triples. P. J. Darlington, 1; J. Lawson, 2; J. Miller, 3; R. Goodchild, 4; A. W. Darlington, 5; H. Newby, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; W. G. Darlington, 8.

SOUTHGATE Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 18th, at Christ Church, 630 Grandsire Triples. —. Glasscock, 1; J. Miller, 2; A. W. Darlington, 3; F. Newman, 5; —. Pickworth, 6; W. G. Darlington, 6; S. Wade, 7; J. Balaam, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.—On Monday, December 12th, at the church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles with G. S. Taylor, 2; also 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. W. Denteth, 1; J. W. Parker, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; R. Patterson, 5. This is the first 720 on the bells, and was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Robert T. Manning, secretary of the local band, and Miss Annie D. Noble, an active church-worker, which was solemnised on that day in the church, the ringers wishing them a long and happy married life.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, November 20th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Wales, 1; E. Jordan, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. On Tuesday, December 6th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of E. K. Bailey, Esq., formerly people's churchwarden of the parish. On Sunday morning, December 18th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. And for evening service 720 Violet standing as before.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, December 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins. J. Harper, 1; E. Newman (conductor), 2; A. D. Stone, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; E. Reynolds, 6; F. S. Bayley, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, December 11th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 503 Grandsire Caters. W. Powell, 1; A. Hill, 2; W. Hadley, 3; W. C. Jones, 4; W. Bright, 5; G. Hinton, 6; W. Page, 7; G. Checketts, 8; W. Johnson, 9; T. Malin, 10. Conducted by W. Jones. Longest length by W. Hadley.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE (Berks).—For practice on December 12th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Palmer, 1, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyns, 2; A. Talbot, 3; J. Cooper, 4; G. Martin, 5; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by the band, who have made good progress under their instructor, Mr. Wilkins, of Maidenhead.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Wednesday, November 30th, on handbells, the last 740 of Holt's Original. On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Eden, 1; J. B. Bates, 2; H. Martin, 3; B. Prewett, 4; C. George, 5; G. N. Price (conductor), 6. For evening service 360 Bob Minor. F. Glennerster, 1; H. Eden, 2; C. George, 3; B. Prewett, 4; H. Martin, 5; G. N. Price (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 12th, a quarter-peal of 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.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 11th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 50 mins. J. Nicholls, 1; E. Arthurton, 2; W. Meaton, 3; S. Wade, 4; H. Adams, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; J. Aldridge (composer and conductor), 7; R. Charge, 8; C. Charge, 9; S. How, 10.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On a recent Sunday evening for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; W. Foreman, 2; J. Lamb, 3; *J. A. Dart (Tottenham), 4; F. W. Thornton, 5; T. Taylor, 6; W. Berry, 7; F. Bird, 8. *First quarter-peal of Stedman.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS.—On Wednesday, December 14th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. L. Stone, 1; C. Hills, 2; S. F. C. Saker (first touch of Triples), 3; L. Stapley, 4; F. Lock (conductor), 5; G. Watson, 6; J. Livermore, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. Also 252 Bob Triples. L. Stone, 1; C. Hills, 2; L. Stapley, 3; F. Lock, 4; J. Livermore, 5; G. Watson, 6; S. Saker (conductor), 7; W. H. Swain, 8. First touch of Bob Triples by all except the conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, December 15th, 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Smithers, 1; W. Smithers, 2; W. Latter, 3; H. Martin, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; W. Smith, 6; F. Harrington (conductor), 7; E. Turner, 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Thursday, December 22nd, on handbells retained in hand, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Jakeman, 1-2; S. Wood, 3-4; G. Longden, 5-6; S. Booth, 7-8. The above is the longest touch of Stedman on handbells.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Christmas Eve, at St. Mary's church, 1064 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Browne, 1; I. Folkard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; G. F. Alexander, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; F. Baker, 8. This touch contains the twenty-four 6-7s, and is taken from Grandsire, page 54.

HADLBIGH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, December 20th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). A. Thorpe, 1; T. Read, 2; J. Scowen (conductor), 3; W. Glead, 4; E. Willis, 5; C. Willis, 6. First 720 by Messrs. Read and C. Willis.

SOLIHULL (Warwickshire).—On Monday, December 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Bragg, 1; A. Flowers, 2; W. Ellis, 3; G. A. Martineau (conductor), 4; F. Rowley, 5; J. Bragg, 6; A. Smith, 7; W. Wall, 8. Composed by the late H. Johnson.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Christmas morning, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 334 Grandsire Triples. H. L. Waddington, 1; H. Walker (longest touch with a bob bell), 2; J. Earwicker, 3; A. Hallett, 4; J. E. Randall, 5; W. H. Buckingham, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7; H. J. Samuel, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal in the same method. H. L. Waddington, 1; H. J. Samuel, 2; J. Earwicker, 3; A. Hallett, 4; W. Battle, 5; W. H. Buckingham, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 7; L. F. Barnes, 8.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, December 7th, at the church of St. Editha, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Windridge, 1; J. Pratt, 2; J. George (conductor), 3; C. Chapman, 4; J. W. Timms, 5; W. Chapman, 6; W. Lago, 7; C. Pratt, 8. This quarter-peal is taken from Holt's Original.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Thursday, December 15th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Burrows, 1; H. Kilby, 2; S. Wade (conductor), 3; A. Pittam, 4; F. Richardson, 5; A. Tennant, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob the band as before. And 720

Plain Bob. A. Hill (first 720), 1; W. Burrow, 2; H. Kilby, 3; A. Tennant, 4; A. Pittam, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Pittam, 1; F. Richardson, 2; S. Wade (conductor), 3; A. Tennant, 4; W. Burrows, 5; H. Kilby, 6.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE AT SAWSTON (December 27th, 1898).—This was by arrangement of the Master of the Society, Edward Taylor Esq., and resulted in the fulfilment of a long-talked-of idea of ringing the first peal of Cambridge Surprise in the County of Cambridge. The bells are a very handy ring and the go is splendid. The names, etc., of the performers were given in last week's list of peals. After the peal, which was concluded at 3 o'clock, the company sat down to an excellent repast at The White Lion hotel, generously provided by the Master, and at which he presided. Mr. N. J. Pitstow, in proposing a vote of thanks to him, took the opportunity of stating that it was mainly owing to him (Mr. Taylor), and his perseverance, that this satisfactory result had been obtained; he also wished to heartily thank the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Crump, for kindly allowing the use of the bells, and expressed regret at his unavoidable absence on this occasion. Thanks were also accorded Mr. Samuel Bull, the efficient steeple-keeper, who was complimented on the excellent condition in which the bells were kept. The Master, in replying, said the event of the day had been a very great pleasure to him and he hoped that many more such outings might be arranged and as successfully carried out, and he would be pleased to find dinners if the ringers would provide ringing. Mr. G. Taylor, of St. Mary's, Cambridge, paid a visit and honoured the company by his presence at dinner. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in ringing Stedman, Double Norwich Court, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprises. J. F. P.

F. G. MAY'S LIST OF PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 2, Grandsire Caters 5, Grandsire Cinques 2, Stedman Triples 2, Stedman Caters 2, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Plain Bob Triples 1, Plain Bob Major 6, Plain Bob Royal 1, Plain Bob Maximus 1, Treble Bob Major 3, Treble Bob Royal 5, Treble Bob Maximus 1, Double Norwich Major 7, Gloucester Surprise Major 3, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 5, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1.—Total 50.

J. E. GROVES'S LIST OF PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 39, conducted 28; Grandsire Major 5, conducted 5; Grandsire Caters 38, conducted 23; Grandsire Royal 1; Grandsire Cinques 3; Bob Triples 2, conducted 1; Bob Major 16, conducted 12; Bob Caters 1; Bob Royal 1; Stedman Triples 8; Stedman Caters 1; Stedman Cinques 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal 2; Double Norwich Major 5; Forward Major 1; Forward Royal 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 9, conducted 5; Oxford Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; on five and six bells 9, conducted 2.—Total 150; conducted 77. Four of the Grandsire Triples were on handbells, one peal of Grandsire contained 8,009, and one 7,019.

Obituary.

GEORGE HENRY CLAYTON.

This ringer of East Retford died at Newark hospital on Wednesday, December 7th. He joined the East Retford society in 1893 after the formation of the new company, and was a member of the North Notts. Association from the year of his initiation. Although his score with our Association does not amount to a single peal, he had made many attempts to score one, and although not successful, it was through no fault of his own. We regret to report that our late comrade succumbed to typhoid fever at Newark hospital after a short illness, and a muffled peal was postponed in consequence of a serious illness close by the church, until Saturday, December 31st, when an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a recognition of the closing year, and more especially for our late esteemed brother. After ringing for 3 hrs., the peal came to grief in consequence of a mis-call. G. Swannack, 1; G. W. Metcalfe, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Haigh, 4; G. R. Winter, 3; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; R. Potter, 8. His remains were conveyed from Newark to South Leverton, the home of his father and mother, and were interred in the picturesque churchyard of that village, the funeral service being conducted by the Rev. A. Thornley. Messrs. Haigh, Winter, and Swannack attended the funeral on behalf of the East Retford ringers, who also showed their respect by sending a beautiful wreath. As a good ringer, punctual in his attendance, he was much respected by his numerous ringing friends, and many others, and thus another member who linked us with the past slips away into silence. Who will fill his place? H.

Notices.

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The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held to-day, 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) to-day, 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 this Saturday afternoon, January 7th, 1899. W. W. C. BAKER.
Ridgmont Vicarage, Blechley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme, to-day, Saturday, January 7th, 1899.

Rev. G. T. BIRCH, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

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. Rev. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
Stokesley.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The next official meeting will be held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, on Tuesday, January 10th, after ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral. Members who wish to pay 1s. 8d. in lieu of booking fees, are reminded that this sum is now due, according to rule 7.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Tradescant Road,
South Lambeth, S.W.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The 21st annual meeting will be held at Gloucester, on Thursday, January 12th, 1899. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., seats reserved for those sending notice to the local Secretary before the 11th inst. Meat tea at Garrett's, Westgate Street, 1s. 6d. each, 1s. each allowed to performing members sending 6d. in stamps to the hon. local Secretary, Mr. J. Austin, Conduit Street, Gloucester, on or before Monday, the 9th instant. Business meeting immediately after tea for the election of Officers, etc. An important proposal will be submitted by Mr. Baynham, of Bristol, for the purpose of establishing local branches of the Association (each with its own Chairman and Secretary) in the three Archdeaconries of Gloucester, Bristol, and Cirencester. If carried, this will involve some alteration of the present rules. Towers open for ringing at 2 p.m., Cathedral (8), St. Michael's (10), St. Mary-de-Crypt (8).

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The annual yearly meeting will be held at The Little Saddler inn, Dewsbury, on Saturday, January 14th, at 5 p.m. Business: election of officers; balance-sheet; five-years' report; resignation of Secretary;

and other important business; subscriptions due.

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

North Notts Association.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks, on Saturday, January 14th. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

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, *Hon. Sec.*,
5, Manor Parade, High Street, Sutton.

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.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch will hold their monthly meeting at 6 o'clock on Saturday, January 14th, 1899, at Grassendale. The reports are now ready, and also all subscriptions are now due.

G. WOODHALL, *Branch Secretary.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Killamarsh, on Saturday, January 14th. Midland and Great Central Railway peal of six bells. Meeting at The Crown inn, at 5 prompt.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Meersbrook Bank Road,
Sheffield.

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.*

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held on January 21st, at Newchurch. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30.

J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

Yorkshire Association.—The Annual meeting will be held at Bolton, Bradford, on Saturday, January 21st. Church service at St. James' Church, at 4 p.m., with sermon by the Rev. C. H. King, Vicar. Tea in the School at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. Bernal E. Howe, 334, Otley Road, Bradford, to whom communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent.

BEN T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the District will be held at Lenham, on Saturday, January 21st, 1899. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Usual allowances. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid to me at or before the meeting.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. 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. *Detur honos arti!*

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will take place on Saturday, January 28th, 1899, at Hagley. A short service will be held in the church at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow, at which the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector, will preside. He has kindly placed the tower and bells at the members' disposal. A meat tea will be provided at 9d. each, for all those sending in their names to me on or before Tuesday, the 24th. The Secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions which are now due for the present year, according to rule 8, also the names and addresses of each local Secretary.

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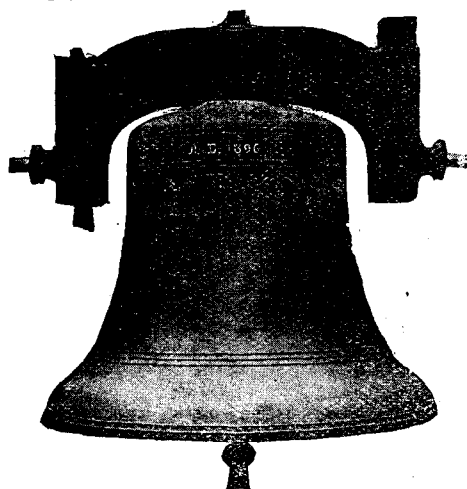
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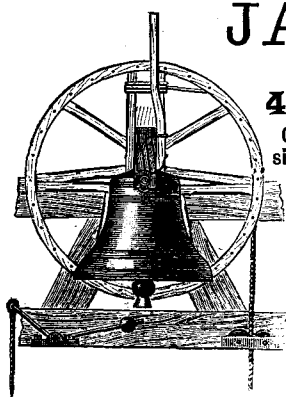
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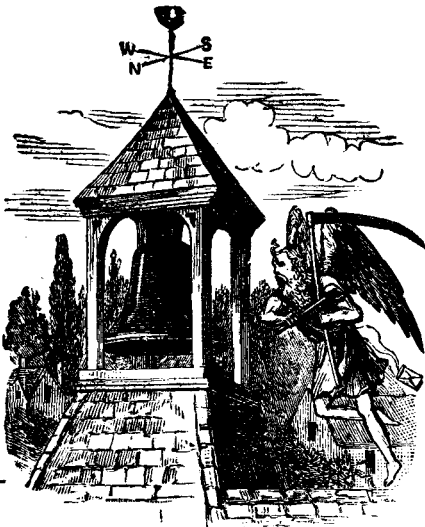
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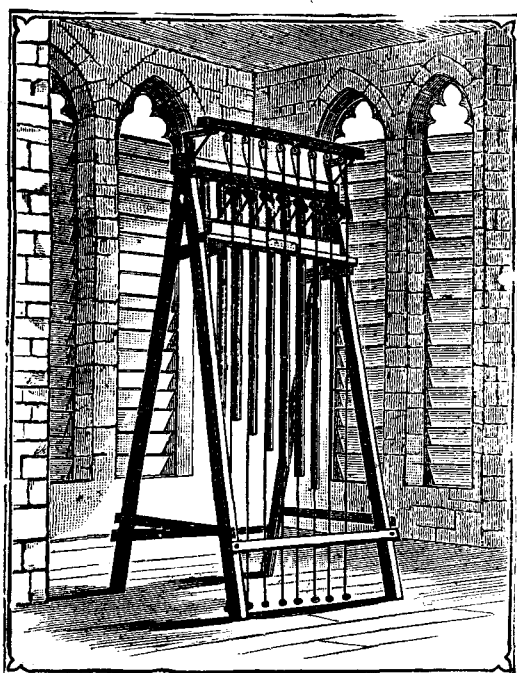
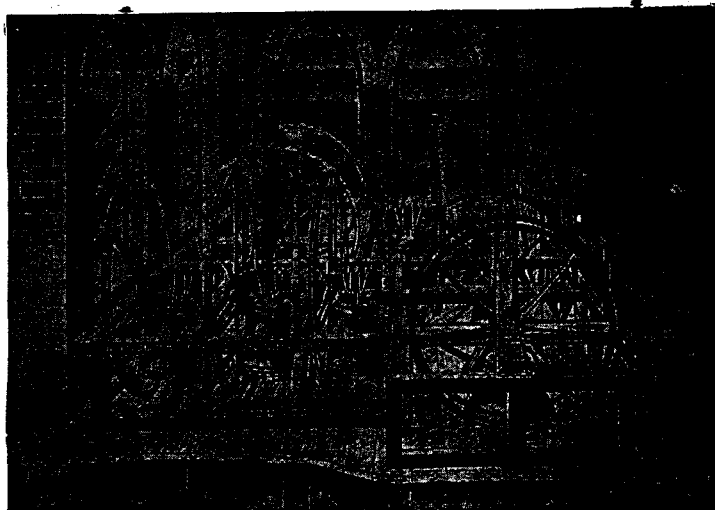
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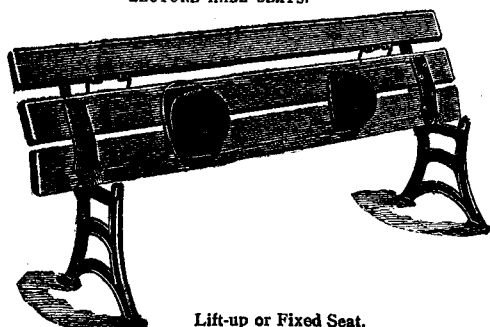
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MR. T. J. SALTER, OF KIDDERMINSTER.

THOMAS JAMES SALTER was born on the 30th day of September, 1866, at the parish of Kinver, in Staffordshire, but was removed to Wolverley, in Worcestershire, twelve months afterwards. It was at the last-named place that he first entered a belfry, where in 1881 he was taught to ring a bell, his teacher being Mr. (now Rev.) C. S. Rowland; several others undergoing tuition at the same time. His first 720 was rung here, Grandsire Minor, being the first 720 on the bells. Minor in the best known methods has since been rung at Wolverley: the first 720 of London Surprise by the Worcestershire Association was rung there, which our friend conducted. While a member of the Wolverley company his visits to Kidderminster were very frequent; for practice on Wednesday and for Sunday ringing. He joined the Kidderminster band in 1886, and here rang the treble in his first peal, Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-Part), on Tuesday, January 11th, 1887, the following Saturday ringing the 2nd in Holt's Original at Bridgnorth, both peals being conducted by J. W. Washbrook. On October 10th, 1888, he rang the 6th in the first peal by a local band since 1825, which was conducted by H. Williams. This peal was a commencement of a sure but steady progress to the top of the ladder, a peal of London Surprise being reached on January 6th, 1897.

While this progression from Grandsire to London Surprise was being made, MR. SALTER still lived at Wolverley, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from St. Mary's tower, Kidderminster, and three miles from the railway station, but regularly twice every Sunday he attended to ring for morning and evening service. He has taken part in the first peals of Stedman Triples, Canterbury Pleasure Royal, Double Norwich, Duffield, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise, which have been rung by the Worcestershire Association; he is the only member who has rung in every Surprise peal yet scored by the above Association; he has rung in more Worcestershire Association peals—by many—than other other member; and rung peals in more towers in the county of Worcester than anyone.

The year 1892 was regarded as a successful year for the Worcestershire Association; and MR. SALTER rang in twenty-three out of thirty-three peals rung by the Association in that year. He rang in the first Surprise peals ever rung in Shropshire and the town of Birmingham. A list of his performances are given below. Though he has never aspired to the art of conducting, there is no doubt whatever as to his ability in this direction, being able to conduct a peal in any method from any bell.

It is thought not out of place to mention here that MR.

SALTER has always been a warm supporter of this journal. We have it from a most reliable authority that he has been known frequently to purchase a number of copies of an issue for the purpose of distribution in neighbourhoods where change-ringing was unknown, or else at a very low ebb. It is by such instrumentality that MR. SALTER, like many other friends, has been the means of causing our paper to be read in more than one quarter of the globe.

He is a member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, the Midland Counties Association, the Sussex County Association, and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Very complimentary testimony to MR. SALTER's private worth has been forwarded to us from several well-known ringers. It would be deemed impolitic to publish such eulogy; we merely mention it to accentuate the fact that the subject of our sketch is thought "a downright good fellow," a very safe ringer and conductor, unassuming, always anxious to be of use in forwarding the interests of young ringers, and better than all, he has not a single enemy among ringers. A good example for young men to copy.

And here for the time we take leave of our friend SALTER, with the hope that he will live long to be an active member of the enterprising Kidderminster band; and continue to increase that kindly regard which his brethren in different places feel towards him.

LIST OF PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
1 Method on six bells	1	...
4 Methods on six bells	1	...
5 Methods on six bells	2	...
7 Methods on six bells	11	...
Plain Bob Triples	2	1
Plain Bob Major	5	...
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure Royal	1	...
Grandsire Triples	9	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	...
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	...
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2	...
Double Oxford Bob Major	3	...
Duffield Major	1	...
Stedman Triples	35	...
Stedman Caters	2	...
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	25	...
Superlative Surprise Major	24	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	15	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	...
London Surprise Major	5	...
Total	148	7

Rung in 44 different towers.

The peals of Double Norwich include lengths of 6994 and 7392.

The Grandsire Triples includes one on handbells (rang 3-4).



MR. THOMAS J. SALTER.
(Of Kidderminster.)

WORCESTERSHIRE.—THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the King's Norton Guild was held in the old schoolroom, King's Norton, on Monday, January 9th, 1899.

The Chair was taken by the retiring Master of the Guild, Mr. W. S. Pritchett, and there were also present the Rev. E. W. Barnard, M.A., Vicar of King's Norton, the Revs. Roland Haseler, M.A., Sydney Powell Townend, and H. T. Pallinson, assistant clergy; Mr. H. Bloomer, vicar's warden; with Messrs. G. Badger, J. Betterton, G. Cooper, W. Palmer, Theodore Pritchett, W. H. Sumner, Fred Sumner, W. Short, H. Withers, and J. Withers, Fellows of the Guild.

Mr. W. S. Pritchett was re-elected Master of the Guild for the ensuing year; Mr. W. H. Sumner was re-elected senior warden; and Mr. T. Pritchett was elected junior warden. Mr. John Barber was elected a Fellow, and Messrs. Walter Fletcher and Frederick Hill were admitted as apprentices.

After the business meeting the company adjourned to The Saracen's Head inn, where an excellent supper was provided.

The usual loyal toast having been honoured, Mr. T. Pritchett proposed "The Vicar and assistant-clergy," alluding in particular to the admirable work carried on in the parish, and to the great satisfaction afforded the members of the Guild by the presence of the clergy that evening, and the warm interest consistently evinced in the progress of the Guild in the art of change-ringing.

The Vicar, in acknowledging the toast, expressed the pleasure he felt in being present, and acknowledged the great assistance he and his fellow-clergy had received from all classes of the parishioners and churchworkers in the administration of parochial matters. He proposed "Success to the Guild," coupling the toast with the name of the Master.

Mr. Pritchett, in thanking the Vicar and the members of the Guild for their renewed confidence, reminded them that peals had been achieved in all the standard methods, and there only remained the Surprise methods to conquer to reach the top rung of the ladder. Of these a peal of Superlative was not far off, and whilst Cambridge and London no doubt presented greater difficulties, perseverance would overcome all obstacles.

The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse and music, including songs admirably rendered by Dr. Wareing and the Vicar, tunes and touches on the handbells.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On New Year's Eve the ringers attended the last evening song of the Old Year, and afterwards repaired to the tower and rang some excellent touches with the bells half-muffled until ten o'clock. Then to supper at the rectory, which is an annual custom through the kindness of the respected Rector and President. Twelve ringers sat down with the Rector, Mrs. Custance, and family, and did justice to the good things provided. Supper over, the Rector said how pleased he was to meet them all once more at the end of the year, and spoke on the ringing in general, and the peals rung during the year, and said it was one of the happiest moments of his life when he had accomplished his first peal on eight bells.

Mr. E. J. Beatley, Secretary and Treasurer, read out the accounts for the past year, which showed a balance of over £5, and as he had left the parish, he found he could

not fulfil the office as he wished, so would tender his resignation, and proposed that Mr. W. Evans should fill his place, who then was unanimously elected. The Rector said how sorry he was to lose Mr. Beatley as Secretary, an office which he had so faithfully fulfilled for thirteen years, and hoped he would still be a member of the Guild. Then after giving some good advice to the young ringers, he wished them a Happy New Year, and a pleasant evening came to an end. The ringers again wended their way to the belfry, and the tenor tolled out the dying year. At the stroke of twelve, the bells, un-muffled, struck out with some good touches of Grandsire and Darlaston Bob Triples, with intervals of firing until one o'clock. The bells were then lowered in peal, the ringers as usual went and sang some carols at the rectory, wishing each other the usual greetings.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The local members of the Guild held their annual meeting in the new parish institute on Saturday, December 31st, the President (Rev. C. G. Lang), Vicar, in the chair. The following members were also present: Rev. A. R. Warburton, Vice-President; Messrs. J. Harper (foreman), C. Groves, J. Gould, P. Hannam, H. C. Ingram, J. T. Matthews, E. Newman, F. S. Bayley, E. Reynolds, J. Symons, A. Collins, and A. D. Stone. The minutes of the year was then read and put to the meeting. Mr. J. Gould proposed that the minutes be allowed to pass. Mr. J. T. Matthews seconded, and it was carried.

The following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year: Rev. A. R. Warburton, Vice-President; Mr. J. Harper, Foreman; Mr. H. C. Ingram, Secretary; and Messrs. Bayley, Matthews, and Groves to be members of the Committee. The Rev. E. R. Walker, curate of the parish, was elected a probationary member; and Mr. J. Harper was elected to be the representative of the band to the Winchester Guild.

Mr. Harper, on being elected, was asked by the chairman to make some comment about the work of the band. He said it was a great pleasure to him to say that the year 1898 was the most satisfactory year they ever had, and the pleasantest one. He was also glad to say that the band has rung the first local peal of Stedman Triples, and he hoped to be able to ring a peal of Treble Bob Major during the coming year. He could not see why they could not do so, for he believed there was metal enough in that band to do it.

Mr. J. Gould then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in having the bell chamber matchboarded up by thelouvres so as to moderate the sound of the bells; also to Mr. Ward (churchwarden) for his kindness in doing the work so well. This was seconded by Mr. J. Symons, and carried.

The Vicar said he was very pleased to hear that there had been such great improvement in the tower, and no such complaints as there had been in some towers. It gave him great pleasure to say that he had not heard one single complaint about the bells from the parishioners or any person in the neighbourhood, and he hoped the members of the band would always go on so.

Mr. J. Gould proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, which was seconded by Mr. H. C. Ingram, and carried. The Vicar accepted the same with much pleasure.

The Vicar said the Bishop of Newcastle had sent his

compliments to the Portsea band of ringers as usual. The members then went to another room in the institute where a good supper was laid for them, and after supper some songs were sung. At 10.15 p.m. the members left for the tower to ring for the Watch-night service. Two short touches of Stedman Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled, and after the service another touch of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells open, and this closed the night's enjoyment.

BELL-RINGERS FESTIVITY AT RINGMER, SUSSEX.

On New Year's Eve the curate of Ringmer (Rev. W. Errington), entertained the bell-ringers and the adult members of the choir of the parish church, about fifteen sitting down to a bountiful repast, at the conclusion of which Mr. Errington extended a hearty welcome to his guests. He hinted that it was probably the last New Year that he would spend in Ringmer, and urged both the choir and the ringers to continue in the service of the Church as good Christian men. The choir, was he said, now equal to that of any other village in the neighbourhood, and the ringers were an excellent company. Both in their particular spheres of labour were important members of the Church, and he hoped they would all long continue to take part in the good work in which they were engaged. In conclusion he wished those present a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. M. L. Jackson, in thanking Mr. and Mrs. Errington for their kindness, said it was with sincere regret that they heard of the rev. gentleman's approaching departure, and wished them every success in the future.

Mr. Errington's health was then drunk with musical honours. The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, carols, songs, and handbell ringing, passing the time pleasantly till close upon midnight, when the ringers adjourned to the church and welcomed in the New Year with a merry peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

The bell-ringers at the church of SS. Peter and Paul had their annual supper at The Prince of Wales hotel, Milton, on Tuesday, January 3rd, and altogether a very happy evening was spent. There was a large company, presided over by the Rev. F. Cogswell, curate of the parish church. After an excellent repast had been partaken of, the retiring secretary of the Association—Mr. Silver—read the report for the past year. This showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, and was unanimously accepted. Later in the evening the chairman presented a chased silver pencil case to Mr. Silver, as a token of esteem and regret upon his vacation of the office of secretary, which he has filled for some time past.

In thanking his fellow-ringers for their kind recognition of his services, Mr. Silver said that the work had been but a labour of love. Although he was relinquishing the post, he would still take a deep interest in the Art of ringing, and assist his comrades to further the interest in it. He might remind them that during the past twelve months they had rung two peals of 5040, and thanks to the enthusiasm of the members, more 720s had been rung than heretofore.

The remainder of the evening was spent in an enjoyable style, and the proceedings were brought to a close with the National Anthem.

DEATH OF A SADDLEWORTH RINGER.

Many will hear with regret of the death of Mr. Edward Wood, the respected landlord of The Church inn, Saddleworth. Last Friday night Mr. Wood had a paralytic seizure, and died within an hour, without regaining consciousness. He had been in delicate health ever since a similar attack three years ago. On that occasion he had been ringing for the evening service at the church, and had then gone to the shippon to milk. He was found there in a helpless condition. The deceased was a well-known ringer. At St. Chad's Church he had charge of the tenor bell, and was one of the oldest ringers. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. H. Doig conducting the obsequies. The church ringers showed respect for their old colleague by acting as the bearers. Ringers were present from Friesland and Mossley, as well as the local company.

Mr. John Holden has contributed the following:—The late Mr. Edward Wood, landlord of The Church inn, was one of the ringers at Saddleworth Church for over twenty years. He commenced to learn to ring about 1870, ringing for a short time with the Friezeland company. He rang during his time about thirty peals of 5000 changes and upwards, his first, 5040, being rung at Saddleworth Church, on January 13th, 1887, and consisting of seven Treble Bob Minor peals in 3 hrs. and 2 mins. His most notable performance was on March 30th in the same year, when he assisted in ringing the longest length which has been rung on the bells at Saddleworth Church, consisting of 7,200 changes, composed of ten Treble Bob Minor methods, occupying 4 hrs. and 18 mins. In both these peals he rang the tenor. He also rung the tenor in 5040 changes on Easter Monday, 1883, consisting of 14 half peals of Treble Bob Minor. He also rang the tenor in the first peal rung on the Mossley Parish Church bells on Easter Sunday morning, April 1st, 1888, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. and 1 min. (Two of the eight who rung in this peal have joined the majority, Mr. Wood and the late Mr. Moses Bradbury, who rang the 6th bell). He was a member of the Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers, joining in 1882, and has eighteen peals to his credit, his other peals being rung with the United Counties' Association and independent companies. He has also rung at several prize-ringing contests on six and eight bells, his last being at Frieze-land, where he assisted to win the first prize with the Saddleworth company; also, a second prize at Hayfield, in 1876; a first on eight bells, at Glossop; a fourth at Almondbury, and several other prizes at various places. He was in his 49th year. A good many ringers attended the funeral. The church bells were muffled, and he was carried to his last resting place by his colleagues, who rung a course of Grandsire Triples on the hand-bells over his grave. J. J. Brierley, 1-2; John Holden, 3-4; Edgar Buckley, 5-6; Joseph Wood, 7-8. May he rest in peace.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On New Year's eve the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Mortimer, after having been entertained to a supper at the vicarage, by the Vicar, rang the old year out. The band were Messrs. W. Ford, H. Cox, W. Ballard, T. Neville, H. Austin, W. Jerrom, K. Mason (conductor), and A. Davis. The band then rang in the New Year with a 1260.

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THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This new Association held its first meeting at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, January 7th, on the occasion of the formal opening of the new ring of eight bells, the handsome gift of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wrightson, of Neasham Hall, Darlington, a benefaction made to the parish as a memorial of Her Majesty's reign of sixty years.

The gathering of Saturday was from every point of view highly satisfactory. Members began to arrive early in the morning, and friendly greetings and new year wishes were being exchanged on all hands.

It had been decided to hold a short service at 1 o'clock, and the Vicar of Middlesbrough, Rev. J. R. Bealey, had kindly promised to give the address. Unfortunately it was found that the rev. gentleman had been detained in London on business, and his place was almost at the last moment most kindly filled by the Vicar of Stockton (Rev. H. Martin) who gave a practical sermon from the text: "We have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him;" reminding his hearers that though now-a-days we had not special manifestations such as the wise men had, yet that God has not left us without things which speak to us of Him, and from Him, for in the sound of the church bell we have a constant reminder of God and of His house, and that all who take part in the ringing of bells should remember that they are doing their part in heralding forth the sound of the Gospel.

After service a movement was made to the parish schools, where the Vicar and other friends had most generously and kindly provided a hot luncheon, followed by tea and coffee. The Vicar of Thornaby presided until such time as parochial engagements called him away, when his place was taken by the Rev. R. T. Featherstone. The vice-chair was occupied by the Rev. H. Martin, and the Rev. W. C. Cumin was also present. About forty-five sat down to lunch, including J. T. Addison, Esq., one of the churchwardens, who has joined the Association as an hon. member. After doing full justice to the excellent lunch, the toast list was the next item on the programme. Needless to say, as loyal citizens we honored "The Queen and Royal Family" first. Then Mr. Addison gave "The Bishops and Clergy," coupling it with the name of the preacher of the day, the Rev. H. Martin, who suitably replied. Mr. G. J. Clarkson gave "The Donors of the Bells, Mr. and Mrs. Wrightson," remarking that their munificent gift had been the means of calling into existence the beautiful tower in which the bells were hanging. This toast was greeted with musical honours and loud and prolonged cheering. Mr. J. H. Blakiston next proposed "Success to the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association," to which the Rev. W. P. Wright replied. At this point some twelve or fifteen more members arrived, and the proceedings were enlivened by a course of Caters on handbells.

The business part of the meeting was then taken in hand. It consisted in the first place in receiving and approving or amending the rules which had been drawn up by the provisional committee appointed at the preliminary meeting held at Middlesbrough in December. These were taken seriatim, and passed or amended as the case might be, until finally the Association had approved its constitution.

The next thing to do was to elect the officers. For the office of President one name only was suggested—Mr. G. J. Clarkson, who was unanimously elected to fill that important position. For the two vice-Presidents four names

were proposed, and the voting resulted in the election of Mr. Blakiston (Middlesbro') and Mr. Wrightson (Thirsk). The Rev. W. P. Wright (Stokesley) was unanimously chosen as Honorary Secretary, and on the motion of Mr. Clarkson he was also unanimously appointed Hon. Treasurer. By the rules of the Association the Committee will be composed of one representative from each tower in union with the Association. In order to avoid all suspicion of infringing on the territory or rights of existing neighbouring Associations, this new Association has defined its area to be the North Riding of Yorkshire.

On the motion of the Rev. W. P. Wright, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. H. Mellowes for all he had done, and also to the Rev. J. R. Featherstone for so kindly presiding after the Vicar had left. A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Wrightson expressing his very great regret at being unable to be present owing to business engagements in London.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Whit-Monday at Thirsk, subject to the Vicar's approval.

A movement was then made to the tower, where several touches in different methods were brought round, and some 720s for the benefit of six-bell ringers. Thus a most successful and enjoyable day was brought to an end, and in every way the Association is to be congratulated on this very happy start in life. It already numbers ninety members, which is very creditable for a start in such a district.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

The ring of bells at this place has just been restored by Messrs. Warner and Sons, acting under instructions from Lieut.-Col. Durnford, the churchwarden.

The 1st, 3rd, and 4th of the old peal have been recast, the old inscriptions being reproduced, with an addition; and a new treble has been added. The bells have been rehung with the firm's most modern fittings, in one of their "independent" cast-iron frames (illustrated upon p. 7 of their catalogue), which frames are a specialty, possessing the advantage of not touching the walls of the tower. The old beams being decayed were removed, and four steel joists placed in their stead, also a new floor. The work was completed on December 24th, and the bells were rung the same evening, to the delight of all concerned.

The following extract is taken from *The Harpenden Parish Magazine* :—

"Everyone will rejoice that the bells were at home in the church tower for Christmas. Messrs. Warner are to be much complimented on the promptitude and excellence of their work. We now possess a sweet, tuneful, sufficiently strong peal, which we hope will cheer Harpenden folk, celebrate many a public and private rejoicing, and invite willing crowds to the House of God for many generations. May the motto on the new bell—'Laus Deo'—inspire the ringers, and all who hear the peal."

HORSLEY, SURREY.

On Monday, December 26th, the ringers of this parish were kindly invited to partake of supper at the vicarage. A very enjoyable evening was spent, touches and tunes on the handbells being indulged in. The ringers are fortunate in having the encouragement of the Vicar, who is always anxious for their welfare. They take this opportunity of thanking him for his many kindnesses during the past year.

Compositions.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5173.				
123456				
*213465	5	16		
5364				
4563				
412365	-			
5263				
514362	-			
2463				
3264				
315462	-			
2564				
4265				
413562	-			
413265	s			
5362				
2563				
214365	-			
5463				
512364	-			
4263				
3462				
315264	-			
4562				
2465				
213564	-			

Repeated; except the first course; calling bobs at 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, instead. Has the 6th twenty-four times behind the 8th and 9th.

*Bobs at 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16.

The three following peals by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield:—

BOB ROYAL.

5220.				
23456	W	M	H	
64325	s	-	-	
26345	-			
53264	-	-	-	
25364				
32564				
45326	-	-	-	
34526				
52346	-			
35246				
24356	-			
32456				
43256				
54236	-			
23546	-			
42536	-			
53426	-			
25436	-			
43526	s			

Continued—

	W	M	H
54326			-
32546	-		-
53246			-
24536	-		-
52436			-
45236			-
34256	-		-
25346			-
42356	-		-
35426	-		-
23456	-		-

Has the 6th her extent right.

CANTERBURY ROYAL.

5000.						
23456	W	2	4	6	M	H
65423	s	-	-	-	s	s
36425						
45326					-	-
34526						-
25436	-					-
42536						-
35246	-					-
23546						-
52346						-
32456	-					-
54236	-					-
24356	-					-
53426	-					-
43256	-					-

Repeated.

Has the 6th her extent right.

CANTERBURY CINQUES.

5016.				
23456	I	5	9	10
42356	-			-
26453	2	4	6	
63254	-	-	-	
34652	-	-	-	
34256	-	-	-	-
46352	-	-	-	
62453	-	-	-	
23654	-	-	-	
23456	-	-	-	-
36254	-	-	-	
64352	-	-	-	
52364	-			-
24563	-	-	-	
43265	-	-	-	
43562	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	
25364	-	-	-	
54263	-	-	-	
54362	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	
23465	-	-	-	
35264	-	-	-	
53462	-	-	-	s
43256	-	-	-	-
23456	I	2	3	4 5s

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, Dublin.
5088.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			-	-
24536				-
52436				-
64235	-			-
26435				-
63254	-			
25634			-	-
62534				-
53624			-	-
65324				-
36524				-
62345	-			
34625			-	-
63425				-
42635			-	-
42356	-			-
35426			-	-
43526				-
54326				-
32546			-	-
53246				-
25346				-
34256			-	-
23456				-

Has the 6th her extent home without 2nd or 3rd in 6ths.

BOB MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, Dublin.
5088.

23456	W	B	M	H
42356				-
35264	-	-	-	-
26354	-			-
23654				s
62354				-
36254				-
32654				s
63254				-
25634	-			-
62534				-
56234				-
32564	-			s
53264				-
25364				-
23564				s

Twice repeated.

Has the full combination of 4th, 5th and 6th in 5-6, without 2nd or 3rd in 6ths, or 2nd in 5ths.

The peal of Stedman Caters, by F. Dench, published in our last number, is false. Several correspondents have written pointing this out.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1899.

THE New Northern Association has made an excellent commencement. From the report of proceedings to be found on another page, we gather that very nearly one hundred ringers have entered themselves as members. It is unnecessary now to enquire into the reasons for the formation of this body, that relates to the past, and may very well be forgotten entirely. The organisation is a fact, and that is enough.

We do not see what benefits will accrue to the prospects of change-ringing in the districts concerned by a mere transference of membership from one body to another. If these hundred members, or a good part of them, hitherto belonged to no Association of any kind, then the new body will be welcomed as a valuable addition to our Associations. We can only hope that those who have joined have not given up any other society, at any rate to any great extent. They are doing good in identifying themselves with such a movement, but there is no necessity to break up old connections.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, May 23rd, 1899.

Notices of motion must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 25th. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

Hon. Secretaries of societies are reminded that subscriptions to the Council are now due and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary without delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative. The Hon. Secretary would also be greatly obliged for information as to any change in representatives, or their addresses, that has taken place in the last year. H. EARLE BULWER,
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn. Hon. Secretary.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 7, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES SCHOLES Treble.	EMANUEL HALL 5.
WILLIAM TRUSS 2.	YORK GREEN 6.
THOMAS FAULKNER 3.	HENRY SPRINGALL 7.
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 4.	SAMUEL HAYES Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 7, 1899, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 27 cwt.

ERNEST BONFIELD* .. Treble.	FRED RICHARDSON 5.
ISAAC ATTWATER 2.	RICHARD BEVAN 6.
WILLIAM H. PRIOR† .. 3.	WILLIAM BURROWS 7.
ERNEST YOUNG* 4.	HARRY ELLIS Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC ATTWATER.

†First peal. *First peal on eight bells. W. H. Pryor was elected a member before starting.

The Provinces.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 6, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED COX Treble.	JOHN COOK 5.
ARTHUR CHARMAN 2.	WILLIAM STANFORD 6.
WILLIAM HOOKER 3.	WALTER CHARMAN 7.
BENJAMIN BASSETT 4.	*CHARLES MITCHELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. CHARMAN.

*First peal.

WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

WALTER EVERED* .. Treble.	CHARLES WINSTONE .. 5.
JOHN BISHOP 2.	HERBERT CHARD 6.
FRANK WINSOR† 3.	JOHN WINSOR 7.
JOHN YOUNG 4.	WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BISHOP.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell, Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Vaughan, Esq.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor about 26 cwt.

JAMES FRANKLIN Treble.	HARRY WALTERS 5.
JOHN MATTHEWS 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT 6.
JOHN FISHER 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE 7.
WILLIAM THORPE 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BENNETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Scroggs, a much-respected parishioner.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 4, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob Minor, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Bob Minor, and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY SEAR Treble.	GEORGE GRAY 4.
ISAAC CAVILL 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS 5.
GEORGE DENT 3.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

H. Sear was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, for whom the peal was arranged, it being his first peal on six bells, and also his first 720 in each of the methods except Plain Bob. It is also G. Dent's first 720 in each of the methods except College Single and Plain Bob.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ARTHUR SMEATHERS* .. Treble.	JAMES GARRATT 5.
W. V. NEWMAN 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6.
ALPHAUS PERKINS 3.	WILLIAM PETTITT 7.
JOHN J. MAWBY 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

This peal has only the 4th and 6th in 6ths place at the course-ends. This is the conductor's 30th peal of Double Norwich. *First peal of Major.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1899, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs.

ALFRED TRAPPITT .. Treble.	CHARLES DEAN 6.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	JAMES WIGNELL 7.
HENRY BROOKER 3.	WILLIAM SMITH 8.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	*JOSEPH FAYERS 9.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON* .. 5.	*ARTHUR BUNDLE Tenor.

Composed by E. BENNETT, and Conducted by H. BROOKER.

*First peal on ten bells.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1899, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER CORDINGLEY .. Treble.	PETER GRIMSHAW 5.
FRANKLIN GRIMSHAW .. 2.	ARTHUR WHEATER 6.
CHARLES PRATT 3.	*FRED PAGE 7.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 4.	SAMUEL WHEATLEY Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by FRED PAGE.

*First peal as conductor.

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BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 7, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 3040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 of Oxford Bob, and two 720s each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

JOHN JEFFREY	Treble.	WILLIAM J. WALKER	4.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND	2.	ALBERT J. DAY	5.
ALFRED E. TROWELL	3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This is the first peal of Minor by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 4th, also the first with a bob bell by the 5th, and the first as conductor, and was rung at the first attempt.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 (LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL COTTON*	Treble.	C. R. LILLEY	5.
GEORGE CLEAL*	2.	CHARLES FOWLER	6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD*	3.	WILLIAM WILSON	7.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE*	4.	†ARTHUR R. ALDHAM	Tenor.

Composed by J. PAGETT, of Kidderminster, and Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

The above, which is the first peal of Major on the bells, was rung at the first attempt, without previous practice. *First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW	Treble.	CHARLES HILL	5.
NEWLAND ALDERMAN	2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	6.
REV. W. W. C. BAKER	3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	7.
WILLIAM BENNETT	4.	HARRY JUDGE	Tenor.

Arranged and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington, the "go" of them being excellent.

REDHILL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, January 9, 1899, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

PELHAM E. J. KNIGHT	Treble.	HENRY REEVES	5.
FRANK LINTER	2.	GEORGE F. HOAD	6.
GEORGE THOMPSON	3.	THOMAS SPARKS	7.
EDGAR KENWARD	4.	ARTHUR MOSELEY	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

Rung on the second anniversary of the opening of the bells.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION, AND
THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, January 10, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

FREDK PITSTOW	Tenor.	A. E. PITSTOW	5.
F. J. PITSTOW	2.	J. F. PENNING	6.
A. JAMES	3.	N. J. PITSTOW	7.
C. FREEMAN	4.	E. A. PITSTOW	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

This is the first peal in the method rung in the county, and by the above Association.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, January 10, 1899, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN PALMER*	Treble.	*HENRY PRICE	5.
PERCY LANE	2.	ALFRED CHESTER	6.
ROBERT MARSTON, ESQ.*	3.	JAMES E. GROVES	7.
WILLIAM R. NASH*	4.	*EDMUND DAVIES	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal. This is the first peal rang by the Ludlow branch of the Hereford Guild.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, January 10, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirtv Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES.

FREDERICK WHITE	Treble.	*FREDERICK C. EXON	7.
RICHARD WHITE*	2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	8.
WILLIAM FINCH*	3.	*WILLIAM BENNETT	9.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW	4.	*THOMAS PAYNE	10.
WILLIAM SMITH*	5.	ALFRED THOMAS	11.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK	6.	*J. FRANKLIN	Tenor.
		H. JUDGE	

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung in the diocese of Oxford, and by the Guild. *First peal of Cinques.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.*On Tuesday, January 10, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Tenor 33 cwt. in D.

ALBERT STRUTT*	Treble.	GEORGE NAISH	5.
JOHN WRIGHT	2.	*JAMES BALDWIN	6.
EDWARD STACEY*	3.	†JOHN HOWES	7.
GEORGE STRUTT*	4.	JAMES CHANDLER	Tenor.
		CHARLES WARD	

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Date Touches.

DRIFHLINGTON (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 8th, at St. Paul's church, a date touch, 1899 changes. J. Thornton, 1; T. E. Hepworth, 2; H. S. Clapham, 3; D. Newton, 4; L. Snowden, 5; A. Muffitt, 6; E. Wheeler (composer and conductor), 7; R. Thornton, 8.

Miscellaneous.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Thursday, November 21st, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Smith (aged 12, first 720), 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips (conductor), 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; A. Livings, 6. On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service, two courses of Stedman's Slow Course, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and one of Bob Doubles. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 5; G. Phillips, 6. On Thursday, December 15th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Wright, 1; A. Livings, 2; the rest as before. On Monday, December 19th, a 6 score of Stedman Slow Course. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 5; A. Livings, 6. Also several 6-scores with A. Livings and J. Smith at the treble. On the occasion of ringing in the New Year four 6-scores of Grandsire and one of Stedman Slow Course was rung, each called differently. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 5; G. Phillips, 6. For Divine Service three 6-scores each called differently, W. H. Lawrence (conductor), the rest as before.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, January 3rd, for practice at the church of St. George-in-the-East, the last 700 of Holt's Original. *W. Webb, 1; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 2; E. Wallage, 3; W. Truss, 4; J. Scholes, 5; *E. S. Poll, 6; E. Hall, 7; *J. Jones, 8. Longest length of Triples.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, January 1st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. J. Lewis, F. W. Bond, G. Gardner, H. C. Bond (conductor), C. E. Bartlett, G. Last, H. T. Gardner, and H. Clutterbuck. Mr. Churchwarden Boulton came up into the belfry during the above to wish the ringers a happy and prosperous New Year. The compliment was appreciated.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Wednesday, November 9th, at the parish church, 1038 Grandsire Triples. A. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe (conductor), 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; R. White, 5; J. Walker, 6; F. Russen, 7; W. Fowler, 8. On Saturday, December 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; R. White, 5; J. Walker, 6; T. Cole (conductor), 7; W. Fowler, 8. On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service, 462 in the same method. A. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole (conductor), 6; F. Russen, 7; W. Fowler, 8. On Saturday, December 17th, another 462 in the same method. A. Paskins, 1; R. White, 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole (conductor), 6; F. Russen, 7; W. Fowler, 8. On Sunday morning, December 18th, for Divine Service, 336 in the same method. F. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole (conductor), 6; F. Russen, 7; G. Saint, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOBBING (Kent).—On September 21st, at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Plain Bob. J. Jeffrey, 1; H. Goad, 2; A. Trowell, 3; E. Apps, 4; A. Day, 5; W. H. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On October 15th, 720 Plain Bob (thirty singles). J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Day, 2; H. Lambkin, 3; W. Walker, 4; W. H. Wilkins, 5; W. Hyland (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty-four bobs and ten singles). J. Hyland, 1; W. Hyland, 2; W. Walker, 3; H. Lambkin, 4; A. Day, 5; W. H. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On October 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles). J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Waters, 2; H. Good, 3; A. Trowell, 4; A. Day, 5; W. H. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On October 30th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty bobs and ten singles). J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Waters, 2; A. Trowell, 3; E. Apps, 4; A. Day, 5; W. H. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On November 13th, a 720 Plain Bob (twenty bobs and ten singles). J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Day, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; E. Apps, 4; A. Trowell, 5; W. H. Wilkins, 6. On November 16th, 720 Plain Bob (eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Jeffrey, 1; H. Good, 2; A. Trowell, 3; E. Apps, 4; A. Day, 5; W. H. Wilkinson (conductor), 6. On November 27th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Day, 2; A. Trowell, 3; E. Apps, 4; W. H. Wilkins, 5; W. Walker (conductor), 6. On November 30th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty bobs and ten singles). J. Jeffreys, 1; A. Waters, 2; A. Day, 3; A. Trowell, 4; T. Jull (first 720), 5; W. H. Wilkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Day, 2; W. H. Wilkinson, 3; E. Apps, 4; A. Trowell, 5; A. Waters, 6. And 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Waters, 1; A. Trowell, 2; J. Jeffrey, 3; E. Apps, 4; W. H. Wilkins, 5; A. Day (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 11th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty bobs and ten singles). J. Jeffrey, 1; W. Walker, 2; A. Trowell, 3; E. Apps, 4; A. Day, 5; W. H. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 14th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Trowell, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; E. Apps, 4; W. H. Wilkins, 5; A. Day (conductor), 6.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 6th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Andrews, 3; H. Baker, 4; J. Whitnall, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. On Saturday, November 26th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen singles and fourteen bobs). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Cheeseman, 3; H. Baker, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton, 6. On Saturday, December 10th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs) by the same band. These two 720s were taken from "THE BELL NEWS." On December 17th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Andrews, 1; J. Andrews, 2; A. Castle, 3; H. Baker, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Prebble, 6. And a 6-score of Bob Minor. E. Hogben, 1; the rest as before. Also two plain courses of Stedman Doubles. J. Andrews, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Cheeseman, 3; H. Baker, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Prebble, 6. The whole of the above were conducted by A. Tanton.

THE HORNSEY PARISH CHURCH GUILD.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, November 20th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. R. Hird, 1; E. King, 2; A. Jacob (conductor), 3; H. Fordham, 4; T. Langdon, 5; C. K. Ross, 6.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, November 22nd, for practice at St. Mary's church, a 6-score of Doubles in 22 mins. J. Ward, 1; A. Jacob (conductor), 2; F. C. Fordham, 3; W. Dixon, 4; S. Langdon, 5; H. Childs, 6. On Sunday evening, November 27th, before Divine Service, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Plumb, 1; F. W. Ford, 2; F. C. Fordham, 3; T. Langdon, 4; W. Dixon (conductor), 5; C. K. Ross, 6. On Tuesday, November 29th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. R. Hird, 1; F. W. Ford, 2; F. C. Fordham, 3; A. Jacob (conductor), 4; T. Langdon, 5; F. Ash, 6. These 720s were each called in six different ways. On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. E. King, 1; W. Dixon, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; J. Miller, 4; S. Wade (conductor), 5; A. Jacob, 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, November 24th, at St. John's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Royal which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 43 mins. W. Lloyd, 1; P. W. Davies (conductor), 2; W. B. Biss, 2; J. Harris, 3; G. Watkins, 5; C. Lloyd, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes, 9; J. H. Aldridge, 10. Longest length of Bob Royal by all except the conductor. On Friday, December 2nd, on the occasion of the visit of the Sirdar to Cardiff, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 49 mins. J. H. Aldridge, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Winfield, 5; J. Harris, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes (conductor), 9; H. G. White, 10. Composed by C. Charge, of London. Also 503 Grandsire Caters. H. G. White, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; J. H. Aldridge, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Winfield, 5; J. Harris, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombes, 9; B. Tilley, 10. And 349 Grandsire Triples. H. G. White, 1; J. H. Aldridge, 2; A. Rowley, 3; J. Harris, 4; C. Winfield, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; ———, 7; B. Tilley, 8. J. W. Jones hails from Newport, Monmouthshire. On Thursday, December 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. G. White, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; E. Stenner, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; C. Winfield, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; A. Rowley, 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 22nd, for practice, 576 Bob Major. W. Sadler, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Dyer, 3; H. Evers, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8. And 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major and 224 Kent. R. Potter, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday, December 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, 560 Double Norwich. J. Newman, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Dyer, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8. And 224 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Keeble, 1; D. Elliott, 2; J. Newman, 3.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Double Court. W. W. Brinkley, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott, 6. On November 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Elliott, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Newman, 3; W. Keeble, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 27th, 720 Bob Minor, standing as before. On Sunday, December 4th, 720 Bob Minor, conducted by W. Elliott. On Sunday, December 11th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Elliott, 1; E. W. Beckwith, 2; W. Keeble, 3; D. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. After service 360 Double Court. W. Brinkley, 1; H. Elliott, 2; H. Evers, 3; W. Elliott, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5; E. W. Beckwith, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

FEERING (Essex).—On December 10th, at All Saints' church, in honour of the 4th anniversary of the reopening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Sadler, 1; W. Dyer, 2; G. Hum, 3; J. Sadler, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5; J. Newman, 6. Also 720 Double Court. W. Brinkley, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Elliott, 4; W. Hunwick, 5; E. W. Beckwith, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. May, 1; W. Dyer, 2; W. Keeble (conductor), 3; J. Sadler, 4; C. Rogers, 5; J. Newman, 6. And 720 New London Pleasure. J. Newman, 1; W. Keeble, 2; J. Sadler, 3; W. Elliott, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, 6. A fund has now been opened to complete the octave.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Sunday morning, November 6th, at Christ Church, 720 Symphony. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Killamarsh. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

For evening service 720 Arnold's Victory. D. Briggs, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockcroft, 3; G. Shottin, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 7th, for practice, 720 Duke of York. A. L. Hardman, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 11th, for practice, 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Saturday, November 12th, 720 Woodbine. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 13th, 720 of Ebor. L. Holt, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 14th, 720 Merchant's Delight. A. L. Hardman, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Morning Exercise. L. Holt, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Shepherd, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 3; E. Schofield, 4; W. Schofield, 5; J. Stott, 6. Also 720 Oxford. J. Smith, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 College Pleasure. A. L. Hardman, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 21st, for practice, 720 College Treble. A. L. Hardman, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Surprise. D. Briggs, 1; J. H. Barnes, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. A. L. Hardman, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bocking Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 28th, for practice, 720 York Surprise. D. Briggs, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, evening, January 1st, for Divine Service, 1277 Grandsire Caters in 46 mins. A. Savage, 1; G. Davies, 2; H. Bell, 3; D. Farthing, 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; S. Price, 6; G. Toplis, 7; J. Hunt, 8; A. Knights (conductor), 9; G. Mee, 10.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Button, 1; G. Burch, 2; T. Bumpstead, 3; G. Rashbrook, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; W. Schofield, 6. First in the method by Messrs. Burch and Schofield. On Sunday, December 18th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 112 Grandsire Triples.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday, December 4th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. Dear, 3; I. Dear, 4; W. Watson (conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. On Saturday, December 10th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Halls, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; J. Moules, 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Dale (conductor), 5; G. Haydon, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). I. Dear, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. H. Doran, 3; G. Pearl, 4; J. Moules, 5; J. Dale, 6. On handbells 503 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Doran, 1-2; G. Pearl, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; J. Dale, 7-8. Rung on the thirty-fourth birthday of J. Dale, his brother-ringers wishing him many returns.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, December 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. R. Hird, 1; W. Dixon, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; A. Miller, 4; S. Wade, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6.

LLANDAFF (South Wales).—On Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 419 Grandsire Triples. J. H. Aldridge, 1; J. Clutterbuck, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Pitcher, 4; W. B. Biss, 5; A. Rowley, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Northey, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Pitcher, 4; J. H. Aldridge, 5; A. Rowley, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. On Sunday, December 18th, for Ordination Service, 447 Grandsire Triples. H. Pitcher, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. Coombes, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; J. H. Aldridge, 6; A. Rowley (conductor), 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. This is the longest length by F. Pitcher.

MARDEN (Kent).—On Wednesday, November 16th, for practice at the parish church, 240 Grandsire Doubles. F. Hodgkin, 1; G. Gaskin, 2; H. Brown, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; J. Austen, 6. Also two 6-scores in the same method. J. Austen, 1; G. Gaskin, 2; T. Swan, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Harris, 6. And 180 in the same method. J. Austen, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; H. Brown, 3; F. Sharp, 5; G. Gaskin, 6. On Wednesday, November 23rd, for practice, 240 Grandsire Doubles. J. Austen, 1; J. Fox, 2; T. Swan, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Harris, 6. Also another in the same method. J. Austen, 1; J. Fox, 2; H. Brown, 3; D.

Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Swan, 6. On Sunday evening, November 27th, for Divine Service, 420 Grandsire Doubles. J. Austen, 1; J. Fox, 2; H. Brown, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; G. Haddaway, 6. Also 180 Bob Doubles. J. Austen, 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Haddaway, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Russell, 6. Longest length of Grandsire by all except J. Fox. On Sunday evening, December 4th, for Divine Service, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Hodgkin, 1; J. Fox, 2; H. Brown, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Russell, 5.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday, November 28th, at All Saints church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles) in 26 mins. W. Turner, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; G. Hoyle, 4; R. Whittles, 5; A. Sidebottom, 6.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On New Year's eve at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. W. Tegg, 1; A. Miller, 2; S. Wade (conductor), 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; J. Heward, 6; H. Newby, 7; H. Baalam, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. A. R. Glasscock, 1; J. Miller, 2; S. Ansell, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; H. Newby, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6; J. Miller, 7; H. Baalam, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. A. R. Glasscock, 1; S. Ansell, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; J. Miller (conductor), 4; S. Wade, 5; H. Bale, 6; A. Miller, 7; W. Tegg, 8. On New Year's Day for morning service, 360 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. A. R. Glasscock, 1; J. Miller, 2; S. Wade (conductor), 3; C. D. Potter, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. Baalam, 6; A. Miller, 7; W. Tegg, 8. C. D. Potter hails from Barnsley, Yorks.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, November 27th, for Divine Service at St. Thomas's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). *E. Harper (aged 14), 1; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 2; G. Underwood (first with a bob bell), 3; *A. Brooks (aged 15), 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; L. Pritchard, 6. On Thursday, December 8th, with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Rev. A. B. Timbrell, rector of Oldswinford, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). *C. A. Turner, 1; L. Pritchard, 2; G. Underwood, 3; A. Brooks, 4; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 5; W. A. Pugh, 6. On Sunday, December 11th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). C. A. Turner, 1; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 2; E. Harper (first with a bob bell), 3; L. Pritchard, 4; A. Brooks, 5; G. Underwood, 6. On Thursday, December 15th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). C. A. Turner, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; J. Newhall, 3; G. Underwood, 4; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 5; A. Brooks, 6. *First 720.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, November 20th, at St. Mary's church, 688 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; E. Herbert, 7; M. Lane (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 27th, 336 and 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; Rev. W. Baker, 6; E. Herbert, 7; R. Marshall, 8. On Friday, December 9th, on handbells, 252 Stedman Triples. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1-2; Chas. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; E. Herbert, 6; D. Harris, 7-8. On Tuesday, December 6th, 1264 Bob Major. M. J. Matthews, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; Chas. Herbert, 7-8. On Monday, December 12th, at St. Mary's church, 252 Stedman Triples. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; S. Avis, 2; D. Harris, 3; M. Matthews, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Rev. W. Baker, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; M. Lane, 8. On Saturday, December 17th, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1950 changes in 1 hr. 2 mins. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; D. Harris, 2; Chas. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; E. Herbert, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; M. Lane, 8.

Obituary.

J. HOY.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of the above ringer. He was one of the oldest members of the St. John's society, Knaresborough, he having been a member for thirty years. He was called to his rest on Monday, January 2nd, at the age of fifty-two. He had gained the highest respect of the above society and the neighbouring bands who were associated with him, by his ever being ready and willing to help in any way for the good of ringing. On Tuesday night a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, and on Thursday, the day of his funeral, a quarter-peal in the above method was rung with the bells muffled, by his sorrowful comrades who are mourning his loss. In addition to being a ringer the deceased was a chorister for forty-two years at Holy Trinity church; also a volunteer for thirty-three years, retiring with the rank of Colour-Sergeant. He was also a member of the Fire Brigade. He was a P.C.R. and P.D.C.R. of the Foresters, A.P.G. and P. Pro. G.M. of the Harmony Lodge of Oddfellows, a Past Pastor of the Shepherds, and a Life Member of the Yorkshire Association, S.

BELL FOUNDING OPERATIONS.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, send us the following list of their important work during the year 1898:—

Three new sets of eight bells, viz., a chime in Newry (R.C.) Cathedral, Ireland, tenor 32½ cwt.; a chime in Maralin church, Ireland, tenor 14½ cwt.; and a ring of eight Werrington church, Devon, tenor 14½ cwt. Three new rings of six, viz., East Tytherley, Hants., tenor 14½ cwt.; Bolsover, Derbyshire, tenor 14½ cwt.; and New Mills, near Stockport, tenor 13½ cwt. Two new rings of five, viz., Ampthill, Beds., tenor 13½ cwt., and St. Ignatius, Sunderland, tenor 13½ cwt. A chime of nine small bells for Mr. John Sikes, Water Stratford, the largest bell being 2½ cwt.

AUGMENTATIONS AND RESTORATIONS OF OLD PEALS.

St. Nicholas, Bristol, the ring of ten rebung, the three trebles being recast. St. Michael's, Gloucester, two trebles added to make ten. Raunds, Northants, two trebles added to complete the octave, and the tenor recast; weight of tenor 22 cwt. Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, a treble and tenor added to make eight, tenor 14 cwt. Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincolnshire, two trebles to make eight. Holy Trinity, Coventry, tenor of eight recast, weight 23½ cwt. Ashford, Kent, cracked 6th of eight recast and the peal rebung. Croston, Lancashire, cracked 7th of eight recast, and the peal rebung. Berkswell, near Coventry, treble, 3rd, and tenor to make six, weight of tenor 16½ cwt. Harrold, Beds., new treble to make six, and tenor recast, weight of tenor 13 cwt. Cadoxton, near Neath, new treble, 2nd, 4th, and tenor of six, weight of tenor 7½ cwt. Groby, new tenor to make six, weight 9½ cwt. Wicken, Northants, new treble to make six. Ketton, near Stanford, 3rd of six recast, tenor 10½ cwt., the peal rebung for chiming only. The following rings of six tuned and rebung, viz., Carfax Tower, Oxford, tenor 15½ cwt., and Sefton, near Liverpool, tenor 11½ cwt. The following rings of six rebung, viz., Bibury (Gloucestershire), Whitechurch (Hants.), and Ackworth, near Pontefract; also at Thurcaston, Leicestershire, a new treble, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, to complete the chime of six, tenor 10 cwt. Great Glen, Leicestershire, treble and tenor of five recast, weight of tenor 9½ cwt. Barnack, Northants, new 2nd to make five, tenor 8½ cwt. The following rings of five, tuned and rebung, viz., Chesterton (Cams.), tenor 16½ cwt., and Weedon (Northants), tenor 14½ cwt. A single bell of 15½ cwt. to Gonville and Caius College Chapel, Cambridge; and bells to Guayaquil, Montserrat, Lagos, Hobart (Tasmania), and Saidpur (India). We might also add that we supplied the set of handbells used in the Pantomime now running at the Adelphi Theatre, London.

WORK IN PROGRESS FOR 1899.

A new ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt. for Eccleston Church, Cheshire, to the order of His Grace the Duke of Westminster. A chime of ten bells for Whitehouse (R.C.) church, near Belfast, tenor 33 cwt. Rings

of eight for Arklow (Ireland), and Cardington (Beds). The ring of eight of Birch, near Manchester, to tune and rebung; and the ring of five at St. Peter's, Derby; also to add a new treble to make six in Tibshelf church, and to tune the old bells; and to add two trebles to make six in Old Warden church, Beds.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society took place on Saturday, January 7th, at All Saints' church, Rotherham. A large number of members were present from the neighbouring towns of Doncaster, Wakefield, Chesterfield, and Sheffield being represented. Touches of Treble and Plain Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were successfully accomplished, the visitors expressing great satisfaction at the "go" of the bells, which were rebung a short time ago by Mr. Mallaby, of Barnby Don. The business meeting took place at The White Hart inn, Mr. W. Lambert presiding. A hearty vote of thanks to the curate-in-charge, and the Rotherham company, brought a most successful to a close.

THE HORNSEY PARISH CHURCH GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held in the belfry on Tuesday, December 13th, when the Rector of Hornsey took the chair. The Rev. E. J. Purchase was elected Hon. Secretary. Dr. Elworthy was re-elected Treasurer, and Mr. A. Jacob was re-elected Captain. The following honorary members were elected:—Messrs. Ash, Greenland, Purton, and Ross. The financial statement was highly satisfactory.

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Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have now commenced to put the above in, so should be glad if all those kind friends who have promised subscriptions towards them, would send in their money with as little delay as possible to

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Notices.

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The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The annual yearly meeting will be held at The Little Saddler inn, Dewsbury, to-day Saturday, January 14th, at 5 p.m. Business: election of officers; balance-sheet; five-years' report; resignation of Secretary; and other important business; subscriptions due. GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

North Notts Association.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks, to-day, Saturday, January 14th. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, to-day Saturday, January 14th, 1899. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. All ringers invited. W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch, will hold their monthly meeting at 6 o'clock to-day, Saturday, January 14th, 1899, at Grassendale. The reports are now ready, and also all subscriptions are now due. G. WOODHALL, Branch Secretary.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Killamarsh, to-day, Saturday, January 14th. Midland and Great Central Railway peal of six bells. Meeting at The Crown inn, at 5 prompt. E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

18, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, to-day, 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 Ancient Society of College Youths.—Bow Branch.—The annual dinner of the above will be held at The Blue Anchor inn High Street, Bromley, on Thursday, January 19th, 1899, at 7.30 sharp (members will note this). Dinner tickets to be had of Mr. H. Springall, 35, Huddleston Road, Forest Gate, or S. Hayes, 19, Suffolk Street, Forest Gate, at 3s. each, not later than Monday, 16th inst. SAMUEL HAYES, Hon. Sec.

All Saints' Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, January 21st, 1899. The tower will be opened to members and friends at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church-room, at 6 p.m., ringers intending to be present kindly signify the same not later than Thursday, January 19th, to E. H. Adams, at the Vicarage, Fulham.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held on January 21st, at Newchurch. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30. J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec.

Yorkshire Association.—The Annual meeting will be held at Bolton, Bradford, on Saturday, January 21st. Church service at St. James' Church, at 4 p.m., with sermon by the Rev. C. H. King, Vicar. Tea in the School at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. Bernal E. Howe.

334, Otley Road, Bradford, to whom communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent.

BEN T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the District will be held at Lenham, on Saturday, January 21st, 1899. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Usual allowances. Tea at The Dog and Bear, at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Members wishing to be present must send their names to me on or before Thursday, January 19th. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid to me at or before the meeting.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. 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. *Detur honos arti!*

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

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury, on Saturday, January 21st. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers invited.

JOSEPH NORBURY, *Secretary.*

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Croydon, on Monday, the 23rd inst. Ringing at St. Peter's, South Croydon, (8), from 3 to 5.30 p.m.; at St. John's Parish Church (8), from 3 to 5.45, and after 7 p.m., and at Beddington Parish Church (10), from 7.30 to 9 p.m. The tea will be laid in the schoolroom adjoining St. John's, at 6 p.m., and the annual business meeting, at which the Rev. Canon Pereira, M.A., will preside, will follow the tea. Representatives should advise me not later than Friday the 20th inst., the number of their members likely to be present at tea in order that the necessary arrangements can be made. There will also be ringing for any members or friends of the Association after 7 p.m., at St. John's, Croydon, this day, Saturday.

CHARLES DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*,
5, Manor Parade, High Street, Sutton.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Guildford, on Monday, January 23rd. Bells available after 1 p.m., St. Nicolas (10), Holy Trinity (8). The latter were re-hung last month. Business meeting 4.15, tea 5 p.m., both at S. Nicolas Hall.

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

The Waterloo Society, London.—The annual meeting of the above Society will take place on Wednesday, January 25th, 1899. Members are requested to attend.

VICTOR W. WEST, *Hon. Sec.*
71, Langton Road, Brixton, S.W.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested for the consideration of important business. Particular attention is directed to clause 4 of Rule VI.

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

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will take place on Saturday, January 28th, 1899, at Hagley. A short service will be held in the church at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow, at which the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector, will preside. He has kindly placed the tower and bells at the members' disposal. A meat tea will be provided at 9d. each, for all those sending in their names to me on or before Tuesday, the 24th. The Secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions which are now due for the present year, according to rule 8, also the names and addresses of each local Secretary.

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

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, January 28th, at the Church of All Saints, Isleworth. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. District Sec.*

Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the Association on Saturday, January 28th, at Rayleigh. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Members must give notice of the Stations from which they require tickets before the 22nd. All peals rung last year and intended for entry must be sent in at once.

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

Great Totham, Witham.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at the Oldham Parish Church, on January 28th, 1899. Bells ready at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. SAMUEL BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

Midland Counties Association.—Preliminary notice.—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Stanford (near Loughboro'), on Saturday, January 28th. Full particulars in next week's issue.

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

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Sussex County Association.—Central.—Next quarterly meeting at Lindfield (Hayward's Heath station), on Saturday, January 28th. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea to members who let him know their intention of being present by January 24th. Tower open from 3 p.m.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 28th, 1899. Further particulars will be announced next week.

W. LATTER, *Hon. District Sec.*

Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

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I beg on behalf of our Society to again appeal for further help from companies who have not yet contributed. The fund will remain open until Saturday, January 21st, the date of the meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Bolton, when the Secretary and Treasurer will attend and be glad to receive donations, however small. JOHN CLAYTON.

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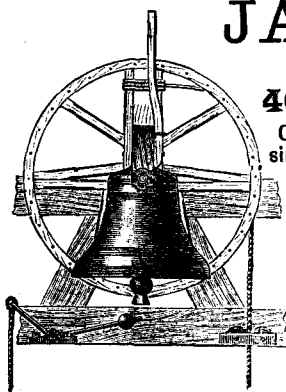
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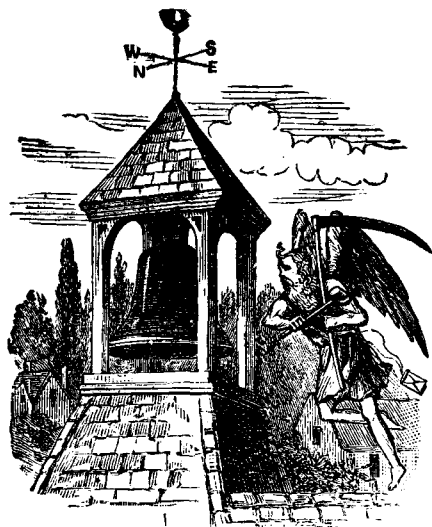
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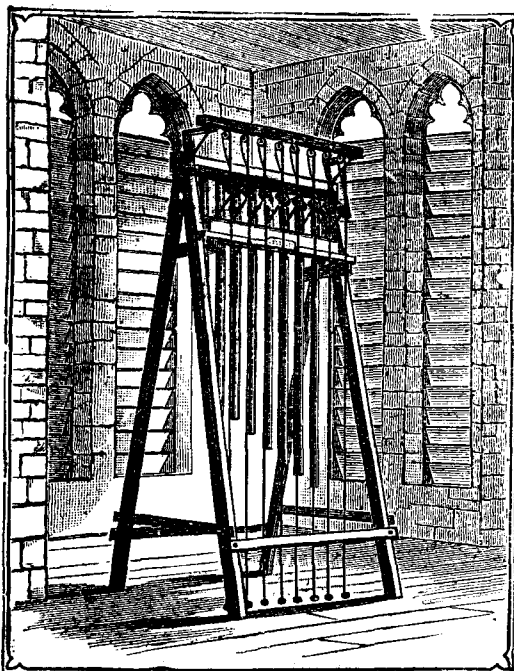
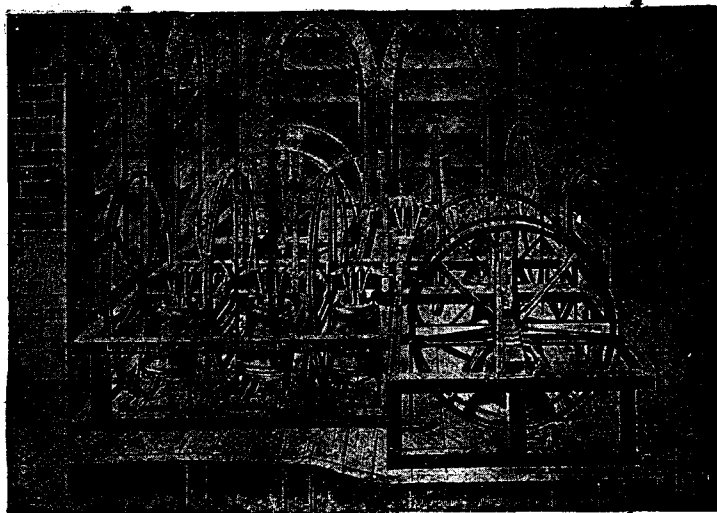
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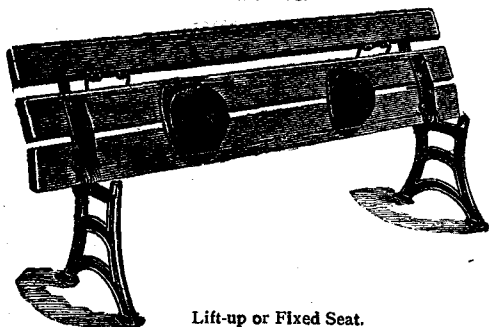
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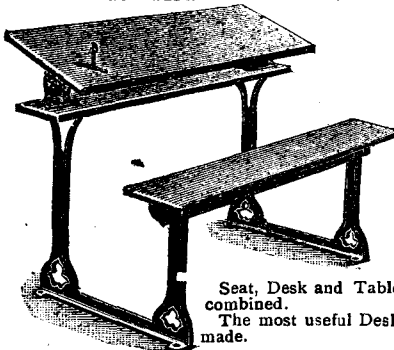
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ST. MARY'S, MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

The dearth of peal-boards to commemorate interesting achievements in the art of change-ringing can be more widely understood than remedied. Few persons outside the immediate circle of ringers are able to appreciate the skill and perseverance required before success can be attained, and but little interest can be expected from outsiders in respect of an art which they profess themselves to be quite unable to understand. It not unfrequently therefore falls to ringers to make and erect memorials of their own efficiency. Even when pealboards have become almost illegible after long years of neglect in a neglected belfry, the restoration may be almost always traced to the reverent regard of the ringers, who by reason of their acquaintance with the intricacies of their art are quicker to appreciate the records of a past generation.

All this is by way of prelude to the notice of an interesting ceremony which took place in the belfry of St. Mary's church, Monken Hadley, on Wednesday, the 4th of January, when Mr. Arthur T. King, the Hon. Secretary of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association, unveiled a peal-board in commemoration of a six-bell performance by the ringers, which took place on the 19th October last. The peal-board is the work of one of the local ringers, who also took part in the peal, and the success of his effort was the subject of general congratulation. It is the only peal-board in the tower, and has therefore the choice of place; the selection having been carefully made so as to afford the greatest amount of light for the appreciative reading of, let us hope, many generations of ringers to come. There were present on the occasion the whole of the local band; Mr. Sidney Wade, the conductor of the peal: Mr. Frank Milne, the treasurer of the Middlesex County Association; together with some of the band of the adjoining parish of Chipping Barnet; and the unveiling was proceeded with in the interval between two touches of 360 Bob Minor. On the peal-board being exposed to view, the Hon. Secretary congratulated the ringers on their achievement, and the Rector and churchwardens on having the support of so capable a body of ringers. He hoped that the ringers would look upon this record as an instalment of much good work to come, and that the neat peal-board would record an advance from "seven 720s of Bob Minor each called differently" to "seven 720s of different methods of Minor." Be that as it might, the present occasion was the more peculiarly interesting from the fact of its being the first peal-board erected since the Association became a county Association. He was conscious that too few of these interesting memorials were erected; for instance, several notable peals had been rung close by in the parish church of Chipping Barnet, but only one memorial tablet had been placed, and that likewise at the expense of the ringers. He would indeed be glad to see the bare walls clothed, so soon as some appreciative person of the right sort came along offering to defray the cost. He thanked Mr. Alfred Chidwick, the maker of the board, for what in point of workmanship was not only a credit to himself, but an ornament to the belfry in which it was placed;

and he concluded by exhorting the younger members to look upon it both as a silent witness of past effort, and as a distinct call to them to become more proficient in their work in future. Their forefathers had left them a grand heritage in providing so beautiful a ring of bells for the church, and it ought to be the duty of the present generation to see to it, not only that the bells be kept in order, but that they be rung in the best possible way for the honour and glory of God.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Tuesday, the 27th ultimo, was a red-letter day to the natives of Groby. Even the oldest inhabitant could not remember its equal, for on the day mentioned the bells broke the silence which had existed for some months. Originally a ring of five, through the generosity of Lady Stamford the old bells found their way to the Loughborough foundry, from whence they emerged as a ring of six, with a new tenor.

The opening ceremony was conducted by the Vicar, owing to the absence of the Suffragan (Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson) through the inclemency of the weather.

After the dedication the local ringers rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, after which the first 720 of Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. J. Hill, J. Morris, L. Copsey, E. E. Smith, W. Miller, and J. W. Taylor (conductor). And another 720 conducted by C. H. Fowler, in which A. Palmer (a local) rang the 5th.

After the ringing, all the company adjourned to The Stamford Arms, where hospitable host Broughton provided a most excellent dinner, and where the usual toasts and compliments were exchanged. The bells now rehung make a most musical ring, the new tenor weighing 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs. Notwithstanding the gloomy weather the whole proceedings went off with the greatest éclat; especially the sumptuous dinner, the like of which the majority of the ringers had never seen before, and the report of which gives the writer (who was absent) inward pangs of regret.

W.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

On Monday evening, January 2nd, by kind permission of the President of the St. Mary's society, the ringers were invited to supper at the vicarage, to which ample justice was done, every one thoroughly enjoying themselves. After supper other amusements were indulged in. The handbells were then brought into use, and touches of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob was rung. Then a selection of music on the piano by Miss E. Trew, which made the evening so pleasant. A vote of thanks was passed to the President and Mrs. Trew and the Misses Trew for their kind hospitality. It is very encouraging when the clergy take a great interest in their bell-ringers; may many more follow the same example.

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A DAY IN LONDON WITH THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF BRIGHTON.

Some four years ago it was suggested by several of the above, that an attempt be made to ring a peal of London Surprise Major within the city of London. The tower of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, having been secured for this purpose, an unsuccessful attempt was made early in 1895.

Since then the question has often been put—"When are we going to again attempt the peal of 'London' in London?" the reply to which has generally been—"Oh! when we can get a tower."

However, on Saturday last, the 14th instant, eight members left Brighton by excursion train, arriving at Victoria station at 11.30 a.m. Not being able to start for the peal until 4 p.m., the majority of the visitors made for the meeting-house of the "Cumberlands," seven-eighths of the band being members. Here several touches were rung on handbells. All met at Gatti's restaurant punctually at 1 o'clock, where they were entertained to a most sumptuous dinner by the Master of the society, Mr. G. F. Attree.

At 2.30 tracks were made for the church of St. Stephen, Coleman Street, where by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. —. Pratt, permission had been given to attempt the peal, and where the company was most cordially received by the church custos, who shewed them various items of interest, and accompanied them to the top of the tower for a survey.

At 4.25 "go" was called for "London," and in just 3 hrs. 9 mins. afterwards the first peal in the method in the city from which it derived its name, was beyond all doubt an accomplished fact. The figures of the peal can be found upon p. 122 of the Central Council's Appendix for 1895.

The rope-sight at this church for ringing this intricate method is very bad, the circle (if it can be called such) being dreadfully irregular.

After spending a short time with several well-known London ringers, the requirements of the inner man called for attention, and at the invitation of the worthy Master the aforesaid restaurant was again visited, for supper, which was disposed of in the well-known agreeable style peculiar to the Exercise. Having then some time at their disposal they sauntered through Leicester Square, Piccadilly, and other places, arriving in Victoria in time for their train at 12.15., Brighton being reached at 1.50. Thus ended one of the most gratifying day's outings ever had by the St. Peter's company; and they embrace this opportunity of thanking the Master for his hospitality so generously accorded. W.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.

The ringers' practice here, on Tuesday, January 10th, was one of considerable interest. Messrs. J. W. Whiting and H. Dicker had walked over from Fareham, and with their help several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, some of them conducted by the Rev. H. Wheat. About 9 o'clock the Vicar, accompanied by the Rev. A. R. White, came up into the belfry, and said said he had been asked by the ringers to say how very sorry they one and all were that that was the last time Mr. Wheat would be there to ring with them. Personally, he was very sorry that Mr. Wheat was leaving Titchfield. He had taken a great interest in the bells, and since their restoration in 1896 he had been untiring in his efforts to learn,

and to help others to learn, the art of change-ringing; he had also the ringing-chamber restored entirely at his own expense. The Vicar then asked Mr. Wheat to accept an inkstand, which had been subscribed for by himself and the ringers, as something to remember them all by in years to come.

In replying Mr. Wheat thanked them all very much for such a splendid present, and asked them to try and work together after he had gone, and to remember that on each one's individual effort depended the success of the diocesan guild to which they all belonged.

Mr. Whiting remarked that he was very sorry Mr. Wheat was leaving, for when they had the clergy working with them, and for them, it gave them a better heart to go on with their work, but if the clergy took no interest in that part of the church service, how could they expect others to do so?

After a few more 6-scores the bells were lowered, and several touches were rung on the handbells, concluding one of the best practices the local company has had.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly meeting took place at Killamarsh on Saturday, January 14th. The meeting was held at The Crown inn, Mr. J. Milner presiding. The Secretary explained that on account of the Yorkshire meeting being fixed for Saturday, January 21st, the same date originally fixed for the O.E.D., he had taken upon himself the responsibility of calling the meeting a week earlier to avoid clashing, thus giving the members an open day to attend the Bradford meeting if they felt disposed to go. The members present thoroughly agreed with the action of the Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Mr. Severn moved that the cup contest and annual meeting be held on Easter Monday at Staveley, and that a meat tea be provided at 5 o'clock. Mr. Sarel seconded the motion, which was carried.

Several other matters in connection with the contest were arranged, particulars of which will be forwarded in due course to each company.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Milner for so ably presiding, were carried. In responding, Mr. Milner said he should be pleased at any time to do all in his power to advance the Association.

Several touches of Oxford Treble Bob and London Surprise were rung during the afternoon. J.

FESTIVITY AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.

The local band had their annual supper at the vicarage on the 2nd instant, when they were kindly entertained by the Vicar and Mrs. Allen. After supper the time was spent in songs, etc. Mr. H. P. Vyse, one of the company, was presented with an umbrella. Twenty years had elapsed since a ringer's wedding had taken place at Romford, but Mr. Vyse broke the record in December last. The presentation was made on behalf of the band by the Vicar in his usual genial manner. Mr. Vyse was the winner in 1897 of a wedding-ring in connection with the volunteers, which of course became his property provided he made use of it during 1898. Well done, Harry. Be as true to your ringing.

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STOCKTON JUBILEE MEMORIAL BELLS.

At the meeting of the Committee on Thursday night the 15th ult., £32 representing sixty-three subscriptions, were paid in, bringing the total amount paid to the Treasurer up to £622 8s. od., and representing 1400 subscriptions. Amongst the larger subscriptions was £5 from Mr. S. Walden, £3 3s. od. from Mr. H. S. Crosby, £2 (second donation) from Mr. C. Wilson. The list also included a small subscription from the Rev. T. H. Horrell, Superintendent Wesleyan Minister. It was decided to proceed with the hanging of the bells forthwith, and the old peal of six which has done duty for 184 years were rung for the last time on Sunday the 18th ult. It is expected that the hanging of the new bells and the re-hanging of the old bells will be completed about the middle of February. We have already announced that a local gentleman has subscribed the balance required.

The last 720 on the old peal of six was Durham Surprise as follows: J. Clarkson, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; J. Brown, 3; T. Burdon, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. The first 720 ever rung by a Stockton company was on June 15th, 1878, when a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by T. Whitfield, 1; W. Newton, 2; T. Stephenson, 3; R. Alcock, 4; W. Stephenson, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. Between these two dates 1299 peals of Minor have been rung in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire, College Single, Oxford Bob, Court Bob, St. Simon's, Stedman's Slow Course, Double Court Bob, Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Violet and Evening Exercise Treble Bob, Durham, York, London, Wells, Worcester, Chichester, and Cambridge Surprise. This includes four 5040s of Minor, namely: on September 15th, 1883, in seven Plain methods; November 19th, 1884, in two Surprise and five Treble Bob methods; on May 24th and again November 9th, 1887, in seven Surprise methods; and for many years past the ringing has consisted entirely of Treble Bob and Surprise methods, and includes 335 peals in the aforesaid Surprise methods. Stockton may claim to be one of the pioneer belfries of the north, and sent two representatives to the meeting held at Durham on August 25th, 1877, when the resolution was passed to form the Durham Diocesan Association, and four representatives to the inaugural meeting at North Shields in the following November.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 14th. Six honorary and sixty-three ringing members attended. After evensong at All Saints church, and a very practical address by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, a substantial tea was served at St. Paul's parish room.

At the business meeting which followed the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davies, chairman of the branch, presiding, the account for 1898 was passed, with a balance in hand of £9 4s. 4d., and the officers elected for the ensuing year. The company was subsequently entertained by a pleasing selection upon handbells, given by ringers from Caversham, who had also rung a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of St. Paul's church during the afternoon.

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 HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

The Yearly Meeting of the above took place at The Little Saddle inn, Dewsbury, on Saturday, January 14th, when a large muster of members and friends availed themselves of the opportunity of being present. Mr. Sydney Goodall, President, occupied the chair, and before introducing the business of the Society proposed a vote of condolence to the families of three members, viz.: Messrs. H. Morgan, J. Cuttle and Turvenbank, which was carried. The Secretary then read the minutes, which were passed, and the balance sheet, which shewed a balance in hand of £17 odd. The rules of the Association were gone through with great deliberation, and not without a deal of controversy, at the same time with a spirit of welfare for the advancement of the Society.

Mr. S. Goodall was re-elected President; Mr. J. Blackburn, Vice-President; Mr. J. Garforth, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. Walter Idle, 47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury, Hon. Secretary (to whom all future subscriptions and correspondence should be addressed), in place of Mr. G. H. Simon, who after five years of office was compelled to vacate the position.

It was decided that the officials of the society choose from the jewellers designs for the new eight-bell cup, to be laid before the next committee meeting. Other business being finished, the ballot for the next eight and six-bell contests took place, but Dewsbury volunteered to accept the eight-bell competition, and the six-bell competition was drawn for Shelley.

The meeting then closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers, and a response to an acknowledgement of the Secretary's past services.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Shireoaks on Saturday, January 14th. Shireoaks church possesses a nice light ring of six bells, with a good roomy well-lighted ringing chamber, and as in addition to these advantages it lies close to the G.C. Railway, it has always been a favourite place for the members of this Society to meet and exercise their science. The gathering on January 14th was no exception to the rule, and was very successful, both in point of the number of members attending, and the number of touches completed. The following towers sent representatives: Anston, Harthill, East Markham, Ordsall, East Retford, Shireoaks and Worksop. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and three 720s in Treble Bob Minor methods were brought round before tea. This was served at 5 o'clock in the schoolroom adjoining the church, the Rev. H. Cowgill, Vicar of the parish, presiding, supported by the Hon. Secretary and thirty-four members and friends. The Shireoaks ladies had provided an excellent repast, and fully maintained their reputation for the manufacture of rabbit pies, to which the party did full justice. At the conclusion of tea the usual quarterly business meeting was held, the Vicar in the chair, when two members were elected, and it was agreed, as usual, to entrust the arrangements for the next annual general meeting to the committee. Hearty and unanimous votes of thanks to the Vicar of Shireoaks for his kind reception of the Society, and to the ladies who had so bountifully provided for their creature comfort, brought the meeting to a conclusion. Ringing was then resumed and continued till late in the evening.

Compositions.

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, *Norwich.*

6720.

23456	M	IN AND 5THS	W	R
34256	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

The extent with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths. Composed October 23rd, 1896.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

The three following peals by EDWIN TIMBRELL, of Chipping:—

5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
26354	2	-	-	I
65324	I	-	-	-
52436	2	-	-	-
53624	-	-	2	I
32465	2	-	-	-
23564	-	-	I	2
23645	2	-	2	I
24536	2	-	I	I
54326	I	-	-	I
46325	2	-	I	2
62345	-	-	2	-

Continued—

	M	B	W	H
25346	2	-	I	2
42356	I	-	2	-
56234	2	-	-	2
42635	I	-	-	I
23456	-	-	-	-

5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
23564	-	-	-	I
23645	-	-	-	I
24536	2	-	I	I
32465	-	-	-	2
26354	-	-	-	-
65324	I	-	-	-
52436	2	-	-	-
53624	-	-	2	I
54326	2	-	-	I
46325	2	-	I	2
62345	-	-	2	-
25346	2	-	I	2
42356	I	-	2	-
63254	2	-	I	I
56234	-	-	I	-
42635	I	-	-	I
23456	-	-	-	-

5184.

23456	M	B	W	H
52364	-	-	-	2
26354	I	-	-	-
65324	I	-	-	-
52436	2	-	-	-
53624	-	-	2	I
43265	2	-	-	I
23645	-	-	2	I
24536	2	-	I	I
54326	I	-	-	I
46325	2	-	I	2
62345	-	-	2	-
25346	2	-	I	2
42356	I	-	2	-
63254	2	-	I	I
56234	-	-	I	-
42635	I	-	-	I
23456	-	-	-	-

The above have the 4th, 5th, and 6th exclusively in 6ths place at the course-end.

A 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR.

By GEORGE R. NEWTON, *Oxton.*

65243	B
34625	B
25364	S
46235	B
35426	S

Eleven times repeated; substitute s for B at second lead-ends in 3rd, 7th, and 11th parts, and B for s at third lead-ends in 4th, 8th, and 12th parts.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5043.

231456

5 16

514362*

412365

214563

213465

312564

314265

413265

314562

312465

213564

214365

415623

512643

213456

312654

314256

413652

412356

214356

412653

413256

314652

312456

316452†

613254

314256

413652

412356

214653

213456

312456

213654

214356

412653

413256

316542

614532

412365

214563

213465

312564

314265

413265

314562

312465

213564

214365

Round next change.

*1, 2, 4 5, 7, 11.

†2, 8, 9 15s, 16s.

Has the 6th eleven times behind the 9th and ten times behind the 8th, the 5th ten times behind the 9th and twelve times behind the 8th, with all the 5-6s and 6-5s in the tittums and hand-stroke home position.

Rung at Solihull, on August 15th, 1898, conducted by its author,

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT
BOB MAJOR.By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

5152.

23456	I	4	6
53624	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-

Five times repeated; calling single for last bob at 1 in third and 6th parts. Omit the three bobs bracketed in any one part, otherwise the number will be 5376.

DOUBLE NORWICH ROYAL.

By W. H. INGLESANT, *Quorn.*

5040.

23456	I	3	8
34256	-	-	-
25364	S	-	-
53264	-	-	-
26534	-	-	-
46235	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-
36425	-	-	-
62435	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-

Repeated.

DOUBLE NORWICH ROYAL.

By FREDK. DENCH, *College Youths.*

5040.

23456	I	3	8
45236	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
42536	-	S	-
25436	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-

Repeated: containing the 6th her extent at home without the 2nd in 5-6, or 3rd in 6ths.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.
By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5184.

23456	M	B	W	H
36452	2	-	I	2
62453	I	-	-	2
25346	2	-	-	-
43526	I	-	-	2
53246	I	-	-	I
45362	-	-	-	2
52364	2	-	I	2
24365	I	-	-	2
23645	-	-	I	2
64235	I	-	2	I
45236	2	-	I	2
26354	I	-	I	2
42563	-	-	2	I
26435	-	-	-	-
34625	I	-	-	2
23456	-	-	-	2

Has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right, each bell being five course-ends in 6ths place.

CANTERBURY MAJOR.

By WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, *Duley.*

5056.

23456	W	I	M	H
34652	-	-	-	S
34265	-	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-
35462	-	-	-	-
43562	-	-	-	-
52463	-	-	-	-
45263	-	-	-	-
24563	-	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-	-
25364	-	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th twenty-two times wrong and right.

BOB ROYAL.

By W. INGLESANT, *Leicester.*

5040.

23456	W	M	H
64325	S	-	-
32643	-	-	-

Continued—

	W	M	H
63245	-	-	-
24635	-	-	-
62435	-	-	-
46235	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-
64235	S	-	-
23645	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

BOB CATERS.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5076.

23456	I	7	8
36452	-	-	I 2 5 6 7 12
43652	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
46253	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
56234	-	-	2 3 4
42563	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
45263	S	-	-

Repeating the last twelve courses, omitting the bob at 1 produces—

35264
23456 I 4 7

Has the 6th twenty-four times behind the 9th.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1899.

WE have not the least hesitation in saying that the late EARL of WINCHILSEA and NOTTINGHAM has done an action which will hand down his name to posterity as effectually as anything he could have done almost. To the general public the provisions of the codicil to the late Earl's will may savour of eccentricity. What those frivolous irresponsible writers who fall foul now and then of bells and ringing may think of it we cannot say, and there is not the least necessity for us, or in fact for any one else, to enquire. Probably in their eyes he would have done better had he endowed a new horse-race, or something of equal benefit to the community. His lordship has done a pious act in this codicil. The document breathes the spirit of a devout Churchman, whose faith in and love for his Church is strongly marked.

The whole Exercise will appreciate the motives of the late nobleman, and think with pleasure upon the interest he must have felt in our Art. Of course he was anxious to become a change-ringer himself, and had got so far as

to be able to cover. To some of our readers, the amount bequeathed may not seem large; but the capital necessary for such bequest cannot be inconsiderable.

May we venture a hope that this benefaction may be imitated in time to come.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, May 23rd, 1899.

Notices of motion must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 25th. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

Hon. Secretaries of societies are reminded that subscriptions to the Council are now due and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary without delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative. The Hon. Secretary would also be greatly obliged for information as to any change in representatives, or their addresses, that has taken place in the last year. H. EARLE BULWER,

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

Hon. Secretary.

The Metropolis.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble.	GEORGE SMART 5.
GEORGE BAKER 2.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 3.	KEITH HART 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of London Surprise rung in the city from which it took its name, and was rung on the birthday of Mr. G. F. Attree (Master of the Society), who received the usual congratulations after the peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 17, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
PERCY J. DARLINGTON* .. 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN .. 6.
ALFRED W. DARLINGTON* .. 3.	ARTHUR MILLER .. 7.
JOHN E. MILLER 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal of Major, and first peal in the method by all the band, also first peal of Major as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS MARS Treble.	ALBERT SCOTT 5.
J. W. MOORHOUSE 2.	JNO. E. HARTLEY 6.
F. MOORHOUSE 3.	*JNO. T. EASON 7.
GEO. HINSLEY 4.	*GEO. BUCKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Eason and Mars.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1899, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PARKIN Treble.	JOHN PARKIN 5.
LEONARD JACKSON 2.	THOS. ROBBINS 6.
THOS. MCKEGG 3.	GEO. W. DRONFIELD 7.
DAVID BREARLEY 4.	JOHN DRONFIELD Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN DRONFIELD.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 13, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	KEITH HART 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This peal was rung on the coming of age of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. It was his first peal of Superlative as conductor, and he received the hearty congratulations of the ringers on its completion. All the above are also members of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	HERBERT MARTIN 5.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 6.
CHARLES GEORGE 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 4.	FRANK A. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN C. HILL Treble.	EDWARD E. SMITH 5.
ARTHUR BALLARD 2.	LEONARD W. COPSEY 6.
GEORGE CLEAL 3.	WILLIAM T. MILLER 7.
JOSIAH MORRIS 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY J. POOLE Treble.	H. PEARCE 5.
WALTER GILLARD 2.	EDGAR E. BURGESS 6.
FRANK MILLARD 3.	GEORGE H. YENDALL 7.
JOSEPH MADDOCK 4.	ALEXANDER EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Poole and Pearce, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

F. SIMMONDS	Treble.	J. HANDS	5.
T. NEWMAN	2.	R. T. HIBBERT	6.
E. J. MENDAY	3.	H. W. SMITH	7.
G. ESSEX	4.	H. SIMMONDS	Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

It was intended to ring a peal of Stedman Triples, but the Rev. G. F. Coleridge having to preach at the parish church, could not stand in.

HEADINGLEY, YORCS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER MIDGLEY*	Treble.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH	5.
LEONARD STOKOR	2.	JOHN C. WALKER	6.
ALFRED NAYLOR	3.	WILLIAM BAINES	7.
DEAN SWIFT	4.	WILLIAM CHILD	Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by WILLIAM CHILD.

*First peal.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SAMUEL CONSTANT	Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE	4.
CHARLES CHASTY	2.	JOHN W. BARKER	5.
JAMES A. SMITH	3.	ALBERT ROBINSON	Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. BARKER.

First peal as conductor.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALBERT V. SELBY*	Treble.	HERBERT J. FORD	5.
WILLIAM G. GRANGER	2.	†DAVID WRIGHT	6.
HENRY J. SELBY	3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE	7.
MORGAN WHATLEY*	4.	GEORGE STEER	Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman as conductor. This peal was arranged for Mr. A. V. Selby who was on a visit to his native place from Chelsea.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST UNDERWOOD	Treble.	CLIFTON NEWMAN	5.
EDWARD CHAPMAN*	2.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.	6.
WALTER PERKINS	3.	*WILLIAM ROUGHTON	7.
HERBERT J. JULIAN*	4.	†WILLIAM R. HENSHER	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th exclusively in 6ths place in fifteen courses, the 6th being the extent at home; also eleven of the twelve 8-4s, 8-5s, and 8-6s. *First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal with a bob bell by E. Chapman. This peal was rung as a farewell to Messrs. Roughton and Newman, who are leaving the town for Ipswich and Irthlingborough respectively; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 of Oxford Bob, and two each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

EDMUND J. HYLAND*	Treble.	HARRY SHIPP	4.
GEORGE DENNIS†	2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER	5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND	3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

*First peal, age 14. †First peal with a bob bell.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DEBENHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY	Treble.	WILLIAM GRIMES	5.
SEDDLEY COLLINS	2.	WILLIAM H. BULLOCK	6.
WILLIAM GROOM	3.	*JAMES G. RUMSEY	7.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	4.	†ALFRED W. GRIMES	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. GRIMES.

*Age 16 years; †age 17 years. First peal by the ringer of the treble. This peal has the 6th bar extent right, and is now rung for the first time.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 14, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES COX	Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN	5.
HARRY FORD	2.	HENRY MITCHELL	6.
JOHN AUSTIN	3.	HENRY LOVELL	7.
JESSE GILLETT	4.	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON	Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Monday, January 16, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES H. HORTON	Treble.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS	5.
FREDERICK W. ELLES	2.	CHARLES H. GORDON	6.
WILLIAM KNIGHT	3.	THOMAS W. RADFORD	7.
WILLIAM A. CAVE	4.	W. JAMES HINTON	Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by W. JAMES HINTON.

First peal in the method in the city of Bristol, and first in the method by all the band.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 16, 1899, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE S. HEWITT*	Treble.	*HERBERT F. FAYERS	5.
GEORGE H. HEAD	2.	†JAMES OSBORN	6.
ARTHUR MILES*	3.	GEORGE H. HOWSE	7.
FREDERICK W. HARDING	4.	*HARRY HOOKHAM	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. HEAD.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, January 17, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. DORAN Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
WILLIAM MILLER* 2.	FREDERICK FREEMAN .. 6.
EDWARD A. BACON 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
JOHN MARDELL* 4.	GEORGE CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peals.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, January 15, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE HOUSE OF MR. C. WILKINS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	*CHARLES WILKINS .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—J. H. Cheesman. *First peal on handbells. First handbell peal in the method ever rung in the county.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY (Kent).—On Friday, December 16th, a date touch of Doubles, 1893 changes, being 360 Stedman's Principle, 360 Canterbury Doubles, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire and 458 Stedman Slow Course. in 1 hr. 9 mins. C. Tully, 1; W. Evans, 2; C. Winsor, 3; T. Batenden (conductor), 4; A. Ring, 5. Longest touch on the bells.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, December 31st, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor (1899 changes), in 1 hr 3 mins., being 97 Kent, 720 Tulip and Primrose, and 360 Violet. F. Hall, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; W. H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, December 15th, at Christ Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins. J. Taylor, 1; J. Marsh, 2; W. Fairclough, 3; T. Jenkinson, 4; J. Gardner, 5; J. K. Park (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUDLOW (Salop).—On Saturday, December 31st, at the church of St. Lawrence, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Palmer, 1; P. Lane, 2; W. R. Nash, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; H. Price (first touch), 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6; A. Chester, 7; W. Nash, sen., 8. Also 671. J. Palmer, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; R. Marston, 3; J. E. Groves (conductor), 4; P. Lane, 5; A. Chester, 6; W. R. Nash, 7; E. Davies, 8. And a 350 conducted by R. Marston. On Sunday, January 1st, 304 Grandsire Triples. J. Palmer, 1; P. Lane, 2; R. Marston, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; A. Chester, 6; W. R. Nash, 7; W. Nash, 8. On Monday, June 2nd, for practice, several touches of Grandsire Triples. On Friday, January 6th, a quarter-peal in 50 mins. J. Palmer, 1; P. Lane, 2; R. Marston, 3; W. R. Nash, 4; H. Price, 5; A. Chester, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; W. Davies, 8. On Sunday, January 8th, a quarter-peal in 48 mins. On Monday, January 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal in 46 mins., the ringers standing as in the previous one. Several other touches were rung by different members of the Ludlow Guild during the Instructor's visit.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

BLYTH.—On Sunday, December 18th, for Divine Service in the

evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Swinburn, 1; J. H. Wildman, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; C. Clapham, 4; J. H. Hind (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FULMER.—On Monday, December 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins. E. Elderfield, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; W. Clarke, 3; E. Harding, 4; G. H. Gutteridge (conductor), 5; A. Jordan, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEENE (Sussex).—On November 16th, at St. Botolph's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Hillman, 1; A. Arnell, 2; H. Evans, 3; C. Hills, 4; J. Paice, 5; G. Norriss, 6; B. Bassett (conductor), 7; F. Marshall (first attempt), 8. Also 504. A. Tullett (first attempt at Triples), 1; G. Norriss, 2; A. Arnell, 3; B. Bassett, 4; H. Evans, 5; W. Hillman, 6; E. Lindup (conductor), 7; J. Paice, 8. On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. B. Bassett, 1; J. Paice, 2; W. Hillman, 3; H. Evans, 4; A. Groves, 5; R. Standing, 6; E. Lindup (conductor), 7; ———, 8. This is the first 504 of Stedman on the bells, and by a local band. On Sunday evening, December 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hillman, 1; G. Norriss, 2; C. Hills, 3; H. Evans, 4; J. Paice, 5; A. Groves, 6; E. Lindup, 7; F. Lindup, 8.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Tuesday, December 13th, at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Turrell, 1; J. Smart, 2; R. Standing, 3; G. Payne, 4; L. Payne, 5; A. Gatland, 6; B. Bassett (conductor), 7; C. Budd, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. R. Standing, 1; B. Bassett, 2; J. Matthews, 3; G. Payne, 4; J. Smart, 5; A. Gatland, 6; G. Gatland, 7; L. Payne (conductor), 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Phillips, 1; J. Matthews, 2; B. Bassett, 3; J. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; R. Standing, 6; A. Gatland (conductor), 7; J. Gatland, 8.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.—On New Year's Eve at Christ Church, at 11.30 p.m. with the bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; C. Hill, 2; T. Waterhouse, 3; H. Harvey (conductor), 4; F. Medhurst, 5; G. Watson, 6; F. Kennett, 7; H. Denman, 8. On New Year's Day after striking twelve on the tenor, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; C. Hill, 2; S. Watson, 3; H. Harvey, 4; F. Medhurst, 5; G. Watson, 6; F. Kennett (conductor), 7; H. Denman, 8. For morning service 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; C. Weller, 2; T. Waterhouse, 3; H. Harvey, 4; C. Hill, 5; G. Watson (conductor), 6; F. Kennett, 7; H. Denman, 8. For evening service 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; T. Waterhouse, 2; S. Watson, 3; C. Hill, 4; F. Medhurst, 5; G. Watson (conductor), 6; F. Kennett, 7; H. Denman, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, December 6th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Parrott, 1; W. Webb, 2; F. Lowe, 3; A. Robinson, 4; C. Chasty, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 18th, 360 Bob Minor. F. Parrott, 1; A. Robinson, 2; F. Lowe, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. Lowe, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. On New Year's Eve 720 Bob Minor. F. Parrott, 1; S. Constant (conductor), 2; C. Finding, 3; F. Lowe, 4; S. Lowe, 5; A. Robinson, 6. On Sunday, January 1st, 720 Bob Minor. F. Parrott, 1; S. Constant (conductor), 2; C. Finding, 3; F. Lowe, 4; S. Lowe, 5; A. Robinson, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On November 25th, at St. Mark's church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. *J. Hill, 1; C. H. Fowler, 2; *E. E. Smith, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; J. S. Needham, 5; *J. Morris, 6; *W. Miller, 7; W. Willson (conductor), 8. *First and longest length in the method. On Wednesday, December 21st, the last 742 of Holt's Original. C. H. Fowler, 1; A. Ballard, 2; J. J. Jackson (Harby), 3; E. E. Smith, 4; W. Willson (conductor), 5; J. Morris, 6; W. Miller, 7; J. Hill, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Tuesday, November 1st, at the parish church, 720 Violet. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 6th, 720 Violet, standing as before. On Sunday, November 13th, 720 Woodbine. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 20th, 720 Kent. On Monday, December 5th, 720 College Single. R. Parkinson (conductor), 1; R. Sharples, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; J. Bentley, 5; C. Sharples, 6. On Sunday, December 11th, 720 Woodbine. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 18th, 720 Canterbury

Pleasure, standing as before. On Sunday, December 25th, 720 Oxford Single. On Tuesday, December 27th, 720 Grandsire. To ring the old year out 720 Plain Bob, and to ring the new year in 720 Canterbury Pleasure. On Sunday, January 1st, 720 Kent. On Monday, January 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal in seven methods, but failed after ringing 2 hrs. 2 mins., the following methods being rung: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, and about 480 College Single. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6.

ASHTREAD (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 15th, for practice, 1036 Grandsire Triples. D. Anscomb, 1; J. Wyatt, 2; T. Newnham, 3; H. Corbett, 4; T. Miles, 5; W. Cook, 6; A. Dean (conductor), 7; W. Farrell, 8.

CHIPPENHAM (Wilts).—On Tuesday, December 6th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Hull, 1; G. W. Stokes (conductor), 2; T. Daniels, 3; A. Knight, 4; F. L. Taylor, 5; J. Cleaver, 6; E. Merrett, 7; G. Chandler, 8. A 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Hull, 1; H. Aland, 2; T. Daniels (conductor), 3; A. Knight, 4; F. L. Taylor, 5; J. Cleaver, 6; E. Merrett, 7; G. Chandler, 8. For Divine Service on Christmas morning 350 in the same method. H. Aland, 1; G. W. Stokes (conductor), 2; T. Daniels, 3; A. Knight, 4; F. L. Layton, 5; J. Cleaver, 6; E. Merrett, 7; G. Chandler, 8. On Tuesday, January 10th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Aland, 1; T. Daniels (conductor), 2; E. Merrett, 3; A. Knight, 4; F. L. Taylor, 5; G. Chandler, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. L. Taylor, 1; H. Aland, 2; T. Daniels (conductor), 3; E. Merrett, 4; A. Hull, 5; G. Chandler, 6.

DONCASTER (Yorks).—On Saturday, December 17th, at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 51 mins. R. Bayles, 1; C. Scott, 2; G. Hallsworth, 3; H. Marwood, 4; H. Brock, 5; H. Wilson, 6; C. Armitage (conductor), 7; J. Leach, 8. This is the longest touch in the method by all the band.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 29th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Rollison, 1; H. Vernon, 2; C. Lewis, 3; A. Gower, 4; A. E. Midmore, 5; T. Lewis, 6; T. Willoughby (conductor), 7; A. Bodle, 8. On Saturday, December 31st, a quarter-peal in the same method, with the bells half-muffled. J. Rollison, 1; H. Vernon, 2; C. Lewis, 3; E. Willoughby, 4; W. Avann, 5; A. E. Midmore, 6; T. Willoughby, 7; A. Bodle, 8.

HODDESDON, NEAR DARWEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 11th, Messrs. Bentley and Sharples of the Oswaldtwistle band paid a visit to the above church, and assisted by four of the local ringers rang 720 Plain Bob for afternoon service, no service taking place on Sunday evenings. J. W. Walton (conductor), 1; J. Bentley, 2; W. Haworth, 3; G. W. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; W. T. Leach, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 18th, for service, 1008 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Whitaker, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; G. Morris, 4; R. Thomas, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6; A. Haigh, 7; H. Lindsay, 8.

LEATHERHEAD.—On Sunday, December 11th, at the parish church, 683 and 359 Grandsire Caters. C. Otway, 1; H. Wood, 2; T. Newnham, 3; W. Newnham, 4; H. Newnham, sen., 5; W. Messam, 6; W. Marks, 7; E. Hull, 8; A. Dean, 9; H. Over, 10.

WOOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, December 6th, at St. James' church, with the bells muffled for the late Rev. A. B. Timbrell, rector of Oldswinford, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Roberts, 1; G. Green Wordsley, 2; F. Brace, 3; A. J. Skelding, 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6.

Obituary.

IOSIAH ROGERS.

We regret to announce the death of the above well-known ringer, which took place at his residence, 13, Devonshire Street, Pendleton, Manchester, on Tuesday, January 10th, after a short illness. Born at Hepworth, a small village in the county of Suffolk, on January 10th, 1843, his attention was early turned to the Art of change-ringing on the ring of five bells which then hung in the village church steeple. Being by trade a coach smith, his business compelled him to leave his native place, at the same time enabling him to advance in the Art in which he took so much pleasure, and to partake in a number of peals in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman

Caters, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, also twice attempting a peal of London Surprise Major with the St. Thomas' (Pendleton) company, to which he belonged for the past six years, and where he had won the esteem of his fellow-ringers. He was also a member of the Lancashire Association, and was well-known in the district as well as many other parts of the country, more especially about Birmingham and the county of Stafford. His remains were borne to the grave by six of his fellow-ringers, where the burial service was conducted in impressive tones by the Rev. W. G. Edwardes Rees, M.A., Vicar of St. Thomas, at the conclusion of which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by H. Chapman, 1-2; A. Cross, 3-4; H. Dransfield, 5-6; S. Greenhalgh, 7-8. The bells of St. Thomas' were rung muffled for both services on Sunday, and on Monday evening an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major which came to grief after ringing 3400 changes. His brother-ringers sympathise with the widow and family left to mourn his loss, which will also be felt in the tower.

ARTHUR LESLIE HUME.

Died January 6th, 1899, aged 16 years 11 months.

It is with the deepest regret that the St. Margaret's society, Barking, have to record the death of the above, its youngest ringer, who was killed in the terrible boiler explosion which occurred at Messrs. Hewett and Co's shipbuilding yard, Barking (where the deceased was employed as an engineer's apprentice), on the above date. He started to learn to ring in 1897, and although he had rung no peals, was devoted to the Art, making himself proficient in both the Grandsire and Plain Bob methods in a very short time. He was also a member of the Essex Association. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst, at the St. Margaret's cemetery, Rippleside, where a large, but orderly crowd had gathered to shew their respect. The cortege was met at the cemetery gates by the whole staff of the clergy, together with the choir in their surplices (deceased had been in the choir), and his brother-ringers. The service was fully choral. Wreaths were sent by his family, choir, his fellow-apprentices, and one with brotherly love from the ringers. In the evening the whole pull and stand, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells deeply muffled, by A. Hardy, R. Fenn, C. Fenn, E. Fenn, G. Faulkner, T. Faulkner, A. Carter, E. Lucas, J. Hopkins, and E. A. Davies. We say of him as they say of the early Christians—he sleeps happy; and may he rest in peace, until, as we sang at his graveside—

On the Resurrection morning,
All the graves their dead restore;
Father, sister, child, and mother
Meet once more.

T. F.

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 CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—As your remarks re this Association may be calculated to mislead in view of the strained relations existing between Teeside and the Durham and Newcastle Association, allow me to point out that whilst that Association will be affected to some extent, the field covered by the new Association is one which has hitherto been outside the reach of any Association. This was freely admitted by Mr. Snowdon at the meeting at Middlesbro' so far as the Yorkshire Association was concerned, and the lines on which it is to be worked are intended to meet the case of a district where in many towers anything worth calling ringing is unknown, and where no meetings for the promotion of change-ringing are ever held, at any rate on the lines on which they will be organised by the new Association, which has plenty of useful work before it in the direction of progress and reform. I hope in due time to see it become a branch of the great Yorkshire Association, and this would appear to be its natural destiny, but it was thought better to start it on its own account and leave the question of affiliation over for future consideration.

G. J. CLARKSON, President.

Situations Vacant.

CARMAN FOR THE COAL TRADE.—At once. Good Wages and regular work. Change-Ringer. Apply, J. J. PRATT, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge.

TO METHOD RINGERS.—Eight and Ten Bells. Wanted a good Ledger Clerk. One used to wholesale grocery preferred. State wages and experience. Apply, B. CHORLEY, 51, North Place, Guildford.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

On Thursday evening, January 5th, the members of St. Andrew's Guild, Hingham (a branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association), had their annual supper at The Cock inn. The chair was taken by the Rev. D. Hamer, curate, supported by the two churchwardens, Messrs. Rix and Viall. About twenty-four members and friends sat down to an excellent repast prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Eagling in their usual style. Course after course came round in excellent order, each member keeping his place perfectly until the last course, when sad to relate, some broke down, though it was not to be wondered at considering the number of courses provided. After the removal of the cloth the chairman explained the unavoidable absence of the President (Rev. A. C. W. Upcher, Rector), owing to a previous engagement, and the usual toasts, "President, Churchwardens, Officers of the Guild, Visitors and Friends, Host and Hostess," were proposed and responded to, the churchwardens congratulating the ringers on the great improvement in their ringing during the past year, both in quality and quantity.

The Rev. D. Hamer, as Treasurer, presented the balance-sheet for the year, which was passed unanimously. Total receipts from members' payments (2d. per week), and donations from friends, £5 12s. 10d.; Expenditure—including ringing excursion on May 10th, 1898, and annual supper on January 5th, 1899, £3 17s. 4d., leaving a satisfactory balance in hand of £1 15s. 0d. The remainder of the evening was spent in readings, songs, instrumental music, and touches on the handbells. The time for parting came at last, and all dispersed after singing Auld lang syne, having spent a very pleasant evening.

During the past year three more members of the Guild, Messrs. Andrews, Bilham, and Halloch, have qualified themselves for membership as Performing Members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and Mr. W. Tuttle has scored his first 720 as conductor, both on handbells and on the tower bells.

THE KNARESBOROUGH SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 31st, at the kind invitation of A. J. Walker, Esq., six of the Knaresborough ringers journeyed to Thirsk station, thence to Feliskirk by waggonette kindly provided by the above gentleman, to ring on a new peal of six bells recently put in the above church. On arrival at Feliskirk a move was made to the church, when the bells were raised, and a short touch of Bob Minor was rung. An adjournment was then made for dinner, after which a move was made for the church, when three more 720s were rung. Two of the local band arrived, when they stood in for a ring round. The bells were then lowered and tracks were made for tea, after which the ringers had to leave for home, having enjoyed their day's outing. They wish to thank all those who were responsible for having everything in readiness, and especially host Gregson for looking so well after the inner man.

WOBURN, BEDS.

Ringling, says a local paper, has its social as well as its business aspect, and with that end in view the Woburn Company of change-ringers were entertained to a capital supper on Wednesday night, at the house of Mr. Charles Herbert, the veteran ringer of this district. After the removal of the cloth, the proceedings were varied by hand-bell ringing, which included a course of Stedman Caters, a course of Grandsire Caters, and a course of Bob Royal. This was followed by instrumental and vocal music, which was kept up to a late hour. It is pleasing to know that this Company, which has existed for over three decades, is in a flourishing condition, and claims to do work second to none in the county. At the conclusion of the programme, hearty thanks were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert for their hospitality. Those present included the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Messrs. S. Avis, W. Chibnall, M. Matthews, W. Harris, M. Lane, Cyril Herbert, E. Herbert, R. Marshall, and A. Morrison.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

On Wednesday evening last week the ringers of the above place held their annual supper, which was given by the Rev. E.

S. Garnier, who took the chair. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the rev. gentleman gave the usual loyal toasts. Mr. Woods said how pleased the ringers all were to see the rev. gentleman with them once more after having been absent for the last two years through ill health. He thanked him for his kindness in providing such good things for them on this festive season and at other times, and proposed his good health, which was heartily drunk by all. In replying, the rev. gentleman said how pleased he was to be with them again, and trusted that one and all might be spared to meet many more times. He then gave "Success to the Quidenham Company of Ringers," and coupled the name of Mr. Woods with the toast. They all ought to be thankful for what Mr. Woods had done for them, for if he had not come to reside at Quidenham he was afraid they would not often have heard the sweet peal of bells that now hung in the tower. Mr. Woods said what he had done he had done for the love of ringing; he should like to have done more, only in a small village as soon as a young man just began to ring fairly well, he was off to the large towns. The rest of the evening was spent in songs by several members of the company.

LORD WINCHILSEA'S WILL.

By a codicil to his will, the late Lord Winchilsea bequeathed £5 a year for ever to the treasurer of St. Andrew's Guild of Ringers at Ewerby in exchange for a certificate signed by the churchwardens of Ewerby that during the preceding twelve months the bells have been regularly rung for divine service, and further, £5 a year in exchange for a further certificate that during the preceding twelve months the ringers have practised and have done their best to acquire the art of change ringing, and £10 a year to the Vicar and churchwardens at Easter for the maintenance of Divine Service so long as it is conducted in conformity with the Church of England as by law established. The testator also bequeathed £1 a year for a sermon to be preached on St. Andrew's Day by the Vicar of Ewerby or his substitute in commemoration of the restoration of the Parish Church, the completing of the peal of ten bells, and the restoration of the village market cross, and the said sermon shall recount all that is known of the state of the church originally and the history of the windows, roof, and other parts there, and shall exhort the hearers that they do in their time and generation hand down so beautiful a monument of Christian heart and worship in as good a state as they received it. The codicil ends:—"God save agriculture and receive my soul, for the Lord Jesus' sake."

EAST DERBYSHIRE NOTES.

The Sheffield and District Society are making fast strides, a large muster of ringers having joined their ranks. The meetings fall fast and thick, and at all times are well attended. It's just the thing that was wanted. Ringers can't find the brass to attend their big county quarterly meetings. Only fancy 40 or 50 miles away, and often more than that; if there's a special train, there's not time for all to have a peep in the tower, much more ring.

Why don't our great Yorkshire Association cut the county into four quarters, with local officials to conduct its own division, and then all fall together at the Annual?

What Sheffield lads can do, so can others, if they start the ball rolling. Monthly meetings near to home when you can have three or four full hours in the towers, will surely be a blessing to all who have a desire to learn new methods; it will stir up those who have been asleep, and give a chance to those who have only six bells to ring eight away from home, and when they do that it must mean a desire to have eight at home.

And what then, why teach new ringers to sell more "BELL News" I don't think all ringers take the "News." I was in a hotel only this month having a quiet glass, and fell into conversation with a man from Hathersage, in Derbyshire, who claimed to be a ringer. I took my "News" from my pocket, and what do you think he said? "It's the first I ever saw, where can I get one?" Your humble servant told him where. O.E.D.

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.

Yorkshire Association.—The Annual meeting will be held at Bolton, Bradford, to-day, Saturday, January 21. Church service at St. James' Church, at 4 p.m., with sermon by the Rev. C. H. King, Vicar. Tea in the School at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow.
BEN T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. John's Church Hackney, to-day, 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. *Detur honos arti!*

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury, to-day, Saturday, January 21st. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers invited.
JOSEPH NORBURY, *Secretary.*

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Croydon, on Monday, the 23rd inst. Ringing at St. Peter's, South Croydon, (8), from 3 to 5.30 p.m.; at St. John's Parish Church (8), from 3 to 5.45, and after 7 p.m., and at Beddington Parish Church (10), from 7.30 to 9 p.m. The tea will be laid in the schoolroom adjoining St. John's, at 6 p.m., and the annual business meeting, at which the Rev. Canon Pereira, M.A., will preside, will follow the tea.

CHARLES DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Manor Parade, High Street, Sutton.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Guildford, on Monday, January 23rd. Bells available after 1 p.m., St. Nicolas (10), Holy Trinity (8). The latter were re-hung last month. Business meeting 4.15, tea 5 p.m., both at St. Nicolas Hall.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

Hursley, Winchester.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The annual meeting of the above Society will take place on Wednesday, January 25th, 1899. Members are requested to attend.

VICTOR W. WEST, *Hon. Sec.*

71, Langton Road, Brixton, S.W.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested for the consideration of important business. Particular attention is directed to clause 4 of Rule VI.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting and election of officers of this society for the ensuing year will be held on Thursday the 26th inst. Members are requested to attend. C. J. IRISH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will take place on Saturday, January 28th, 1899, at Hagley. A short ser-

vice will be held in the church at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow, at which the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector, will preside. He has kindly placed the tower and bells at the members' disposal. A meat tea will be provided at 9d. each, for all those sending in their names to me on or before Tuesday, the 24th. The Secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions which are now due for the present year, according to rule 8, also the names and addresses of each local Secretary.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, Sinms Lane, Netherton near Dudley.

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, January 28th, at the Church of All Saints, Isleworth. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. District Sec.*

Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the Association on Saturday, January 28th, at Rayleigh. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Members must give notice of the Stations from which they require tickets before the 22nd. All peals rung last year and intended for entry must be sent in at once.

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

Great Totham, Witham.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at the Oldham Parish Church, on January 28th, 1899. Bells ready at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. SAMUEL BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

Midland Counties Association.—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Stanford (near Loughborough), on Saturday, January 28th. Peal of 8 at the parish church, and peal of ten at All Saints, Loughborough, open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m., tea at 4.30, both in the Stanford school. Members are particularly requested to notice that tea (free) will only be provided for those members who send their names to Mr. W. Pervin, Stanford, not later than Wednesday, January 26th. 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.

Sussex County Association.—Central.—Next quarterly meeting at Lindfield (Hayward's Heath station), on Saturday, January 28th. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea to members who let him know their intention of being present by January 24th. Tower open from 3 p.m.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 28th, 1899. Tower open from 2.30 till 8. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea in the parish room, North Street, at 4.30, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses will be paid to members attending. Members intending to be present must send me word not later than Wednesday, January 25th. Members' subscriptions are now due, and may be sent to me or paid at the meeting.

W. LATTER, *Hon. District Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Pudsey (eight bells), on Saturday, January 28th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Meeting-house—The Park hotel. Handbells provided. All ringers or other friends are welcome.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Crayford on Saturday, January 28th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Monday, January 30th. Short service at St. Laurence's church at 7 p.m. Tower open for ringing at 6.30 p.m. Tea at British Workman 7.30 p.m. at 1s., to include refreshment at smoker. Members please send word quite by 25th inst. to A. W. PIKE.

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The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster parish church on February 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Market inn, Market Place. All ringers invited. R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The meeting announced to be held at Maidstone to-day is postponed until the 4th of February.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The thirty-first annual dinner of the above society will be held at The York hotel, Waterloo Road, on Saturday, February 11th. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of the following committee: Messrs. Barton, Symonds, Pasmore, H. Davis, Webber, and Golding, or of the Secretary, VICTOR W. WEST.

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Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

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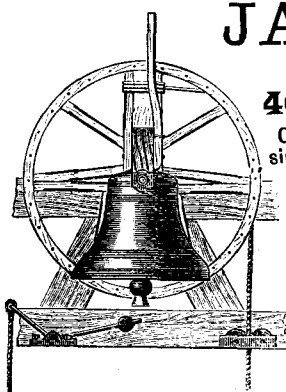
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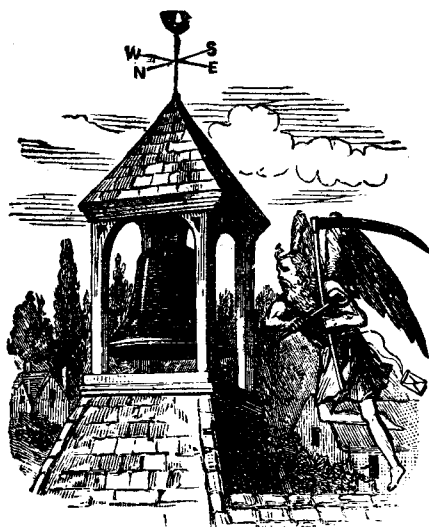
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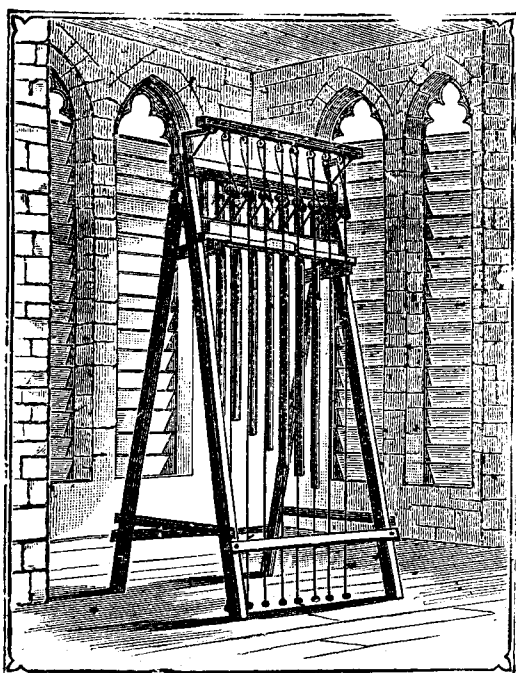
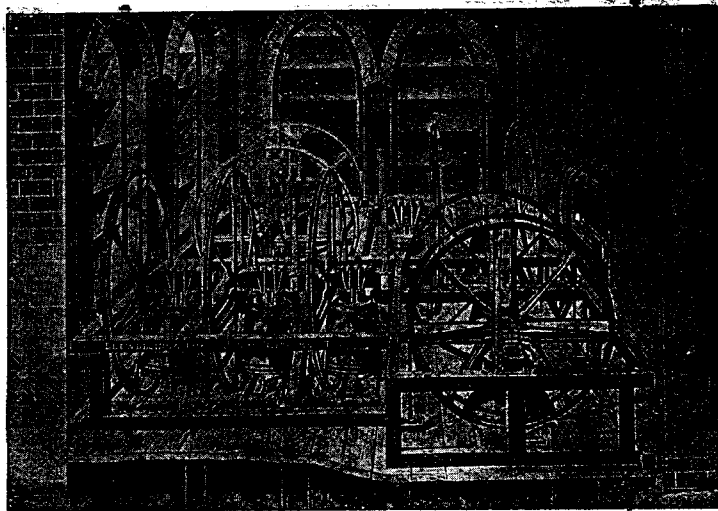
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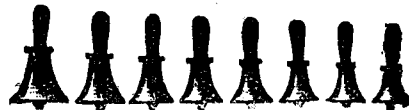
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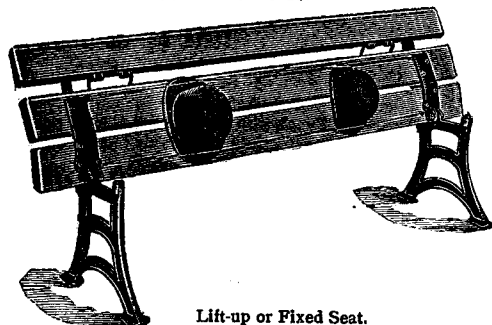
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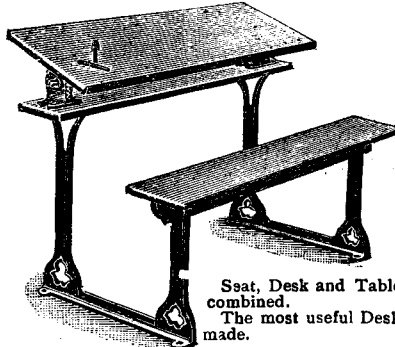
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AND PRESENTATION.

Wind, rain, and sleet, with various other equally well-known concomitants which go to make out-door existence miserable, characterised last Saturday, when the Yorkshire Association held its twenty-third annual meeting at Bolton, a pleasant suburb of the town of Bradford. But these untoward atmospheric surroundings did not prevent a large attendance of members, who filled the electric cars as they left Bradford throughout the afternoon. In the school, Miss King, the worthy Vicar's daughter, was busily engaged with a large number of other ladies preparing for tea. In another part of the school, auditors, president, and treasurer were actively employed finishing the audit and counting up the votes recorded for committee-men as the papers were handed in, while from the tower a short distance away came the sound of the bells. Shortly after three o'clock the Lightcliffe branch commenced ringing the service touch, and at four o'clock choral service was held in the church. For this event Mr. Albert Smith, the genial choir-master, had been untiring in getting together a full choir. Divine Service commenced with the hymn—"Thou art coming, O my Saviour." Prayers were said by the Rev. J. W. Clough, and the choir sang the anthem—"The radiant morn hath passed away." The next hymn—"Hark, hark! my soul, angelic songs are swelling," went with spirit, after which the Rev. C. H. King, Vicar of Bolton, then preached the annual sermon, from Ex. xxviii. 31-35. By special request we give the rev. preacher's discourse in full:—

"Naturally, the cause of our assembling to-day, carries our thoughts to the sweet-toned instruments of the Church which hang in her towers, and which as they swing send forth their music far and wide. Though, in taking up this subject this afternoon, it is not my intention to dilate at length into the history of the introduction of bells into the Christian Church, or into our domestic use, yet we might profitably, for a few moments, investigate what is at all times a most interesting subject. That bells were used in the old Israelitish days under the Mosaic economy is very certain. In my text we learn that the high priest's dress was bordered with golden bells, to indicate to the people the time when he should go into the holy place, at an especial time, for an especial purpose, to burn incense, that they might join him in their prayers and supplications for pardon and peace. Some writers make those bells on the holy robe to be typical of the sound or coming of the Gospel of Christ Jesus our Lord into the world, giving notice of His entrance into the veil for us. They founded their idea upon Psalm lxxxix. 15—'Blessed are they that hear the joyful sound, bringing joy and peace in the midst of the darkness of a world sunk in the unbelief and contempt of all that is good, pure, and holy.' But little mention is made of bells from this time until the introduction of the Christian religion, and even then not at first, but some 400 or 500 years after.

"Campanology is an interesting study, and would well repay any research into its history. Pliny and other ancient writers give some notice in their writings of the use of bells, but from the description of them they must have been of an indifferent shape and character, and of very indifferent tone. We also read of the bells (so called) that were fastened round the ankles of Egyptian women and girls, but these were really only hollowed pieces of metal, which by striking together gave forth a pleasant

sound. To-day let us be satisfied with some simpler facts connected with campanology, but none less interesting.

"Any one who has lived for a time in oriental lands or in a Mahomedan city will be struck with staid melancholy silence on the principal holy day or day of prayer, compared with the joyous ringing of bells on the day of worship in Christian countries, and especially in our own land of freedom; one is so chilling, frigid, and unnatural, the other so bright and peaceful. In oriental countries the muezzin, or crier, mounts the mosque to announce the hour of prayer from a balcony. His voice, trained to carry far by constant practice, certainly effects its object by its harsh unmusical grating sound.

"The bell has had a strange history in relation to introduction of Christian worship. Bells, though they answer divers purposes in the present day would never have come into existence at all but for the fostering care of Christian worship. In the early days of the Church bells would have been entirely unnecessary, and immediately after the introduction of Christianity would have been an impossibility in view of the bitter persecution of the early Christians. The first meetings of the early infant Church took place in upper rooms, generally the very least room in the house, and in other quiet secret places, and we suppose that all the worshippers were aware of the hour for meeting. Subsequently, when the bitter persecutions began, the Christian worshippers were accustomed to gather together in catacombs, in caves, in mysterious hiding places. Bells, as an invitation or a summons to worship in those days of bitter persecution would have been an impossibility, as well as a great danger.

"When basilicas began to be used as places of worship after the troublous times of persecution were over, and the Christian religion became recognised by law, and could raise its head openly, then the plan of calling the congregation together was by means of a "tessera," or watchword, which was passed round one to another. But shortly before this time, in a remote district in the Christian world, a custom had been commenced from which bells and our future campanology has since sprung. In the monastery of Pachomius, in Egypt, where many fugitives from persecution lived by hundreds, leading a devoted life of prayer and ascetism, it was the custom to send a man round, who struck a blow with a mallet on the door of every cell to inform the dweller therein that the hour of worship had come. Probably this man had assistants, as it would be too lengthy a business for one man to inform hundreds. This was too cumbersome and laborious a method, and a substitute had to be found. A man was stationed in some convenient place with a piece of wood (the best kind of sounding wood) and a mallet, who by hammering on this homely instrument, gave the call to service quite as effectually, and with far less trouble. The next step in the evolution of the bell was that a man made the discovery that if two or more pieces of board were fastened together in the shape of a box, instead of the simple board, and was struck by a mallet from side to side, a greater clatter or body of sound will be raised. The box was suspended by a rope, and thus the primitive bell ringer performed his rude, singular, and unmelodious duties. Such bells were called 'signa,' thus we behold the first kind of bell used not only in monasteries, but in churches, to summon people to the House of Prayer. Cortes mentions that similar instruments were found among the Mexicans, only the Mexican wooden bells were more shapely, being beautifully formed, some in the shape of a poppy, or other flower. The next step was to make these bells of metal instead of wood. There is no definite record of when this important change in bell-manufacture was introduced. That it was very gradual is certain. The old square form was still adhered to, the bell made in the shape of a box, without any kind of lid, but of iron. Some of these square bells are to be seen in the present day. There is one in the monastery of St. Gall, perhaps the oldest bell in existence. It is most rudely made, and looks no

different from an iron box; the tone of it when struck is both harsh and unpleasant. In Denmark and Ireland such bells are reported to be still in existence as curiosities. The iron was sometimes coated with bronze, either to sweeten the tone or to improve the appearance of the bell, and to preserve it from decay. The round form of bells gradually took the place of the old square one, and indeed seems a natural innovation, though as to how or where it was invented we have no certain testimony. Considering that the metal bell had to be cast in a mould, one shape was as easy to the artificer as another, and all feelings of symmetry pointed to the rounded form. Copper and tin now began to be used instead of iron, as the mixture gave forth a sweeter tone. Other metals too have been found in mediæval bells, silver and gold in large quantities. The explanation as to how these precious metals came there puzzled campanologists for a long time. A study of mediæval manners and customs however revealed the fact that when a bell was being cast for a church in those days the members of the congregation met together in great numbers, and while the metals were fusing in a large cauldron over a wood fire, people cast into the molten mass coins of gold and silver, chains, rings, and other ornaments, thinking it a pious act to give of their substance to the beautifying of their church bell. Some bells were made in those days of more costly material than copper and tin. Six silver bells were not uncommon in German churches, but in Italy purity and beauty of tone were most successfully cultivated, and bells of pure gold were occasionally employed. At Bologna there were three golden bells, which made celestial ringing, whose loveliness has been celebrated by poets. The Italian bellfounders exceeded the rest of Europe in the melody and beauty of the tone of their bells. Bells were first known in France in the year 550, although they had been known but little used 150 years before. In our own country King Egbert commanded every priest to sound the church bell or bells at proper hours. Bells were used in churches by order of Pope John ix., about 900, as, he said, "a defence, by ringing them, against thunder and lightning." They were first cast in England by Turketal, chancellor of England under Edmund I. His successor improved upon his invention, and caused the first tuneable set to be put up in Croyland Abbey in 960. It would be possible to trace down from this time the increase in their manufacture and the improvement in tone. But I hope enough has been said to arouse the interest and zeal of some young campanologist to enquire into their history, and to give us the benefit of their labour and research.

"Having said so much, or so little rather, about the bells, may I say a little about the ringers, or the bell men? As was said a short time ago, there has been a great revival of a better state of things in our English belfries, they are no longer what they were a hundred years or more ago. But I look for a greater improvement. Are not our ringers officers of the churches in the belfries, as much as choirmen are officers to the congregation in the chancels? When the high priest went into the holy place the people knew of his presence by the sweet sound of the golden bells, and I would have our ringers known (not as they were in olden times), by their upright honourable Christian lives, living as men who knew they were officers connected with the house of God, and conscious of their position, endeavouring to set an example to others. My dear fellow-change-ringers, I am proud to know that I am one of you. I see we number nearly 1000 members: what a small army for God we might be if we would! I have stood in the front ranks of 6000 men, each man carrying an instrument of death, a deadly weapon. We are but a sixth of that vast number, but instead of threatening death and misery, how easily might we live a life of peace and joy, by living earnest loyal Christian lives, not merely as officers of the House of God, but as followers, *i.e.* imitators of the Lord Jesus, for after all that is what is wanted. Will you bear with me while I speak of a matter which lies very near my heart, and from to time has greatly disturbed me? Having summoned the congregation to the House of God for prayer and praise, do you feel that your duty is finished? Are you not men of "like passions" with ourselves? Do you not need to humble yourselves, and make your common supplication, and join in the common prayer, praise, and thanksgiving? I know I am treading on dangerous ground; but why do so many of you turn your backs on His house? some Sabbath to Sabbath, and from year to year, never by any chance meeting with those whom you with

no little exertion have called together. My dear fellow-change-ringers, we are but men, with one life to live here. But it is not all of life to live, after this life cometh the judgment. How shall we, many of us, answer for the seeming contempt, indifference, of the service of our Master, and His house. I think every officer in the house of God should be an earnest Christian; living so that all worldly-minded men may readily recognise that there is some difference between them and him. I desire very sincerely that we have our names enrolled not only on the splendid list of change-ringers, but in the Lamb's Book of Life."

After the sermon came the hymn "All praise to Thee my God this night," which concluded the service; and then steps were retraced to the school for tea, while the Skipton branch were ringing a touch. Here were soon gathered some 250 or more members, who had come from Armley, Bingley, Bradford, Bramley, Birstall, Brighouse, Chesterfield, Calverley, Darfield, Drighlington, Dewsbury, Guiseley, Headingley, Hull, Harrogate, Halifax, Huddersfield, Leeds, Lightcliffe, Low Moor, Mirfield, Narton, Ossett, Otley, Pontefract, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Rotherham, Sheffield, Shipley, Skipton, Sandal, Tong, Wakefield, York, and other places. A thoroughly excellent meat tea was soon in process of serving, and very satisfactorily brought round without hitch of any kind, thanks to the efficient management of the ladies. Tables were shortly afterwards cleared most expeditiously, and the rooms prepared for the meeting, which were well filled.

Mr. W. Snowdon, President, occupied the chair, supporting whom were the Rev. C. H. King, Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Clough, curate, Councillor T. A. Williamson, and several officers and committee-men.

The Chairman briefly opened the meeting, and read the minutes of the Skipton meeting, which was adopted, after which Mr. Albert Smith sang "Ring out, wild bells."

The annual report and balance-sheet was then presented, the former of which stated that the total number of members was now 974, an increase of forty on the previous year. Sixty peals had been rung during the year at thirty-one churches. The balance-sheet shewed that £8 had been added to capital account, bringing the invested funds of the Association up to £222 15s. 1d. On the proposition of Mr. J. W. T. Holgate (Bramley), seconded by Mr. S. Palframan (Bolton), the report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted.

Then followed a song—"A boy's dream," by Master F. Longthorne.

The President next announced the result of the poll for four seats on the Committee. The first three elected were Messrs. Charles Jackson (Hull), John Holden (Saddleworth), and Harry Williams (Headingley); Messrs. J. Yeadon (Guiseley), and D. Stephenson (Ossett) tied for fourth place, and it was agreed to decide by show of hands, when Mr. Yeadon was re-elected.

The President then referred to the death of Mr. Frank Price, a late member of the Committee, and it was resolved that a vote of sympathy and condolence be sent to the widow.

Mr. C. Nicholson followed with a song—"Every bullet has its billet."

A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. T. Hattersley (Sheffield), and carried amid loud cheers, to which the Rev. C. H. King and Mr. J. Cockshott briefly replied.

Miss F. Hardisty then sang very sweetly the song—"For all eternity."

No invitation being forthcoming for the place for hold-

ing the May meeting, the arrangements were left in the hands of the Committee according to rule; but an intimation was given by the Rotherham branch of their intention to put forward that town for the meeting in September.

Mr. J. Craven followed with a song—"The Sailor's Grave;" after which Mr. George Bolland (Tong) proposed, and Mr. Abbishaw (Rothwell) seconded, a vote of thanks to the choir, which was passed most heartily.

At the request of the President the Rev. C. H. King, on behalf of the Association, presented Mr. B. T. Copley an envelope containing £10., in recognition of his nine years of service as Honorary Secretary, accompanying the gift with many kindly expressions of goodwill to the recipient, and referring to their unbroken friendship for a quarter of a century.

Councillor T. A. Williamson then presented to Mrs. Copley a handsome silver sugar basin, expressing his pleasure, and that of Mrs. Williamson, in being amongst them that day, and especially in being their medium for such a pleasing duty as giving recognition to the worthy helpmeet of a faithful officer.

Mr. Copley was warmly cheered on rising to acknowledge the gifts, and the kind words which had accompanied them.

Mr. T. Moseley next contributed a humorous song—"Under the circumstances:" after which Mr. Charles Jackson (Hull) moved, and Mr. Harry Williams (Headingley) seconded, a vote of thanks to the ladies, which was carried heartily.

Mr. J. Stead followed with a song—"The mighty deep," and a vote of thanks to the Bolton branch was moved by Mr. W. Billows (Skipton), seconded by Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe), and acknowledged by Mr. B. T. Copley.

The Rev. C. H. King moved a vote of thanks to the president; this was seconded by the Rev. J. W. Clough, and briefly replied to Mr. Snowdon, which concluded the formal business.

Mr. Rhodes Broadley, organist, accompanied the songs on the piano in very creditable fashion. It should be added that every item of the day's arrangements was carried out without a single hitch. All, both Vicar, ladies, and ringers set themselves to make the meeting thoroughly successful and enjoyable, and nothing was forgotten or left undone which would conduce to the comfort and convenience of the visitors. The musical portion of the meeting was an entire new departure, and thanks to Mr. Albert Smith, choirmaster, who arranged this, the innovation proved most popular to the large assembly of members gathered in the schoolroom; and altogether this twenty-third annual meeting will rank as one of the most successful of the many gatherings of the Yorkshire Association.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Guild was held on Friday, January 20th, the Rev. J. G. Floyer, the new Warden of the Guild, occupying the chair. After going through the ordinary business of the Guild the following members were elected to the various offices for the ensuing year: Mr. G. Checketts, Master; Mr. W. Lebbon, Deputy-Master; Mr. W. H. Johnson, Secretary (re-elected); Mr. B. S. Hill, delegate to the Association; and Messrs. W. Powell and C. Jones as committeemen. Mr. A. Hadley was elected a member of the Guild.

The Rev. J. G. Floyer, in a few remarks, said it gave him great pleasure to become Warden of the Guild, and

as he could already ring rounds, he hoped in the near future to be able to take hold of a rope and help his new friends through a touch of Caters. He thanked the past officers for their services, and expressed his wish to become an honorary member of the Worcestershire Association. A pleasant meeting was then brought to a close.

ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR, SUNDERLAND.

On Wednesday evening, January 11th, the ringers of the above church were kindly entertained at the vicarge by the Vicar and Mrs. Boddington, when Mr. Robert T. Manning, the Secretary of the band, was presented with an elegant reading lamp, as a wedding gift, from the Vicar and his brother-ringers.

The Vicar, in making the presentation, spoke of the good work done by the Secretary since the formation of the band, and wished him and his bride a long and happy life.

Mr. Manning suitably responded.

After the presentation a business meeting was held, and four new members were elected as learners.

IMPRISONED IN A TOWER.

A serious accident, which might have had a fatal termination, occurred last week to Mr. G. W. Steele, of Chester-le-Street. It seems that Mr. Steele with an assistant proceeded to the clock in the parish church spire in order to examine the striking apparatus, which is situated under the tenor. On going down between the 4th bell and the oak beam on which it rests, he inadvertently placed his foot on the wrong side of the wheel, and the bell being up came over, and wedged him against the frame. The assistant seeing his perilous position, ran at once for help. Fortunately, the sacristan and a company of young men were inspecting the interior of the church, and they proceeded to where Mr. Steele was, and succeeded in lifting the bell and releasing him. He was at once taken home, and medical aid summoned. Mr. Steele has sustained a severe shock.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. PEAL COLLECTION.

Mr. Henry Dains, whose address is 147, Barnsbury Road, Islington, N., again asks authors of compositions in this method to send in their peals to him without delay. As previously mentioned he has already had a large number of peals sent in, but there are still several good names absent. Personally I should like to see every composer represented, but to copy all peals that have been published is a big task, and there are other reasons why I should not do this. Therefore to make this work a success the co-operation of every gentleman of the Exercise concerned is absolutely necessary.

FRAMSSEN (Sniolk).—On Sunday, January 1st, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Creasy, 1; W. Wightman, 2; J. Durrant, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; S. Wightman, 5; G. Perry, 6; W. Bullock, 7; G. Wightman (conductor), 8.

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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, January 21st, at the church of St. John-at-Hackney, and was well attended by members from all parts of Middlesex and adjoining counties, from Burnham in Bucks. to Walthamstow in Essex. The bells were raised at 4 o'clock, and frequent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and throughout there was a large and satisfactory attendance. The Vicar of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, had also given permission for the opening of his tower to the members; but as they were on the point of making a start news came of the death of the Rev. D. Kingsford, rural dean of Hackney, and Vicar of St. Thomas's, Stamford Hill. A message was brought to the belfry that, in the circumstances, the Vicar wished that the bells might not be rung. The ringers at once dispersed and returned to St. John's Hackney, where the news of the sad occurrence was confirmed later.

Shortly after seven o'clock a movement was made to the parish room, where well-furnished tea tables gave evidence of a hearty welcome. Some sixty ringers sat down to partake of the hospitality so thoughtfully prepared for them, after which a musical programme was commenced of a highly varied and interesting character. There were songs delightfully rendered by the Rev. L. Mc N. Shelford, Rev. C. E. Thornely, Messrs. Nuttall, W. D. Smith and Albert Coles; recitations admirably given by Mr. J. Gardner; and when Mr. W. D. Smith and his talented family took possession of the platform for a series of performances in handbell music, the delight of the audience was unmistakeable. The clever manipulation of the treble parts by Mrs. Smith, and the intelligent activity of Miss Annie L. Smith (nine years of age) and Masters Joseph C. and Edward J. Smith aged 15 and 16 respectively, in selecting the appropriate bells, resulted in a contribution to the harmony of the evening as unique as it was delightful. The tenor and bass parts were played by Mr. Albert Coles and Mr. W. D. Smith respectively. The tunes played were Lord Hardwicke's March "Elfin Waltz," "Bonnie Dundee," and "Nelly Grey." Nor must we omit to mention the several courses of Grandsire Caters, faultlessly rung at intervals in the programme by F. Rumens, 1-2; W. B. Manning, 3-4; M. A. Wood, 5-6; W. D. Smith, 7-8; A. Coles, 9-10; in short, the whole entertainment was admirably conceived and as admirably carried out. It is needless to say that the efforts of all were enthusiastically received.

The Hon. and Rev. H. G. Lawley, Rector of the parish, joined the meeting at 9 o'clock, and kindly responded to a vote of thanks for the use of his bells, and for the hearty welcome given to the Association. In a brief acknowledgment, he professed a profound ignorance in the art of ringing, but at the same time managed to be in thorough sympathy with his audience. Ringers have none too many of these pleasant meetings, where, as in this case, the clergy not only join with them, but cater actively for their enjoyment. The memory of such an evening will linger, and as the Hon. Secretary phrased it "such right good fellowship will do more for the advancement of the Association than any amount of labour and pains spent by him in the details of organisation." We almost fancy that we hear him exclaim *O! si sic omnes!*

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LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.

The bells of All Saints church, Leighton Buzzard, were re-opened on Saturday, January 7th, after being rehung by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington, to whom great credit is due for the excellence of their work and the "go" of the bells. They were opened by the Oxford Guild, the peal being recorded in this journal, and the names of ringers from several places. Every man was charmed with the "go" of his bell, and the peal was much enjoyed by the ringers and also by listeners in the town, who much appreciated the ringing of their grand old bells after a silence of three months.

After the peal the ringers adjourned to The Swan hotel, where a nice luncheon was spread under the direction of the committee and churchwardens, viz., Messrs. R. Richmond, G. Willis, Ruggles, and G. Green. Very great thanks are due to Mr. G. Green for the energetic way in which he has worked to get the bells rehung; but for him and his undaunted perseverance they would still be hanging in their old bad condition.

After doing justice to the lunch the ringers again adjourned to the tower where they found a good number of ringers from Bedford and other places. The meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held in the afternoon. Some good touches were rung in the evening by the visitors; Mr. George, of Rugby, came in for a short time. The time passed all too quickly, and a pleasant evening came to a close, as the visitors had to leave in time to catch their trains for home. One and all expressed their great satisfaction at the going of the bells, and Messrs. Webb and Bennett are to be highly congratulated and recommended for the system upon which they carry out their work.

New head-stocks, new clappers and wheels, quarter-turned, cannons cut off the last four, and frame well bolted, which is very massive and in good condition. This is the work they have done to the bells, and close examination shews not one stone has been left unturned; everything is perfection; such workmen are to be highly recommended.
N.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

For some years past the five old bells in this church have been unfit for ringing. The bells are a very ancient peal, two bearing the date 1657, the other three Wm. Chapman, London, fecit, 1781. It has been the efforts during the past year of the Rector, the Rev. F. T. Gardner, and the Rev. C. G. Littlehales to get the bells put in proper order, and about the latter part of last year they were taken away and the old 4th recast and a new treble added, making an excellent ring of six. The whole work was entrusted to H. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, to whom great credit is due for their excellent work. The dedication service took place on Wednesday, December 28th, at 3.30. The hymn "The Church's one foundation" was sung, and the first part of the service was read by the Rev. C. G. Littlehales, and the first lesson by the Rev. F. Theobald, Rector of Wigborough, the second by the Rector. The Great Totham ringers rang the opening touch, and after the singing of another hymn an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre from St. Luke ii. 14—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men." He said: Bells we have heard at the Christmas festival from very ancient times: a re-opening and dedication of new ones fits in mostly with the celebration of Christmas. Glory to God in the highest. The act of worship is a privilege; in the

first instance to angels, second to men; but in a lower sense in things such as the sun, moon and stars, the wind, etc. Bells have a similar capacity of voicing the emotions both of the ringers, and we find repeated by inscriptions on our old bells such mottoes as "I will praise my God, not by word but by voice;" "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men." Bells are often used to usher in the coming of peace after warfare. The bells may seem to utterly ring away all malice and breathe goodwill to all.

The service over the bells were at once set going again, and a 720 of Plain Bob rung by the Great Totham band, conducted by T. Hammond. Ringers were present from Coggeshall and Kelvedon. The visitors were entertained to tea at the rectory by the Rev. F. T. Gardner. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired.

On Sunday, January 8th, a company of ringers from Great Bentley, and Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich, paid a visit to the church, and some good ringing was done, the Rev. C. G. Littlehales ringing the treble in a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. An excellent dinner and tea was prepared by Mr. McDonald, of The Chequers.

A company of change-ringers has been formed under the able tuition of Mr. H. G. Rowe, gardener at Goldhanger rectory, assisted by the Rev. C. G. Littlehales.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, January 21st, at Newchurch, but owing to the heavy rain during the early part of the afternoon only those who were really determined not to be outdone by the weather put in an appearance, and most of these only at a late hour. From 5.30 the bells were kept going in various touches of Triples, until the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Bennett), appeared, reminding them that it was time for their business meeting. Haslingden was fixed upon as the place for the next meeting, and the usual votes of thanks were accorded, to which, the Rector, in replying, announced that he would endeavour to provide them with a tea the next time a meeting was held in his parish. After the meeting a 720 of Woodbine was rung.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHRIST CHURCH, EASTBOURNE.

At the practice on Tuesday night, January 24th, we had the pleasure of the company of brother-strings from Hailsham, Pevensey, Old Town (St. Mary's), and All Saints, Eastbourne, nineteen ringers being present altogether. There being so many present, long touches were out of the question, but we endeavoured to accommodate all with a pull, and we trust that all had an instructive and happy evening. One of our Hailsham friends rang his first 504 of Grandsire Triples on the 5th, and it was also the first 504 by E. Mallard on the treble. We also had a course of Treble Bob Minor. Several courses of Stedman Triples were also rung, and a 168.

We trust that such meetings may tend to bring us closer together, and that the individual members may derive benefit, and that it may then spread to the bands they represent, and finally that it will strengthen our Association.

We trust that the year 1899 will be a year of good work and progressive, in Eastbourne and district, and if we will all pull together it must be so, H.

Obituary.

HENRY BASTABLE.

On Wednesday the 18th inst., barely three weeks after his fiftieth birthday, passed away one of the most highly respected and talented ringers of the Birmingham district. In our issue of June 29th, 1889, appeared an account of his ringing career, with what was generally acknowledged to be a most successful portrait. We then took occasion to refer to a serious illness he experienced many years ago, which destroyed his then splendid physique, and brought on the complaints to which he has now succumbed at so comparatively early an age. Since his first peal on September 24th, 1868, which was conducted by his schoolfellow, Mr. G. W. Baldwin, and between whom and himself there has always been a most cordial friendship and understanding, the history of his ringing career has been intimately bound up with that of St. Martin's Society of Birmingham, the Holt Society of Aston, and their present day successor the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham. Although handicapped since his first illness by a somewhat frail frame and delicate health, surely of him as much as of any man might it be said that his motto was—"Do it with thy might!"

His indomitable and painstaking perseverance, although unsuited to long-sustained and wearying effort, crowned with success many an undertaking of which giants in the Exercise might well be proud. Of such it needs only to instance his conducting the first peal on handbells in the Midland Counties, the first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells ever rung out of London, and the first peal of Cinques in that method in hand. As a conductor of tower bell ringing he was equally celebrated, and from Doubles to Cinques or Maximus, his talent fully entitled him to the position he held as Ringing Master at St. Martin's. The Guild loses an officer whose equal it will be hard to find, and whose popularity can never be excelled.

Not, however, for ringing abilities alone will his memory be cherished by many a friend throughout the length and breadth of this ringing isle. Most modest and unobtrusive of men, our "Harry Bas" endeared himself to every one with whom he came in contact, by his genial ways, and by an ever ready tact and thought for others' comfort.

He was buried on Monday last 'neath the shadow of his old parish church (Handsworth) where his early ringing was achieved, and within sound of the noisy youth attending his old school. At the close of our Church's beautiful and impressive service a course in hand was rung over the grave, followed by muffled touches upon the tower bells, while latter on in the evening muffled ringing could be heard at the neighbouring Church of St. John's, Perry Barr.

Many an old ringing friend and many a shopmate was present, and his bereaved relatives must have felt that he was indeed mourned as a brother.

EDWIN CASHMORE.

It is with regret that I have to report the death of the above ringer, who died at his residence on the 14th inst. Although not a ringer of many peals, he was a regular attendant at the meetings connected with the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, of which he had been a member since the commencement in 1883. He was brother to the late Mr. Paul Cashmore, the well-known composer, conductor, and bell-ringer of West Bromwich. His remains were laid to rest at the Parish Church of All Saints, where for many years he had officiated as sidesman, the bells of which were rung muffled for the services on Sunday. He was seventy-one years of age, and leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss. R.

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.

A large new clock has just been fixed in the parish church tower, Eccleston, which shows time on a large outside dial and on a smaller dial inside the church. It strikes the hours and has all the latest improvements. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, has carried out the work.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1899.

THE good folk of Leighton Buzzard have profited by the "agitation" which was made some time ago with respect to the bells of their parish church. These bells have been restored, and put into splendid going order, as we read.

We think that the discussion which took place wherein the Leighton bells and ringers were prominently alluded to, must, if not the actual cause, have greatly assisted in the work of restoration; and we may certainly claim a share in whatever distribution of praise is made. However, the rehangings of the bells is a fact, and the local company have now got the matter in their own hands. No one will now expect to hear from them of appeals for a teacher, or any other weakness; they have a good start made for them, and the recent restoration puts everything in their favour. Now brethren of Leighton, let us soon hear that you are doing something to be talked of.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, May 23rd, 1899.

Notices of motion must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 25th. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

Hon. Secretaries of societies are reminded that subscriptions to the Council are now due and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary without delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative. The Hon. Secretary would also be greatly obliged for information as to any change in representatives, or their addresses, that has taken place in the last year. H. EARLE BULWER,
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn. Hon. Secretary.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	*STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE .. 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	*FREDERICK A. NUNN .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE* .. 3.	*ERNEST PYE 8.
CHARLES WILKINS 4.	*JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 9.
HARRY HOSKINS 5.	*HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT J. MAYNARD* .. Treble.	*GEORGE R. PYE 6.
CHARLES HOPKINS 2.	†THOMAS MAYNARD 7.
GEORGE GRIMWADE* .. 3.	*EDGAR WIGHTMAN 8.
CHARLES S. BURDEN 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
WILLIAM PYE 5.	FREDERICK A. NUNN Tenor.

Composed by T. HURRY, and Conducted by THOMAS MAYNARD.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Royal on the bells.

The Provinces.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR BERWICK* Treble.	FRANK GEO. BURLEIGH .. 5.
STEPHEN BUCK 2.	JAMES WELLS 6.
FRED W. ADCOCK 3.	WILLIAM LEGGATT 7.
DENIS TYE 4.	SAMUEL F. BURLEIGH Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

*First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving the town.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 18, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD Treble.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY.. .. 5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. 6.
FRANK A. SMITH 3.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 7.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. 4.	THOMAS HUSSEY Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rector of Bushey (the Rev. G. Montagu Hall) with Miss Cory Wright, of Highbate.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, January 20, 1899, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES WILLIAMS.. .. Treble.	ALFRED FLOWERS 5.
HENRY MIDDLETON 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 6.
WILLIAM ELLIS* 3.	CHARLES H. WATTS 7.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 4.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Henry Bastable. *First peal in the method.

BORDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE W. HONEYSETT* Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
STANLEY HUTSON 2.	WILLIAM TASSELL 6.
HARRY FOSTER* 3.	CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. 7.
RICHARD STAINES 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. MILLWAY.

*First peal.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN DENNER Treble.	ALFRED POTTER 5.
JOHN POTTER 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
JOSEPH TURNER.. .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
JOSEPH POTTER 4.	SAMUEL OAKES Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

This is the first peal of Stedman by Messrs. Denner, Turner and Oakes, and the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1899, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. Treble.	JAMES N. FROSSELL.. .. 5.
KEITH HART 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 6.
WILLIAM PELLING 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	JOHN F. STEADMAN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled for Mr. William Hillman who was buried on that day, and who was churchwarden of the parish, a vice-president of the local ringers' guild, and a parishioner for over fifty years.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN TUCKER Treble.	WM. P. ROUTH, Esq. .. 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
ARTHUR W. HIGGS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES GILES 4.	ERNEST BRUCE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REEVES' TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE MORRIS* Treble.	*CHARLES SEDDON 5.
JAMES HINDLEY 2.	†JAMES WILSON 6.
THOMAS LINGARD 3.	JOHN BRISCOE 7.
ALBERT WALLWORK 4.	*JAMES W. HINDLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Seddon, his brother-ringers wishing many happy returns.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE SEARLE* Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
HENRY STALHAM 2.	ARTHUR GATLAND 6.
EDWIN RAPLEY 3.	JOHN SMART 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE GATLAND Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal, for whom it was arranged. It is also the first peal of Grandsire on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 22, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method by all except A. W. Brighton. First in the method on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (HENLEY BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 23, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	E. W. MENDAY 5.
T. NEWMAN 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
E. J. MENDAY 3.	H. W. SMITH 7.
R. T. HIBBERT 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HENRY PRING Treble.	HERBERT TUCKER 5.
ALFRED PEARCE 2.	CHARLES GORDON 6.
FREDERICK PEARCE 3.	GEORGE T. DALTRY 7.
GILBERT PEARCE 4.	PERCY CAME Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN MAYLAN† Treble.	THOMAS WALLIS 5.
JOSEPH EDWARDS† 2.	JAMES HEASMAN 6.
JOHN STEDDY* 3.	RICHARD JENNER 7.
JACK PRESTON 4.	aPETER SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN STEDDY.

†First peal away from the tenor. †First in the method with a bob bell. *First peal as conductor. aFirst peal in the method.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 of Violet, and two 720s each of Kent, Oxford, and Woodbine. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. PEASE Treble.	THOMAS PEASE 4.
WM. P. BROOK 2.	JOS. E. KEEN 5.
GEORGE WILCOCK 3.	W. HECKINGBOTTOM .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. KEEN.

This is the first peal on the bells, also the first peal of Treble Bob Minor by the whole band, and the first peal by Messrs. Pease (2), Brook, and Wilcox, and the first peal with a bob bell by W. Heckingbottom.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1899, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED WHITE Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 5.
RICHARD WHITE 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 4.	F. STEDMAN WHITE } Tenor.
	JOHN MONK }

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Norris.

Handbell Peals.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

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

On Sunday, January 22, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE HOUSE OF MR. BUCKINGHAM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE N. PRICE* .. 1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5-6.
HERBERT MARTIN* .. 3-4.	*CHARLES GEORGE .. 7-8.

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

Umpires—Mrs. Buckingham and Mr. F. A. Smith. *First peal of Major on hand bells.

Date Touches.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, December 26th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. *T. Dalton (conductor), 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Banister, 3; W. Sumner, 4; R. Hough, 5; John Ascroft (longest length), 6; W. Walton, 7; †Jas. Ascroft, 8. *Longest touch as conductor. †Longest touch. This is the longest touch on the bells since they were rehung, and the seventh bell recast in September last by Messrs. Taylor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday evening, December 22nd, a date touch of 1898 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 17 mins. G. Browning, 1; S. Baker, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; H. Scrivens, 5; J. Poole, 6; W. Bateman, 7; A. Hanks, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, January 1st, in 1 hr. 9 mins., at St. Owen's church, a date touch of 1899 changes, consisting of four 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles, four of Plain Bob, seven of Grandsire, and ninety-nine changes of Grandsire Doubles. B. Carrier, 1; C. Mortimer, 2; C. D. Smith (conductor), 3; J. A. Smith, 4; R. Carrier, 5; A. Mortimer, 6.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 1st, fifteen 6-scores and 99 Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. J. Keeble, 1-2; B. Keeble, 3-4; Mrs. Keeble, 5-6.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN.—On Tuesday, January 3rd, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 720 Plain Bob, 720 College Single, and 459 Grandsire Minor. E. Allen, 1; R. Hughes, 2; F. Allen, 3; S. Watkins, 4; W. Glead, 5; T. Hart (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, December 31st, a date touch of Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Colbran, 1; E. Beal, 2; G. Penfold, 3; T. Beal, 4; J. Bray, 5; E. Brant (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On November 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Milhams, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; W. Lane, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On November 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Milhams, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; W. Lane, 4; J. Broom, 5; M. Digby (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 11th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Christmas Day, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Broom, 1; G. Hayes (conductor), F. J. Ring, 3; W. Lane, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Broom, 1; W. Martin, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; W. Lane, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Lane, 1; J. Broom, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

SUNDRIDGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, January 11th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. G. Granger (first in the method), 1; G. Steer, 2; D. Wright (conductor), 3; H. J. Ford (first in the method with a bob bell), 4; H. J. Selby, 5; T. Groombridge, 6.

THE CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On New Year's morning at 12 a.m., 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) with 7-8 covering in 25 mins. A. Paddock (first 720), 1; S. Hopton, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson (conductor), 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Bye, 7; E. Lode, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAWTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, January 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. Hancock (first 720), 1; J. James, 2; W. Massey, 3; J. Willblood, 4; G. Biddle, 5; W. Rigby (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells by the local band.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATHFORD.—On Saturday, December 10th, at the parish church,

ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently in 47 mins. A. Martin, 1; G. Janes, 2; W. C. Ricketts, 3; H. C. Hallett, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; T. Burden, 6. First 720 by Messrs. Martin, Janes, and Burden.

BATHEASTON.—On Tuesday, December 13th, at the parish church, ten 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles in 47 mins., each called differently. A. W. Snell, 1; J. Taylor (conductor), 2; W. C. Ricketts, 3; H. C. Hallett, 4; G. W. Hutchings, 5; E. G. Snell, 6. First by Messrs. Snell (2), and Hutchings. Also the first by the local band.

NORTON FITZWARRREN.—On November 16th, for practice, 720 College Pleasure. F. Wyatt, 1; F. Saunders, 2; I. Creed, 3; H. Creed, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. On December 11th, for Divine Service, 720 College Pleasure. F. Wyatt, 1; F. Saunders, 2; I. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. On December 14th, for practice, 720 Kent. I. Creed, 1; F. Wyatt, 2; F. Saunders, 3; H. Creed, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. On December 25th, for Divine Service, 720 College Exercise. F. Wyatt, 1; F. Saunders, 2; I. Creed, 3; H. Creed, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. On December 28th, for practice, 720 College Exercise. F. Wyatt, 1; F. Saunders, 2; I. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. On January 1st, for morning service, touches of College Exercise, College Pleasure, Woodbine and Kent were rung. F. Wyatt, 1; F. Saunders, 2; I. Creed, 3; H. Creed, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. For evening service touches of Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet and Oxford. F. Wyatt, 1; F. Saunders, 2; I. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, December 11th, at St. Stephen's church, 896 Stedman Caters. W. A. Cave (conductor), 1; F. W. Elles, 2; R. Clark, 3; W. Knight, 4; H. Pring, 5; C. Horton, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; C. H. Gordon, 8; W. J. Hinton, 9; H. Tucker, 10. On Tuesday, December 13th, an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, but it came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 10 mins. owing to a change-course. C. H. Horton, 1; F. Elles, 2; W. A. Cave, 3; J. D. Matthews, 4; C. H. Tomkins, 5; C. H. Gordon, 6; T. W. Radford, 7; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 8. On Saturday, December 17th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 7 mins. F. May (conductor), 1; W. A. Cave, 2; H. Pring, 3; C. H. Tomkins, 4; R. J. Wilkins, 5; J. D. Matthews, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; F. Price, 8; T. W. Radford, 9; W. Knight, 10. On handbells 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Daltry (conductor), 1-2; H. Tucker, 3-4; F. W. Elles, 5-6; C. H. Horton, 7-8. On Sunday, December 18th, touches of Major and Stedman Caters were rung with the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Minehead), and H. Brown (Bath).

STAPLETON, NEAR BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, December 28th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Guy, 1; J. Bawn, 2; W. Tiley, 3; C. H. Horton (conductor), 4; T. W. Staddon, 5; J. Long, 6.

PAINSWICK.—On Sunday, December 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, 216 Grandsire Caters. For Divine Service in the evening, 648 Grandsire Caters. G. Browning, 1; T. Peters, 2; W. Mills, 3; H. Grosvenor, 4; R. Baker, 5; W. Hale (conductor), 6; S. Baker, 7; J. Poole, 8; H. Scrivens, 9; A. Hanks, 10. On Thursday evening, December 8th, for practice, 559 Grandsire Triples. G. Browning, 1; H. Grosvenor, 2; W. Mills, 3; H. Scrivens, 4; S. Baker, 5; J. Poole, 6; W. Hale (conductor), 7; A. Hanks, 8. On Sunday evening, December 11th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Browning, 1; T. Peters, 2; W. Mills, 3; R. Baker, 4; S. Baker, 5; J. Poole, 6; W. Hale (conductor), 7; A. Hanks, 8. On Thursday, December 15th, for practice, 742 Grandsire Triples. G. Browning, 1; S. Baker, 2; W. Mills, 3; W. Hale, 4; H. Grosvenor, 5; J. Poole, 6; W. Bateman, 7; A. Hanks, 8. On Sunday, December 18th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Browning, 1; H. Grosvenor, 2; W. Mills, 3; R. Baker, 4; H. Scrivens, 5; S. Baker, 6; W. Hale (conductor), 7; A. Hanks, 8.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEEND (Wilts).—On November 7th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. S. Wilson, 1; A. Brown, 2; F. Merritt, 3; T. Jones, 4; J. E. Willshire, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6.

DEVIZES (Wilts).—On November 5th, at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Draper, 1; T. Raddon, 2; C. H. Hampton, 3; A. Brown, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; W. A. Johnson, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; F. Merritt, 8. On October 3rd, 360 Stedman Doubles. W. H. Johnson, 1; C. D. Heginbottom, 2; C. H. Hampton, 3; C. R. Hampton, 4; S. Hillier (conductor), 5; A. Draper, 6. On December 22nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Brown, 1; C. D. Heginbottom, 2; T. Raddon, 3; C. R. Hampton, 5; A. Draper, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; F. Merritt, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, December 27th, eight members attempted G. Lindoff's peal of 5152 Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 5088 changes in 3 hrs. and 7 mins., it came to an untimely end. J. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; E. Wigg, 3; C. Bailey, 4; E. Bailey, 5; E. Todd, 6; C. Samson, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, December 18th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Smith, 1; P. Sadler, 2; E. Francis, 3; F. H. Knights, 4; G. Howchin, 5; J. Bum, 6. On December 21st, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. W. Bales, 1; E. Francis, 2; A. Hills, 3; G. Howchin, 4; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 5; F. H. Knights, 6. At St. Laurence's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. H. J. Borrett, 1; G. Howchin, 2; A. Hills, 3; E. Francis, 4; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 5; W. Bales, 6. These were rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. On Sunday, December 20th, at St. Peter Mancroft, for the annual Advent ringing, 1008 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in 45 mins. E. Ward, 1; W. Bales, 2; P. Sadler, 3; A. G. Warnes, 4; G. Howchin, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6; F. H. Knights, 7; F. Knights, 8; F. J. Howchin, 9; G. Smith, 10. Tenor 43 cwt.

PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, December 27th, at the residence of Mr. R. Borrett, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor, in 19 mins. Egbert Borrett, 1; Harry J. Borrett, 3-4; Charles E. Borrett (conductor), 5-6. At St. Mary's church 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins. F. Roope, 1; F. R. Borrett, 2; H. J. Borrett, 3; C. Baker, 4; F. R. Surridge, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6.

HINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, December 10th, for practice on handbells, 720 Bob Minor in 18 mins. A. Hallock, 1; G. Whitehand, 2; T. Cudbrid, 3; R. Bilham, 4; J. Sadd, 5; W. Tuttle (conductor), 6. First 720 by Messrs. Hallock and Bilham. On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins., standing as above. First 720 on tower bells by Messrs. Hallock and Bilham; also first 720 on tower bells as conductor by W. Tuttle. For evening service 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. A. Andrews (first 720), 1; G. Whitehand, 2; Rev. D. Hamer, 3; R. Bilham, 4; J. Sadd, 5; W. Tuttle (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 15th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. Hallock, 1; G. Whitehand, 2; Rev. D. Hamer, 3; R. Bilham, 4; J. Sadd, 5; W. Tuttle (conductor), 6; E. Eagling (covering), 8. On Sunday, December 18th, after Divine Service, 720 Bob Major in 29 mins. W. Muffitt, 1; G. Whitehand, 2; W. Tuttle, 3; W. Larkey, 4; Rev. D. Hamer, 5; R. Bilham (longest touch an eight bells), 6; J. Sadd, 7; E. Eagling (conductor), 8.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, December 25th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. A. Symonds, 1; J. D. Buckingham, 2; E. Buckingham, 3; H. Symonds, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5. On Monday, December 27th, 360 of Doubles, being 120 each of Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, and New Doubles. U. Rose, 1; J. D. Buckingham, 2; E. Buckingham, 3; H. Symonds, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5.

GISLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, December 26th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Warner, 1; E. Youngs, 2; H. W. Symonds, 3; A. Symonds, 4; E. Buckingham, 5; J. D. Buckingham (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, January 18th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. L. Hume, 1; E. Fenn, 2; G. Faulkner, 3; A. C. Hardy, 4; A. J. T. Carter, 5; C. Fenn (conductor), 6; R. Fenn, 7; T. Faulkner, 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MAGOR (Monmouthshire).—On Monday, December 26th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Jones, 1; F. Attwell, 2; J. Clutterbuck, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Coombes, 5; E. Davies (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

RATBY.—On Sunday, December 13th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). J. Hill, 1; L. Copsey, 2; J. Wilson, 3; E. E. Smith, 4; *A. Palmer, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. Also another 720 (thirty-two bobs and two singles). J. Hill, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; *C. Toone, 3; *J. Toone, 4; J. Wilson, 5; L. Copsey, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. *First 720.

STOKE ARCHDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Dewsbury Surprise. J. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; G.

Clarkson, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First in the method by all. On Sunday, November 20th, 720 Wells Surprise. C. Preston, 5; the rest as before. For evening service 720 College Pleasure. On Tuesday, November 22nd, for practice, 720 Ringers' Surprise. J. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; D. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First in the method by all. On Sunday morning, November 27th, for Divine Service, 720 York Surprise. For evening service 720 Bristol Surprise. D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; the rest as before. On Thursday, December 1st, on the occasion of the opening of a bazaar by Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Lichfield Surprise. J. E. Wheeldon, 5; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, December 4th, for Divine Service, 720 York Surprise. On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Chester Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; D. Preston, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Rochester Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; D. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Surprise, C. Preston, 3; G. Hobbs, 5; the rest as before. On Christmas Day 720 Lichfield Surprise. J. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Monday, January 2nd, some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Mynard (first 6-score), 1; J. Lett, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Lovell, 4; W. Freeman (conductor), 5. Also four 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles. J. Lett, 1; F. Hopper (Olney), 2; W. Mynard, 3; W. Freeman, 4; J. Lovell (conductor), 5. And two 6-scores of Plain Bob. J. Lett, 1; J. Lovell, 2; W. Mynard, 3; W. Freeman, 4; F. Hopper (conductor), 5.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Monday, December 26th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). S. Irons, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; G. Coleman, 3; J. W. Tirrell, 4; H. J. Sutton (conductor), 5; C. Chasty, 6. Messrs. Tirrell and Chasty belong to St. Mary's, Peterborough; the conductor to St. Mary's, Petworth, Sussex; the remainder to St. Neots.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Thursday, December 29th, for practice, 1008 Bob Major. E. Hills, 1; W. J. Nevard, 2; H. E. Bowers, 3; *G. A. Andrews, 4; *G. Lancaster, 5; *C. Clarke, 6; *G. Jennings, 7; W. J. Hazell (conductor), 8. *Longest length on eight bells, and first attempt.

OLNEY (Bucks).—On Saturday, December 17th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Lett (first 720), 1; T. Wright, 2; F. Hopper, 3; W. Freeman (conductor), 4; H. Lett, 5; J. Lovell, 6. On Christmas Day 720 Plain Bob. F. Boswell, 1; F. Hopper, 2; W. Wright, 3; W. Jones, 4; S. Smith, 5; R. Raban (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. F. Boswell, 1; W. Wright (conductor), 2; F. Hopper, 3; W. Jones, 4; T. Wright, 5; S. Smith, 6.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 22nd, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Wilson, 1; T. Town, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; W. J. Battson, 4; T. Chandler, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. E. Edwards, 1; T. Town, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; G. Wickens, 5; W. J. Battson (conductor), 6.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 22nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. S. Costick, 1; E. Beal, 2; J. Bray, jun., 3; G. Penfold, 4; H. Colbran, 5; E. Brant (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called different in 24 mins. S. Costick, 1; G. Penfold (conductor), 2; E. Beal, 3; E. Brant, 4; J. Bray, jun., 5; J. Bray, sen., 6.

SHIFNAL (Salop).—On Sunday morning, January 15th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 504 Bob Triples. E. Bingham, 1; W. Harris, 2; J. E. Meredith, 3; W. Taylor, 4; A. Shuker, 5; T. Whatmore, 6; J. Bradney (conductor), 7; T. Gwilliam, 8. For evening service 504 Bob Triples. E. Bingham, 1; R. Hollinshead, 2; J. E. Meredith, 3; W. Taylor, 4; A. Shuker, 5; W. Harris, 6; J. Bradney (conductor), 7; T. Gwilliam, 8.

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TWYFORD, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday evening, January 5th, the Vicar (Rev. M. E. Hoets) and Mr. Hoets entertained the ringers and the adult members of the choir to dinner at the vicarage. The Rev. C. T. Wickham, of Twyford School, and Colonel W. G. Lowther (Vicar's churchwarden) were also present. After a sumptuous repast had been partaken of, the Vicar expressed the pleasure it gave Mrs. Hoets and himself to meet the ringers and the choir again at the vicarage, and hoped that they would spend an enjoyable evening and that they would meet annually for many years to come. The toast of the choir was proposed by the Rev. C. T. Wickham, and responded to by Mr. E. Gilbert, the organist and choirmaster; and that of the ringers by Colonel Lowther, and acknowledged by Mr. G. Brown, the captain. The Vicar informed the ringers that the fund for the additional two bells to complete the octave amounted to a little over £50, towards the total cost of £100, and expressed his willingness to give the order for the bells as soon as the fund amounted to £75, which he hoped would do so shortly. Mr. Brown said that if the ringers were supplied with collecting cards he thought that £25 in subscriptions would be forthcoming within a week, and that the order could then be given and the bells completed by Easter. The evening was devoted to harmony and handbell ringing, and after a vote of thanks had been given to the Vicar and Mrs. Hoets for their kindness a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne." We are informed that subscriptions have been promised to enable the Vicar to give the order, and that Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to whom the order has been entrusted, have promised to complete the peal by Ladyday next. Any subscriptions towards the remaining £25, by ringers and others, will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. G. Brown, or by Mr. G. Smith, the conductor of the band.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 31st, before the evening service, which took place at 7.30, 360 of Bob Minor, with four bobs and two singles. 1. Waite, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Miles, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; C. Browett, 6. As the bells ran home and "stand" was announced, the Vicar stepped into the ringing-chamber and invited the company to attend the service (which every one did), and as usual to attend supper at the vicarage. Service being over, six 6-scores of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles were rung, E. Davies and L. Robinson taking part. The time then had arrived to depart to the vicarage to partake of the good things provided, which consisted of the old English fare—roast beef and plum pudding, mince pies, pickles, brown ale, perry, &c., all of which was done justice to. Grace being said and the cloth removed, the Vicar entered the room bringing several illustrated books with him, and a pot full of the old weed. He hoped they would enjoy themselves for the rest of the evening, which wish was heartily realised. The first thing was to retire to the front hall to ring the handbells, where the guests surrounded the ringers, who rang 210 of Grandsire Triples and played several tunes, which were much appreciated. The rest of the evening was spent in songs and handbell ringing, Mr. G. Miles entertaining the company by playing several selections on his clarionet. As a finish, "God save the Queen" was sung, accompanied by Mr. Miles. After thanking the Vicar for his generosity, the company wended their way back to the tower to ring out the Old Year, and just as the last hour arrived "stand five" was called, while the tenor man had six whole pulls to denote the last hours of the Old Year, and then the bells were fired to welcome in the New Year. Then 280 of Grandsire Doubles and the bells were lowered, and wishing one another good morning and a happy New Year each one wended his way to his own destination.

THE BOW SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Thursday, the 19th instant, this society held its Annual Dinner at The Blue Anchor inn, High Street, Bromley, when

host and hostess Drake laid covers and amply provided for some twenty-five members and friends in first-class style.

After dinner a good programme was prepared, consisting of good toasts and speeches, interspersed with some good old English songs, duets, and madrigals, largely contributed to by Messrs. Sutton, Turner, Deards, Bradley, Hayes, and the Brothers Fenn, with Mr. Ernest Richards, R.A.M., presiding at the piano.

The Master, Mr. Samuel Hayes, who occupied the chair, in reviewing the present position of the Society, said that they were now one of the best societies in London. The work achieved last year was a great credit to them all, and he had no hesitation in saying that by their combined efforts this year would show not only what can be done, but deeds in the science and art of ringing which would greatly help to improve its condition.

The vice-Chairman (Mr. T. Faulkner) said he quite endorsed the remarks of the Master, and as the attendance in the past year had been good, the financial resources never in a better condition, he could not see why this coming year should not be better than last; and again, with the combined effort of all the members, with strong unity, they may even accomplish almost anything placed before them.

Several other toasts were amply responded to, including one to "The Press."

Mr. Richards, in reply, said that he maintained the press was the ringer's best friend, for by the columns of this journal all lovers of the Exercise had an opportunity of knowing what every one else was doing. At the same time he thought some local secretaries were remiss in their duties in not giving to the district papers some report of what was going on in their respective branches. If this matter was attended to he had reason to believe that a vast improvement in the cause of change-ringing would soon be developed.

Several touches were rung on the handbells, and at midnight the company dispersed, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

THE GREATEST NOVELTY IN CLOCKS OF THE CENTURY.

Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers of Leeds and Newcastle-on-Tyne, have just completed in the Grand Arcade at Leeds, something really worth seeing in the shape of a clock with automaton figures, crowing cock, bells, etc.

The dial is of polished copper, while the hands are symbolic of the sun and moon, on each side stands an armour-clad knight bearing a battle-axe, with which he strikes the quarter hours upon a bell hung before him.

These are the only two figures in view until the hour arrives, when, after the quarters and the hour have been struck, a door opens, and from it emerges a procession of five figures representative of the British Empire. First comes a British soldier, who on reaching the centre of the platform faces to the front and makes a military salute. He is followed by a kilted Highlander, an Irishman carrying a threatening-looking shillelagh, a Canadian boatman, and a turbaned Hindoo, each of whom in turn faces to the front, bows and marches off. This is not all, however, as soon as the last of the figures has retreated a life-size rooster perches above the dial, flaps his wings and crows three times, when the performance is over for another hour.

Messrs. Potts and Sons have designed the clock specially, and have done all the work in connection with its construction; The Grand Arcade, New Briggate, Leeds, where the clock is fixed, being visited by crowds every hour.

The above firm are also fixing a large illuminated clock at Leeds parish church for the Vicar and wardens, which is now nearing completion.

The death is announced of Matthew Lakin, of Tetney, near Grimsby, in his 98th year. He is said to have been the oldest ringer in England. The church authorities of Tetney are very anxious to erect a memorial over his grave. Ringers kindly help.

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Notices.

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The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will take place to-day, Saturday, January 28th, 1899, at Hagley. A short service will be held in the church at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow, at which the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector, will preside. He has kindly placed the tower and bells at the members' disposal. The Secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions which are now due for the present year, according to rule 8, also the names and addresses of each local Secretary.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, Simms Lane, Netherton near Dudley.

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, January 28th, at the Church of All Saints, Isleworth. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. District Sec.*

Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the Association to-day, Saturday, January 28th, at Rayleigh. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. All peals rung last year and intended for entry must be sent in at once.

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

Great Totham, Witham.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at the Oldham Parish Church, to-day, Saturday, January 28th, 1899. Bells ready at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.

SAMUEL BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

Midland Counties Association.—Through an unforeseen occurrence the bells at Stanford will not be available for ringing to-day, Saturday, January 28th, so tea will be held at All Saints Schoolroom, Loughborough, at 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting half an hour earlier. The tea will be free as advertised, to those who sent in their names by Wednesday last.

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

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Sussex County Association.—Central.—Next quarterly meeting at Lindfield (Hayward's Heath station), to-day, Saturday, January 28th. Tower open from 3 p.m.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, to-day, Saturday, January 28th, 1899. Tower open from 2.30 till 8. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea in the parish room, North Street, at 4.30, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses will be paid to members attending.

W. LATTER, *Hon. District Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Pudsey (eight bells), to-day, Saturday, January 28th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Meeting-house—The Park hotel. Handbells provided. All ringers or other friends are welcome.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Crayford to-day, Saturday, January 28. Tower open from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The winter meeting will be held at Burnham to-day, Saturday, January 28th. Ringing from 2 to 4, and from 7 till 9. Evensong and sermon, 4.30; tea at 5.15. All members of the Guild are invited to attend.

A. SIMMONS.

Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, January 28th. Meat tea provided at 4 p.m.

W. M. K. WARREN, *Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Monday, January 30th. Short service at St. Laurence's church at 7 p.m. Tower open for ringing at 6.30 p.m. Tea at British Workman 7.30 p.m. at 1s., to include refreshment at smoker. Members please send word quite by 25th inst. to

A. W. PIKE.

St. Bartholomew's Road, Reading.

West Ham, Essex.—The practice will will take place on and after Monday next the 30th ult., and every alternate Monday instead of Tuesday as previous.

W. DORAN.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Tue Brook, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. The tower will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock until 7.30. Meeting in the tower at 6 o'clock.

G. WOODHALL, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Kidsgrove on Saturday, February 4th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Mason, 8, Cooper Street, Kidsgrove, not later than Wednesday, February 1st.

REV. G. T. BIRCH, *Hon. Secs.*

W. TWIGG,

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's church, Bolton, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells ready at 5.30 p.m. Bbsiness at 7.

HY. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the District will be held at Lenham, on Saturday next, February 4th. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Usual allowances. Tea at The Dog and Bear, at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid to me at or before the meeting.

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

Midland Counties Association.—Derby Branch.—The annual meeting for the election of district officers will be held in All Saints' belfry, Derby, on February 6th. Ringing from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Meeting to follow.

T. ANTHONY, *Local Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Southwold on Tuesday, February 7th. Dinner at The King's Head at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 3d. for Honorary, and 1s. 3d. for Company Members. Notice should be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Thursday, February 2nd.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The thirty-first annual dinner of the above society will be held at The York hotel, Waterloo Road, on Saturday, February 11th. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of the following committee: Messrs. Barton, Symonds, Pasmore, H. Davis, Webber, and Golding, or of the Secretary,

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The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster parish church on February 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Market inn, Market Place. All ringers invited.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Leesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers invited, whether members or not.

E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—District Meeting at Baldock on Saturday, February 11th. Further particulars next week.

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

Durham and Newcastle Association.—A General Meeting will be held at Winlaton on Saturday, February 11th. The bells of St. Paul's (6), Winlaton and of St. Cuthbert's (6), Blaydon will be open after 1 p.m. for ringing. Committee meeting at Smith's Arms at four o'clock. Tea at same hotel at 5 o'clock, members, 1s., non-members, 1s. 6d. Intending visitors kindly send names before February 6th to

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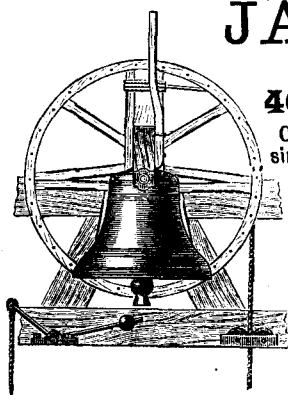
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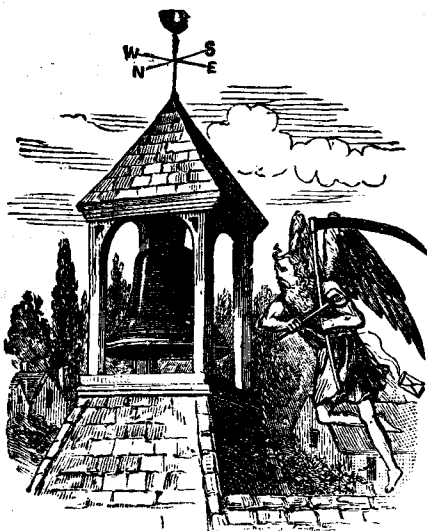
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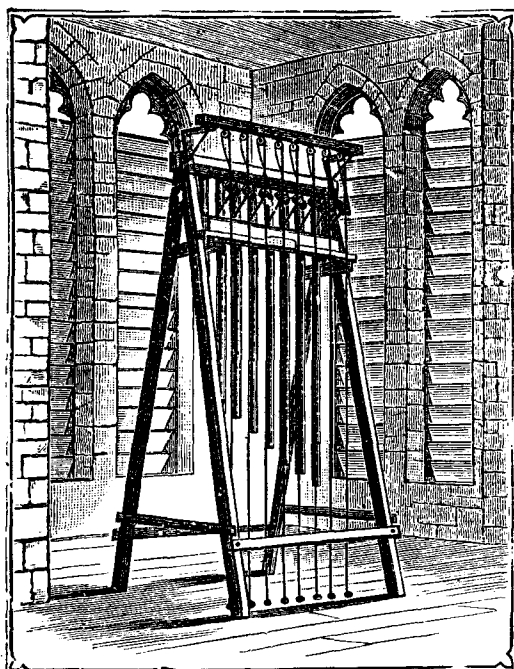
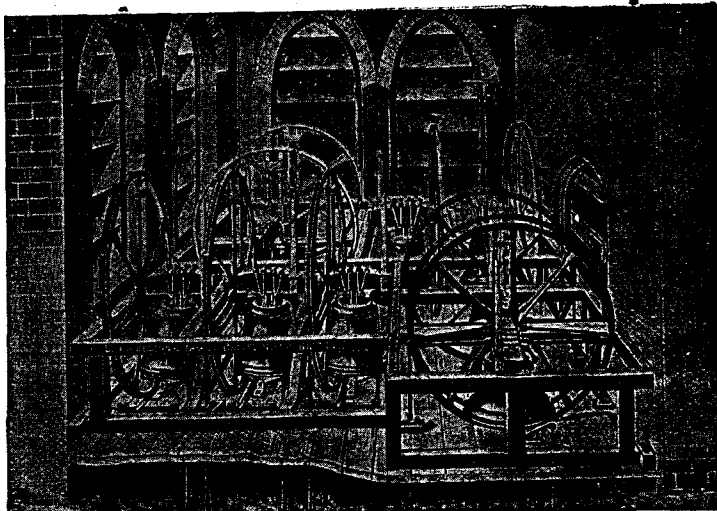
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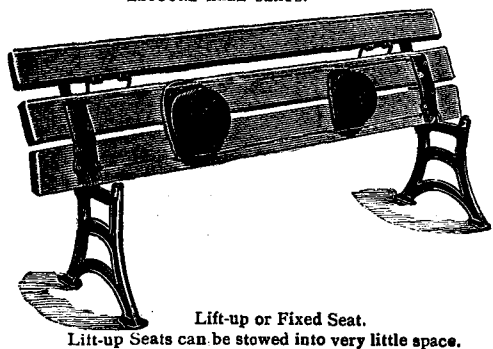
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(QUARTERLY MEETING AT GUILDFORD.)

A very successful meeting was held at Guildford on Monday, January 23rd, 1899. The towers of St. Nicolas and Holy Trinity were placed at the disposal of members during the afternoon and evening. At the latter church the five peal of eight (tenor 25 cwt. in E flat) have just been re-hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. This firm has done a very good work, and the bells are replaced in the old frame, which is in excellent preservation. The first seven bells bear the following inscription:—

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After a touch of 503 Grandsire Triples had been brought round with two men on the tenor rope—Mr. H. White (conducting) and Mr. J. Harper—a move was made for St. Nicolas's Church, with its beautiful ring of ten, where things were kept lively beyond the time notified for the business meeting. At 4.45 p.m. the meeting was held at St. Nicolas's Hall by the kind permission of the Rector, Rev. W. S. Sanders, who is a lover of bells. The Master, Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, presided. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and passed. Two compounding members were elected, and thirty-seven performing members were added to the list—a very respectable addition. Of the above thirty-seven, twenty make up two new bands, which are now affiliated to the Guild, viz., Holy Trinity, Guildford, and St. John the Evangelist, Merrow. Mr. J. J. Jones, the Hon. Secretary of the Guildford district, has brought about these welcome additions. On the motion of Mr. H. White, seconded by Mr. J. W. Whiting, the election of an Hon. Secretary for the Christchurch district was referred to the annual meeting.

Mr. J. J. Jones then gave notice of a proposition to amend or alter Rule VII., so that in future the Surrey members should select the place and date of Surrey meetings, and Hampshire ringers should do the same in their county. The proposition was favourably received.

Three places were named for the next quarterly meeting

in Hampshire, namely, Winchester, Whitchurch, and Basingstoke; they received 10, 3, and 12 votes respectively, consequently the last named was chosen.

Mr. J. J. Jones proposed, Mr. E. J. Heathorn seconding, that the date be Easter Monday—carried. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Grant and the Rev. W. S. Sanders for the use of their towers concluded the business of the meeting.

The company then adjourned to an adjoining room, where thirty-three sat down to tea; and subsequently those who remained late took part in various touches.

The Rev. C. B. Walters, Vicar of Shalford, was present at the meeting, and members or representatives attended from the following bands: Gosport, Guildford (St. Nicolas), Chiddingfold, Basingstoke, Portsea, Fareham, Ewhurst, Shere, Hawley, York Town, Shalford, Dorking, Merrow, Guildford (Holy Trinity), and Hursley.

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF CHURCH BELLS AT IPSWICH.

The attention of the churchwardens of St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, having been called to the state of the bell frame and fittings of the bells, some months since they made personal examination and found them in a very unsatisfactory state. It was thought, however, by patching up the frame that any accident may be avoided, and this was done. Though not regarded as a permanent restoration, it was hoped it would last for some time. Since then, however, the state of the bells has become very much worse. A Church Council meeting was called, the Vicar (Rev. Percival Smith) presiding, and it was decided that the present ring of six bells should be re-hung in a new frame and provision made for two additional bells to complete the octave.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the above was held at Rayleigh on Saturday, the 25th ult. The old ring of six was augmented to eight in connection with the Queen's Jubilee by Messrs. Howell and Son. The tea was held at The Golden Lion, presided over by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, the Hon. Secretary, and supported by the Rev. H. Eyre, Assistant Secretary; twenty-five members were present from various parts of the country. A large number of new members was elected.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

The annual meeting was held at Burnham on Saturday, January 28th. Amongst those present were the Rev. R. H. Drummond, Chairman of the branch and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Secretary of the Guild. The Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, was unable to be present as he was ringing elsewhere, the fourth peal he had rung in the week, and the branch Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Cocks, was kept at home by a severe cold. An attempt was made at Farnham Royal in the morning for a peal of London Surprise, but it was lost after three quarters of an hour ringing; the same band, however, had scored a peal in that method the previous evening at Hughenden, a report of which appears elsewhere. During the afternoon several touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, and Treble Bob were rung at Farnham Royal and Burnham.

At 4.30 Evensong was said at Burnham Church and a sermon preached by the Rev. R. H. Drummond. The preacher reminded his hearers of the position they occupied as church workers, and pointed out to them the necessity of their being examples of steadiness to the rest of the parishes they lived in, for by that means the objects of the Guild could best be furthered. To be "temperate in all things" was most needful in the art of change-ringing, which called for presence of mind, endurance, and mental application in no small degree.

At 5.15 nearly eighty ringers assembled in the school-room for tea. Mr. Alder, of Burnham, had kindly undertaken to manage this part of the proceedings, and his arrangements left nothing to be desired. After tea a business meeting was held. The balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £14 3s. 3d., having been adopted, the Chairman gave his annual address. He said that as that was not the first time he had addressed them that afternoon he should not detain them for long; but he wished to take that opportunity of saying how much they had appreciated the work of the late Secretary, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, who had been appointed to St. Lawrence's, Reading. Though he was sorry to lose Mr. Newhouse, he was glad in a sense that he was gone, as he felt that what was their loss was the gain of the Reading branch. He was sorry that Mr. Robinson was not with them; it was the first meeting he had been obliged to miss. In conclusion, he wished the branch a very prosperous New Year.

The election of officers next took place. The Chairman and Treasurer were re-elected and the Rev. H. C. Bell was elected Secretary. Messrs. R. Smith and T. C. Trass were elected representatives of the branch on the general committee.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Rev. R. F. Rumsey, Vicar of Burnham, for the use of his church and bells; to the choir; to the Chairman for his sermon; and to the Rev. B. Simmonds for acting as Secretary during the vacancy of that office.

The Guild Secretary, who was received with applause, complimented the branch on their continued prosperity. Their membership last year amounted to 288, as against 261 the year before. Two new towers had joined, and in every way it retained its position as premier branch of the Guild.

At the close of the meeting the members adjourned to the tower, where ringing was kept up until 9 o'clock.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-first annual meeting of this Association was held at Gloucester on Thursday, the 12th ult. The members, to the number of about thirty-eight, attended the regular Evensong at the Cathedral, and afterwards assembled for tea at Garrett's Tea Rooms, in Westgate Street, after which the business meeting was held, under the presidency of Archdeacon Hayward, of Gloucester. Members attended from St. Michael's and St. Mary's Gloucester, Stroud, Painswick, Cirencester, St. Stephen's Bristol, Quedgeley, Thornbury, and Cheltenham. The annual report, which was read by the Hon. Secretary, heartily congratulated the members upon having attained their majority as an Association, and stated that the many changes for the better in the ringing world in their dioceses during this time were to a great extent due to the influence of the Association. Considerable progress had been made, both scientifically and financially. As regards the peals rung, there had been an increase of three in number but of 298 in value of points, as estimated according to the table prepared by the Central Council. The two most notable peals were one of Cambridge Royal by the St. Michael Juniors, Gloucester, and the other of Treble Bob Royal at Hereford Cathedral, where the noise of the bells and the ropesight are both very bad. The year finished with a larger balance in hand by over £7 than it commenced with, whereas the last year only showed an improvement to the extent of £2 13s. Notwithstanding this, there was still much work to be done, especially in the outlying districts, where there appeared to be very little done, as the improvement referred to was brought about almost entirely by the members at Gloucester, Bristol, and Swindon. The following were all unanimously re-elected as Master, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer respectively, namely: Messrs. F. G. May, C. E. D. Boutflower, and F. E. Ward. Twenty-three new members were elected. Mr. Baynham brought forward a proposition having for its object the formation of three distinct branches of the Association for the three Archdeaconries into which the two Dioceses are divided, each to have its own chairman and secretary, so that more frequent meetings of the Association might be held in the outlying districts, and the officers thus brought more into touch with the members residing in those parts. The proposal was on the whole favourably received, but it was thought hardly wise to make this change without careful consideration as to details, and an amendment, proposed by Mr. A. T. Ford, of Stroud, that a small Committee should be formed to enquire into the matter and report at the next meeting, was ultimately carried. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Cirencester in April.

It was proposed and seconded that the expenses of only one delegate on the Central Council should be paid to attend the meeting to be held in Norwich at Whitsuntide of this year. The Rev. H. A. Cockey was subsequently selected to represent the Association at the forthcoming meeting.

The meeting then closed with hearty votes of thanks to the Very Rev. Dean Spence, D.D., Canon James, M.A., and the Rev. G. Milner for the use of the bells in the respective towers, also to the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward for presiding, who, in responding, said he was always most pleased to do whatever lay in his power for ringers and ringing.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the above district was held at the Church of St. Paulinus, Crayford, on Saturday, January 28th; it was strongly attended by members living in the immediate vicinity. The tower was open from 3 p.m., and some well-struck touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major kept the bells going until 9.30 p.m.

A committee meeting was held in the vestry at 6 p.m., the chair being taken by Mr. George Groves, of Erith. Lewisham was selected as the place to hold the next quarterly meeting on April 29th. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Rev. J. P. Alcock, for use of the bells and vestry, and to Mr. George Conyard for having everything in readiness, concluded the meeting.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, January 7th, and was attended by members in full force from Bedford, Woburn, Biddenham, Bromham, Bletchley, Derby, and places too numerous to mention. The bells of the parish church having just been rehung by Webb and Bennett with all new fittings, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung upon them before the Association meeting, the record of which has appeared in its proper place; but somehow an error was made in the name of the ringer of the fifth bell, instead of being "Charles Hill," as printed in the report, it ought to have been "Isaac Hills." Some very good touches were rung during the afternoon and evening by the Woburn and Bedford bands, consisting of touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples, in which some of the local ringers took part. A formal meeting was held in the belfry, at which Mr. W. Chibnall's election was confirmed. One member was also elected from Bromham.

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ALL SAINTS, BURMARSH, KENT.

The reopening of the tower and bells of this church (after restoration and addition) will take place to-day, Saturday, and Sunday, February 4th and 5th, 1899.

To-day, Saturday, the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8.30 a.m., when the work will be dedicated. Evensong will be sung at 3.30 p.m. A sermon will be preached by the Rev. T. F. Dixon, Rector of Willesborough. After the service, a peal will be rung by the Hythe company, who have kindly offered their services on the occasion.

On Sunday, the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m.; Matins, Litany and sermon, 11 a.m.; children's service and catechising, 3 p.m.; Evensong and sermon, by the Rector, 6 p.m. The offerings at the services on both days will be given to the bell fund.

The tower has been substantially restored. The three ancient bells have been quarter-turned, retuned, and rehung with entirely new fittings, in a new oak frame; two new bells (tenor and treble) have been added to make a ring of five, which has been carried out by Mears and Stainbank. The above has entailed an outlay of £389. The sum of £50 is still required to complete the fund.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Central Division of the above Association took place on Saturday, January 28th, at Lindfield. The tower is conveniently situated for most of the branches in the division, and favoured with beautiful weather the meeting was largely attended. Representatives were present from Balcombe, Bolney, Brighton (St. Nicholas and St. Peter's), Crawley, Hurstpierpoint, Lewes, and Lindfield. After ringing had been indulged in during the afternoon, between thirty and forty sat down to a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. E. F. D'Auvergne), and served at The Bent hotel. After full justice had been done to the repast, the Vicar, who presided, and was supported by the Master of the Association (Mr. G. F. Attree), the Hon. Divisional Secretary (Mr. G. Williams), etc., expressed the great pleasure it gave both himself and the Lindfield ringers to welcome the Sussex Association to their tower.

There was very little business to be done with the exception of the election of members. Mr. J. Hole, churchwarden of Bolney, was elected an honorary member, and eleven active members belonging to the various towers were also elected.

The Master said he had a pleasing proposal to make, a proposal which had fallen to his lot on many occasions. It was a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness, not only in providing the good things which they had partaken of, but for being with them that night. When they had the presence at those meetings of the Rector or Vicar of the parish in which they met, the gatherings were always more successful than when one of their number occupied the chair. It always gave him great pleasure to come to Lindfield, whether to attend a meeting or to ring a peal, and their good friend Mr. D'Auvergne never said "No" when they asked him for the use of the bells. He begged to move a hearty vote of thanks to him for his kindness, not only on that night, but on so many previous occasions.

The Rev. E. F. D'Auvergne, in expressing his acknowledgments, thanked those present for the hearty vote of thanks which they had accorded him, and said he hoped they had all enjoyed their afternoon at Lindfield. He might say it gave him great pleasure to welcome them all on that occasion, and at any time that they wished to come there and ring a peal, they would only be too glad to welcome them and listen to the bells. He hoped that while he was Vicar of the parish they might meet many times in the same amicable way as they had done that night, and he would be pleased to see even a greater number present.

A touch of Stedman Triples having been rung on handbells by G. Williams, 1-2; F. Bennett, 3-4; K. Hart, 5-6; J. S. Goldsmith, 7-8, the ringers adjourned to the church, and the bells were kept going until close upon nine o'clock. During the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and New Cumberland Surprise Major were rung.

Subsequently an impromptu smoking concert was organised, some capital songs being rendered, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major were rung on handbells.

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE.

On Tuesday evening, January 17th, the choir and ringers were entertained to tea at the rectory. After the guests had done full justice to the ample fare provided, the Rev. J. W. Bennett, in a short speech, expressed his pleasure at seeing them on that occasion, and thanked them all for their help during the past year. He said he was sure that everyone would share his regret at the approaching departure of Mr. Whitehead, who had so long and so ably fulfilled the arduous duties of choirmaster, and to whom so much credit was due for the efficient way in which the musical portions of the services are rendered. He was also extremely sorry to know that illness had prevented two of the ringers (Messrs. Samuel Lord and James Ashworth) from being present, but he hoped they would both soon be restored to health again. In conclusion he wished all the guests of the evening every happiness during the present year.

A lengthy programme was then gone through, all the items being well rendered and enthusiastically received.

Time passes quickly when in good company, and it was late ere a vote of thanks to the Rector, and the singing of "Auld lang syne," brought a very pleasant evening to its close.

A RINGER'S COMING OF AGE FESTIVITIES AT LEWES, SUSSEX.

On Friday, January 13th, Mr. John S. Goldsmith, of Southover, Lewes, reached his twenty-first birthday, and received the hearty congratulations of a large circle of well-wishing friends, with whom he is exceedingly popular. To celebrate the event, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was arranged and successfully accomplished, the record of which has appeared. On Monday, the 16th instant, Mrs. Goldsmith entertained a large party of relatives and friends to dinner, those present including Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (in the chair), Mr. E. C. Goldsmith (vice-chairman), Mr. T. Goldsmith, Mr. P. G. Hughes, Mr. T. Stevens, Mr. F. Peacock, Mr. W. N. Barnard, sen., Mr. W. N. Barnard, jun., Mr. W. H. Paris, Mr. P. R. Meux, and Mr. J. R. Lusted (Lewes), Mr. G. Williams, Mr. K. Hart, Mr. G. King, Mr. J. N. Frossell, Mr. R. J. Dawe, Mr. E. C. Merritt, Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. J. Jay, sen., and Mr. W. Palmer (Brighton), and Mr. A. J. Turner, Mr. W. Pelling, Mr. A. Langridge, Mr. J. F. Steadman, and Mr. S. Shoesmith, of the Southover band. After dinner the company were joined by other friends, including Mrs. Goldsmith, Miss Goldsmith, Mrs. E. C. Goldsmith, Miss Dorothy Goldsmith, etc. During the evening songs were rendered by Miss Goldsmith, Mr. W. N. Barnard, sen. and jun., Mr. Meux, Mr. G. Parker, Mr. K. Hart, Mr. A. Turner, Mr. T. Stevens, Mr. A. Langridge, Mr. A. Hemmings, etc. Touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters, in which Messrs. Williams, Hart, Bennett, J. S. Goldsmith, and King took part, were also rung on the handbells.

Mr. Turner (captain of the local bell-ringers' Guild) in the course of the proceedings said he had a very pleasing duty to perform. He had been deputed by the members of his band to present Mr. Goldsmith with a gold scarf pin in commemoration of his attaining his majority, and in recognition of his services as Secretary to the Guild. He had carried out the duties of his office in a most satisfactory manner, and on behalf of the Southover Ringers' Guild he wished him "Many happy returns of the day," and every success in the future.

The pin, which was in the shape of a bell, was then handed, together with a congratulatory address, to Mr. Goldsmith amid loud applause.

Mr. P. G. Hughes, in proposing "The Health of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith," said he considered it a great honour to be entrusted with the toast of the evening, because there were many in the room who had known that gentleman for a longer period than he had, but he could at all events claim that they could not hold him in higher esteem than he did. Moreover, there was a certain affinity between them because they both belonged to the same profession, and like Mr. Goldsmith, he (the speaker) had been a bell-ringer. There was, however, the difference that, whereas the bell-ringing in which Mr. Goldsmith indulged led to honourable notice in the newspapers, the bell-ringing which he (the speaker) indulged in as a boy was of the kind which led the people to the police-court—he meant door bell-ringing. As they were aware, Mr. Goldsmith had made a most promising start in the journalistic world, and he was sure all present would join in the hope that he would reach a very high position in the profession. In the name of the company and of the journalists of Lewes, he wished Mr. Goldsmith the best wish to which he could find expression, namely, that he would be as successful as he deserved to be.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Goldsmith, who was very cordially received on rising to respond, warmly thanked the Southover Ringers' Guild for their most handsome present. It came quite as a surprise to him, and he hardly thought he deserved it because the Guild had not long been formed, but whatever he had done, he had done for the good of the band and in the interests of change-ringing. Turning to the toast of his health, he thanked Mr. Hughes most heartily for the way in which he had proposed it and the company for the manner in which it had been received by them. All he could say was that he sincerely hoped that the prosperity which had been wished him by the proposer of the toast might be realised. He was very pleased to see them all present that evening, and he hoped it would not be the last occasion on which they would meet around the festive board.

Mr. J. R. Lusted then proposed "The Health of Mrs. Goldsmith," and this was enthusiastically and musically honoured.

Mrs. Goldsmith, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked those present for the way in which they had received the toast of her health, and said she was very pleased to see them all there that night. She thanked Mr. Stevens, Mr. Peacock, and Mr. Hughes for the assistance which they had given her son in his profession, and she thanked Mr. Turner for the insight he had given him into ringing. She thought he might well feel proud of the fact that his pupil had rung his ninety-sixth peal on his twenty-first birthday.

The festivities, which were kept up with much zest until the early hours of the morning, were of a very enjoyable character, and before the close Mr. W. N. Barnard, jun. said he thought it would not be out of place to drink "The Health of Mr. Goldsmith and his mother" together.

This was accorded musical honours, and Mr. Goldsmith and Mrs. Goldsmith having responded, the happy proceedings terminated with "Auld lang syne" and the "National Anthem."

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

On the 1st of September, 1897, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at the parish church of Staines, and last Saturday week the Caversham men made another journey there, not to ring a peal however, but to unveil a marble tablet for the peal mentioned. The Staines men had arranged everything with a thoroughness which pleased every one, and no spare time hung on hand from start to finish. The first item on arrival was a programme of handbell music, before an appreciative audience in the church room; the local band not having forgotten that Caversham boasts of as good handbell ringers as tower-bell ditto. Amongst other items special mention must be made of their rendering of the "Hallelujah Chorus," which not only very much pleased the crowded audience, but made those who only "pull the ropes" a little bit envious. After this part of the programme had been fulfilled, a vote of thanks by the Vicar (who by the way surprised the visitors by saying he was in his 80th year) and a few well-chosen words by Mr. Collard and Mr. Ashby, a move was made for tea, the Vicar, curate, and Mr. Collard dividing a large party between them. At 5.30 came "the" affair of the day. The tower had been made ready and was quite packed with ladies and gentlemen. The Vicar, after a neat little speech, removed the veil, and the tablet was by all admired, its clear wording and simplicity being its principal characteristics. The Vicar's good night and last wishes were very applicable, wishing all good ringers "more power to their elbows." The same company that rung the peal—with the exception of Mr. H. W. Smith, who kindly filled the place of Mr. A. W. Pike—then rung a short touch of Double Norwich, and then a touch of Stedman Triples along with Mr. J. F. Tarrant and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, whom they were all pleased to see on one of the platforms *en route*. Then various touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the local men; one touch being conducted by A. Wicks, the local captain; Messrs. Couch, Phillips, Prangley, Butler, and Poole (of Staines) with two of the Caversham men completing the band. When ringing had been done justice to a convivial hour was spent together, songs being rendered in capital style; Mr. G. Essex making a capital chairman, and Mr. T. Newman a natty little speech, proving that his abilities were not all in the conducting line. Mr. Newman accurately expressed the feelings of the Caversham band when he said that in all their little outings they had never been treated with greater kindness, nor enjoyed themselves better, than they had done in their two short visits to "good old Staines."

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT.—PEAL COLLECTION.

Mr. Henry Dains, whose address is 147, Barnsbury Road, Islington, N., again asks authors of compositions in this method to send in their peals to him without delay. As previously mentioned, he has already had a large number of peals sent in but there are still several good names absent. Personally he would like to see every composer represented, but to copy all peals that have been published is a big task, and there are other reasons why he should not do this. Therefore, to make this work a success, the co-operation of every gentleman of the Exercise concerned is absolutely necessary.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER. TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

Position to date.	Jan. to September	October and Nov.	Total	Maximus.	Royal.	Major.	Treble Bob.	Grandsire.	Minor Methods.	Plain Methods.	Surprise Methods	Sredman.	Total value in points.
1 Sussex County Association.....	65	12	77	1	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1439
2 Oxford Diocesan Guild.....	56	14	70	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1005
3 Worcester and Districts Association.....	41	16	57	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	886
4 Ancient Society of College Youths.....	39	8	47	—	2	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	877
5 Lancashire Association.....	62	11	73	—	1	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	764
6 Midland Counties Association.....	30	15	45	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	639
7 Gloucester and Bristol Association.....	25	6	31	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	574
8 Norwich Diocesan Association.....	35	10	45	—	2	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	534
9 Essex Association.....	29	5	34	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	512
10 Yorkshire Association.....	34	5	39	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	466
11 Kent County Association.....	29	6	35	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	432
12 Winchester Diocesan Guild.....	11	12	23	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	411
13 Hertford County Association.....	24	4	28	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	298
14 Central Northampton Association.....	14	6	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	294
15 Bedfordshire Association.....	20	2	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	290
16 Surrey Association.....	12	7	19	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	269
17 Durham and Newcastle Association.....	10	6	16	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	258
18 Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford.....	20	3	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	231
19 Middlesex County Association.....	14	4	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	225
20 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.....	5	4	9	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	196
21 Old East Derbyshire Association.....	9	2	11	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	153
22 Waterloo Society, London.....	9	2	11	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	143
23 Chester Diocesan Guild.....	6	6	12	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	138
24 Royal Cumberland Youths.....	9	3	12	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
25 Ely Diocesan Association.....	10	1	11	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	81
26 Bath and Wells Association.....	7	3	10	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	80
27 Hereford Diocesan Guild.....	7	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	65
28 Devonshire Guild.....	2	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	62
29 Llandaff Diocesan Association.....	3	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45
30 Stoke Archidiaconal Association.....	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40
31 North Lincolnshire Association.....	4	—	4	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	38
32 Salop Guild.....	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
33 North Notts Association.....	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
34 East Lincoln Association.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
35 Heavy Woollen Districts Association.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
36 St. James's Society, London.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
37 Chepstow and District Guild.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Independent Societies.....	17	8	25	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	255
Totals	666	193	856	1	14	116	1	1	25	41	1	194	11865

The peals of Triples, Major and Royal in plain methods comprise: Bob Triples, 9; Bob Major, 84; Bob Royal, 4; Oxford Bob Triples, 5; Court Bob Triples, 2; Union Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 5; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Royal, 1. The peals of Doubles; *1 method; †2 methods; ‡3 in 2 methods and 1 in 4 methods; a 4, 5, 7 and 8 methods; b 12 methods; c 2 in 1 and 1 in 2 methods. The 25 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following counties: Essex, 1; Gloucester, 4; Lancashire, 2; Lincolnshire, 1; Hertfordshire, 1; Middlesex, 2; N. Wales, 2; Shropshire, 1; Suffolk, 1; Surrey, 1; Sussex, 2; Warwickshire, 2; Westmoreland, 1; Worcestershire, 2; and Yorkshire, 2. January, 105; February, 104; March, 82; April, 91; May, 83; June, 65; July, 43; August, 48; September, 45; October, 78; November, 112. Total, 856. Increase on the corresponding eleven months of 1897:—60.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1899.

THE fair town of Ipswich has always suffered from the reproach of a great paucity of bell-metal. There is the ring of twelve at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, it is true, but among the many churches Ipswich possesses, no other peal is in existence for the practice of Triples even. There are many rings of five, and we think, two of six. The desirability of an augmentation of these numbers has been pointed out more than once, but without effect. We remember that an immense sum of money was spent some time ago in the restoration of the beautiful tower of St. Lawrence, but the five bells therein were allowed to remain without hardly a thought of increasing their number, though the favorable opportunity which presented itself was accentuated in our columns. To many of our readers the fact of a large county town having plenty of parish churches, with one ring of twelve and nothing else but a quantity of five-bell peals, seems ludicrous.

We are pleased to see that a movement is on foot at

last for increasing the ring of six at St. Margaret's church to one of eight. A notification of this, to be found on another page, from Mr. WILLIAM MOTTS, will be joyful tidings to many of our brethren in the Eastern Counties, who upon their periodical visits to Ipswich have felt the great inconvenience from the want of more opportunity for the practice of methods upon eight and ten bells.

It is fervently hoped that the hands of the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Margaret's will be sustained in the work they have undertaken. Ipswich is a wealthy town somewhat, and there ought to be no difficulty in providing the necessary funds for such a praiseworthy object. But should any of our readers feel disposed to aid the movement by a donation, they are invited by Brother MOTTS to do so, and he will appreciate such help very much.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, May 23rd, 1899.

Notices of motion must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 25th. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

Hon. Secretaries of societies are reminded that subscriptions to the Council are now due and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary without delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative. The Hon. Secretary would also be greatly obliged for information as to any change in representatives, or their addresses, that has taken place in the last year. H. EARLE BULWER,

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

Hon. Secretary.

The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, January 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS FAULKNER Treble.	FREDERICK A. NUNN .. 5.
ALBERT DEARDS 2.	EBENEZER ANDREWS .. 6.
ROWLAND FENN 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 7.
CALEB FENN 4.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON, AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, January 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

HAROLD N. DAVIS Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 6.
ARTHUR HARDY 2.	REUBEN CHARGE .. 7.
ALBERT E. QUAIFFE .. 3.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 8.
WILLIAM H. WEBBER .. 4.	VICTOR W. WEST .. 9.
HARRY BARTON 5.	*FREDERICK GENTRY .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

*First peal on ten bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOHN ROGERS Treble.	GEORGE SMITH 6.
FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. 2.	RICHARD BEVAN .. 7.
WILLIAM DORAN 3.	JOHN MOLE 8.
WILLIAM NUDDS 4.	HENRY STUBBS 9.
THOMAS TITCHENER .. 5	DANIEL LOVETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN ROGERS.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

The Provinces.

WOODCHURCH.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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 College Single, Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, two 720s of Grandsire, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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, and first by all the band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 20, 1899, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 6.
RICHARD F. LANE 2.	JAMES HUTCHBY 7.
ALBERT E. THOMSON .. 3.	WILLIAM A. MASTERS .. 8.
JOHN THOMSON 4.	WILLIAM T. BILLINGHURST 9.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late T. GAY, and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal by the Messrs. Thomson, Hutchby, and Masters.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

STANHOPE RIGG* Treble.	SIDNEY GOODALL 5.
ARTHUR GOODALL 2.	GARFORTH TAYLOR 6.
LUKE ILLINGWORTH .. 3.	WALTER BYRAM 7.
TOLSON HALL 4.	SAM. PEACOCK Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN BUCKLEY, and

Conducted by LUKE ILLINGWORTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Goodall, J. Garforth, and Edmund Watson. *First peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT* .. 2.	FRANK A. SMITH 6.
CHARLES GEORGE 3.	WILLIAM HEWITT 7.
HERBERT MARTIN 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. SOTTANSTALL, and

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

First peal of Major.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN CHIVERS* Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD 2.	ALFRED LAWRENCE 6.
JOSEPH SMITH* 3.	WILLIAM STEED 7.
GEORGE H. STONESTREET 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Card, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED W. SUMNER* Treble.	JOHN BARBER 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	*WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	*WILLIAM PALMER 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT* .. 4.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOHN S. PRITCHETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Harry Bastable. *First peal in the method. This peal is the first in the method rung by the St. Martin's Guild.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, January 26, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN WILLIAMS* Treble.	*WILLIAM COOPER, SEN. .. 5.
WILLIAM COOPER, JUN.* .. 2.	WILLIAM LONG 6.
FREDERICK JONES* 3.	†CHARLES WILLIAMS 7.
GEORGE MITCHISON 4.	*FRANCIS WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Henry Bastable.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 27, 1899, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HARRY STRATFORD Treble.	JOHN C. TRUSS 5.
FRANK BOREHAM 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
GEORGE MARTIN 3.	WALTER E. YATES 7.
FRED G. BIGGS 4.	JOHN EVANS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

First peal in the method by G. Martin, and rung at the first attempt.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIMES Treble.	GEORGE PERRY 5.
JAMES G. RUMSEY 2.	WILLIAM H. BULLOCK .. 6.
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Grimes, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(KILLMARSH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Worcester, Ely, Rochester, Coventry, and Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY GREAVES Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM 4.
THOMAS BETTISON 2.	WM. HENRY TURTON 5.
JAMES EMMEN 3.	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

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

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	*ARTHUR GRIFFITHS 6.
ALFRED SMITH 3.	SAMUEL REEVES 7.
WILLIAM VERRY 4.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Edwin Cashmore, of West Bromwich; and the late Henry Bastable, of Handsworth. *First peal.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY, and

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob by an entirely local band.

WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 30, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN DRONFIELD Treble.	EDWARD DRONFIELD 5.
LEONARD JACKSON 2.	THOMAS ROBBINS 6.
THOMAS MCKEGG 3.	GEORGE W. DRONFIELD .. 7.
GEORGE PARKIN 4.	DAVID BREARLEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

This peal has the 6th nineteen times wrong, and her extent right, without a call at home, and is now rung for the first time. It is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 30, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

JAMES HEDGES Treble.	J. F. BARLOW 5.
JOHN PEIRCE* 2.	ALBERT TURNER 6.
WILLIAM GIBBS 3.	GEORGE BARTLETT 7.
WALTER LONGSHAW 4.	HUBERT COOK Tenor.

Conducted by G. BARTLETT,

*First peal.

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

On Saturday, January 28, 1899, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7104 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
JOHN A. BROWN 2.	HENRY MOSS 6.
JOSEPH POTTER 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
THOMAS PEERS 4.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This composition is taken from Snowdon's "Treatise on Treble Bob," part ii, page 29. It is believed to be to be the longest peal in any method in Bolton. It is the longest length by all except Messrs. Gratrix, Wreaks, and Eachus, and is the longest peal conducted by A. E. Wreaks.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5149 CHANGES.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble.	ALBERT WALKER 7.
ALFRED FLOWERS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 8.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 9.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 4.	JOHN BUFFERY 10.
BERNARD WITCHELL 5.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 11.
WILLIAM KENT 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM KENT, and Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal was specially composed and rung as the last tribute of respect to our late Ringing Master, Henry Bastable, with the bells half-muffled. It is in the inverted tittum and rounds positions, the treble being a 2nd bell throughout, and the 6th a 5th bell twenty-four courses in the tittums, and thirteen courses in rounds.

Handbell Peals.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Thursday, January 26, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT No. 31, WYCH STREET, STRAND, LONDON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 1-2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4.	GEORGE N. PRICE 7-8.

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

Umpire—Mr. W. H. Webber.

BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE N. PRICE 1-2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4.	F. CARROWAY 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by C. H. MARTIN.

Umpire—Arthur T. King.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Monday, December 26th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch, 1898 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 360 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, and 98 Plain Bob, F. Potter, 1; T. Davy, 2; G. Kemp, 3; F. Cullum, 4; J. Rose, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 1st, on handbells, a date touch, 1899 changes, in 45 mins., being fifteen 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles, and 99 changes. J. Keeble, 1-2; B. Keeble, 3-4; Mrs. Keeble, 5-6.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, December 31st, to ring out the old year, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Wallis, 1; G. H. Foster, 2; A. Biggs, sen., 3; A. Biggs, jun., 4; T. Hunt, 5; H. Foster, 6; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 7; G. Wood, 8. On Sunday, January 1st, to ring in the new year, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Hunt, 4; A. Biggs, jun., 5; the rest as before. Composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and conducted by E. E. Foreman.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 29th, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; J. Clout (first 720), 3; H. Lambkin, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Friday, December 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. J. Walker, 1; H. Shipp, 2; A. Day (first 720), 3; W. H. Wilkins, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Day, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. H. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty-four bobs and ten singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; A. Day, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; F. Dennis, 5; W. H. Wilkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; A. Day, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. H. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 13th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Miles (first 720), 1; H. Shipp, 2; J. Clout, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; W. J. Walker, 5; H. Lambkin, 6.

HARTLIP (Kent).—On Saturday, December 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Trowell, 1; H. Shipp, 2; A. J. Day, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. H. Wilkins (conductor), 6. First 720 of Kent on the bells.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, January 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Perkins, jun., 1; W. Latter, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; A. Welsh, 4; W. Pollard, 5; G. Kember, 6; G. Smithers (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. On Sunday, January 8th, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; A. Welsh, 2; G. Smithers, 3; S. Perkins, sen., 4; W. Pollard, 5; H. Porter, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—NORTHWICH BRANCH.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Saturday, November 26th, at St. Wilfrid's church, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Hine, 1; T. Bush, 2; A. Booth (first as conductor), 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; J. Ashmole, 6. On Saturday, December 31st, 720 each of Grandsire and 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, December 10th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 672 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. Thompson, 8. Also several touches in which the local men took part.

HARTFORD (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 4th, at St. John's church, 720 Plain Bob. T. Moore, 1; A. Booth, 2; H. Yarwood, 3; T. Forster, 4; S. Moore, 5; J. Ashmole (conductor), 6.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

CROOME D'ABITOT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 1st, six members of the above Guild visited the above parish church and rang 720 Plain Bob and 720 College Single. *W. Hadley, 1; *A. Hill, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; *G. Hinton, 4; *G. Checketts, 5; W. Page, 6. *First 720 of College Single.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday, January 1st, 720 Bob Minor. J. Philpot, 1; G. Beech, 2; W. Miller, 3; F. Withers, 4; J. Moule, 5; T. H. Beams (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 rang by an entirely local band.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 23rd, at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Slade, 1; P. Holmes, 2; B. W. Pettit, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; E. Wachter, 5; H. Collins, 6. On Sunday evening, November 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. P. Holmes, 1; W. Farrow, 2; B. W. Pettit, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; W. Webb, 6. On Monday, November 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Wachter, 1; P. Holmes, 2; B. W. Pettit, 3; W. Hammond, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; H. Collins (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Farrow, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; E. Wachter, 6. On Monday, December 5th, 720 Double Court Bob. A. Holmes, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2.

ductor), 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Webb, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). P. Holmes, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; B. W. Pettitt, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; H. Collins, 5; F. Slade, 6. On Sunday, December 11th, 720 New London Treble Bob. E. Wachter, 1; W. Webb, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Monday, December 12th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; E. Wachter, 5; H. Collins, 6. On Christmas Day, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; F. Slade, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; Edward Chaplin, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, January 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; E. Wachter, 6. On Monday, January 9th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; W. Hammond, 2; E. Wachter, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Webb (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

STIATED (Essex).—On Sunday, December 11th, at All Saints' church, 720 Woodbine. W. Farrow, 1; W. Hammond, 2; E. Radley, 3; Edward Chaplin, 4; F. Slade, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 20th, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Hammond, 1; E. Radley, 2; Edgar Chaplin, 3; Ernest Chaplin, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells by all the band except the conductor. Also 720 Double Court. W. Hammond, 1; E. Radley, 2; Ernest Chaplin, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; F. Slade, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; F. Slade, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON (Berks).—On Saturday, December 31st, as a farewell to the old year, 720 College Single in 24 mins. G. Paris, 1; D. Tull, 2; R. Frankum, 3; G. Nash, 4; W. Buckland, 5; A. Frankum (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. W. Frankum, 1; H. Frankum, 2; R. Frankum, 3; D. Tull, 4; W. Buckland, 5; A. Frankum (conductor), 6. After Divine Service 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. W. Frankum, 1; H. Frankum, 2; R. Frankum, 3; G. Nash, 4; W. Buckland, 5; A. Frankum (conductor), 6. First 720 by H. Frankum, and rang at the second attempt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, January 7th, at the church of St. Bridget, 700 Grandsire Triples. J. Rowland, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; W. Briscoe, 3; W. Williams, 4; J. Hammond, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. Rutter (conductor), 7; T. Evans, 8. Longest touch of Triples as conductor. Longest touch of Triples. Two other touches of Triples were attempted, but did not come round owing to a change-course. On Sunday evening, January 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. S. Wharton, 1; C. Powell, 2; J. Rowland, 3; J. Rutter, 4; J. Hammond, 5; J. Pownall (conductor), 7; E. Hampson, 6; J. Sherratt, 8. 6-8 covering.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THORNABY-ON-TEES.—On Saturday, January 7th, on the occasion of the first General Meeting of the above Association, 720 Bob Minor. W. J. Titchener, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; T. Clarke, 3; J. Wrightson, 4; Rev. W. Wright, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. And 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Burdon, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; T. Metcalf, 3; J. Barnett, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; J. Wrightson, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; R. Shuttleworth, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Wrightson, 1; R. Haswell, 2; J. F. Frenchum, 3; Rev. W. P. Wright, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; J. W. Neesham, 6. And 1008 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Howcroft, 1; J. Baxter, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Porter, 5; R. Alcock, 6; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 7; T. Stephenson, 8. Also 432 Bob Major. J. Baxter (conductor), 1; W. Newton, 2; W. Patton, 3; T. Clark, 4; G. F. Williams, 5; T. Metcalfe, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; J. W. Passman, 8. And 360 Bob Minor. W. Patton, 1; T. Clark, 2; J. W. Newton, 3; T. Metcalfe (conductor), 4; W. Porter, 5; W. Newton, 6. On Sunday morning, January 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; T. Burdon, 2; J. Brown, 3; T. Clarke, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SHIREOAKS.—At the quarterly meeting on January 14th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Merrills, 1; A. B. Crawford, 2; H. Lambert, 3; J. Gilbert, 4; R. Miles, 5; H. Haigh, 6. And 360 City Delight. S. Tomlinson, 1; J. Fitzjohn, 2; H. Stenton, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; C. Fowler, 5; B. Hall, 6. Also 720 Duke of York. D. Taylor, 1; R. Knowles, 2; H. Stenton, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; C. Fowler, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. A 720 of Kent. J. Gilbert, 1; E. Russon, 2; H. Haigh, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; H. Lambert, 5; C. Crawford, 6. Another 720 in the same

method. H. Unwin, 1; H. Stenton, 2; J. Guest, 3; W. Roberts, 4; G. Watkinson, 5; T. Laking, 6. Also 360 Violet. H. Unwin, 1; R. Knowles, 2; J. Guest, 3; H. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler, 6. And 720 Killamarsh. S. Tomlinson, 1; R. Smith, 2; H. Stenton, 3; C. Fowler, 4; S. Smith, 5; B. Hall, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RICHMOND (Yorks).—Eighteen 720s of Bob Minor have been rung at St. Mary's church since last October. On Monday, January 16th, an attempt was made to ring 5040 of Bob Minor, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing the fourth 720. R. Todd, J. Peake, A. Shelton, R. Briscoe, R. Borrows (conductor), and J. T. Rushton.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA.—On Sunday morning, December 18th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; E. Newman (conductor), 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; A. Collins (first 504), 6; F. S. Bayley, 7; J. Goud, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, December 31st, for midnight service at Christ Church, 600 Oxford and 72 Kent. And at 12 15 a.m. after service, 72 Duke of York, 48 Arnold's Victory, and 72 Merchants' Delight. Joe Thackray (conductor), 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. On Sunday, January 1st, for morning service, 240 each London Scholars and City Delight, standing as above, conducted by M. Broadbent. And 240 Armley Pleasure. J. Heckingbottom, 1; Joe Thackray, 2; the rest as before. For evening service 240 each of Symphony and New College Trebles, standing as in the last touch. On Sunday morning, January 7th, for morning service, 240 Woodbine. Joe Thackray, 1; W. Heckingbottom (Pontefract), 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. And 240 College Pleasure, and 120 Duke of York. John Thackray, 1; the rest as before. For evening service 120 Arnold's Victory, 240 each of Violet and Kent, and 144 Oxford. J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 1; W. Heckingbottom (first of Arnold's Victory), 2; Joe Thackray, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Wednesday, January 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. A. Castle, 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; B. Bidnell, 4; T. Webb, 5; C. Castle, 6; G. T. Spicer (conductor), 7; G. Gentle, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Longest touch by the Messrs. Castle.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND.—On Sunday, November 13th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans, 3; W. Hardwick, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hardwick (first in the method), 1; D. Hurford, 2; R. Evans, 3; J. South, 4; R. Bunston, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. J. Hurford, 1; W. Hardwick (first with a bob bell), 2; J. South, 3; J. Cox, 4; R. Bunston, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; J. South, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Evans, 4; R. Bunston, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells. On Tuesday, December 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; R. Evans (conductor), 2; J. South, 3; D. J. Hurford, 4; R. Bunston, 5; J. Cox, 6.

BILLINGSHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, January 8th, for Divine Service, 1064 Grandsire Triples. C. Wood, 1; W. Wadey, 2; W. Chandler, 3; M. Ireland, 4; J. Newman, 5; G. Matthews, 6; A. Feast (conductor), 7; J. Voice, 8. For evening service 630 Court Bob Triples. C. Wood, 1; W. Wadey, 2; W. Chandler, 3; M. Ireland, 4; J. Newman, 5; G. Matthews, 6; A. Feast (conductor), 7; J. Botchen, 8.

DOLGELLY (North Wales).—On Tuesday, January 10th, at St. Mary's church on handbells, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Megan, 1; O. G. Jones, 2; J. Vizor, 3; D. Jones, 4; D. Roberts, 5. Also several courses of Minor. J. Vizor, 1-2; D. Roberts, 3-4; O. G. Jones, 5-6. And several courses of Triples. J. Vizor, 1-2; O. G. Jones, 3-4; D. Roberts, 5-6; D. Jones, 7-8. This is the first step towards change-ringing that has ever been made in this tower. Although the splendid ring of eight by Mears has hung in the tower for ninety years, there has not been a peal rung on them yet, except two attempts by visitors of 2520 from Oswestry and Llangollen.

FARNWORTH, WIDNES (Lancashire).—On Saturday, December 31st, for midnight service, 220 Grandsire Doubles. A. Wilkinson, 1; W. Patten, 2; J. Wilde, 3; J. Witter, 4; R. Johnson, 5; A. Carter, 6.

On Sunday, January 1st, 360 Grandsire Minor in 12 mins. A. Carter, 1; W. Patten, 2; J. T. Lowe, 3; J. Wilde, 4; J. Witter, 5; R. Johnson (composer and conductor), 6.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Monday, December 19th, 576 Double Norwich. J. J. Mawby, 1; A. Tyler, 2; W. Newman, 3; J. Houghton, sen., 4; A. Perkins, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; J. Garratt, 7; W. Pettitt (conductor), 6. And 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. Pettitt, 2; J. Mawby, 3; W. Newman, 4; A. Perkins, 5; J. Garratt, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, 8. On Saturday, December 24th, 1008 Double Norwich. J. Mawby, 1; J. Houghton, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; W. Newman, 4; A. Perkins, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Garratt (conductor), 8. And 360 Bob Minor. A. Perkins, 1; A. Tyler, 2; J. Mawby, 3; J. Garratt, 4; W. Pettitt (conductor), 5; J. Houghton, 6. And 720 Kent with 6-8 covering. J. Houghton (conductor), 1; A. Perkins, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; W. Newman, 4; A. Tyler, 5; J. Mawby, 6; J. Garratt, 7; S. Saint, 8.

MARKET DEEPING (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, June 19th, 720 College Single. G. Bunning, 1; J. Thorpe, 2; J. Davis, 3; B. T. Shillaker, 4; G. Wells, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Thursday, June 23rd, 720 College Single. S. Black, 1; the rest as above. On Sunday, September 18th, 720 Plain Bob. Palmer, 1; Thorpe, 2; Davis, 3; Shillaker, 4; Wells, 5; Brightman (conductor), 6. On September 23rd, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob. Palmer, 1; Thorpe, 2; Wells, 3; Shillaker, 4; Love, 5; Brightman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Plain Bob. Palmer, 1; Bunning, 2; Wells, 3; Shillaker, 4; Thorpe, 5; Brightman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 6th, 720 Plain Bob. Thorpe, 2; Love, 5; the rest as above. On Sunday, December 4th, 720 Plain Bob. Palmer, 1; Bunning, 2; Thorpe, 3; Wells, 4; Love, 5; Brightman (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Bunning, 1; S. Black, 2; J. Davis, 3; B. T. Shillaker, 4; G. Wells, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. First 720 in any Treble Bob method by all except S. Black, and he had not rung it for thirty years. On Saturday, December 10th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Wright, 1; Bunning, 2; Wells, 3; Black, 4; Love, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Thorpe, 2; Black, 3; the rest as in the Treble Bob. On Sunday, December 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as above. On Thursday, December 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Bunning, 1; J. Davis, 2; S. Black, 3; J. Thorpe, 4; G. Wells, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. For early morning service on Christmas Day, 720 Plain Bob. Palmer, 1; Bunning, 2; Thorpe, 3; Wells, 4; Love, 5; Brightman (conductor), 6. After evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Bunning, 1; Thorpe, 2; Davis, 3; Shillaker, 4; Wells, 5; Brightman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 27th, 720 Plain Bob. S. Black, 1; J. Thorpe, 2; Davis, 3; Wells, 4; L. Thorpe, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 29th, 720 Plain Bob. Wright, sen., 1; Black, 2; Davis, 3; Wells, 4; G. Pearson, 5; Brightman (conductor), 6. On December 31st, 720 Plain Bob. Palmer, 1; Bunning, 2; Thorpe, 3; G. Wells, 4; Love, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6.

MORTON (Lincolnshire).—On July 10th, Feast Sunday, 720 Plain Bob. T. Palmer, 1; J. Thorpe, 2; Alford, 3; Shillaker, 4; Wadsley, 5; Brightman (conductor), 6.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, January 5th, for practice at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Bob Minor. C. Pedrick, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; T. Town (conductor), 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Wickens, 6.

WAKEFIELD (Yorks).—On Monday, December 12th, for practice at the Cathedral, 1206 Grandsire Caters. T. H. Ormond, 1; T. Mars, 2; F. Moorhouse, 3; J. W. Moorhouse (conductor), 4; A. Scott, 5; J. E. Hartley, 6; G. Hinsley, 7; J. T. Eason, 8; G. Buckley, 9; G. Cheesbro', 10. Tenor 32 cwt. Longest length in the method by Messrs. F. Moorhouse, Hinsley, Eason, and Cheesbro'.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 8th, after Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. B. Manning, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; F. A. Nunn, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; W. Pye, 6; T. Maynard (conductor), 7; S. Romans, 8; E. Pye, 9; F. Hull, 10.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL.—On Saturday, July 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. Moxon, 1; Thorpe, 2; Alford, 3; Wells, 4; Hallam, 5; Brightman (conductor), 6.

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SUSSEX NOTES.

The beautiful weather which prevailed last Saturday brought together a large number of ringers at the Central Divisional meeting of the Sussex Association, which took place at Lindfield. Within easy walking distance of a railway station, and centrally situated in the mid-division of the county, Lindfield possesses a very fine ring of bells with a tenor close upon 22 cwt., and the go is almost perfect. The meeting provided what these divisional meetings are intended to provide, an excellent practice, not only for the six-bell ringers who were present, but also for those who, living in districts where they do not often get the opportunity, sought to practice higher methods.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. F. D'Auvergne, provided the visitors with a bountiful tea, and in a few genial words not only gave the Association a hearty welcome, but expressed the hope that it was not the last occasion on which he might have the pleasure of meeting them. It is a pity that there are not more incumbents of Mr. D'Auvergne's stamp about, for not only would it be vastly to the advantage of those who follow the Art of ringing, but many a parish would think more of its parson than at present.

It is to be hoped that the combined practice which took place at Christ Church, Eastbourne, and was recorded in last week's "BELL NEWS," will not be the last of its kind held in that district. In the town there are no less than four peals of eight, and outside there are a few rings of six and eight within a few miles, but nevertheless change-ringing has for many years been at a low ebb. At one time when Christ Church contained only six bells, there was a good six-bell band there, but outside that it is almost safe to say that the pretensions of any of the other bands have never exceeded the practice of Grandsire Triples. There has moreover been a great want of cohesion among the various bands, and without that nothing can be done.

The signs of the times are however improving, and with such gatherings as that held at Christ Church, one may look forward to the time when change-ringing in the town will be in as flourishing a condition as it is in Eastbourne's rival watering-place, Brighton. One feels inclined to suggest, also, that an Association should be formed of the towers in the district, subsidiary to the County Association, and having for its object principally the arrangement of these combined practices and the general advancement of the Art. Such an Association already exists in a neighbouring town, and there seems little difficulty in the way of forming one for Eastbourne.

OCCASIONAL CONTRIBUTOR.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Sudbury district of this Association was held at Lavenham on Saturday, January 28th. The weather being fine, members were enabled to assemble not only by train, but also by road from the out-lying country parishes. The Association is increasing by leaps and bounds; on the previous meeting nine new members were elected, and at this meeting sixteen new members were elected. Ringing began early, as the peal is a very favourite one, and the bells are in good order, the tenor (24 cwt.) going to a nicety. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Treble Bob Major, and Bob Minor were rung. The company then adjourned to a meat tea held at The Swan, where a most hearty meal was made, as the bare bones of joints testified. Business then ensued, with the Rev. H. Taylor as chairman in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Scott, who had been unexpectedly called to London. With a little more ringing, a most enjoyable meeting came to a close.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Tue Brook, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 4th. The tower will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock until 7.30. Meeting in the tower at 6 o'clock. G. WOODHALL, Branch Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Kildsgrove to-day, Saturday, Feb. 4th. REV. G. T. BIRCH, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's church, Bolton, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells ready at 5.30 p.m. Business at 7. Hy. Moss, Branch Sec.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the District will be held at Lenham, to-day, Saturday, February 4th. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Usual allowances. Tea at The Dog and Bear, at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid to me at or before the meeting. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Doncaster parish church to-day, Saturday Feb. 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting-house The Market inn, Market Place. All ringers invited. R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec.

Midland Counties Association.—Derby Branch.—The annual meeting for the election of district officers will be held in All Saints' belfry, Derby, on February 6th. Ringing from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. T. ANTHONY, Local Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at Southwold on Tuesday, February 7th. Dinner at The King's Head at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 3d. for Honorary, and 1s. 3d. for Company Members. H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The thirty-first annual dinner of the above society will be held at The York hotel, Waterloo Road, on Saturday, February 11th. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of the following committee: Messrs. Barton, Symonds, Pasmore, H. Davis, Webber, and Golding, or of the Secretary, VICTOR W. WEST.

71, Langton Road, Brixton, S.W.

P.S.—Waterloo tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, February 11th, at the parish church, Tamworth. Tower open from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 p.m. to be followed by Committee Meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m., free to all sending in not later than the 6th inst. to S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Leesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers invited, whether members or not. E. B. SHAW, Branch Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—District

Meeting at Baldock on Saturday, February 11th. Further particulars next week.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—A General Meeting will be held at Winlaton on Saturday, February 11th. The bells of St. Paul's (6), Winlaton and of St. Cuthbert's (6). Blaydon will be open after 1 p.m. for ringing. Committee meeting at Smith's Arms at four o'clock. Tea at same hotel at 5 o'clock, members, 1s., non-members, 1s. 6d. Intending visitors kindly send names before February 6th to CHAS. L. ROUILLEDGE, Hon. Sec.

9, Waverley Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Leyland parish church on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m.

JAMES HIGSON, Sec.
60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting of this district will be held (for ringing only) at Boughton, on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. E. E. FOREMAN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Central Northamptonshire Association. Quarterly meeting at Kettering on Saturday afternoon, February 11th. Usual arrangements. The bells are a ring of eight, tenor 24 cwt. A good attendance requested. Visitors from other Associations will be welcome. Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to preside. All ringers welcome. W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay. J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Tonbridge, Kent.—All applications for the tower to be made to the Secretary, Mr. J. Smith, 9, Bank Street, Tonbridge.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BOLSOVER.—This is the first time a peal has been rung on Bolsover bells, which are a very fine and musical ring of six from the Loughborough foundry. They are a credit to Messrs. Taylor, being hung in the latest and most approved style, and when augmented to eight (which it is the Vicar's desire to accomplish) will be second to none in the district. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar, the Rev. T. C. Hill, for the use of the bells, and the local men for having everything in readiness, and so kindly shewing us through the church and the Cavendish Chapel. This was the second attempt for the peal; on the first occasion it came to grief in the third 720 owing to the noise from the bells, which was simply terrific, making talking almost impossible. A hint from the local ringers to the Vicar and churchwardens overcame this difficulty, an extra or false floor being put above the existing one, and packed between, making ringing a pleasure. B.

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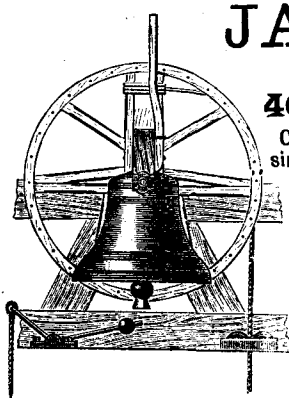
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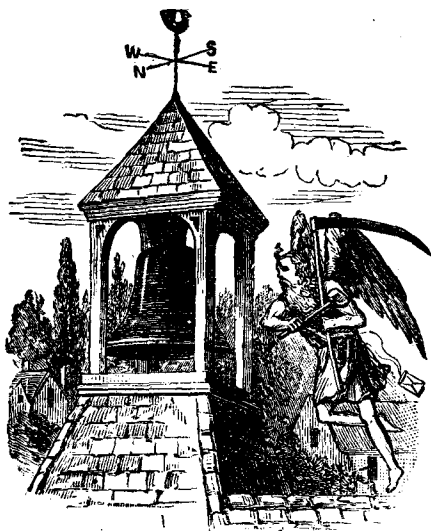
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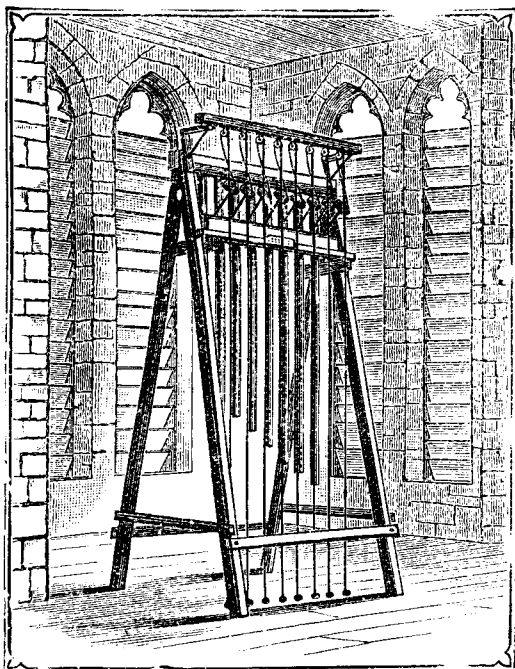
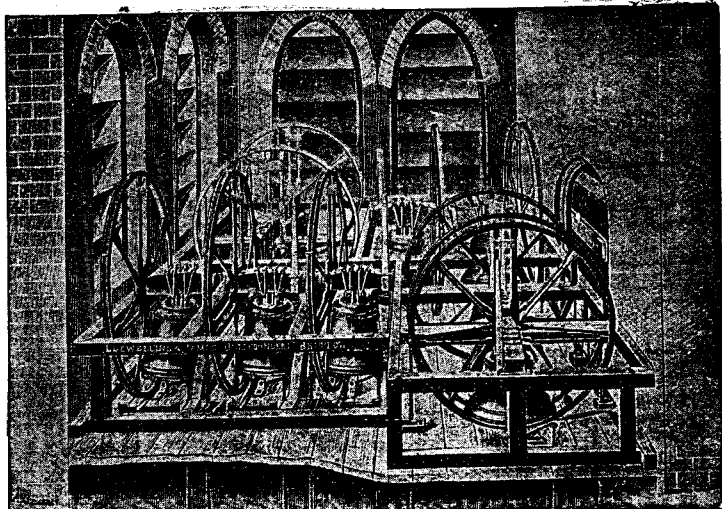
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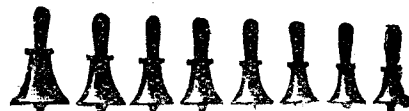
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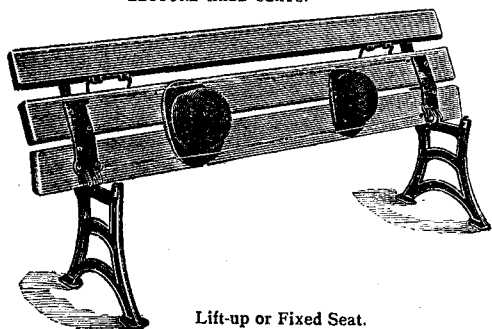
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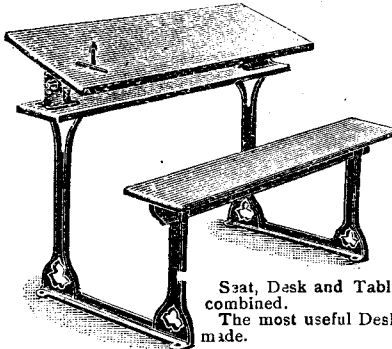
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The popularity of Loughborough as a convenient centre for association meetings was again in evidence on Saturday, January 28th, when over a hundred members assembled to attend the January quarterly meeting. Many who could not find room in the belfry took the opportunity, guided by the Messrs. Taylor, of making an inspection of the bell foundry, and were there shown, among many other objects of interest, some perfect examples of bell founding intended to replace the present seventh and eighth in All Saints' tower. These bells are embellished with ornamental foliage and figures of saints, every ornament as sharp as if it had been cut with a chisel. By the way, the Messrs. Taylor intend to make the peal of ten at the parish church a model one; the old front six have already been replaced by new ones, the new seventh and eighth as stated above are cast, and the new ninth and tenor will follow shortly. Your correspondent was shown a beautiful design representing All Saints, which is, as appropriate, to be cast on the waist of the tenor.

Meanwhile members had assembled at All Saints' schools, and shortly after 4.30, grace having been said, fell to and did full justice to the excellent fare provided by the kindness of Mrs. Ratcliff, of Stanford Hall.

At the meeting which immediately followed, the Rev. C. L. V. Baker, Rector of Stanford, took the chair, supported by the Rev. Fowler, curate of All Saints, and the Rev. M. Bird, of Walton-on-the-Wolds.

To commence business the Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, and also the names of one honorary, one life, and six new ringing members, who were duly admitted.

The rev. Chairman read a list of peals rung during the past quarter, viz. :—

Burton Branch	Three peals of London Surprise Major.
Birmingham Amalgamated Branch	One peal Bob Major, one peal Darlaston Bob Triples, and one peal of Stedman Triples.
Leicester Branch	Two peals Minor, one peal Bob Major, one peal Grandsire, and one of Stedman Triples.
Ashby Branch	One peal of Grandsire Triples.
Nuneaton Branch	One peal Bob Major, and one peal of Grandsire Triples.
Stanford Branch	One peal of Grandsire Triples.
Birmingham mixed band ...	One peal of Stedman Triples.
Duffield & Loughborough Branches	One peal each of Bob Royal.

The meeting, the Chairman said, was intended to be at

Stanford, but owing to the recent death of Richard Ratcliff, Esq., the family reasonably objected to have so much ringing, and so the meeting was held at Loughborough instead; he hoped that no one had been inconvenienced. He should, however, be most pleased to welcome the Association at Stanford at any future time and should be proud to show them his beautiful church with its tuneful bells.

Messrs. W. Willson and J. Needham, of Leicester, were elected to audit the accounts of the Association for the past year; the former on the proposition of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Draper, the latter on the proposition of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Fowler.

Mr. J. W. Taylor then proposed "That this meeting of the Midland Counties Association tenders to Mrs. Ratcliff and family their sincere sympathy at the loss they have sustained by the decease of the late Richard Ratcliff, Esq., the donor of the Stanford bells, and to whose munificence Stanford church owes its present beauty." Mr. Wesley seconded, and the motion was carried in silence.

Mr. J. W. Taylor also proposed "That the best thanks of the meeting be forwarded to Mrs. Ratcliff for her great kindness in providing the excellent repast of which they had just now partaken." Mr. Wesley seconded, and the proposition was carried with applause.

The Rev. M. Bird, in proposing a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, said that all ringers were welcome to ring the Loughborough bells if they were skilful, and the name of the Association was a sufficient guarantee on that head, but all the same it was a privilege, and for that he wished to thank the Rector and churchwardens. Mr. Price seconded, and the motion was carried *nem. con.*

In the absence of the Rector, the Rev. Fowler (curate) briefly responded.

Mr. J. Griffin then proposed a vote of thanks to the rev. Chairman for presiding, remarking that he believed it was the first time that a meeting had been presided over by a non-member.

The Rev. C. L. V. Baker responded, and intimated to the Hon. Secretary at the close of the meeting his willingness to become an honorary member.

Members then dispersed to occupy the short time remaining with a few more touches on the tower bells, or a chat with old friends in some cosy corner as best suited their fancy.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

The Annual Meeting of the above took place at St. John's Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, January 25th, when the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mr. Harry Barton, Master (re-elected); Mr. C. E. Malim, Hon. Treasurer (re-elected); Mr. G. E. Symonds, 4, Dockley Road, Bermondsey, S.E., Hon. Secretary; Mr. W. H. Webber, Senior Steward; Mr. H. Quaife, Junior Steward. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the members of this Association was held at the schoolroom adjoining the church of St. John the Baptist, Croydon, on Monday, the 23rd January last. The tower of St. Peter's, South Croydon, was open for ringing soon after three o'clock, and various touches were rung up to 5.30, when the members adjourned to the school. The meeting, which was preceded by a substantial tea, was presided over by the Rev. Canon Pereira, M.A., Vicar of Croydon, who was supported by Mr. Ernest Smith, of South Croydon. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary reported he had not received the prints of the annual report and accounts, and he therefore read the draft from which it appeared the receipts during the year ended 31st December, 1898, had exceeded the expenditure for the like period by the sum of £5 7s. 9d., the balance at the end of the year being £28 15s. 10d. During the year twenty peals had been rung, the points allowed under Mr. Attree's analysis being 293, as against 184 points for twelve peals rung in 1897, and 282 points for twenty-three peals rung during 1896. The report congratulated Messrs. Wickens and Huggett as new conductors for the Association, and stated that up to 31st December last the total number of peals rung was 284. The committee were glad to report that the tower at Redhill was now open for ringing, and hoped that the neighbouring tower of Reigate would soon again be available, and they enquired if nothing could be done to stir up the ringers at East Molesey, where no ringing had been done for some time. The last paragraph in the report read as follows:—

"The committee are of opinion that the division of the area covered by the Association into sub-districts with district secretaries would be advantageous to the Society, and commend the subject to the consideration of the members at the annual meeting."

The Rev. Canon Pereira, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, welcomed the members to Croydon, and said although he himself did not understand the technicalities with which the report bristled, yet he was sure the members appreciated it by the manner in which its reading had been interrupted by way of applause. The proposition was seconded by Mr. Kenten (Epsom), and carried unanimously.

The committee, as appearing in the report, were re-elected for 1899, and Mr. Charles Dean (Hon. Secretary) and the Rev. A. S. W. Young (Hon. Treasurer) were re-elected to their respective offices.

The next business was as to the place of next meeting, which would take place on Easter Monday. Mr. Wyatt (Ashstead) nominated Leatherhead with Ashstead, while Mr. Miles (Epsom) suggested Ranmore Common and Dorking. On a vote being taken, the two latter places were agreed to by a large majority.

Mr. Kenten proposed, Mr. Kitching (South Croydon) seconded, and it was resolved unanimously, that Dr. A. B. Carpenter and the Hon. Secretary be appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the Central Council to be held at Norwich on Whit-Tuesday.

The Secretary drew attention to the committee's invitation, in their report, to discuss the advisability of dividing the area covered by the Association into districts with sub-secretaries. After some discussion, which was largely conversational, the Secretary moved, in view of the fact that the matter was quite new to the members and to a certain extent sprung upon them, that the discussion be deferred to next meeting. This was carried unanimously.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting nine peals had been rung by members of the Association, viz.: Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Caters 1, Grandsire Triples 5. It was resolved that same be recorded in the peal book.

The following were elected members of the Association: Ernest Smith (St. Peter's, Croydon), Stanton Daniels (Streatham), F. H. C. Cropley (Leatherhead), Rev. E. Vine Bond, G. Edwards, G. E. Price, and H. Sycamore (Ewell), Rev. E. C. Farrer, E. A. Fisher, and A. R. Todd (Christ Church, Epsom), James Warwick, H. J. Bryant, and A. F. Baker (Benhillton), and George Gillett (Beddington).

The Secretary read letters from Sir F. T. Edridge and Mr. H. Houlden (churchwardens at St. John's) regretting their inability to be present. A vote of thanks to the Chairman and to the Secretary closed the business.

The members, who numbered sixty-five and attended from nearly all the towers in the union, afterwards rang touches on the eight at St. John's, the tenor of which "goes" very badly, and on the excellent ring of ten at Beddington close by.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(READING BRANCH.)

The Annual Meeting of this flourishing division of the Guild was held at Reading on Monday, January 30th. Ringing at the church of St. Lawrence had been announced for 6.30, but illness near the church prevented the members taking part in a touch.

At 7 p.m. a shortened form of evensong was held at St. Laurence's church, and very gratifying indeed it was to see so many taking part in this, the first service ever held in connection with the annual meeting of the Reading branch. The Vicar (Rev. R. P. Newhouse) addressing the ringers, gave them a cordial invitation, and trusted to see them gathered together on many more of the like occasions.

At 7.30 no less than seventy members sat down to an excellent meat tea, provided by Messrs. Shervall at The British Workman. There were present representatives from St. Laurence and St. Giles, Reading; Tilehurst, Mortimer (St. Mary's and St. John's), and Shinfield. One and all were glad to see J. M. Routh, Esq. taking his place in the chair, being supported by the Master, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, W. P. Routh, Esq., and other distinguished members.

At the business meeting the following officers were unanimously re-elected: Chairman—J. M. Routh, Esq.; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. A. W. Pike; Representatives on General Committee—Messrs. C. Giles, C. Chapman, and A. W. Pike.

The Branch Secretary now read the minutes of the last annual meeting, the same being passed.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson having to leave early, kindly made a few remarks as to the general welfare of the Guild. We were all sorry to see the Master go so early, as we look forward to his presence amongst us to instil a few words of encouragement and advice.

In the absence of the General Hon. Secretary (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis), Mr. A. W. Pike told the members that the total number of ringers in connection with the Guild had increased to about 1350, the peals constituted a record, viz.—80.

The report and balance-sheet of the Reading branch

was also very favourable, the number of change-ringers being 90, and the balance in hand £4 1s. 11d.

The Rev. R. P. Newhouse, in replying to a vote of thanks, said how pleased to offer a service to the ringers. He would do his best to stimulate a good feeling between the ringers and the clergy, and would try on future occasions to get his brother vicars to attend the meeting. He would also convey to the organist and choir of St. Laurence the best thanks of the ringers.

That good old annual toast—"The Father," was given in good style by Mr. Hern, that gentleman remarking that "The Father" was never better pleased than when engaged with the handbells, teaching the recruit the rudiments of change-ringing. This toast was accorded musical honours.

Mr. Newell, in responding, thanked the members for the good feeling shown towards him. He was glad to see so many present, as it shewed the branch was prospering.

Interspersed with the many toasts several good songs were sung, Messrs. Newell, Sweetzer, Williams, Goodger (2), Rowe, Ballard, A. E. Reeves, and Pike contributing, while a course of Grandsire Caters in hand was well rung.

At 11 p.m. a most enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held at Lenham on Saturday, February 4th, and was attended by members from Maidstone, West Malling, Bearsted, Boxley, Leeds, Wellesborough, Brabourne, Charing, and Canterbury. The bells were raised about half-past three, and some good ringing was expected on these recently-restored bells. Unfortunately, before any changes had been attempted, the tenor clapper broke off short at the ball, and put an immediate stop to any change-ringing in eight. A few touches of Doubles and Minor were attempted on the front six, but the effect was not inspiring, nor conducive to a lengthened stay in the belfry. Five o'clock, therefore, found all the members ready for tea, which was held at The Dog and Bear, the Vicar, Rev. C. E. Nepean, presiding. At the conclusion of tea, the Hon. Secretary, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, asked the company to accord a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his presence with them in the chair. In reply, the Vicar expressed his sorrow at the untoward accident which had marred the ringing that afternoon, and invited the Association to hold another meeting at Lenham as soon as they liked. He recognised the value of the Association, and announced his intention to become an honorary member. The Lenham band, he said, were anxious to join, and he hoped that before long they would prove themselves expert change-ringers, and worthy members of the Association.

At the business meeting Mr. A. Palmer (Maidstone), was elected Hon. Secretary of the district, and Mr. T. Mannering (Maidstone), representative on the Central Committee. The Lenham band were elected as probationers, and several others admitted to full membership. It was decided to hold a district meeting at Boxley in April; another at West Malling in the autumn, and to hold the annual next year at Wrotham.

The Maidstone quartette, Messrs. W. and T. Mannering, L. Bullock, and A. Palmer, rung some Stedman Triples on the handbells, while a few returned to the tower to discourse sweet (?) music on the front six. Some

of the members walked over to Harrietsham to have a touch or two on eight bells before returning home. The accident to the tenor was of course most unfortunate; but in other respects the meeting went off well. The host of The Dog and Bear (Mr. G. Fisher), provided very good fare; the day was fine though cold, and the members enjoyed their visit to the old Kentish town.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of this Society was held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 29th. A good muster of members attended during the afternoon and evening, the following towers being represented: Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Calverley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Headingley (St. Michael's), Tong, Wakefield and the local company. A peal was attempted during the afternoon by a mixed band, but unfortunately after ringing over two hours "stand" was called, owing to the indisposition of the tenor ringer, caused no doubt by the heavy running of the bell.

A business meeting was afterwards held at The Park hotel, the President being in the chair. Various matters of interest to the Society were amicably discussed, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements. Tower and handbell ringing was indulged in until a late hour. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Headingley (St. Michael's) on Saturday, February 25th.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A special ringing meeting of the above Association was held at Bolsover on Saturday, February 4th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. T. C. Hills. Members and ringing friends were present from Nottingham, Ashover, Ault Hucknall, Brampton, Bolsover, Alfreton, Tibshelf, Ripley, and North Wingfield. The ringers present were entertained to tea in the schoolroom at 6 p.m. by the kindness of the Vicar, to which thirty-eight sat down.

After tea the Secretary proposed, and Mr. H. George seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generosity in providing tea, and granting the use of the bells, which was carried with enthusiasm and musical honours. The Vicar suitably replied, and hoped to see the members again in the summer months, when the weather was more genial.

The bells are a very melodious ring of six in F sharp, from the foundry of Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and are certainly amongst the best ever turned out by that firm, their tone being greatly admired by all. A 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung. S. Wellesley (Nottingham), 1; H. Tarlton, 2; J. Butler, 3; W. Butler, 4; J. Tarlton, 5; H. George (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor as conductor by H. George. Many other mixed bands handled the ropes to various methods till 9 p.m., one and all thoroughly enjoying themselves.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

At the annual meeting of the above society held on Thursday, January 26th, the following officers for 1899 were elected: Master—Mr. F. G. Perrin; Treasurer—Mr. C. W. Ward; Senior Steward—Mr. A. E. Quaife; Junior Steward—Mr. A. R. Davis; Secretary—Mr. C. J. Irish.

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

The anniversary of this society, an event which is always looked forward to with so much interest, was held in the large assembly room at The White Horse hotel, on Saturday evening, January 28th, when all the members assembled and did full justice to a bountiful repast. Invitations were sent out to neighbouring towers, which resulted in ringers attending from Kelsale, Benhall, Rendham, Sweffling, and Tunstall, and to whom a most cordial welcome was given. Upon the removal of the cloth the Rev. Henry Deane, curate of St. Margaret's, was unanimously voted to the chair, who gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts in due form. "The Health of the Rector" was next given, with many thanks to the rev. gentleman for his kindness in granting the use of the bells when applied for. The Chairman, in responding for the Rector, promised to convey the good feelings expressed towards him.

Following this came the toast of the evening—"Success to the St. Margaret's Society," coupled with the name of the respected Master, Mr. John Button. Mr. Button, in responding, expressed the pleasure he felt at meeting so many of his friends. He then gave a description of his experiences during the thirty-six years he had been connected with the Leiston ringers, urging upon younger members the importance of attaining efficiency in striking, and of obtaining a few recruits to learn the art, to fill any vacancies that might occur.

The chairman gave the next toast—"Success to the Norwich Diocesan Association," which was responded to by the District Secretary, Mr. H. J. Button, who expressed a hope that he would shortly add the names of several young men as probationers.

"The Conductors" was next given, and responded to by Mr. A. J. Lincoln.

"The Health of the Chairman" was next given by Mr. John Button. The rev. gentleman in responding spoke of the great pleasure he felt at presiding at the meeting. He knew nothing of ringing, and but little of ringers. It would afford him much pleasure to know more of the ringers, their meetings, and their work, and to come among them. He gave an interesting resume of the work of belfry reform as compared with the old state of things.

"The Health of Mr. W. Taylor" was next given, thanking him for the assistance he has always been willing to accord the society; which was suitably responded to. "Our Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Messrs. G. Thompson (Kelsale), W. Lambert (Rendham), A. Smith (Sweffling), and R. Wells (Benhall). "The Health of Mr. Blakemore" (organist at St. Margaret's) was next given, with many thanks to him for so kindly presiding at the pianoforte; also "The Health of Mr. H. Baldry," both of whom suitably responded. Various other toasts followed. The meeting was enlivened by numerous songs by Messrs. H. Baldry, C. Bailey, the Chairman, W. Lambert, C. Samson, A. Smyth, G. Thompson, W. Taylor, E. Wigg, and others, which was interspersed with touches on the handbells and several tunes. The time for parting came all too soon, and brought to a close a most thoroughly successful and enjoyable meeting, well spent in harmony and goodwill.

CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28th, five members of the above paid a friendly visit to the village of Shirenewton, some four miles from Chepstow, to try the "go" of the bells, after the frame had been put level and strengthened by bracing with bolts, and also new headstocks for the treble and second bells, and new stays and sliders for all. They are a light ring of five, and were cast by W. Evans, of Chepstow in 1712, tenor 7 cwt. They would make a nice ring of six with another tenor added. A 600 of Grandsire Doubles was rung. M. Close, 1; O. Hobson, 2; J. Smith, 3; G. Vick, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5. The "go" of the bells gave general satisfaction to all, as they have been in a very bad condition for many years past.

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PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

On the evening of February 2nd, the following ringers met together at the church of St. Lawrence for a practice in one of the Surprise Major methods: Messrs. John Cordingley, George Bolland, and F. Hargreaves, of Tong; E. Keighley, W. Hollings, and C. Pratt, of Calverley; and John and Joseph Thackray, of Armley.

They were afterwards invited to The Park hotel, along with a few other friends, to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding-day of Mr. C. Denton Smith, of Bradford.

Mr. George Bolland, in proposing the toast—"Mr. and Mrs. Smith," said how pleased they all were in meeting the happy couple once again. Mr. Smith acknowledged the good wishes, and took the opportunity of inviting the company to drink the healths of Mr. Cordingley and Mr. Bolland, whose birthdays it fortunately happened to be; the former jocularly remarking: "Aye, but I am a quarter-of-a-century older than George."

Handbells were strongly in evidence, Mr. Smith having his tuneful ring of eight, and the Tong representatives their ring of eighteen; while the presence of Mr. Shaw (J. Shaw, Son, and Co.) bearing another mysterious parcel, revealed another surprise—a new ring of ten in C for Mr. Maude. With so many bells to work with, no wonder the time was fully occupied in ringing several courses of Grandsire Major, Bob Major, and Grandsire Royal, and a clinking course of Oxford rung in two sixes; the new bells, much admired for their tone and finish, being opened with a course of Grandsire Royal.

Before separating, "The Health and Prosperity of Mr. Shaw," the founder, was proposed by Mr. Smith, and duly acknowledged in felicitous terms. M.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday evening, January 23rd, the Highgate branch of the above Society held a friendly meeting at The Duke of St. Alban's hotel. Supper was ready at eight o'clock, Mr. Foskett taking the chair, about twenty-twositting down to partake of the good things provided. After the usual toasts and speeches the rest of the evening was spent in songs and handbell ringing up till 12.30, when the company dispersed, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and expressing a hope to meet again at some future time. All regretted the absence of their friend Mr. J. Hannington, who was unable to attend owing to illness.

THORNHAM MAGNA, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, January 28th, the above company had a most enjoyable outing. Starting at 9 a.m., accompanied by the Rector and F. Day, of Eye, they journeyed by waggnette to Debenham, and were accorded a hearty welcome by Mr. W. Grimes and son, and with their assistance brought round 720 of Bob Major, being the longest touch of Major by several of the band. After the inner man had been attended to they proceeded to Framdsen, where some short touches of Minor and a plain course of Bob Major were rung, and after lowering the bells they journeyed on to Helmingham, and were met by the steeple-keeper, Mr. W. Whiting. After some touches on the bells the visitors were kindly allowed to look over the house and grounds of Helmingham Hall, the Suffolk seat of Lord Tollemache, and after another short touch on the bells a start was made on the return journey, arriving home at 9 p.m. after having spent a most enjoyable day. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank all who helped to make the outing such a successful one.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

At mid-day on Monday, December 26th, the members of the local band were invited by Mr. J. Tunbridge, of The Half-Moon inn, to a substantial luncheon. This is an annual ceremony, and the kind compliment is highly appreciated by the members. The chair was taken by the captain, Mr. J. Gasson, the vice-chair was filled by the deputy-captain, Mr. R. Brown. After the repast, a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to the host and hostess. A little harmony, and a little more ringing brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 28th, the ringers of Colwall met to celebrate an interesting and pleasing event: the unveiling of a peal-board, and presentation to the late Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. J. Beatley. Ringing commenced at 5 p.m. with good touches of Bob Major. At 6 o p.m. all sat down to a substantial meat tea at the rectory, the Rev. G. M. Custance presiding. All ringers were invited whose names are recorded on the tablet.

There were present the Rev. G. Custance (President), the Rev. T. H. Birks, W. S. Evans (Secretary and Treasurer), E. J. Beatley, C. Pedlingham, J. Field, W. Smart, H. W. Allen, S. J. Hope, C. Layton, C. Thomas, W. Biggs, G. Biggs, J. Wall (Ross), R. Knowles (Hanley Castle), J. Thomas (Coddington), A. Layton (Mathon), and F. Smith (Cradley).

Tea over, the Rector suggested a pipe of tobacco would be appropriate, and that he had a pleasant duty to perform in asking Mr. E. J. Beatley to accept a small present in the shape of a pipe in case and tobacco jar (with an address from the Colwall ringers) in recognition of his past services to them.

Mr. W. S. Evans, in handing him the present said he hoped he would have health and happiness for many years to enjoy the fragrant weed.

Mr. E. J. Beatley arose and thanked them all, saying how surprised he was and pleased to accept their appreciation of his poor services to them in the past.

Mr. H. W. Allen acknowledged the presence of the visitors, and said how indebted the Colwall ringers were to them for their kindness in coming at any time to make up a company for practice or a peal.

Mr. J. Wall responded, saying he quite envied the Colwall ringers in having such a good leader as their Rector, and how pleased he was to be in the company of such a band. He also remarked how well they had done since the peal had been increased to eight, but it was not surprising because of the way they all worked together. He wished them success, and hoped they would continue to do so.

Mr. W. S. Evans proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for kindly allowing the use of his dining-room for the evening.

Mr. J. Wall seconded amid applause.

The Rector said as long as he lived the ringers would always have the use of the rectory, as they were equally as dear to him as any officers of the church.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower for the purpose of the dedication and unveiling of the peal-board on which eleven peals in three different methods are recorded. Hymn 268 was then sung, after which the Rector read a short dedication service and declared the board dedicated to the honour and glory of God and for the use of the Colwall ringers.

Ringings was then proceeded with, and some excellent touches of Bob Major brought round and continued till after nine o'clock. After drinking the Rector's health the ringers dispersed, all expressing themselves as having spent a most enjoyable evening.

THE YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

On Thursday evening, February 2nd, the above ringers had their anniversary at The Lowther hotel, when host Breed put a good spread on the tables, the appearance of which was greatly defaced by the carvers in a very short time, and as each course-end came up it was said to be true. After the cloth was drawn the retiring president took the chair, and proposed the loyal toasts, which were drunk in the style peculiar to ringers. "The Archbishop and clergy," not forgetting "The Dean and Chapter," next followed, then "The Donors," "The Visitors," and "The Bell News." "The Yorkshire Association" was responded to by one of the vice-Presidents. The proceedings were greatly enlivened by the several songs of Messrs. Beadmore, Hodgson, A. Haigh, and the Clifton Glee Party. Mr. Poulter ably officiated at the piano.

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ST. NICOLAS, GUILDFORD.

The annual supper of the ringers of this church was held at the rectory on a recent Thursday evening, and was presided over by the Rector, the Rev. W. S. Sanders, R.D., the Rev. E. A. Johnstone being in the vice-chair. In proposing success to the ringers, the Rector said he was pleased to know the Guild still maintained their position in the diocese, and hoped they would long continue to do so.

The Secretary, in his report, mentioned that the ringers had stopped practice for a month, owing to illness, another month owing to the severe illness of Mr. Wheeler, and on two other occasions for illness during the past year. This had prevented peals being accomplished, only three—one of Grandsire Caters, one of Treble Bob Major, one of Plain Bob Major—being rung during the year. The steeple-keeper reported everything in good order, except the ropes, which are nearly four years old, and required renewal.

In acknowledging the toast of his health, the Rector admitted it would be probably better to have definite dates for attempts at peals, and asked that a list should be furnished him.

The rest of the evening was passed in harmony and performances on the handbells, and the party separated, very gratified with their reception.

ST. ANDREW'S, WHILTON, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday evening, January 28th, the ringers and adult members of the choir were entertained to supper at the rectory by the Rector (Rev. W. H. Logan) and Mrs. Logan. A very enjoyable evening was spent, touches and tunes on the handbells being indulged in. The ringers are very fortunate in having the encouragement of the Rector, who is always anxious for their welfare. They take this opportunity of thanking him for his many kindnesses during the past year, and hope he will soon be able to join them in their evening practice.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT.—PEAL COLLECTION.

Mr. Henry Dains, whose address is 147, Barnsbury Road, Islington, N., again asks authors of compositions in this method to send in their peals to him without delay. As previously mentioned, he has already had a large number of peals sent in but there are still several good names absent. Personally he would like to see every composer represented, but to copy all peals that have been published is a big task, and there are other reasons why he should not do this. Therefore, to make this work a success, the co-operation of every gentleman of the Exercise concerned is absolutely necessary.

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."

RECTIFICATIONS.

SIR,—In an account of some handbell ringing at Dolgelly in your last issue the following appears: "Although the splendid ring of eight by Mears has hung in the tower for ninety years there has not been a peal rung on them yet." I wish to inform the ringers there that a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the opening of the bells, September 25th, 1809, in 3 hrs. 8 mins., by Saml. Lawrence (Shifnal), 1; James Dovey (Stourbridge), 2; Ricd. Wilding (Shrewsbury), 3; H. Rothwell (Liverpool), 4; J. Kints (London), 5; Charles Bigg (Shrewsbury), 6; John Parker (Shrewsbury), 7; Joseph Doody (Stourbridge), 8. Conducted by J. Kints. And on September 26th, 1809, 5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Richard Cross (Shrewsbury), 1; James Dovey, 2; R. Wilding, 3; Jno. Holdsworth (London), 4; Thos. Parker (Shrewsbury), 5; Chas. Bigg, 6; W. Jaeger (Liverpool), 7; S. Lawrence, 8. Conducted by R. Cross. The ringers of St. Giles's, Northampton, can also have particulars of 6000 Bob Major rung there June 4th, 1787, first Major on the bells. This refers to footnote to peal rung December 17th last.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1899.

For the last time we publish the following notice. We have kept it before those concerned for some little time; and it is hoped the responses to it have been prompt, complete, and satisfactory. We shall be very glad indeed to find that an improvement has taken place in respect of better attention being paid to such important matters.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.
PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, May 23rd, 1899.

Notices of motion must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 25th. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

Hon. Secretaries of societies are reminded that subscriptions to the Council are now due and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary without delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative. The Hon. Secretary would also be greatly obliged for information as to any change in representatives, or their addresses, that has taken place in the last year.

Stanhoë Rectory, King's Lynn,

H. EARLE BULWER,
Hon. Secretary.

The Metropolis.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**
(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)*On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY BARRETT Treble.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 2.	*THOMAS TAYLOR 6.
T. P. RICHARDS, ESQ.* .. 3.	†HARRY WARNETT 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	*CHARLES HENRY WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman as conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT O. D. ABRAHAMS..Treble.	THOMAS H. BEAMS 5.
FRED C. PERRIN* 2.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6.
FRANK HULL* 3.	†WALLACE P. ABRAHAMS .. 7.
FRED W. J. BUTLER 4.	‡A. BURBAGE Tenor.

Composed by T. MORRIS, and Conducted by W. P. ABRAHAMS.

*First peal of Bob Triples. †First peal as conductor. ‡First peal. All the above are also members of the Essex Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, February 6, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK A. NUNN ..Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
ALRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Tuesday, February 7, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

FREDK. A. NUNN Treble.	ROWLAND FENN 5.
CALEB FENN 2.	*ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	ALBERT C. HARDY 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE* 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.**MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.****CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 31, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

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

JOHN W. PASSMAN Treble.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 5.
CHARLES HALL 2.	THOMAS METCALFE 6.
ROBERT CLARK 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7.
WILLIAM RUDD 4.	WILLIAM NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by J. H. BARRETT, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

This is the first peal in this method by the above Association.

LONG ASHTON, BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**
(ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)*On Saturday, January 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 36½ cwt in D flat.

WILLIAM JAMES HINTON ..Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 5.
FREDERICK W. ELLES .. 2.	FRANCIS PRICE 6.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 4.	JOSEPH GOULD Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

First peal on the bells, which have been recently rebung and augmented from six to eight by Mr. Thomas Blackburn, of Salisbury, Wilts.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, February 1, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 5.
ALPHAUS PERKINS 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
WILLIAM PETTITT 3.	JAMES GARRATT 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

First peal as conductor in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. J. Mawby, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BIRMINGHAM.

(THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, February 1, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES H. WATTS ..Treble.	RICHARD HACKLEY 5.
HENRY MIDDLETON 2.	FRED. FLOWERS 6.
WILLIAM ELLIS 3.	WILLIAM A. HANCOX .. 7.
THOMAS COLLINSON .. 4.	GEORGE ELLIS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. HANCOX.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, February 1, 1899, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL Treble.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 5.
JAMES D. DREWITT 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
JOSEPH FAYERS 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 4.	JAMES WIGNELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

SALISBURY, WILTS.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, February 1, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

GIDEON WEBB* Treble.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 5.
ROBERT P. KNIGHT* .. 2.	SIDNEY MACEY 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
THOMAS GROVES 4.	*FRANCIS E. WRIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. GIFFORD.

*First peal.

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ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 2, 1899, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK A. NUNN .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
CHARLES WILKINS .. 2.	STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS* .. 7.
ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal in the method.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 2, 1899, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.

JAMES GARRETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 6.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	WALTER PERKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, February 2, 1899, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. Treble.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5.
EDWARD I. STONE .. 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY .. 6.
JOHN BENSTEAD .. 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. 4.	HARRY WAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

Runz with the bells half-muffled in memory of Henry Bastable, who took part in the "silent" peal of Stedman Triples rung at the above church on November 20th, 1886, and who was for many years a very highly esteemed honorary member of the St. Paul's Society; and of Josiah Rogers, also for many years a respected hon. member of the same Society.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 3, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 29 cwt.

THOMAS R. HENSHER .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS .. 5.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 2.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 6.
WILLIAM J. BARKER† .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES CHASTY .. 4.	*JAMES SEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and also as a birthday compliment to C. Chasty, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is the first peal of Stedman on the present peal of bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN .. 6.
ALFRED TRAPPITT* .. 2.	HENRY BROOKER .. 7.
CHARLES BANCE .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 8.
WILLIAM BULPITT* .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS .. 9.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON† .. 5.	JAMES WIGNELL* .. Tenor.

Conducted by DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

The peal is a variation of H. Johnson's 5079, and has the 6th behind the 8th in the last eleven courses. *First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal of Stedman.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	†ERNEST C. HUNT .. 5.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 2.	*JOSEPH BRETTTELL .. 6.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS† .. 3.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. 7.
NOAH DAVIS .. 4.	THOMAS WAKEMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Major, for whom it was arranged. †First peal of Treble Bob.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE .. Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 5.
OWEN W. LAYNG .. 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS .. 6.
ERNEST BISHOP .. 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 7.
THOMAS ROBINSON .. 4.	*A. BREAKSPEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

*First peal. Rang to celebrate the thirty-sixth birthday of Ernest Bishop. It was intended to start for Bob Major, but meeting one short the above was substituted.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST BROWN* .. Treble.	WILLIAM HERWITT .. 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. 6.
WILLIAM A. JAY .. 3.	FRANK A. SMITH .. 7.
CHARLES GEORGE .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt in F.

J. H. BLAKISTON .. Treble.	J. W. PASSMAN .. 5.
W. NEWTON .. 2.	T. METCALFE .. 6.
R. FENWICK .. 3.	G. J. CLARKSON .. 7.
W. RUDD .. 4.	T. STEPHENSON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by G. J. CLARKSON.

Messrs. Newton, Clarkson, and Stephenson belong to the Stockton company, the rest to Middlesbrough. This is the first 5000 on these rich full-toned bells, which require to be rung more often than many a peal of greater weight.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

H. N. FOWLER .. Treble.	D. NEWTON .. 5.
T. HEPWORTH .. 2.	JNO. THACKRAY .. 6.
P. CORDINGLEY .. 3.	F. W. HARGREAVE .. 7.
T. LATIMER .. 4.	J. M. CHADWICK .. Tenor.

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

This was John Thackray's fiftieth peal, an account of which will be found elsewhere; also first peal of Major by Messrs. Cordingley and Latimer.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure New London
Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, College
Pleasure, and Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE WICKENS Treble.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 4.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	CHARLES TAYLOR 5.
STANLEY E. ELLIS 3.	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

This is the first peal on the bells since being rebung by Warner and Sons, of Cripplegate, London, and is a musical little peal, and the go of them is excellent. The band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rector for the use of them on this occasion.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. E. GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC PURSER Treble.	WILLIAM G. HALL 5.
BENJAMIN DALTON 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
ALFRED MORETON 3.	ROBERT PICKERING 7.
E. SIDNEY HODGES 4.	WILLIAM BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rev. W. Ticehurst Corfield for his permission, and also for putting off the service until after the attempt.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
F. E. WARD'S VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART.
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

TOM J. BUTLER* Treble.	JOHN W. JONES 5.
FRANK GREEN 2.	JOHN BUTLER 6.
HENRY A. MILLARD 3.	JOHN TROWBRIDGE 7.
FREDERICK ATWELL 4.	*JAMES PIPPIN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN TROWBRIDGE.

*First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, with the 2nd never there.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

PERCY CAME* Treble.	*HENRY PRING 5.
ALFRED PEARCE 2.	*CHARLES GORDON 6.
HERBERT TUCKER 3.	*FRANK GOODING 7.
GILBERT PEARCE* 4.	*GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Composed by W. J. HINTON, and Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

*First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 5, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDRICK HARRINGTON* .. Treble.	THOMAS WALLIS 5.
WILLIAM STEED 2.	JAMES WALLIS 6.
JAMES HEASMAN 3.	*RICHARD JENNER 7.
JOHN STEDDY 4.	JACK PRESTON Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JACK PRESTON.

*First peal of Major. †First in the method with a bob bell.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 6, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

J. NEWHAM Treble.	E. E. DODD 5.
J. WYATT 2.	J. J. JONES 6.
A. DEAN 3.	E. HULL 7.
J. WHITE 4.	W. LYNCH Tenor.

Conducted by J. WYATT.

Miscellaneous.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND.—On Tuesday, December 13th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Evans, 1; D. J. Hurford, 2; J. South, 2; R. Bunston, 4; J. Cox, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. First in the method by all and on the bells. On Saturday, December 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Fowler, 1; J. Evans, 2; J. South, 3; R. Bunston, 4; R. Evans, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; J. South, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Evans, 4; R. Bunstone, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 20th, 720 Plain Bob. D. J. Hurford, 1; J. Cox, 2; J. Evans, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; R. Evans (conductor), 5; J. South, 6.

COITY.—On Saturday, November 19th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. E. Fowler, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Bunston, 3; J. Jones, 4; J. Cox, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. Jones, 3; R. Bunston, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER.—On Saturday, December 31st, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. F. Hodges, 1; S. G. Hodges, 2; C. B. Hurst, 3; J. E. Bengier, 4; E. S. Hodges, 5; J. C. Hull, 6; G. T. White (conductor), 7; F. Uphill, 8. On Sunday, January 1st, for Divine Service in the morning, 518 Grandsire Triples, standing as before.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITTON, NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, December 13th, 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 Saturday, December 31st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Forster, 1; W. Sutton, 2; S. Johnson, 3; G. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6. On Monday, January 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6.

KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).—On Saturday, January 7th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Forster (conductor), 1; G. Johnson, 2; S. Forster, 3; H. Hammon, 4; S. Johnson, 5; A. Johnson, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; G. Johnson, 2; R. Chantler, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. S. Johnson (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; H. Hammon, 4; J. Bell, 5; R. Chantler, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. S. Johnson (conductor), 1; G. Johnson, 2; A. Johnson, 3; H. Hammon, 4; T. Venables, 5; J. Bell, 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Johnson, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Christmas Day for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Wallis, 2; A. Biggs, sen., 2; E. H. Nixon (Lewisham), 3; H. Foster, 4; A. Biggs, jun., 5; F. Hunt, 6; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 7; G. Wood, 8. After service 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Wallis, 1; G. H. Foster, 2; E. H. Nixon, 3; A. Biggs, sen., 4; A. Biggs, jun., 5; H. Foster (conductor), 6; E. E. Foreman, 7; G. Wood, 8. Also another 504 conducted by G. Foster.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the local band. On August 31st, for practice, 720 in the same method. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; J. Hack (conductor), 3; J. Town, 4; H. Reader, 5; G. Harwood, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Keech, 1; J. Hack (conductor), 2; H. Brown, 3; A. Lanaway, 4; A. Killick, 5; H. Reader, 6. On November 6th, 720 in the same method, conducted by H. Reader. On November 14th, 720 Kent. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader (first 720 as conductor), 5; J. Hack, 6. On November 20th, 720 in the same method, conducted by J. Hack. On December 4th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Lanaway, 1; H. Reader, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack (conductor), 5; H. Brown, 6. For evening service, 720 Kent, F. Keech ringing the treble, conducted by H. Reader. On Christmas Day, for Early Celebration, 720 Bob Minor. A. Lanaway, 1; F. Keech, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (composer and conductor), 6. On the 29th of December two 720s of Bob Minor, conducted by J. Hack, and 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by H. Reader, Lanaway, Keech and Killick taking part in two 720s only. These three 720s were rang on the occasion of the Wedding of Miss M. Preston, of Hayes Court, and the Rev. F. J. Hamilton. On December 31st, to ring out the old year 720 Bob Minor. A. Lanaway, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Christmas morning, before the early Celebration, 720 College Pleasure. A. Wales, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by the same band. Before Divine Service at 11 o'clock, 720 College Exercise. A. Wales, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Before the evening service 360 Superlative Surprise, standing in the same order as before. On December 31st, in the evening, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Akehurst, 1; E. Jordan, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 360 College Exercise. A. Wales, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Just before midnight 360 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Jordan, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; C. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Then the bells were fired and the new year ushered-in with a 360 of Kent.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Friday, December 31st, at 11 p.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original in 46 mins. E. Raddon, 1; G. Foster, 2; E. Allen, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; W. J. Freakes, 5; S. Radford, 6; C. Wiltshire (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8. Immediately after the commencement of the New Year 504 Grandsire Triples and 168 Stedman Triples. F. Blondell, 6; W. Roffey, 8; the rest as before.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 447 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; G. H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. G. Brett, 8. On Tuesday, December 13th, for practice, 476 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; G. H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; P. Long, 5; E. Hatcher, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. G. Brett, 8. On Christmas Eve for Divine Service, 559 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; F. L. Edwards, 5; E. Hatcher, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. G. Brett, 8. On Sunday evening, January 15th, for Divine Service, 559 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; G. H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. G. Brett, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday, December 11th, at Christ church, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. H. Head (conductor), 1; C. Harfey, 2; A. Miles, 3; G. H. Howse, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; J. Osborne, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; H. Hookham, 8. On Sunday, December

18th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harfey, 2; A. Miles, 3; T. Price, 4; G. H. Head, 5; J. Osborne, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8. On Tuesday, December 20th, 168 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harfey, 2; J. Osborne, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Gower, 5; G. H. Head, 6; G. H. Howse (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8. On Thursday, December 22nd, at St. Saviour's church, on the occasion of the rendering of *The Messiah* by the Eastbourne Musical Society, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. H. Howse, 1; C. Harfey, 2; A. Piper, 3; H. W. Fayers, 4; T. Price, 5; J. Sharp, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8. A. Piper is an independent member of the Association. On Christmas Day for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harfey, 2; G. H. Head, 3; G. H. Head, 3; A. Gower, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; J. Osborne, 6; G. H. Howse (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8. On Monday, December 27th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harfey, 2; A. Gower, 3; G. H. Head (conductor), 4; T. Price, 5; H. W. Fayers, 6; G. H. Howse, 7; E. Mallard (longest touch), 8.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 1st, 720 Plain Bsb. T. Hammond, 1; C. Hills, 2; R. Linfield, 3; E. H. Phillips, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). E. H. Phillips, 1; H. Evans (Goring), 2; T. Linfield, 3; T. Parsons, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 24th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; C. Hills, 2; R. Linfield, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 5th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Hammond, 1; C. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 3; R. Linfield, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Parsons (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Hammond, 1; T. Linfield, 2; A. Child, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, January 29th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 742 Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original. A. E. Quaife, 1; A. Hardy, 2; H. Langdon, 3; G. E. Symonds, 4; W. Langdon, 5; T. Langdon, 6; W. H. Webber (conductor), 7; F. Gentry, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—On Wednesday, December 28th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' one-part, in 35 mins. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARNET (Middlesex).—On Monday, October 31st, for practice at St. John's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Dolton, 1; A. J. Chidwick, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; J. Sumpter, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. And 336 Bob Major. J. Wittey, 1; A. J. Chidwick, 2; J. Sumpter, 3; W. J. Dell, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. A. Milne, Esq., 6; C. H. Martin (conductor), 7; A. H. Belton, 8. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples, F. Turvey ringing the treble. Conducted by F. A. Milne.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, October 26th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Hendon Bob Minor. F. Turvey, 1; C. H. Martin (composer and conductor), 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. This is the first 720 rung in the method. On Sunday, November 13th, 360 Plain Bob. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; J. Barrett, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service, 336 Plain Bob. On Saturday, December 24th, 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Turvey, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Saturday, December 31st, to welcome in the New Year, 720 in the same method (nine bobs and six singles) standing as before. On Wednesday, January 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). C. Crampton, 1; F. Pratt, 2; E. Tubbs, 3; F. Carroway, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire conducted by C. Crampton, F. Pratt, and E. Pratchett. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, November 13th, 180 Plain Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; C. W. Tucker, 5-6. On Friday, January 13th, several courses of Grandsire Triples. F. Turvey, 1; F. Pratt, 2; E. E. Pratchett, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; C. Crampton, 7-8. Mr. C. W. Tucker, formerly of Hendon, was on a visit from Brockenhurst, Hants.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—The ringers of Christ Church have rung the following touches from November 7th, to December 31st: 704 Kent

Treble Bob Major, 560 Kent Treble Bob Major, 592 Bob Major, 1264 Bob Major, 944 Bob Major, 896 Grandsire (first part of Taylor's peal), 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major, 720 Bob Minor, 518 Grandsire Triples, 360 Double Oxford Bob, two 720s Bob Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 504 Grandsire Triples, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Double Oxford, 630 Grandsire Triples, 336 Bob Major, 476 Grandsire Triples, 644 Grandsire Triples, 480 Kent Treble Bob, 1024 Kent Treble Bob, and 360 Grandsire Minor. The undermentioned ringers took part in the above: H. Ross, J. Hern, G. Holmes, A. Tully, J. Browell, C. Waugh, W. Reed, W. Hunt, E. Hern and T. Teasdale.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On November 29th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Walton, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Burrows, 3; N. Townend, 4; T. Redman (conductor), 5; R. Ashworth, 6. On December 4th, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Campbell, 1; F. Towns, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, December 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Walton, 1; T. Burrows, 2; R. Hartley, 3; N. Townend, 4; D. Campbell, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine. W. Walton, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, December 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Redman, 1; T. Burrows, 2; N. Townend, 3; T. Mouncey, 4; W. Walton, 5; R. Hartley (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 18th, 720 Woodbine. D. Campbell, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; R. Hartley, 3; N. Townend, 4; F. Towns, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Walton, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; N. Townend, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; T. Redman, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6. On December 27th, 720 Kent. W. Walton, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 31st, 720 Oxford. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 1st, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service 768 in the same method. 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, January 8th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; 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, 768 in the same method. T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; W. Walton, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Hartley, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 15th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; F. Towns, 2; W. Walton, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. For evening service 720 Oxford. T. Knowles, 1; R. Hartley, 2; W. Walton, 3; D. Heys, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth (conductor), 6.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Gasson, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; T. Streeter, 5; C. Smart, 6. And 720 Plain Bob. J. Gasson, 1; G. Backshall, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On August 28th, 720 College Exercise. B. Payne, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Mills, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter, 6. For the Harvest Thanksgiving 720 Plain Bob. G. Backshall, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. W. Holford, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; C. Holman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 360 College Single. W. Holford, 1; J. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 360 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Backshall, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. On Christmas Day 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Backshall, 1; J. Wedge, 2; F. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 26th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. G. Backshall, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; C. Holman, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. J. Gasson, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. R. Bourn, 1; J. Wedge, 2; J. Gasson, 3; T. Streeter, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On New Year's Day 360 Plain Bob. G. Backshall, 1; R. Brown, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Hedger, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6.

And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Backshall, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; C. Holman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Backshall, 1; A. Gasson, 2; J. Gasson (conductor), 3; F. Streeter, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter, 6.

BRISTOL.—On Thursday, December 29th, 360 Grandsire Minor in 12 mins. G. Thomas (first 360), 1; W. W. Lea, 2; J. Thomas (first 360), 3; F. Isaacs, 4; A. M. Isaacs, 5; S. Thomas, 6. On Thursday, January 5th, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. R. Channings, 1; J. Burford, 2; J. Thomas (first 720), 3; E. Hauberg, 4; A. M. Isaacs, 5; S. Thomas (conductor), 7. And 360 Bob Minor. R. Channings, 1; S. Thomas, 2; F. Isaacs, 3; E. Hauberg, 4; A. M. Isaacs, 5; J. Burford (first 360 as conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 19th, 180 Grandsire Minor. R. Channings, 1; S. Thomas, 2; A. Stowell, 3; E. Hauberg, 4; T. Stowell, 5; A. M. Isaacs (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. G. Thomas (first 720), 1; A. M. Isaacs, 2; J. Thomas, 3; E. Hauberg, 4; J. Burford, 5; F. Isaacs, 6.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 20th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 49 mins. W. Gammon, 1; F. Larbey, 2; E. Bennett, 3; H. Brooker (composer and conductor), 4; W. Bulpit, 5; H. Lover, 6; T. Verrall, 7; G. Burt, 8. Rung to celebrate the birthday of F. Larbey.

GLINTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, October 29th, 720 Plain Bob. Palmer, 1; Thorpe, 2; Davis, 3; Shillaker, 4; Wells, 5; Brightman (conductor), 6.

GUISELEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, January 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Jackson, 1; F. Dixon, 2; E. Waite, 3; J. Yeadon, 4; T. Thompson, 5; J. Waite (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Jackson and E. Waite. For evening service 360 Bob Minor. F. Hird, 1; J. Jackson, 2; E. Waite, 3; F. Dixon, 4; T. Thompson (conductor), 5; J. Waite, 6.

GLOUCESTER.—Recently, on handbells, 360 Bob Minor and 360 Grandsire Doubles, in 20 mins. Maggie Condict, 1-2; G. Condict, jun. (conductor), 3-4; G. Condict, 5-6.

HEREFORD.—On Monday, December 26th, at St. Nicolas church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Judd, 1; R. Brunson, 2; G. Condict, 3; J. Gillett, 4; T. Newman, 5; W. Pegler (conductor), 6. Also a 6 score of Stedman Doubles. J. Groves, 5; K. Judd, 6; the rest as before.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—Recently at the church of St. Andrew 720 Bob Minor. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Sage, 2; W. Ringer, 3; A. Newson (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; H. Sucker, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. Also six 6-scores of Bob Doubles. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Sage, 2; D. Cracknal, 3; R. Haylett, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; J. Ringer, 6. These are the first 6-scores ever rung on the bells by a local band. On Christmas Day for Divine Service in the morning and evening, two-and-a-half 720s. E. G. Kemp, J. Sage, W. Ringer, R. Haylett, J. Ringer, J. Woods, and W. Killington. Also several touches on handbells by the above. For practice on Wednesday, January 4th, two 360s by E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Sage, 2; W. Ringer, 3; R. Haylett, 4; W. Killington, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6.

Obituary.

RICHARD JACKSON.

We regret to announce the death at the age of fifty-two years of the above member of the Baldock band, which took place at Baldock, Herts., on Sunday, January 29th. The deceased had given up work about six weeks ago, and took part in the ringing for evening service on Sunday, December 18th, which was his last touch, but his health had been unsatisfactory for some time before. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Hertfordshire Association, and had rung three peals, two of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major, and had conducted a date touch of Stedman Triples. He always took a great interest in and helped to learn many young hands, and was instructor to the Graveley company, who could ring rounds, but with no knowledge whatever of change-ringing, accomplished by his instruction of six weeks only their first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles on tower bells, an account of which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 1st, 1890. The funeral took place on Friday, and the coffin which was covered with wreaths, was borne to the grave by some of his fellow-ringers. Immediately after the conclusion of the service the whole pull and stand and touches with the bells deeply muffled was rung. And in the evening 448 Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Cawdell (conductor), 3; R. Jackson, 4; J. Phillips, 5; C. Castle, 6; G. T. Spicer, 7; G. Gentle, 8.

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Notices.

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The Waterloo Society, London.—The thirty-first annual dinner of the above society will be held at The York hotel, Waterloo Road, to-day, Saturday, February 11. Tickets 3s 6d. each, may be obtained of the following committee: Messrs. Barton, Symonds, Pasmore, H. Davis, Webber, and Golding, or of the Secretary, VICTOR W. WEST.

71, Langton Road, Brixton S.W.

P.S.—Waterloo tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 11th, at the parish church, Tamworth: Tower open from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 p.m. to be followed by Committee Meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Leesfield, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers invited, whether members or not.

E. B. SHAW, Branch Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Baldock, to-day, Saturday, February 11th, when the tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at The George and Dragon hotel, business meeting to follow.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—A General Meeting will be held at Winlaton to-day, Saturday, Feb. 11th. The bells of St. Paul's (6), Winlaton and of St. Cuthbert's (6), Blaydon will be open after 1 p.m. for ringing. Committee meeting at Smith's Arms at four o'clock. Tea at same hotel at 5 o'clock, members, 1s., non-members, 1s. 6d.

CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.

9, Waverley Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Leyland parish church to-day, Saturday, February 11. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m.

JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting of this district will be held (for ringing only) at Boughton, to-day, Saturday, February 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m.

E. E. FOREMAN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Central Northamptonshire Association. Quarterly meeting at Kettering this Saturday afternoon, February 11th. Usual arrangements. The bells are a ring of eight, tenor 24 cwt. A good attendance requested. Visitors from other Associations will be welcome. Headquarters: The Woolpack inn.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at New Mill to-day, Saturday, February 11th. Meeting at The Duke of Leeds at five o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells ready at

4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to preside. All ringers welcome.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—Meeting for election of officers will be held in St. Peter's belfry, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 18th, at 6 p.m. Ringing after business. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—An extra meeting will be held on Saturday, February 18th, at Cheriton church. No allowances. C. WILFRID BLAXLAND,

District Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 25th, at Haslingden. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. J. H. BANKS,

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The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. T. King, at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, February 25th, at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

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The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30 p.m.

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Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

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The annual dinner of this Society took place at The White Horse, on Saturday evening, January 21st, when a capital repast was provided by Mr. Johnson. The Vicar, the Rev. G. E. Badeley, occupied the chair, and said he was sure that all regretted that through indisposition Mr. Rice was not with them, as he took such an active part and showed such interest in the Society. After dinner a concert was held in the assembly room, to which friends were invited, and a programme of vocal music, interspersed with handbell ringing, was rendered. The ringers, who have made marked progress under the careful training of their Master (Mr. J. Bunn) showed great proficiency with the handbells, and gained repeated applause. During the evening the Honingham ringers paid a visit, and after a few touches in the Grandsire method on the tower bells, joined the social gathering.

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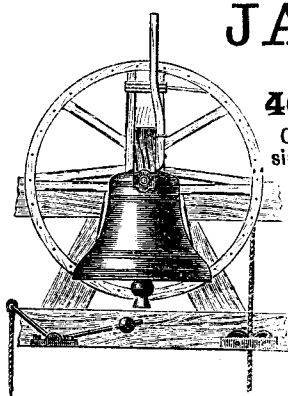
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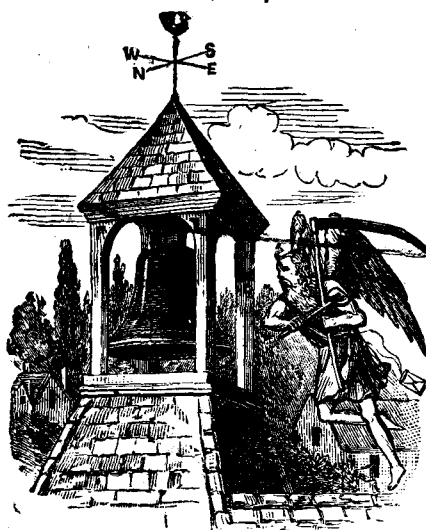
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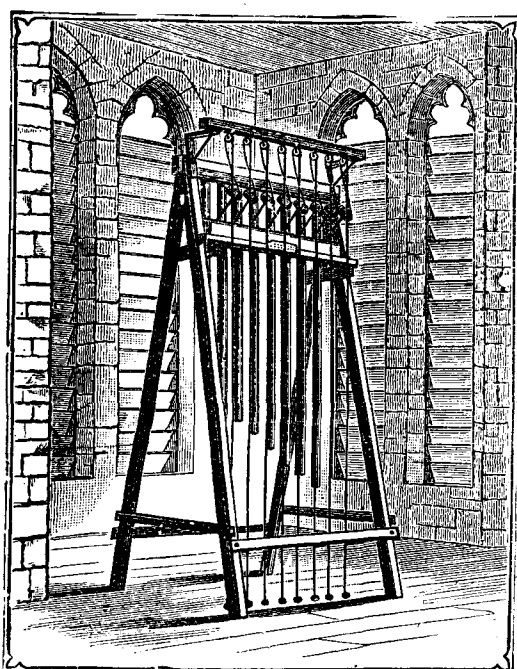
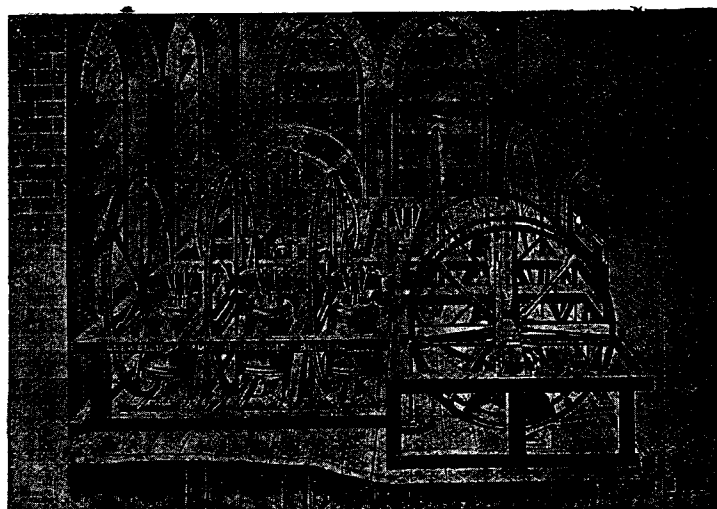
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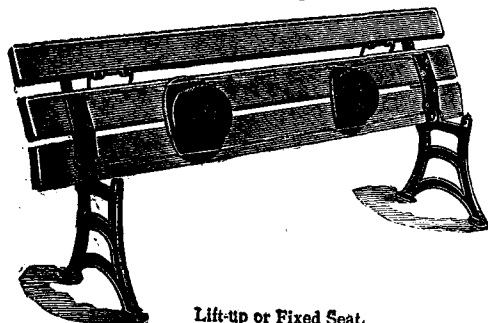
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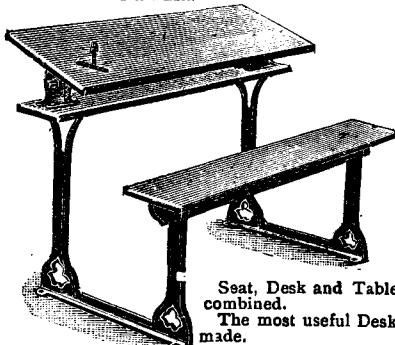
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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—FEBRUARY MEETING.

Since the change of date for this meeting from the Monday preceding Ash Wednesday to the Saturday there has seldom been a more successful gathering than that held at Winlaton on the 11th instant, nor has the wisdom of that change been better exemplified. Members began to assemble as early as mid-day, and the bells of the two towers at their disposal, Winlaton and Blaydon, were made good use of, some very good striking being heard during the afternoon and evening. The Winlaton peal went well, as might be expected where a good band of change-ringers has existed for many years, the only fault being the poor circle in which the ropes hang and the thickness of some new ropes which have recently been provided. These, however, are very minor details, and did not stand in the way of good ringing. At Blaydon, while the bells went fairly, there were ample signs of the "stoney" ringer, a board with a few changes written out being hung in the loft. It is understood that there is a good supply of ringers at this church, and it is to be hoped that they will see their way to take up scientific ringing, which they would find to be so much more interesting than the stuff they are now busy with.

A committee meeting was held at The Smiths' Arms at 4 p.m., when a few routine matters of business were attended to. Tea was partaken of at 5 p.m., when an excellent spread was done justice to by forty-one ringers, which included the Rev. A. Jones, Vicar of Winlaton, who is learning change-ringing. After tea the usual meeting was held, the President, Mr. R. S. Story, occupying the chair, supported by the Rev. A. Jones and Mr. Holmes, the latter of whom kindly took the place of Mr. C. L. Routledge, Hon. Secretary, who had duties in Edinburgh as lecturer, the result of his successful career at college in that city. The President informed the members that the committee had elected Mr. S. O. Ferry to fill the place on the sub-committee caused by Mr. Harrison being made a Vice-President, and Mr. J. Baxter, of Darlington, in the place of Mr. Alcock, who wrote that he found it too inconvenient to attend. It was unfortunately necessary to refer again to the Stockton affair, as the series of annoyance continued to come from that quarter. As shortly as possible, the President informed the members that the Secretary had in November last received a post-card from Mr. Clarkson, stating that his (Mr. Clarkson's) answer to one of the letters in "THE BELL NEWS" was that the Stockton belfry was closed to members of this Association. Under the instruction of the sub-committee, the Secretary wrote to the Vicar of Stockton asking if Mr. Clarkson had his authority for his post-card, and a reply had recently been received stating that it was without his authority, that he had no part in the dispute, and that if any members of this Association wished to ring at Stockton he would be glad to endeavour to make suitable arrangements. The President had unfortunately further to report that a few days since he had received his subscription to the Stockton bell fund back from Mr. Clarkson, without

reference to any reason or authority, and therefore in a similar manner to his unwarranted action as to closing the belfry. This insult was now being dealt with by the sub-committee, but it was regrettable, as showing how one man continued his endeavours to cause and aggravate dissension. The Association, he continued, were only too anxious to have their conduct in the whole of this matter made as public as possible, as they had throughout acted constitutionally, and in the true spirit of ringers. To put themselves properly before the Exercise, he thought it right to mention that he had written the Secretary of the new Association for Cleveland, wishing that Association every success, and in every way approving of such an Association being formed for that district, and he was sure that it was the wish of every member of the Durham and Newcastle Association that they should flourish. On the occasion of their first peal, of which he had particulars voluntarily sent him from, presumably, one of the band at Middlesbrough, he had at once written to Mr. Blakiston, one of the Vice-Presidents of the new Association, congratulating the band and the Association on their first performance. He thought it hardly fair to this Association, in the eyes of the ringing world, that these good wishes from what might fairly be termed their parent Society should not have been reported, and he mentioned it now so that every one might know that they wished nothing but good to the new Association. He was pleased to recall that they had several loyal members also members of that Association.

Mr. Hudson, Vice-President, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of Winlaton and Blaydon for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar of Winlaton for his presence at the meeting, which was carried by acclamation. The Vicar, in replying, congratulated the Association on the excellent meeting, and the spirit that pervaded it, and referring to his own ringers, was glad to state that three or four, including Mr. J. Pattison, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Zach. Scott, had been ringers at his church since he came to the parish some fourteen years since. The visitors were glad to learn that the Vicar and his son were learning the art, under the instruction of these energetic ringers.

The 720s which were rung upon this occasion will appear in their proper place in a following number of this paper.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Southwold on Tuesday, February 7th, at which there was a good attendance of members from the surrounding district. Unfortunately, owing to the inconvenient nature of the train service, and the unfavourable weather during the morning, the majority of the visitors found themselves unable to arrive before two o'clock. There were sufficient, however, during the early part of the day to keep the light ring of eight at the parish church going, with the assistance of one or two of the home company. Those present met at dinner at The King's Head inn at two o'clock, when as many as fifty sat down, comprising representatives from

Beccles, Haddiscoe, Halesworth, Westhall, Wrentham, Bampton, Leiston, Wenhamston, Covehithe, Kelsale, Huntingfield, Wisselt, Cratfield, and Chediston. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the Hon. Secretary took the chair, the Vicar of Southwold being unfortunately absent from home. Those present, however, included the Rev. E. S. Finch, Vicar of Laxfield, the Rev. G. H. D. Davies, Rector of Kelsale, the Rev. J. B. Clare, Vicar of Wenhamston, the Rev. F. G. M. Norris, curate of Covehithe, Mr. W. Taylor, of Leiston, Mr. H. Hopson, Mr. Fred Day, Mr. Fred Lambert, and Mr. A. J. Naunton, District Secretaries. Having given the usual loyal toast, which was loyally received, the Hon. Secretary proceeded to make some remarks upon the position and progress of the Society. Although unable to state the actual numerical strength of the Association at that moment, owing to the revision of the list not being complete, he thought it would be found about the same as last year at the same date, the number of recruits during the past year not having been more than enough to counter-balance the losses entailed by removals and other causes of withdrawal. The financial position, however, had improved, and they were able to show a favourable balance of nearly sixty pounds. He desired to mention a matter to them which would require their careful attention and co-operation, viz.: the memorial to the railway companies from the ringers of England, which was being promoted by the Central Council. They were seeking to obtain the same travelling facilities at reduced fares for ringers attending meetings as were accorded to members of angling and golf clubs; so that any ringer showing his card of membership might obtain at any booking office a fare and a quarter return ticket. He did not think that the Norwich Association had much to complain of in the treatment they received from the Great Eastern Company; but undoubtedly the condition exacted that there should be at least ten travelling from all stations on any occasion was a drawback, and often entailed an extra expense upon the Association, because whenever there were not ten the Association had to refund the difference to the few members who did happen to come by train. And therefore he was of opinion that they ought to join in the general movement in the hope of obtaining some relaxation of this restriction. Copies of the memorial would soon be sent to all masters of companies, and he trusted they would obtain the signatures of all members in their several parishes. He had to offer to them the President's apologies for his absence, and read a letter he had received from him explaining it.

The Rev. E. S. Finch proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary, who briefly responded. Thirty-nine new members and probationers were elected, comprising one non-resident life member, two honorary, twenty-two performing members, and fifteen probationers. The afternoon turned out beautifully fine, and after dinner the tower was again resorted to by some, while others proceeded to the sea front to gaze upon the waters of Solebay.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Stamford on Saturday, January 28th, members attending from all parts of the district. A few touches were rung during the morning, and at noon a short service was held at St. Martin's church, when an address appropriate to the occasion was delivered by the Rev. H. Law James.

The members then adjourned to The Boat inn, where

dinner was served, which, as on previous occasions, gave entire satisfaction. The Dean of Stamford presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Association), and there were also present representatives from the following places: Stamford (St. Martin's Scholars), Crowland, Peterborough, Edenham, Market Deeping, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Witham-on-the-Hill, and Grantham.

At the conclusion of the repast the Dean proposed the toast of "Church and Queen."

The business was then proceeded with, the Secretary reading the minutes of the last meeting, which was duly confirmed and signed. The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £2.

The following new skilled members were duly elected: Messrs. W. Bennett (Deeping St. James), G. Sentence (Edenham), T. Beeken (Crowland), A. Ambrose (Crowland), T. Woolley (Bourne), H. Hills (Bourne). R. Wyche, Esq., was elected a vice-president. The Master complimented the Association on the increase of members.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Dean for so kindly presiding at this meeting, and for so many times at previous meetings, which showed the great interest he took in the welfare of the Association.

In responding the Dean commented on the way in which the late Lord Winchelsea had provided for the ringers at Ewerby, and only hoped others would follow so good an example of kindness and thoughtfulness.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Incumbents of Stamford for the use of the bells.

It was unanimously carried that the next meeting be held at Lincoln at the time of Lincoln Fair, so that owing to the excursions which would be run from all parts members would be better enabled to attend, but in case anything unforeseen prevented it, then to be at Barrowby, near Grantham. Various touches were rung during the rest of the day.

ST. ANDREW'S, RUGBY.

The annual meeting of the members of this society was held at the Campbell Coffee tavern on a recent Monday evening. The Rector, the Rev. Albert V. Baillie, as President of the Association, took the chair. Mr. James George was re-elected ringing-master, and Messrs. Watson, Dubber, and Coleman were appointed the ringing members of the committee. After some suggested alterations of the rules had been considered, various matters connected with the ringing were discussed with the Rector and Mr. Brooke (churchwarden), who was also present; and in order to minimise still further the possible annoyance to residents in Church Street, it was arranged that the windows on the north and east sides of the tower should be boarded up more completely than at present. A cordial vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and for the interest he takes in the society, terminated a very pleasant meeting.

BIGGIN, DERBYSHIRE.

The parish church here has just received an addition in the shape of a tower clock, which has been erected at the cost of Mrs. Wraith, in memory of her father. It has two dials facing north and south, and strikes the hours. Messrs. Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, January 21st, members attending from Market Drayton, Wrenbury, Lawton, Alsager, Tarporley, Bunbury, Acton, and Crewe. At 4.45 p.m. thirty members sat down to a bountiful tea in the parish room, kindly provided by the President of the branch, the Rev. G. J. Howson, and which all thoroughly enjoyed. After tea the meeting was held, the President in the chair. He said he was very pleased to give the members a hearty welcome to Crewe, and he was only sorry that there was not more present, but considering the state of the weather there was a fair representation of the branch. The first item on the agenda was the reading and passing of the minutes of the previous meeting. Next came the statement of accounts, which was read and passed, showing a fair balance in hand. Then came the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the Rev. G. J. Howson was re-elected President; R. Langford, Secretary; R. T. Holding, Treasurer; Messrs. Dentith and Hartshorn, Auditors; Mr. J. Richardson with the Secretary representatives on the General Committee. Mr. Holding was again re-elected instructor to the branch. Two new ringing members were elected.

After the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (Rev. G. J. Howson), for the use of the bells, and his kind hospitality to the ringers that day, and also a vote of thanks to the ladies and verger for kindly waiting at tea.

At 6.30 p.m. a short service was held in Christ Church, when a beautiful and appropriate address was given by the Vicar. Service being over, the bells were again set in motion, and some well-struck touches of Bob Major, Bob Triples, and Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed bands.

About 9 p.m. the last of the visitors departed homewards, and the bells were lowered, thus ending another very pleasant meeting in the history of the Crewe branch.

NORTHWICH BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the above branch was held at The Cocoa Rooms, Northwich, on Saturday, the 4th instant.

There was an excellent attendance, ringers being present from the following towers: Mitton, Great Budworth, Davenham, Hartford, and Middlewich. Tea was partaken of at 6.45 p.m., to which ample justice was done. The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Binney) presided over the meeting.

The Secretary read a report of the work done during the year. Although no long peals had been attempted by the members of the branch, yet good work was being done. For the first time the branch had undertaken to give lessons with a view to improve the art of change-ringing in the district. The membership was very satisfactory, there being one life member, six honorary members, and thirty-eight ringing members. The report and financial statement were passed unanimously.

The following officials were re-elected:—Chairman—H. Hatt Cook, Esq.; Secretary—H. Parkes; Instructor—Jos. Ashmole; Committee—Mr. Cragg, Mr. G. Mann, Mr. Ashmole, and Mr. Gregory. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

As the time for ringing was limited only 336 of Grandsire Triples was rung.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the above branch was held at Prestbury on Saturday, January 21st, there being twenty-five members present from the

various towns, which was very good considering the state of the weather and the roads. An excellent tea was provided at The Black Boy inn, to which ample justice was done. Afterwards the meeting was held, the President (Rev. S. A. Boyd) in the chair. He caused much laughter by his description of the journey he had come that day, having come a short cut across the fields for the first and last time, and assuring the meeting that he should stick to the road in the future. Unfortunately, there could be no ringing on the tower bells, as a member of the choir lay at the point of death just close to the church. The Rev. S. A. Boyd was re-elected President, and J. Norbury Secretary and Treasurer. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and ringers of Prestbury for making all the arrangements. The rest of the evening was spent with the handbells, singing, and conversation.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above Society took place on February 4th at Doncaster parish church. A good attendance of ringers from Sheffield, Treeton, Rotherham, etc., in addition to the local company, resulted in touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob being rung. Ringing in the tower took place until after 8 o'clock, the "go" of the bells being all that could be desired, reflecting great credit on Mr. Mallaby, who rehung them two years ago, and Mr. C. Armitage, the steeple-keeper. The remainder of the evening was spent at The Market inn, the President (Mr. W. Lambert) in the chair. Enrolling new members, courses on the handbells, and a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Tebbutt and the local company for their kind welcome, brought a most successful and enjoyable meeting to train time.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

DEATH OF THE PARISH CLERK.—Mr. John Reecks, who had been parish clerk at Benhilton since the church of All Saints has been built (which was about the year 1886), died on Tuesday, January 31st, at the age of seventy-four. Thirty odd years of official life brought him many friends, amongst them being the local ringers, who on Tuesday, February 7th, the day of his burial, rang a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Most of those taking part in this quarter-peal attended the Benhilton National School, and have therefore long been attached to the church. The ringers were S. Smithers, W. Wood, G. Heather, C. Dean (conductor), E. Walker, H. Bryant, L. Ferrige, and W. Gray. Mr. George Turner, who was at one time sexton at the church, tolled on the tenor a whole pull for each year of Mr. Reecks's age.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual dinner to the bell-ringers of Oldbury parish church was given on Wednesday evening at The Talbot hotel, Oldbury, through the generosity of Mr. J. W. Parish, and there was a good attendance of bell-ringers and friends. After an excellent repast had been disposed of, Mr. E. Hollins took the chair, there being among those present Councillor W. G. Jones, Messrs. J. W. Parish, W. Clark, J. Forrest, I. Grigg, S. Robinson, etc.

The chairman proposed the toast of "The Donor," Mr. J. W. Parish, and expressed his appreciation of the melody produced by the bell-ringers. The toast was heartily honoured, and Mr. Parish made a suitable reply.

The evening was spent in harmony, songs, etc., whiling away the time of a most pleasant gathering.

BISHOPSTONE. WILTS.

On Saturday, February 11th, six ringers from Swindon, with two of the local men, started for Holt's 10-part on the fine ring at the parish church, but after ringing just beyond the half-way single one of the company failed to hear a call made, and as the ringing-chamber is exceptionally near the bells, and very noisy, the least trip, unless speedily rectified, means disaster. The ringers were W. Lawrence (conductor), A. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, C. Gardiner, T. Robinson, A. Breakspear, T. Ricketts, and J. Durham. It was the latter's first attempt at ringing the tenor to change-ringing, and although the time was slow he may be congratulated on his performance.

On Saturday, February 4th, the above peal was completed on handbells by "lapping" them, as a practice in calling; and although the system may be deemed unscientific, the local band—who are doing their best to master change-ringing—are deriving much benefit from it by seeing how the bells dodge and work to and fro. The bells used were cast by Rob. Wells of Aldbourne, in 1788, and the peal was rang in 2 hrs. 31 mins. by H. Osman, 1-2; W. Lawrence, 3-4; W. Hickman, 5-6; J. Durham, 7-8. T. Mace kindly marked off the bells before at each bob lead and checked the part-ends.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A very important meeting of this Association took place on Saturday, February 4th, at The Wakefield Arms, Dewsbury. There was a very good attendance of members, sixteen towers being represented. The most important business was the purchase of a new cup for the eight-bell contest. There was some keen competition for the supplying of this cup, the order being eventually given to a Bradford firm. The new cup, which will cost nearly £15., is to be in George III. style, and will weigh about fifty-three ounces. The judges were also chosen for the eight-bell contest, which takes place on Easter Monday, at Dewsbury; also the length to be rung at the same, viz.: 1344 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by A. Sykes, of Lindley.

THE ST. MARY'S GUILD, BATTERSEA.

On Tuesday, January 31st, the above Guild, and a number of other ringing friends met at Stanley's restaurant, Clapham Junction, when they were admirably entertained by Mr. H. S. Thomas and his son, Mr. H. G. Thomas, to a substantial repast, the latter occupying the chair.

Ample justice having been done to the several courses, and the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" having been loyally responded to, one of the company, Mr. C. Smith, handed to each person one of his capital smokes, which were greatly enjoyed.

The musical proceedings opened with a pianoforte duet entitled, "Sleigh Bells," by Messrs. H. C. and H. G. Thomas, and songs were capitally rendered by Messrs. Wm. Kelly, H. A. Hopkins, S. E. Marsh, H. R. Newton, and W. D. Roe, the Revs. D. T. Craig and K. Stallard, and H. S. Thomas.

During the evening a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Messrs. Newton, Hopkins, Winney, Passmore, and Oxborrow. Also a course of Grandsire Cinques by Messrs. Baron, Newton, Winney, Brighton, Hopkins and Oxborrow.

The toast of "The Visitors" was received with great enthusiasm, and suitably acknowledged by Messrs. Marsh, Spice and W. Baron. A hearty vote thanks having been accorded to Mr. Thomas and his son for their hospitality, the proceedings terminated with "Auld Lang Syne." Mr. H. Sydenham presided at the piano.

THE CROYDON RINGERS.

This company of ringers had their annual dinner at The Rose and Crown, Croydon, Surrey, on Tuesday evening, January 17th. Some thirty members and friends sat down to an excellent repast, under the presidency of Mr. Edward Holder, supported by the Rev. T. G. Hill (in the vice-chair), and later by Sir F. T. Eldridge.

The toast of "The Queen" being proposed by the Chairman,

and "The Ancient Society of Croydon Bellringers" by the vice-chairman,

Mr. States, the indefatigable Secretary of the society, responded to the last-named. Unlike Mr. Hill, he said, he knew something about bellringing, but nothing whatever about speech making. But nevertheless, he managed to make it very plain that something was radically wrong with the tenor at the parish church. He regretted the smallness of the total number of peals they had been able to ring during the year, but hoped to do better in the ensuing one.

Sir Frederick Eldridge gave "The Visitors," which comprised ringers from Beddington and Carshalton bellfries, to which Messrs. Bance and Booker responded. Other toasts followed.

THE BATTLE SOCIETY.

The annual supper of the Battle branch of the Sussex County Association took place on Monday, January 23rd, when a company numbering about thirty-five met under the presidency of the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., Dean of Battle.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had had justice rendered them,

Mr. S. Saker (Hon. Secretary for the Eastern Division of the county), proposed "The Battle Society." He did not know what they would do without the Battle Society and the Abbey tower. They were a great help to the Association in that division in more ways than one. For instance, he believed the first peal scored by local men in that part of the division was by Battle, and that the Battle men had scored the first peal of Stedman in that part, although they had to have outside help, but half of them were local men. If a few more young men would make a start in change-ringing they would be taken with the same fascination that some of the rest of them had. The Battle society had brought on a good number of recruits, and had assisted ringers from Hastings, including himself, for if it had not been for the opportunity he had had of ringing at Battle he certainly would not have made the progress he had. He would like to see their churchwarden, Mr. Holt, taking part in a peal composed by his great namesake. Mr. Franks responded to the toast.

During the evening songs were given by several of the party, and others gave selections on the handbells.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The local band of ringers at Halesowen were invited to supper at the rectory on Monday, January 30th, when the members were kindly entertained by the Rector-in-charge (Rev M. Macdonald). There were also present the Revs. T. J. Cartwright and G. L. Gosling, and Mr. Nutt. After supper the evening was spent in ringing touches on the handbells, songs, and readings from Longfellow. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. M. Macdonald for his kind invitation, the company emphasising the fact that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE MORPETH SOCIETY.

The Morpeth bellringers had supper on Thursday, the 9th instant, at The New Phoenix hotel. They were honoured by the company of his worship the Mayor (Councillor W. Anson Grey), who presided, County Councillor R. Nicholson, Councillors Jardin and Dobson, Mr. Jones Jobling, Mr. T. Dick, Mr. W. Allan (Gosforth), and other representative gentlemen. The loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, and the toast of the evening, that of "The Bellringers," was proposed by Mr. Councillor Jardin. It was received with great enthusiasm, and Mr. John Lawson, who has been a ringer for over fifty years, suitably replied. One or two other important toasts followed, and songs were admirably rendered by various members of the company. Mr. C. E. Proctor presided at the piano, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld lang syne" and the National Anthem. The Master of the ringing company—Mr. W. P. Brown—was congratulated upon having carried out the arrangements to a successful issue.

Correspondence.

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

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

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—In reference to the enquiry which the Central Council is making into the condition of church bells and ringing-chambers throughout the country, with a view to obtain increased consideration for the claims of both bells and ringers, I shall be greatly assisted and obliged by receiving at once the names of any Guilds or Associations which are not in the appended list, together with the names and addresses of their respective Secretaries, in order that I may communicate with them.

A. P. HEYWOOD.

Duffield, Derby, February 11th, 1899.

PRESENT LIST.

Ancient Society of College Youths.
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St. James's Society, London.
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Durham and Newcastle Association.
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Chester Diocesan Guild.
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Bath and Wells Association.
Lancashire Association.
Sussex Association.
Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.
Liverpool Association.
Yorkshire Association.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.
Ely Association.
Northamptonshire Association.

"RECTIFICATIONS."

SIR,—I beg to thank Mr. T. J. Bratton for his information respecting the two peals rang at Dolgelley, viz., Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob Major, on September 25th and 26th, 1899. I had made enquiries years ago of the oldest ringer in Dolgelley who had rung at the coronation of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and also at the last jubilee, and he said he never heard of a peal being rung, neither had his father, who also was a ringer. I suppose the old folks at Dolgelley in those days did not know what a peal really meant.

Bridge Street, Dolgelley.

D. ROBERTS.

Obituary.

JOSEPH B. IRELAND.

We regret to announce the death of the above member of the St. Mary's church, Harrogate, band, at the age of fifty-two, which took place at his residence on Sunday, February 5th, after an illness of seventeen weeks. He had been a member of the St. Mary's band for twenty-seven years, and was No. 1 of the Harrogate Corporation Fire Brigade, and had been a member for about nineteen years. He was also a member of the Yorkshire Association, and had the previous month paid his last subscription entitling him to a life membership. He was interred on Thursday afternoon with the full honours of a fireman's funeral, the coffin being covered with the Union Jack, deceased's helmet, and floral tributes. The mournful procession consisted of the following; Free Gardener's, "Peaceful Dove" Lodge of Oddfellows, Ancient Order of Foresters, and the M.U.O.F. representatives of the Friendly Societies; officers and members of the Harrogate Corporation Fire Brigade; officers and members of the Harrogate

Volunteer Salvage Corps, and representatives of the following Fire Brigades: Leeds City Corporation, Bradford City Corporation, Guiseley, Halifax, Shipley, and five other towns, and the St. Mary's ringers. His comrades of the brigade acted as bearers. After the conclusion of the service the ringers went to St. Mary's church and rang 360 Bob Minor and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to their late brother-ringer. F. Durdy, jun., 1; J. Benson, 2; H. Dickinson, 3; F. Durdy, sen., 4; J. Mann, 5; W. Turner (conductor), 6; J. Fozard 8 (covering).

JAMES RAMSDEN.

We regret to announce the death of the above, which took place somewhat suddenly on Monday, February 6th. Deceased had been connected with the ringers of the parish church, Middleton, for twenty-seven years, and was much respected. He had also been a gravedigger for twenty-three years, and it was whilst following this employment that he complained of a chill, so he left his work to go home. On arriving there he took to his bed, and the doctor was called in, who declared that he had had a stroke of paralysis. He gradually got worse and lost his speech; finally he was called away to his last long sleep about nine o'clock the same evening. On Saturday last he was interred in the cemetery of the parish church of St. Leonard. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside, and a short touch of Bob Major on the tower bells, whilst in the evening it was intended to ring a peal, but after ringing 2 hrs. it came to grief owing to a change-course. Deceased was sixty-one years of age. "May he rest in peace."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—This company's summary for the first seven months of the year 1898 consists of 108 complete 720s, viz.: 17 Kent Treble Bob, 12 Oxford Treble Bob, 8 each of Superlative Surprise and Woodbine Treble Bob, 5 each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor, 4 of Double Court Bob, 3 each of York Surprise, Duke of York, and Double Oxford Bob, 2 each of London Surprise, Bristol Surprise, Rochester Surprise, Lincoln Surprise, Lichfield Surprise, Huddersfield Surprise, Worcester Surprise, Durham Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Canterbury Pleasure, 1 each of Coventry Surprise, Wells Surprise, Chichester Surprise, Ringers Surprise, Ely Surprise, Bocking Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Violet Treble Bob, City Delight, London Treble Bob, Killamarsh Treble Bob, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Victoria Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob Minor, Double Bob Minor, and Grandsire Minor. Of the foregoing, 67 were conducted by W. Watts, 21 by J. Luckey, 17 by T. J. Watts, and 3 by Isaac Cavill of Roydon, Essex. Total number rung by members of the band: W. Watts rang 102; Isaac Hammond, 94; G. Gray, 88; T. J. Watts, 82; J. Luckey, 79; H. Little, 59; G. Jordan, 53; T. Jordan, 40; J. Cavill, 30. It will be seen that the above 108 720s, have been rung in thirty-nine different methods. Total number of changes successfully brought round the seven months, 89,034.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, January 23rd, at St. Andrew's church, a touch of Stedman Triples. H. Argyle, 1; L. Longney, 2; W. Stone, 3; G. J. Winter, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; J. F. Clarke, 6; J. George, 7; F. Adams, 8. Another touch in the same method. A. Dubber, 1; W. Stone, 2; J. W. Chandler, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; J. F. Clarke, 6; J. George, 7; L. Longney, 8. Both touches conducted by J. George. Also 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Dubber, 1; L. Longney, 2; W. Stone, 3; G. J. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 6; J. T. Clarke, 7; J. George, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, January 17th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 720 Double Court Bob with 7 and 8 covering. J. Worthington, 1; J. Denner, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; T. Barlow, 6; M. Berry, 7; R. Denner, 8. The ringers stood the same for both.

WEST DERBY.—On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. R. Taylor, 1; J. Hudson, 2; G. Woodhall, 3; W. H. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; H. Winstanley, 5; R. Davies, 6. First 720 of Bob Minor by all with the exception of Messrs. Woodhall and Hargreaves. First as conductor.

WILBY (Northants).—On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. H. Robinson, churchwarden. A. Fairey, 1; C. Fairey, 2; T. Fowler (conductor), 3; W. Drage, 4; W. Smith, 5. Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat. Mr. Robinson previous going to reside at Wilby for many years an active churchworker in connection with the parish church, Wellingborough.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1899.

In the report of the meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association, which will be found on our first news page, the relation of matters, to the thinking part of the Exercise, will be very painful reading. The fact that some sort of schism has been created with reference to questions connected with the Stockton augmentation is by this time common property. But though this is true, we should be inclined to refrain from any comment, or even bare remark, while any tension existed, or questions at issue between the parties were *sub judice*, as it were. Those directly concerned have been our own particular friends for many years, and we are happy in being able to pay a profound testimony to the value, in our eyes, of such friendship and intercourse. The information, however, conveyed in the report alluded to is of such a character that, if accurate, we should fail in our duty did we allow it to be published without entering a strong protest against the position which it is alleged has been taken up by our old friend MR. CLARKSON. This gentleman's services to the cause of ringing is so well known that one can hardly believe but what there is an error some-

where or other, and that he has been sadly misreported. The "difference" upon the Stockton job it is unnecessary at this late stage to refer to. So far as we and our readers are concerned it is done with, and we were not singular in hoping that it had been forgotten by all. Whether the Durham and Newcastle Association did the wisest thing in refraining from officially asking for subscriptions it is now too late to consider. They had precedents for the course they took, no doubt, though it occurred to us that no harm would have been done in stretching a point in favour of such a grand augmentation as that which was proposed for Stockton. This, however, *en passant*.

We are very greatly interested and much concerned in the statement in the report above alluded to that the edict has gone forth that the Stockton belfry is closed to members of that Association which Mr. CLARKSON so greatly assisted to found. We cannot yet give credence to such a statement. If he or any one else has formulated such a ukase, it is positively astounding. Our friend is a gentleman; surely he has not let himself down to the level of the proverbial ignorant sexton of twenty or thirty years ago, who tried to rule ringers, churchwardens, and Vicar, and fondly imagined the church was his, and he was *the* major-domo of all. We are unable to swallow the allegation, and we trust that Mr. CLARKSON will repudiate it, which, if correct, would greatly depreciate him in the respect in which he is held. A tower closed to members of a prominent Association at the behest of one man! The day for such things is gone and past, and only to be met with now in unenlightened neighbourhoods, or among benighted people. The North of England, at any rate, is not suitable soil for such fantastic tricks.

The Metropolis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES HOPKINS Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 8.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 9.
STAFF-SGT. ALFRED PYE.. 5.	FREDERICK A. NUNN Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5241 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES PETTITT Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
WILLIAM TRUSS 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 8.
WALTER S. WISE 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
THOMAS F. TAFFENDER .. 5.	WILLIAM FOX Tenor.

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains the extent of 2, 3, 4, 5 behind the 9th. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Edwin Horrex, an esteemed member of this Society, whose wedding took place on the above day

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

ALBERT C. HARDY Treble.	CALEB FENN 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	ROWLAND FENN 6.
CHARLES HOPKINS 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Tuesday, January 31, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

JESSE GILLET Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD 5.
FRED G. MAY 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 6.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This peal is J. W. Washbrook's variation of Middleton's.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire, and two 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY LINGHAM Treble.	*WILLIAM MARTIN 4.
GEORGE HAYES 2.	FREDERICK HAYES 5.
FREDERICK RING* 3.	LEWIS SILVER 6.

Conducted by LEWIS SILVER.

*First peal of Minor.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Wednesday, February 8, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 6.
FRED G. MAY 2.	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 7.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 3.	JOHN AUSTIN 8.
FRANCIS E. HART 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 9.
FRANCIS E. WARD 5.	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor.

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

The above peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Pegler.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER BROMLEY* Treble.	JAMES WIGNELL 5.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 2.	ALFRED CLAYTON 6.
ALFRED BOXALL 3.	CHARLES BANCE 7.
HENRY BROOKER 4.	ARTHUR BUNDLE Tenor.

Conducted by H. BROOKER.

*First peal.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, February 9, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES.
 Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOORHOUSE Treble.	JOHN E. HARTLEY 6.
GEORGE CHEESBROUGH* .. 2.	*GEORGE HINSLEY 7.
F. MOORHOUSE 3.	J. W. MOORHOUSE 8.
THOMAS MARS 4.	*GEORGE BUCKLEY 9.
ALBERT SCOTT 5.	*J. T. EASON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

*First peal of Caters, and was rung at the first attempt. This peal is now rung for the first time, the calling of which will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 26, 1898.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE SOCIETY OF COPLEY SCHOLARS.
On Thursday, February 9, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

HERBERT SUGDEN Treble.	HARRY GOOD 5.
JOHN PALFRAMAN 2.	BERNAL E. HOWE 6.
ARTHUR GILL 3.	WM. JOYCE 7.
ARTHUR BENSON 4.	JOHN JOYCE Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY GOOD.

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

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, February 10, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.
 Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CONYARD Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by J. PAGETT, and Conducted by JOHN CHEESMAN.

Rang as a birthday compliment to A. Brighton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, February 10, 1899, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR PAPWORTH Treble.	GEORGE SMITH 4.
SAMUEL SLATER 2.	ROBERT GOWERS 5.
ROBERT BRETT 3.	ALBERT JOHN CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT JOHN CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday peal to George Smith, who celebrated his 36th birthday that day, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day; it was also rung as a farewell peal to Robert Brett, who is about removing to Chislehurst, Kent, his brother ringers wishing him the best wishes in his new home.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, February 10, 1899, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 JOHNSON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JAMES BUMBLE Treble.	*WILLIAM BULPITT 5.
HENRY BROOKER 2.	*CHARLES KITCHING 6.
FREDERICK LARBY* 3.	GEORGE BURT 7.
HENRY LOVER* 4.	†HENRY SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by H. BROOKER.

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

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

WILLIAM LEBBON Treble.	GORDON CHECKETTS 5.
ALBERT HILL 2.	OLIVER JAMES 6.
LIONEL LONGNEY 3.	ALBERT JACKSON 7.
ALFRED FLOWERS 4.	GEORGE BOURNE Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

ASHFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDK. J. HARRINGTON .. Treble.	JAMES WALLIS 5.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK 2.	THOMAS WALLIS 6.
WILLIAM STEED 3.	GEORGE HEAD 7.
JOHN W. STEDDY 4.	JACK PRESTON Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JACK PRESTON.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rebung by Messrs. Taylor, and is the first peal of Treble Bob rung for over fifty years. The ringers wish to express their thanks to the Rev. Canon Tindall for kindly giving permission for the peal.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.
 Tenor 27 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM* .. Treble.	WILLIAM WILLSON 5.
SAMUEL COTTON† 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLRR .. 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell and first attempt. It was intended to ring Superlative, but two were unable to come. Messrs. Perkins and Houghton hail from Irthlingborough; Clarke and Chasty from Bedford, and were elected members of the above Association previous to starting for the peal, which is the first in the method, and longest length on the bells.

HAWLEY, HANTS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. MAYO 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES 2.	*WILLIAM HORNE 6.
ARTHUR W. HIGGS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN TUCKER 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 in each of the following 14 methods:—

Tulip, Primrose, Ebor, Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, College New Treble, College Treble, College Exercise, London Scholars, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Duke of York.

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lbs.

W. J. NICHOLSON Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 4.
THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 2.	HENRY TURTON 5.
J. H. BROTHWELL 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD 6.

Conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.

H. Turton belongs to Killamarsh company. This is the first 14-method peal rung at Treeton, and was given as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. John Chanter Blackmore, who, previous to his induction to the living of Treeton, was for fourteen years Rector of Morchard Bishop.

KIRKHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ROBT. COOKSON Treble.	*THOMAS COOKSON 5.
WILLIAM BILLINGTON* .. 2.	*NICHOLAS STANHOPE .. 6.
RICH'D. REDMAN 3.	*JOSEPH KIRBY 7.
HENRY KIRBY* 4.	*BEN HERRINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLINGTON.

*First peal.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON, MANCHESTER AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On [Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

JAMES GRATRICK Treble.	CHARLES OLLIER 6.
JOSEPH POTTER 2.	JOHN FEARNEHEAD 7.
C. H. BLAKELEY 3.	TITUS BARLOW 8.
JOHN POTTER 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 9.
JAMES B. TAYLOR 5.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

First peal in the method by ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor. This peal has the 6th her extent right in the tittum position, and her extent wrong in the inverted home position, and is now rung for the first time.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE L. GOODWIN .. Treble.	EDWIN TIMBRELL 5.
ROBERT PARKINSON 2.	JOHN BROWN 6.
JAMES MATHER 3.	JAMES SMITH, SEN. .. 7.
WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

MERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK PAINE* Treble.	*ALFRED E. GOWER 5.
RICKS PAINE* 2.	EDWARD S. RUCK 6.
SIDNEY PAINE* 3.	DANIEL PAINE 7.
RICHARD PAINE* 4.	†GEORGE PAINE Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by GEORGE PAINE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SMITH .. Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
NOAH DAVIS 2.	ERNEST C. HUNT 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER* .. 3.	THOMAS WAKEMAN 7.
ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition has the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, with the 6th her extent right. *First in the method as conductor.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—THE WALDRON SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

T. DURRANT* Treble.	T. J. ADES 5.
A. E. MIDMORE 2.	A. REID 6.
T. PRICE 3.	B. HOBBS 7.
H. RANN 4.	*W. JENNER Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. G. ADES to Miss E. F. HIBBERD, of Broughton, Hants., also as a birthday peal to Messrs. A. Reid and H. Rann, who received the usual congratulations after the peal.

*First peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN CREASEY* Treble.	WILLIAM H. BULLOCK .. 5.
SEDLEY COLLINS† 2.	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7.
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a compliment to Sedley Collins, he having attained his 16th birthday a few days previous, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CAPEL, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, February 14, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

Superlative Surprise, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Violet, and Oxford.

ALFRED WALES* .. Treble.	CHARLIE TAYLOR 4.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	THOMAS M. STEDMAN .. 5.
EDWARD HOLLOWAY .. 3.	EDWIN JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by E. JORDAN.

*First peal.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. Treble.	WALTER FRANKS 5.
FREDERICK LOCK 2.	CHARLES RICHARD CARTER 6.
FRANK MATHIS* 3.	WILLIAM JAMES THOMAS 7.
CHARLES JAMES HYLAND 4.	JOHN SINDEN Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

*First peal with a bob bell, for whom it was arranged.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURNLEY.—On Tuesday, January 24th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1899 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 9 mins. N. Townend, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Redman, 3; D. Campbell, 4; F. Towns, 5; R. Hartley, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHICHESTER.—On Tuesday evening, January 31st, at the Cathedral, a date touch of 1899 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Hiscock, 1; J. Beams (composer and conductor), 2; D. H. Falconer, 3; F. B. Tompkins, 4; D. Falconer, 5; J. H. Blake, 6; R. Walters, 7; W. Spudlock, 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of J. H. Blake, and as a farewell compliment to J. Beams, who is leaving for Redhill.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, January 25th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Rhodes, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Price, 4; T. Bettison, 5; S. Robinson, sen., 6; C. Severn (composer and conductor), 7; S. Robinson, jun., 8. Tenor 17 cwt. Longest length by Messrs. Rhodes and S. Robinson, sen.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, January 26th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 9 mins., taken from the "unknown" peal. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; J. C. Adams, 3; T. Lowe, 4; E. Unitt, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, January 15th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 16 mins. C. Darwin, 1; W. Gordon, 2; A. Gordon, 3; T. Sale, 4; J. Barlow, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6; J. A. Gordon, 7; A. S. Gordon, 8; W. Gordon, sen., 9; A. Birch, 10. Tenor 24 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—At the parish church for Christmas and the New Year, several touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure Minor were rung, assisted by H. Franks, of London, and H. Elliott, of Caterham. On Tuesday, January 17th, for practice on the back seven, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; C. R. Carter, 5; W. Eastland, 6; W. J. Thomas, 7; W. Franks (conductor), 8. The bells were later ceased in peal.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA. — On Sunday, January 24th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; S. Watson, 2; S. Saker, 3; C. Hill, 4; T. Waterhouse, 5; G. Watson, 6; F. Locke, 7; H. Denman, 8.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Christmas Day for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Kirk, 1; F. Kirk, 2; R. Pendered, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; W. J. Gilbert, 6; F. Stubbs, 7; F. Gilbert (conductor), 8. On Monday, December 26th, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Gilbert (conductor), 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; H. Sharman, 4; F. Kirk, 5; W. Gilbert, 6; F. Stubbs, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. On Sunday evening, January 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 50 mins. H. Stubbs, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; F. Stubbs, 4; F. Kirk, 5; W. Gilbert, 6; H. Sharman, 7; F. Gilbert (conductor), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On a recent Sunday, before morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Sherman, 1; T. Buckland, 2; J. Batting, 3; W. F. Bagley, 4; A. S. Bagley, 5; J. W. Bagley, 6; R. Buckland (conductor), 7; F. Child, 8. In the evening a quarter-peal in the same method, in 45 mins. W. Sherman, 1; T. Buckland, 2; J. Batting, 3; W. F. Bagley, 4; A. S. Bagley, 5; R. Buckland, 6; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 7; J. W. Bagley, 8.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, December 22nd, 1024 Treble Bob Major in 42 mins. F. Hancock, 2; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Worthington, 4; A. Worthington, 5; S. Robinson, sen., 6; G. Marsden, 7; S. Robinson, jun., 8. Rung in honour of the seventieth birthday of G. Marsden, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Wednesday, January 11th, for practice, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, 1; W. Rhodes, 2; J. Morton, 3; W. Price, 4; G. Norman, 5; S. Robinson, sen., 6; G. Marsden (first touch as conductor), 7; S. Robinson, jun., 8. First length of Major by the local band.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, January 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Bettison (conductor), 1; T. Milnor, 2; E. James, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Marsden, 5; A. Worthington, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEVER (Kent).—On Sunday, January 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. H. Harrington, 1; E. Harrington, 2; J. Eastman, 3; E. Seal, 4; D. Webb, 5; F. J. Harrington (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. H. Harrington, 1; J. Eastman, 2; E. Harrington, 3; E. Seal, 4; D. Webb, 5; F. J. Harrington (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire

Minor. H. Harrington, 1; J. Eastman, sen., 2; E. Harrington, 3; J. Eastman, jun., 4; C. Eastman, 5; F. J. Harrington (conductor), 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Thursday, January 12th, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Welsh, 1; H. Porter, 2; F. Harrington, 3; S. Perkins, sen., 4; W. Pollard, 5; G. Smithers, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. And 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; W. Pollard, 2; G. Smithers, 3; A. Welsh, 4; W. Latter, 5; H. Porter, 6; F. Harrington, 7; S. Perkins, sen. (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 15th, 168 Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, jun., 1; W. Latter, 2; A. Welsh, 3; H. Ford, 4; W. Pollard, 5; G. Smithers, 6; S. Perkins, sen., 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

THE CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, January 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, an attempt for 1008 Grandsire Triples was lost in the last lead owing to the tucking of the second rope coming out. G. Hobson, 1; G. Vick, 2; S. Hopton, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Prickett (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; G. Daniells (longest length), 8. Tenor 21 cwt. On Monday, January 23rd, 210 Darlaston Bob Triples. A. Paddock, 1; G. Hobson, 2; J. Prickett, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley, 6; R. Thompson (conductor), 7; G. Daniells, 8. First touch in the method by all except J. Prickett.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 21st, 720 Duke of York. T. Levitt, 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Symonds, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all and on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON.—On Tuesday, December 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. W. H. Doran, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; E. Wightman (conductor), 7; W. Clark, 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Sunday, December 18th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 London Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Moule, 1; E. Wightman (conductor), 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Mardell, 5; W. Pye, 6. After service 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Miller, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; the rest as before.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—Recently at St. Peter's church 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. R. Smith (first 720), 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager (first with a bob bell), 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Seager (first 720), 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor; also first in the method on the bells.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.—On Monday, January 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. A. W. Coady, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; H. Greene, 3; R. Greene, 4; C. Murray, 5; R. T. Greene, 6; R. R. Cherry (conductor), 7; E. Lister, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Wednesday, January 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. A. Castle (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; B. Bidnell, 4; T. Webb, 5; C. Castle (first quarter-peal), 6; G. T. Spicer (conductor), 7; C. Gentle, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR (Notts).—On Sunday, January 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Wilson, 1; A. Trigg, 2; W. Pervin, 3; J. Yates, 4; G. Doughty, 5; H. Whittle (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Wilson, 1; A. Trigg, 2; W. Pervin, 3; G. Doughty, 4; H. Whittle, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 13rd, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Pervin (aged 13), 1; A. Trigg, 2; H. Whittle (conductor), 3; J. Yates, 4; W. Pervin, 5; J. Wilson, 6; G. Doughty, 7; F. Wilson (aged 13), 8. On Sunday, January 29th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Wilson, 1; A. Trigg, 2; J. Yates, 3; G. Doughty, 4; W. Pervin, 5; H. Whittle (conductor), 6. And a 360 in the same method. J. Wilson, 1; A. Trigg, 2; W. Pervin, 3; G. Doughty, 4; H. Whittle (conductor), 5; W. E. Cartwright, 6.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, January 22nd, at St. Lawrence church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; C. P.

Smith, 2; J. E. Hexter, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. R. Ward, 5; W. R. Hexter, 6; J. Bailey (conductor), 7; A. Spencer, 8. In the evening a quarter peal of Stedman Triples in 45 minutes, conducted by J. Bailey; T. C. Wicks taking the place of J. R. Ward, the rest as above. On Sunday morning, January 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Spencer, 1; C. P. Smith, 2; J. Harrison, 3; J. R. Ward, 4; W. R. Hexter, 5; W. Hexter, 6; J. E. Hexter (conductor), 7; B. Clark, 8. In the evening 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; C. P. Smith, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; S. Simpkin, 6; W. Hexter (conductor), 7; B. Clark, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples; J. N. Ward conducting.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD.—The following touches were rung at the quarterly meeting on January 23rd; At Holy Trinity church, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Boniface, 1; J. Harper, 2; T. Attwell, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; E. E. Dodd, 5; H. White, 6; J. Whiting, 7; E. J. Pulling, 8. 168 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; A. J. Boniface, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; H. White, 6; J. Whiting, 7; A. Pulling, 8. At St. Nicolas' church, several courses of Grandsire Caters, Bob Minor, and 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Hewett, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; E. J. Heathorn, 4; G. Manfield, 5; M. Steer, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; H. White (conductor), 8. 464 Bob Major. A. J. Boniface, 1; G. Hawkins, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; E. E. Dodd, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; E. J. Heathorn, 6; J. E. Hern, 7; H. White (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 22nd, for Divine Service, 252 Stedman Triples. G. Foster, 1; S. Radford, 2; J. Hunt, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; E. Allen, 5; F. Blondell, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; E. Radden, 8. Also 308 Grandsire Triples. E. Radden, 1; G. Foster, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; S. Radford, 4; E. Allen, 5; J. Hunt, 6; F. Blondell (conductor), 7; J. J. Jones, 8.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

NEW MILL (Yorks).—At Christ Church, for practice on Saturday, January 28th, a touch of 2,880 changes in 1 hour and 44 mins., being 720 each of the following: Merchants' Return, Violet, Oxford, and New London. G. Gill, 1; J. Tinker, 2; H. Biltcliffe, 3; A. Gill, 4; H. Haigh, 5; H. W. Barrow, 6. Also on Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford; for afternoon service, 720 Kent; and for evening service, 720 Violet. It is exactly sixteen months since this band commenced learning.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 31st, for practice, the above company rang for practice 576 Superlative Surprise Major, two courses of London Surprise, and two courses of Cambridge Surprise. After which 336 Grandsire Triples was rung with two probationers. They then adjourned to their club-house, where courses of London Surprise and Duffield were rung on the handbells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, January 28th, at St. Bridget's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Smith, 1; J. Mealor, 2; W. Briscoe, 3; W. Williams, 4; J. Hammond, 5; J. Rutter, 6; J. Pownall (conductor), 7; E. Hampson, 8.

ASHTREAD (Surrey).—On New Year's Eve a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Stedman, 1; J. Wyatt, 2; G. Wyatt, 3; A. Dean, 4; H. Corbett, 5; J. Hoyle, 6; W. Cook (conductor), 7; D. Anscombe, 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. And 1036 in the same method. H. Stedman, 1; J. Wyatt, 2; G. Wyatt, 3; H. Corbett, 4; J. Hoyle, 5; W. Cook, 6; A. Dean (conductor), 7; D. Anscomb, 8.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Thursday, January 26th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, but it came to grief after ringing 400. R. Meager, 1; A. Crane, 2; F. Hedges (conductor), 3; A. Crane, 4; A. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. James, 7; F. Sear, 8.

EVERTON (Notts).—On Monday, January 23rd, after a lapse of nearly six years, the old members of the parish church was at their places at the ropes, when they rang 720 Oxford. On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Violet. On Sunday evening, January 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Duke of York. C. Lindley, 1; J. Swindon, 2; J. Holgate, 3; John Swindon, 4; G. W. Stevenson, 5; G. Brown (conductor), 6.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Wednesday, January 25th, at St. Margaret's church, 720 Double Bob Minor. G. Hodge, 1; E. Lambert, 2; W. Lambert, 3; J. Beach, 4; F. Butchers, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 27th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of

Bob Major, 1264 changes, and 224 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in honor of E. Lambert's birthday. F. Lambert, Fanny Lambert, W. Lambert, and T. Lambert, sen.

LAVERNHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 23rd, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Bobby, 1; H. Parker, 2; W. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Rung to celebrate the birthday of A. Symonds, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 8th, for Divine Service, 955 Grandsire Caters. C. Otway, 1; E. Hull, 2; T. Newnham, 3; H. Woods, 4; H. Newnham, 5; J. Wyatt, 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; W. Messam, 8; A. Dean, 9; H. Cropley (longest length), 10.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 24th, at the parish church, 720 New London Pleasure in 29 mins. F. Fosker, 1; R. Keeble, 2; C. Green, 3; R. Wilding, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; A. Symonds, 6.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 29th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. F. Rolfe, 1; G. Mee, 2; E. Rivers, 3; B. Francis, 4; G. Moss, 5; A. Fuller (conductor), 6.

NEWDIGATE (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 29th, at the parish church, before the 3 o'clock service, 360 College Pleasure. A. Wales, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; F. Wickens, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. After the service 720 College Pleasure. A. Ellis, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; F. Wickens, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. 720 London Scholars Pleasure. A. Ellis, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; J. Cooper, 3; S. Ellis, 4; C. Taylor, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. 720 College Exercise. E. Holloway, 1; E. Jordan, 2; J. Cooper, 3; S. Ellis, 4; B. King, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. 720 Woodbine. C. Taylor, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; F. Wickens, 4; B. King, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Taylor, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; J. Cooper, 3; S. Ellis, 4; B. King, 5; A. Ellis (conductor), 6. Messrs Ellis, Wickens, King, and Cooper hail from Charlwood, Surrey, the rest are from Capel.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, January 19th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. H. Argyle, 1; W. Stone, 2; W. H. Horwood, 3; G. Winter, 4; L. Longney, 5; J. George, 6; J. Clarke, 7; T. W. Chapman, 8. On Thursday, January 26th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, which was stopped on account of illness near the church. F. Adams, 1; J. George, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; G. Winter, 4; H. Argyle, 5; W. H. Horwood, 6; J. Clarke, 7; T. W. Chapman, 8. On Tuesday, January 17th, on handbells, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Stone, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 7-8.

SNAITH (Yorks).—On Saturday, January 28th, at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Merrills, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Gilbert, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. D. Bullock, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. C. Holmes, 1; G. Holmes, 2; H. Lambert (conductor), 3; J. Gilbert, 4; R. Holmes, 5; J. D. Bullock, 6. This was a one-part 720.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR (Notts).—On a recent Sunday afternoon for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. T. Wilson, 1; A. Trigg, 2; W. Purvin, 3; G. Doughty, 4; H. Whittle, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, January 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 673 Grandsire Triples. A. Gordon, 1; T. Sale, 2; J. Barlow, 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; J. A. Gordon, 5; W. Gordon, jun., 6; W. Gordon (conductor), 7; C. Darwin, 8. Rung on the birthday of J. A. Gordon. On Tuesday, January 24th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Gordon, 1; T. Sale, 2; J. Barlow, 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; A. S. Gordon, 5; J. A. Gordon, 6; W. Gordon (conductor), 7; W. Gordon, jun., 8. Also touches of Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples by the same band.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday, January 8th, for Divine Service in the evening, 1008 Bob Major. T. Lawrence, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; J. H. Shepherd, 5; T. Robinson, 6; C. Gardiner, 7; E. Bishop (conductor), 8. Monday evening, January 9th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Ricketts (conductor), 1; G. S. Brown, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Robinson, 4; C. Gardiner, 5; E. Bishop, 6; O. W. Layng, 7; R. W. Hyner, 8. January 27th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, 1; T. Ricketts (conductor), 2; G. S. Brown, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; C. Gardiner, 5; A. Breakspear, 6; T. Robinson, 7; W. Ball, 8. On Sunday, January 29th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. F. S. Wilson, 1; G. S. Brown, 2; T. Robinson, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; T. Ricketts (conductor), 5; C. Gardiner, 6; E. Bishop, 7; W. Ball, 8.

Notices.

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Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, February 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to preside. All ringers welcome. W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—Meeting for election of officers will be held in St. Peter's belfry, Nottingham, to-day, Saturday, February 18th, at 6 p.m. Ringing after business. W. E. WHITE, Hon Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—An extra meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 18th, at Cheriton church. No allowances. C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, District Hon. Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—An extra meeting of the above Society will be held at The Dog and Gun, Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, February 18th, at six o'clock, to settle about the six-bell contest. All members wishing to compete at the contests must pay their contributions to me on or before March 1st. WALTER IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

St. Michael's Junior Society, Gloucester. The above society intend holding their annual dinner on Thursday, February 23rd, at The Albion hotel, Southgate Street. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be had of any of the members, or of JOHN AUSTIN, Hon. Sec.

Bentham Villa, Conduit Street, Gloucester.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Notice.—On Friday, February 24th, at the Society's headquarters, a special meeting will be held. Several important matters will be brought before those present. It is hoped all members will endeavour to attend.

ARTHUR JACOB, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 25th, at Haslingden. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec.

Helmshore.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. T. King, at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, February 25th, at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited. C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Lampton, Hounslow.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30 p.m.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.
"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in school at 5.30 p.m. JAMES MATHER, Branch Sec.

The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield church, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting house White Bear inn. R. HARRISON, Sec.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—A special meeting will be held at The White Hart inn, Eckington, on Saturday, February 25th, at 5 o'clock prompt. Members kindly attend. Business re Cup Contest. Bells open for ringing during afternoon.

EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.
18, Park View, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle parish church on Saturday, February 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock prompt.

R. PARKINSON, Branch Sec.
13, John Street, Oswaldtwistle.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary Johnson Commemoration will be held as usual on Saturday, March 4th. Ringing at St. Martin's from 3 to 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at "Ye Old Royal," Temple Row, at 6.0 p.m. J. S. PRITCHETT, Esq., M.A., B.C.L., will preside. Dinner tickets free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application not later than Wednesday, March 1st, to the undersigned.

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

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting is unavoidably postponed till Saturday, April 15.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

Will the following members or any friend whose eyes this may meet kindly send their present addresses to the Hon. Sec.: James W. Roper, late of 14, Ridley Villas, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Howard V. Wilkins, late of Sutton Coldfield; Harry D. Smith, late of 16, Vernon Street, Northampton; Arthur O. Stewart, late of 5, Adnith Road, Whitworth Estate, Northampton, and greatly oblige,

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

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BOLTON, BRADFORD.—After a lapse of some years, owing to various untoward causes, this band has scored a peal, which is a creditable performance on the part of Mr. Copley's scholars. It is the first peal by the ringers of the first four bells; the first in the method by all the company; and the first time as conductor by Mr. Harry Good. The striking throughout is reported as having been excellent.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

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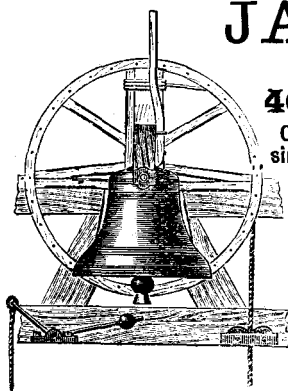
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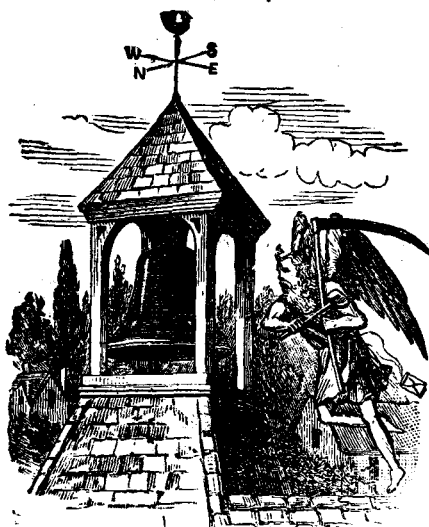
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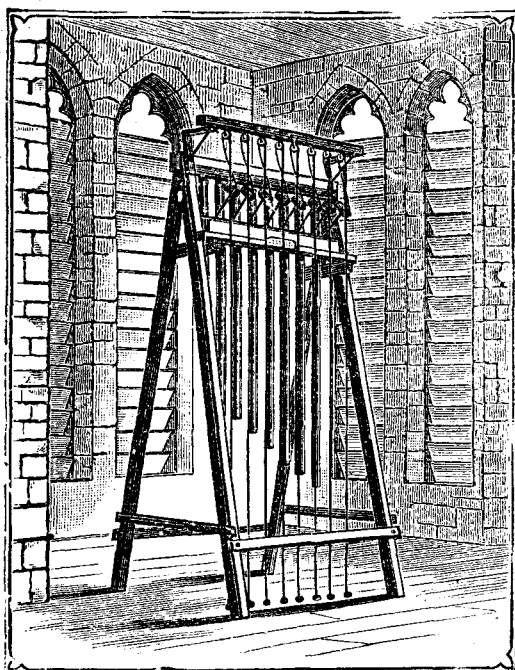
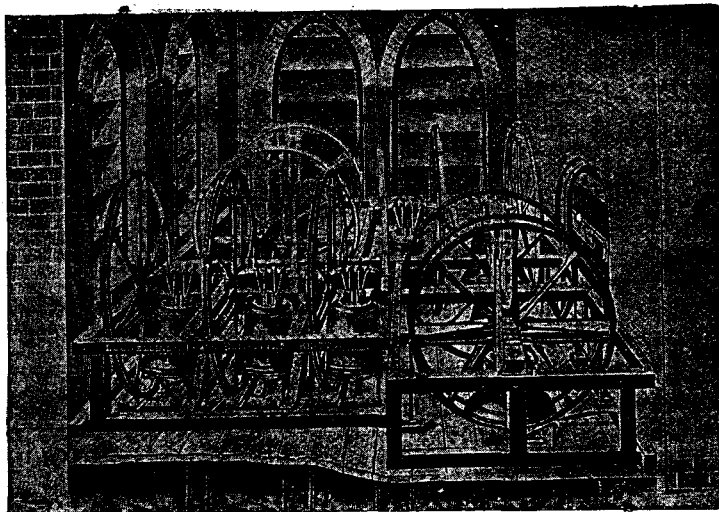
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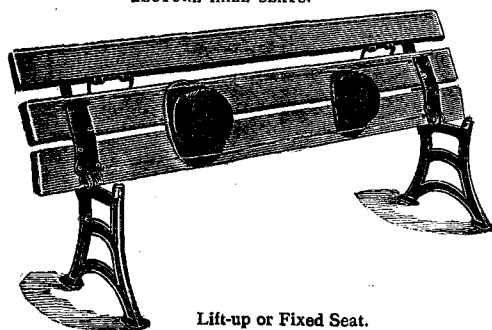
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DEDICATING GRAPPENHALL NEW BELLS.

ON Saturday, February 4th, this quiet village was the scene of an exceedingly interesting event: it was the day fixed for the dedication of a new treble, 4th, and tenor to complete the octave. For well nigh two hundred years six of these bells had hung in the tower, and during their long day of duty had no doubt rendered good service in reminding the villagers, and many others besides, of services to be held in the church; of marriages solemnized; or of departed friends carried to their last resting-place. Five of these bells, however, still keep their places, no ill-feeling, nor jealousy, will deter them from doing their share of their work; in happy concert with their younger associates they will give utterance to the old calls, in fuller harmony and louder measure, so that the parishioners of to-day may hear and respond, as their forefathers did in the olden time.

Divine Service began at three o'clock p.m., and was attended by a large congregation. The hymn, "We love the Place," was sung as a processional. Special psalms were used, and a special lesson was read. The address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon of Chester, who took for his text Psalm lxxviii. 24. It was earnest, eloquent, and well suited to the occasion, and was much appreciated by the hearers, who listened with attentive ears, and have not failed to express their feelings of pleasure. It was a critical moment for those in authority as they sat waiting for the ringers to begin the first peal on the restored bells, which they did after the dedication was made, but any anxiety soon passed away when the music was heard, and it is satisfactory to know that the verdict in their favour is general. The clergy who took part in the service were the Revs. E. C. E. Carleton, H. V. Pigot, J. W. Stanton, and Richard Greenall.

The bells have been put into their places by their founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have completed the work in a short time, and have done it well. The first touch on the bells was accomplished by ringers of Grappenhall church. Ringers were present from Daresbury, Warburton, Manchester, Runcorn, Oxton, Bromborough, and Crewe. Ringing was kept up by mixed bands until a late hour, in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain and Treble Bob Major. The weight of the tenor is 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Our correspondent adds: "It has been quite a long-standing promise that we should have eight bells at Grappenhall, but until now it has been a 'pleasure deferred.' If it had not been for the very kindly interest taken in ringers and ringing by our respected Rector, the Rev. Richard Greenall, it is quite possible we should have been without them yet. One and all were very sorry that his son, R. C. Greenall, who is a very enthusiastic ringer, was unable to be present. Instead, we have his parting words:—

These men are all as brothers,
And may they never fall,
Till God, the Great Instructor,
Shall cry to them—'That's all.'"

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT KETTERING.

A fine afternoon and the privilege of using and listening to such a well-known and interesting ring of bells as those of Kettering drew together a large number of members of this Association on Saturday afternoon, February 11th. In addition to over fifty ringers from seventeen different churches, several of the neighbouring clergy were present, also Mr. J. Henson, who has been connected with and taken an interest in Kettering bells, belfry and ringers for a great number of years, and two years ago presented a tablet to record the first peal of Major ever rung on Kettering bells by Kettering men. His son, Mr. H. F. Henson, gave a new bell when they were rehung nine years ago. Tea was provided at The Cross Keys coffee tavern at five o'clock. In the absence of the Rector, the Rev. P. M. Smythe, through illness, the Rev. Guy Landon took the head of the table, and spoke a few words of kindly welcome to the Association.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making arrangements.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. J. Dennes) referred to the painful illness and death of Mr. George Johnson, of Earls Barton, who in addition to being a ringer in that old Saxon tower, was a respected and valued member of the church choir.

Ringling was resumed at six o'clock, and continued until half-past seven, when the bells were lowered and nicely chimed for Evensong. A new set of handbells, the property of the Irthlingborough company, afforded much enjoyment later in the evening at The Woolpack, the landlord of which well-known inn has two stalwart sons, who are change-ringers and peal conductors. Good songs were sung by several members, and Master Smith (age 11) entertained the company with some excellent selections on the pianoforte.

Meetings have been held at Kettering on three previous occasions. Since the first meeting the church has been completely restored, and the bells rehung in an iron frame, the ringing-floor being at the same time raised a stage higher in order to open out the west arch. The old peal-boards were carefully taken down and placed in the new ringing-room. The church clock was made by Thomas Bayre, in 1756. It was restored and the Cambridge quarters added a few years ago. In the year 1733 the vestry (according to the parish books) agreed "that there shall be a new set of chimes made on the eight bells to the steeple of Kettering." These remained until 1890. They had been silent for some years.

In the Association's early days it was difficult for mixed bands of ringers to ring together owing to a lack of knowledge of method. Now however, thanks to the spread of a correct teaching of the art and science of change-ringing, members from various belfries accomplish well-struck touches in several methods with credit to themselves and pleasure and enjoyment to those who listen.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, January 28th, and was attended by nearly sixty members from Chiddingstone, Edenbridge, Hever, Penshurst, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, Staplehurst, Sundridge, Tonbridge, Westerham, and the local members.

Ringling commenced soon after 3 o'clock at St. Peter's church, and, with the exception of the interval for tea and meeting, was kept up by mixed bands with great spirit until 8.30, in the following methods, viz.: Grandsire Minor and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

The committee meeting was held at 3.45 in the small parish room, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, General Secretary of the Association, presiding. Seventeen new members and probationers were elected, and it was decided that the meetings for the year should be held at the following places, provided that the necessary arrangements could be made, viz.: Tonbridge in April, Seal Chart in October, and the annual meeting next January at Cranbrook, it being reported that the bells at the latter place are shortly to be rehung.

At 5 o'clock the members sat down to an excellent meat tea in the large parish room, the Rev. C. Courtenay, Vicar of St. Peter's, presiding, supported by Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and Miss R. Macalpine-Leny, of Speldhurst, a lady well known, not only in the county, but amongst the College Youths in London, for the interest she takes in bell-ringers and ringing, and one of the few lady hon. members of the Association.

The business meeting was held after tea. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the District Secretary read his annual report, which was considered very satisfactory. The election of officers was next proceeded with. On the proposition of Mr. J. Eastman, seconded by Mr. W. E. Pitman, MUS. BAC., Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, was unanimously re-elected Hon. District Secretary, and Mr. S. Groombridge, of Sevenoaks, was also unanimously re-elected representative on the Central Committee on the proposition of Mr. H. G. Pope, seconded by Mr. G. B. Selby. Both Mr. Latter and Mr. Groombridge briefly returned thanks for their re-election. The various other items on the agenda having been disposed of, the Rev. J. F. O. Helmore rose to propose a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. Courtenay for presiding at the tea and meeting, and for the use of the bells and the parish room, and also to Miss Macalpine-Leny for gracing the meeting with her presence; this was seconded by Mr. J. Eastman and carried with enthusiasm.

The Chairman responded on behalf of Miss Leny and himself in a humorous speech, saying that it had been a great pleasure to him to meet so many ringers.

Mr. W. E. Pitman proposed, and Mr. S. Groombridge seconded, a vote of thanks to Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for attending the meeting, this was carried with applause, and Mr. Helmore, in responding, said that he was very glad he was able to be present, as it was some time since he had been able to visit the Tonbridge district. He had been hoping for some time past that a gentleman of leisure would be found who would undertake the duties of General Secretary, and would be able to go

through the length and breadth of the county, visiting each district in turn, which he had not the time to do. He congratulated the members on the prosperity of the Association, and said that they had a satisfactory balance in hand at the end of last year.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Hagley on Saturday, January 28th. The tower of St. John's church was open to members, and ringing commenced at three o'clock. At five a short Evensong was said, and a practical address given by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Gibbs, clerical Hon. Secretary to the Association, who also presided at the business meeting afterwards held in the schoolroom. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. The committee's report on the work of the Association for the past year was read, and after discussion ordered to be printed. The auditors presented the balance-sheet, which was accepted as satisfactory and ordered to be printed with the report for circulation at the annual meeting.

About twenty new members were accepted, including the Rev. Minor Canon Floyer, of Worcester Cathedral, and Miss Mabel Gibbanks, daughter of the Vicar of Wollaston, near Stourbridge. It was resolved that the Rev. W. E. Gibbs draw up a short form of service to be used at the meetings of this Association, and submit the same to the next annual meeting. A vote of thanks was given the Rector for the service and address in church, the use of the bells and schoolroom, also for presiding at the meeting. In responding, the rev. gentleman expressed the pleasure it gave him to preside over such a meeting, and heartily welcomed the Association to Hagley.

The members, about fifty in number, afterwards adjourned to The Lyttelton Arms, where a substantial knife and fork tea was provided, at which the Rector presided, and showed his sympathy by bearing half the expense.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The Quarterly Meeting of this society was held on Saturday, February 11th, at the parish church, Tamworth, the attendance of the members being very satisfactory. The bells of the parish church were rung during the afternoon and evening by members of the society, and some touches in the Grandsire and Stedman methods were successfully brought round. A short service was held at five o'clock, the address being given by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Courtney Clarke, after which a committee-meeting was held in the vestry. The Vicar presided; several tower elections were ratified, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Perry Barr about April 15th.

An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom, where, through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens, a very excellent knife and fork tea was waiting. Full justice having been done to the good things provided by all present, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their generosity in providing the tea, and also to the ladies who so kindly came forward and attended to the wants of all present, was passed unanimously. The Vicar and churchwardens in reply gave the society a very hearty welcome to Tamworth, and hoped it would pay them another visit before long.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4th, the quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Bennington, when members attended from Boston, Freiston, and Friskney, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. At 4.30 a short service was held, prayers being read by the Rev. J. P. Cheales; and an address was given. After a first-class tea at The Nelson inn, the usual business meeting was held. The question of the Lincolnshire Diocesan Association was discussed, and the draft rules sent out approved. The next place of meeting chosen was Swineshead. A paper from Mr. T. Boyers was also read. He thought the Association was not making the progress it should do; that the outlying villages were not visited as often as they might be; and that peals of 5000 were seldom rung; and he hoped one and all would do their best to help on the Association. Money was voted for trap hire to parties going out to instruct young ringers when required. It is hoped Mr. Boyers will organise parties and teams, and so help to fulfil his wishes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Leyland parish church on Saturday, February 11th, members attending from Penwortham, Preston, St. Andrew's (Leyland), St. James's (Leyland), Chorley, and Blackrod. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. At 5.30 the members then adjourned to the Roebuck hotel, where a substantial repast was served, after which the business meeting was proceeded with, the Secretary reading the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed.

Other business being concluded, it was unanimously agreed that the annual meeting be held at Chorley. A vote of thanks to the President, Mr. J. Banister, for presiding, and to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, brought the meeting to a close.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.—A meeting of this district was held at Boughton on Saturday, February 11th, when members attended from Birchington, Boughton, Canterbury, Faversham, Hernhill, and Ospringe. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, when touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. At six o'clock all present were entertained to tea with the church choir in the schoolroom. At the conclusion of the repast a hearty vote of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Boodle, and Mrs. Boodle, for their kindness in providing tea, and for the use of the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

Another ringer's wedding! "Let 'em all come" in their turn. On Saturday, February 11th, Mr. F. Edwards (one of the ringers of Tenterden parish church) was married to Miss Austen, also of Tenterden, and so his brother-strings pulled the ropes most heartily in honour of the occasion, and on their return from the honeymoon spent at Brighton (not being able to ring at their own church owing to a Confirmation being held) they journeyed to the neighbouring tower of Rolvenden, and attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but which came to an untimely end after over 1700 changes had been rung. A successful attempt was however made on the 20th instant, the record of which will be found in its proper place.

The bridegroom being a son of the Mayor, and also a sergeant in the volunteers and a member of the fire brigade, the couple received a right royal welcome home; and we, one and all, wish them long life and happiness.

C. T.

BURMARSH, KENT.

This quiet little village was all astir on Saturday, February 4th, on the occasion of the re-opening of the tower and bells after restoration and addition. The former has received a new roof and floors, with other external and internal repairs; the three ancient bells have been quarter-turned, tuned, and rehung in a new oak frame; a new tenor, 10 cwt., and a treble $4\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. have been added to make a peal of five. At 8 a.m. the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rector, the Rev. E. Ibbotson, at which the work was dedicated. Evensong was sung at 3 p.m., and a sermon preached by the Rev. T. F. Dixon, Rector of Willesborough, and R.D. After the service some touches were rung by members of the Hythe society, who most kindly offered their services for the occasion. At the close of the proceedings the ringers were invited to a substantial tea at the rectory. The restoration of the bells was placed in the hands of Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, who have carried out the work most satisfactorily. The treble and second of the original bells, are supposed, on Stahlschmidt's authority, to have been cast by William Burford, of London, between 1371 and 1392, and the largest by J. Danyell about the middle of the fifteenth century. The above is the first ever rung in this village, the church of which, dedicated to All Saints, dates from the middle of the eleventh century.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held on Saturday, February 11th, at Leesfield, and was presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. T. R. Sale, M.A., who was unanimously elected a Honorary Life Member of the Association. In opening the proceedings the Vicar expressed his pleasure in welcoming the branch to Leesfield, and hoped they would pay them another visit on some other occasion. The ringers present were from Rochdale, Oldham, Glodwick, Ashton, and Lees. After the meeting the bells were kept ringing until 8.30 to the tune of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Treble Bob Major.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON BRANCH.)

The annual meeting of this branch was held in St. Mary's belfry, Taunton, on Saturday, February 4th. The Rev. H. C. Courtney (Minehead), presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The election of officers then took place: Chairman—E. E. Burgess; Secretary and Treasurer—J. Maddock; Committee—Messrs. Poole, Burge, Chapman, Creed, and Mogridge. It was proposed by Mr. F. Millard, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole, that the next meeting of the branch be held at Wilton. Votes of thanks were then passed to the late chairman, the Rev. J. V. Buckland, and the Rev. H. C. Courtney. The members wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Messrs. Burge and Fowler for getting everything in readiness. The bells were kept going in Grandsire Triples and Caters until eight o'clock.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN PARISH CHURCH, YORKS.

A fine new Cambridge quarter-chime clock, erected in the tower of this parish church, was set going on Saturday last, the 18th instant, by the Rector, the Rev. H. L. Cooke, M.A., in the unavoidable absence of the chairman (J. B. Dewhurst, Esq., J.P.) of the District Council, the work having been executed by Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of Guildford Street, Leeds, for the Urban District Council; the builders' work having been done under the superintendence of Mr. John Mallinson, the Surveyor to the District Council.

The church has a commanding aspect, and adjoins Skipton Castle, the seat of the Right Hon. Lord Hothfield, and formerly the residence of the Clifford family, so well known in English history.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

It is with deep regret we have to chronicle the sudden death of the Rev. Peregrine E. Curtois, M.A., Vicar of Hemingford Grey, Hunts., and one of the District Secretaries of this Association. With the intention of visiting an outlying part of his parish on Monday, the 13th instant, he proceeded to cross some meadows, which were flooded from the recent rains, by means of the railway, in doing which he was caught by a passing engine and killed instantly. The deceased gentleman, who was sixty-two years of age, was well-known for the keen interest he has always taken in ringing and ringers, ever since his connection with the University Guild as a Cambridge undergraduate. He had been a member of the "Ely District" Association almost from its commencement, and when that body became absorbed in the re-constituted "Diocesan Association" two years ago, was unanimously elected Secretary for the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, an office which he retained until his death. The remains were buried on Friday afternoon last, in the little cemetery at Hemingford Grey, in the presence of a large crowd of private friends and of the parishioners among whom he had worked so faithfully since 1869. The Revs. Kenelm H. Smith (Treasurer) and Walter W. Crump (General Secretary) attended as representatives of the Association with which he had been so long connected. After the funeral service, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung, with the bells completely muffled, by several of the local ringers, assisted by Mr. H. Sharp (Wilburton), who, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Croft (Secretary for Ely district), had come over for the sad occasion. The bells were also rung half-muffled on Sunday, both at Hemingford and Wilburton; at the latter church a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob being rung in the morning, and a 720 of College Singles before evening service, both conducted by Mr. W. Smith.

There is a hard-working band belonging to the Association at the little village of Ickleton, near Saffron Walden. A year or two ago there was only one change-ringer in the place (Mr. J. Webb), now we hear that on Thursday evening, February 16th, they rang 960 changes of Old and Bob Doubles alternately, each six-score being called differently. The ringers were: Arthur Page, 1; Eustace Webb, 2; Percy Webb (conductor), 3; Arthur Lilley, 4; Jesse Webb, 5; Frederick Crick, 6. Tenor about 20 cwt. We shall hope to hear next that they have accomplished their first 5000, and wish them every success. C.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The members of this branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association received from the rev. Rector, on January 4th, the usual invitation to the annual supper, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all; a few good courses coming up totally devoid of error. After the removal of the cloth a short time was pleasantly spent by the company.

On the 27th ult., the first annual meeting of the branch was held at the rectory, the whole of the members being present. Mr. T. Elcox presided. Mr. C. Beaman was appointed Master, and the Chairman was elected on the committee of the Association and local Secretary. There was much discussion on the formation of rules, which will beyond doubt ultimately secure a greater interest in the science among the members.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. T. Griffiths, concluded the proceedings.

WEST POINT CHURCH, RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

The tower of this church, which was destroyed by fire some short time ago, has been rebuilt, and a new eight-day hour striking clock fixed in the same. Mr. Pritchard, watch and clock maker, of Runcorn, had the order for the above, but unfortunately just when he was going to commence fixing the same a few weeks ago, he died suddenly, so Mr. Gilbert Pritchard, watchmaker, of Widnes, son of the above, instructed Messrs. William Potts and Sons, clock manufacturers, of Guildford Street, Leeds, to complete the clock for his mother and sisters, which they have just accomplished.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE OLD CHIMES.

Mr. E. Dennes, Hon. Secretary of the Northamptonshire Association, writes: "Wellingborough seems to have had chimes at an early date, for in the 42nd year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth (1600) new chimes were put in, superseding an older set, which had doubtless been in use a great many years. Cole speaks of a tradition that William Batley, parish clerk, and architect of The Hind hotel, first introduced chimes into Wellingborough: but seeing that Mr. Batley would only be six years old in the year 1600, the tradition seems hardly reliable. None of the bells at present in the tower were there at this date. All have since been replaced or recast. Without doubt there would be at least a peal of five at that time. In the reign of Edward VI. most of the town churches had four or five large bells. An old will, quoted by Cole, states that Richard Clerke left 'twenty pence towards the bells of the church of Wellingborough, A.D. 1500.' There are no further entries in the church books concerning the chimes until 1714 (Havey Sparke and Samuel Knight, churchwardens), when the sum of £16 6s. 5d. was expended in 'repairing the chimes to go at the hours of 3, 6, 9, and 12, and each time to go eight times about the cylinder.' This work was probably done by Eayre, of Kettering, as three years later (1717) this entry appears: 'Paid Aires for repairing the chimes £12.' The same year £4 were spent in 'repairing and mending the clock.' When the two new bells were added to the old ring of six, fifteen years since, the chimes were taken down, and 'Old John Walker' and the other tunes that had delighted the townsfolk and kept the Grammar School boys 'up to time' for so many years past were heard no more. Now, however, through the generosity of the late Mr. W. Woolston, the town possesses a set of carillons far superior in every way to the former. The parish church handbell ringers, in their programme at Christmas, included the following 'reminiscence' of the old bells and chimes: 'Wellingborough Church Bells. The old ring of six as they were from 1640 to 1884, rung in rounds and a favourite chime of the old ringers. Also the ancient quarter chimes as they were from 1750 to 1884, and 'Old John Walker,' a tune played by the chimes from 1714 to 1884."

WILBY, NORTHANTS.

THE RECTOR AND HIS CHOIR AND RINGERS.

"Our church looked very pretty, decorated by loving hands. The services were well rendered by the choir, and the number of communicants who received the Holy Sacrament during the Festival was larger than in former years, viz.: 53. We must not omit to recognise the 'joy bells' and the ringers. What would our Sundays and festivals be without the bells? More than half the world would forget that it was Sunday! In connection with Christmas and the new year we must not forget to chronicle the choir and bellringers' supper, which took place at the rectory on the last evening of the old year. Sixteen of the church officers and workers sat down to a good square meal, and did, we hope, full justice to it. After the table was cleared, the guests kindly drank the health of their host and hostess, and the Rector in reply gave a brief resumé of the Church work accomplished during the past twelve months. In the course of his remarks reference was made to the expected coming of the new parishioners who will occupy the houses lately vacated. These have already shewn kindly interest in the place by taking their share beforehand in helping parish matters—and our bellringers in their yearly Christmas visit with their handbells did not suffer for the houses being empty. Songs and stories enlivened the rest of the evening, until it was time for the church bells to 'ring out the old (year) and ring in the new,' when the party broke up with mutual good wishes for the next merry meeting."—*Wilby Parish Magazine*.

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EAST LONDON SOCIETIES DINE TOGETHER.

On Saturday evening, the 11th instant, the St. George's, Whitechapel, Aldgate, and Bishopsgate societies had their annual dinner at The Three Tuns, Aldgate, where a good repast was placed before the company.

The chairman (Mr. W. Williamson) said it gave him great pleasure to see the amalgamation of the upper East London societies on such an occasion, and as the society at the far east end of London was credited with being one of the best in London, he saw no reason why with their combined efforts the whole four should not be equal in point of ability. Among the visitors that evening he was glad to see some old friends from neighbouring churches, as showing the friendly spirit which existed among the ringing fraternity of East London. He hoped this feeling of friendship would always prevail, and so set an example to other societies, bellringing or otherwise.

Mr. Samuel Hayes (Bow) responded for the visitors. He endorsed the remarks of the chairman with regard to the unity which should exist between societies generally, and thanked the company for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast.

A good musical programme was arranged and satisfactorily carried through. Mr. Ernest Richards, A.C.M., L.C.M., presided at the pianoforte.

Correspondence.

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

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

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—In reference to the enquiry which the Central Council is making into the condition of church bells and ringing-chambers throughout the country, with a view to obtain increased consideration for the claims of both bells and ringers, I shall be greatly assisted and obliged by receiving at once the names of any Guilds or Associations which are not in the appended list, together with the names and addresses of their respective Secretaries, in order that I may communicate with them.

A. P. HEYWOOD.

Duffield, Derby, February 11th, 1899.

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THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Your report, in to-day's issue, of the Durham and Newcastle Association's meeting at Winlaton on February 11th, calls for a few

lines of explanation and apology from me. Mr. Story is reported to have said that "he had written the Secretary of the new Association for Cleveland, wishing that Association every success, and in every way approving of such an Association being formed for that district."

He thought it hardly fair to this Association (Durham and Newcastle), in the eyes of the ringing world, that these good wishes . . . should not have been reported." This is quite true; in a letter dated December 7th, Mr. Story did express his best and kindest wishes for our future success. As I was unable to be present at the Winlaton meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association (to which I am pleased to belong) and reply to the President's remarks, let me now explain and apologise. I did not mention this letter at our opening meeting on January 7th for the simple reasons that I regarded it as a private one to myself, and I did not wish to introduce any note of discord on that occasion, or even to appear to pave the way for it, as the meeting was held just at the time when feeling was running very high in some quarters over the unfortunate difference about the Stockton bell scheme. This, Sir, is my explanation, and if, as Secretary of the Cleveland Association, I seem to have been guilty of an act of discourtesy to the President and members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, I beg to offer my apology to them through your columns, and in the name of this Association to thank them for their kind wishes, and to express the hope that ere long a feeling of "brotherly love" may grow up and "continue" between these two neighbouring Associations, each of which has the same common interests at heart, viz.: the cultivation of change-ringing and belfry reform, and each of which has its own particular district and sphere of usefulness.

W. P. WRIGHT.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Cleveland Association.

Stokesley, R.S.O., Feb. 18, 1899.

SIR,—Judging from the remarks made by Mr. Story at a recent meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and reported in your last issue, he seems to be in the dark respecting the origin of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Why he should attempt to draw the new Society into the conflict I cannot say, unless it is because of Mr. Clarkson having been elected Master of that body; and as one of the chief movers in bringing about a long-felt want for our district, should like it to be known to Mr. Story that there is not the slightest reason for connecting the two. The formation of the Cleveland Association was talked of long before the Stockton ten-bell scheme became known, and was chiefly due to the fact of there being twenty to thirty towers in our immediate neighbourhood, outside the sphere of influence of any Association, and where change-ringing is practically unknown, and we hold ourselves justified in taking the step we did.

Middlesbrough.

J. H. BLAKISTON.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL COLLECTION.—DOUBLE NORWICH COURT
BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Your insertions of my previous notice under this heading did very good service indeed, as several composers cheerfully responded to the call. But there are yet a few other gentlemen whose eye has not yet been attracted or caught. I therefore thought another cast of the net might be more effectual, followed probably by a pressing private letter on the subject. I don't like mentioning names, and I am sure, Mr. Editor, you will agree we ought not to do so in a notice of this description. In reply to correspondents, I may say I don't want the job of copying compositions from ringing papers, as it is preferable, and much more satisfactory, that the autograph of each composer represented should be in evidence.

H. DAINS.

147, Barnsbury Road, N.

"INFORMATION WANTED."

SIR,—Referring to your issue of November 19th, 1898—"Information Wanted," are church bells more liable to crack when firing than when ringing changes, I should be greatly obliged if some reader of your valuable paper could give the necessary information through these columns.

C. CLIFFORD.

Lugwardine, Herefordshire.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—At the Abbey Schools on Friday, January 13th, on handbells, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Lewis, 1-2; J. Earwicker, 3; H. C. Wilton, 4; H. L. Waddington, 5-6. Second 6-score: H. Lewis, 1-2; J. Earwicker, 3; E. Whitbread, 4; H. Waddington, 5-6. Third 6-score: H. Lewis, 1-2; J. Earwicker, 3; T. P. Coombes, 4; H. L. Waddington, 5-6.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, January 15th, at the parish church, 672 Stedman Triples. A. Burchell, 1; S. Phipps, 2; F. K. Howell, 3; W. Gale, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; T. Alsop, 6; J. Poole (conductor), 7; D. Clark, 8. Rung as a farewell touch to S. Cullimore, who is leaving to join the police force at Newport, Mon;

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The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 2.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS 6.
FRANK BUCK 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. P. BRICE.

First peal in the method on the bells, also by the Norwich Association. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5165 CHANGES.
Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. NUNN Treble.	CHARLES T. HOPKINS 6.
HARRY BARTON 2.	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS† 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 3.	VICTOR W. WEST 8.
ALBERT E. QUARFET 4.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 5.	FREDERICK GENTRY Tenor.

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

*First peal on ten as conductor, †First peal of Grandsire Caters.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	HARRY FLANDERS 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 2.	EBENEZER ANDREWS 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING, ESQ. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED WALTER BRIGHTON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 20, 1899, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	SIDNEY WADE 5.
ARTHUR MILLER 2.	WILLIAM BURROWS 6.
FRED. RICHARDSON 3.	JOHN MILLER 7.
ISAAC ATTWATER 4.	CHARLES BALE Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC ATTWATER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BOLTON BRANCH.

On Saturday, February 11, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs.

WM. THORNLEY Treble.	*J. E. MARKLAND 5.
G. PINCOTT 2.	J. GREGORY 6.
J. MAKINSON 3.	*J. MARKLAND 7.
R. HOLDEN* 4.	J. MOULDING Tenor.

Conducted by WM. THORNLEY.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells by the above branch.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN WILLIAMS Treble.	WILLIAM COOPER, JUN. .. 5.
WILLIAM COOPER, SEN. .. 2.	FREDERICK JONES 6.
GEORGE MITCHISON 3.	WILLIAM LONG 7.
CHARLES WILLIAMS 4.	FRANCIS WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LONG.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Evelyn Gough Calthorpe, of Perry Hall, and Mr. Cecil Wilson, of Market Drayton, which took place on the above date at St. Augustine's, Queen's Gate, London.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, February 16, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE OLD PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER BRYANT Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.
BERNARD WITCHELL 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 4.	JOHN BUFFERY Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

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

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 16, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and 360 each of The Dream, Morning Star, London, St. Dunstan's, April Day, Fortune, St. Simon's, Gog and Magog, Stedman's Slow Course, and New Doubles.

EDWARD YOUNGS Treble.	JOHN BUCKINGHAM 3.
CHARLES NUNN 2.	EDWARD BUCKINGHAM .. 4.
ALEXANDER SYMONDS Tenor.	

Conducted by ALEXANDER SYMONDS.

First peal in twelve methods by all, and first peal of Doubles by C. Nunn.

HAWKEDON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 16, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 6-scores of St. Dunstan's, six 6-scores of The Dream, six 6-scores of April Day, twelve 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE Treble.	GEORGE BRIDGE 3.
ARTHUR TAYLOR 2.	JESSANIAH THEOBALD .. 4.
GEORGE MIDDLEDITCH Tenor.	

Conducted by GEORGE MIDDLEDITCH.

After the peal the company adjourned to their meeting-house and had their annual dinner, one and all spending a very enjoyable evening.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

GEORGE BURROWS Treble.	JOSIAH MORRIS 6.
CHARLES R. LILLRY 2.	JOHN BUTTERY 7.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 3.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 8.
LEONARD W. COPSEY 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON 9.
WILLIAM P. COOPER 5.	JOHN C. HILL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal on ten bells by Messrs. Copsey and Hill. Rung to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the wedding of the conductor. The ringers herewith thank the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Rendell, M.A., for the use of the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

WILLIAM R. SMALL Treble.	THOMAS HORTON 5.
JOSEPH TIMMS* 2.	SAMUEL REEVES 6.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN 3.	JAMES PRATT* 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 4.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal in the method.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM HAIGH Treble.	*WILLIAM SPICE 5.
EDWARD RAYNER* 2.	WALTER HOBBS 6.
WALTER MANNERING 3.	THOMAS MANNERING 7.
ALFRED TAWNEY 4.	ALFRED PALMER Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by T. MANNERING.

*First peal of Major.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

T. HIBBERT	Treble.	H. W. SMITH	5.
T. NEWMAN	2.	E. J. MENDAY	6.
R. T. HIBBERT	3.	G. ESSEX	7.
J. HANDS	4.	BOMBARDIER W. HIBBERT ..	Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This peal was arranged as a birthday peal for the conductor, and also to gratify a great wish of his to ring a peal with his father and brother, who made their first attempt for a peal on this occasion, and to the great delight of all the band rang a good one. Mr. Hibbert, sen., is in his sixty-fifth year, and hails from East Ilsley, Berks., and Wheelr-Bombardier Hibbert, R.H.A., is now stationed at Aldershot. The band afterwards adjourned to the residence of the conductor and spent a very pleasant evening, hoping some day to ring another peal with their "colts."

ERITH, KENT.—THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, 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.

ALBERT DEARDS	Treble.	CALEB FENN	5.
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN	2.	ALBERT C. HARDY	6.
ROWLAND FENN	3.	CHARLES WILKINS	7.
HARRY HOSKINS	4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN	Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and it is J. R. Sharmar's first peal as conductor.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and two 720s of Plain Bob.

ALFRED E. TROWELL ..	Treble.	WILLIAM T. HYLAND ..	4.
HARRY SHIPP	2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER ..	5.
ALBERT J. DAY	3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

Messrs. Shipp, Hyland, and Walker hail from Upchurch; the rest are local men.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER ..	Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT ..	5.
ROBERT J. DAWE	2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ..	6.
FRANK BENNETT	3.	KEITH HART	7.
ISAAC GEORGE SHADE ..	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR C. OTWAY ..	Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS	5.
JOHN WYATT	2.	EDWARD HULL	6.
JOHN HOYLE	3.	†ARTHUR DEAN	7.
JOHN WHITE	4.	†JOHN H. C. CROPLEY ..	Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

HENRY BROOKER	Treble.	WILLIAM BULPITT	5.
EDGAR BENNETT	2.	CHARLES BANCE	6.
JAMES RUMBLE	3.	CHARLES GORDON	7.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER ..	4.	JAMES WIGNELL	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

TONG, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Treble, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, and City Delight.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD ODDY	Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT	4.
THOMAS WHITWORTH ..	2.	GEORGE BOLLAND	5.
WALTER ALLWOOD	3.	F. WM. HARGREAVES ..	Tenor.

Conducted by W. LAMBERT.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOSEPH SMITH	Treble.	LOUIS L. LOMAS	5.
WILLIAM POYSER	2.	JOHN WM. THOMPSON ..	6.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	3.	JOHN NEWBOLD	7.
THOMAS ANTHONY	4.	GEORGE WOOLHOUSE ..	Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

On Monday, February 20, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SAMUEL BREEZE	Treble.	*WILLIAM WILCOX	4.
JOSEPH CLIFF	2.	JAMES DILLON	5.
EDWARD H. HOUGH	3.	†EDWIN BREEZE	Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BREEZE.

*First peal in seven methods. †First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Breeze, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANCIS S. WILSON ..	Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER ..	5.
GEORGE S. BROWN	2.	THOMAS RICKETTS	6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE	3.	THOMAS ROBINSON	7.
OWEN W. LAYNG	4.	ALFRED BREAKSPEAR ..	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

This peal was specially arranged for the ringer of the 'treble, and great credit is due to him, this being his first peal. It was rung as a birthday compliment to him, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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, 18 Chapel Row, Gosport.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, February 20, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE F. WELLER.. ..Treble.	HAROLD D. SEARLE.. .. 5.
GEORGE H. LEE 2.	GEORGE BALCHIN 6.
JOHN NETLEY 3.	CHARLES BLACKMAN.. .. 7.
FREDK. LUXFORD 4.	*ERNEST J. HAMMOND ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. LEE.

*First peal.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, February 20, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDGAR BURDEN.. ..Treble.	ROBERT EDWARDS 5.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN .. 2.	BENJAMIN BASSETT 6.
ALFRED HINDS 3.	GEORGE NEVE 7.
CHARLES TRIBE.. .. 4.	HARRY HOLDSTOCKTenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN BASSETT.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of F. Edwards to Miss Austen, the ringers wishing them every happiness in their new life.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, February 21, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN DRONFIELDTreble.	THOS. W. MCKEGG 5.
ARTHUR J. SAXBY 2.	GEORGE WM. DRONFIELD 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	THOMAS ROBBINS 7.
GEORGE PARKIN.. .. 4.	JOHN PARKINTenor.

Conducted by JOHN DRONFIELD.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal in the method by all the band. It was heard by David Brearley outside, who said the peal was a credit to the company. Rung after a Confirmation at the above church by His Grace the Archbishop of York.

Date Touches.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks).—On Saturday, January 14th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 11 mins. F. Bradley, 1; W. Reeds, 2; J. Lawson (composer), 3; E. Barber, 4; J. Rushworth, 5; T. Gelder, 6; W. Sherwood, 7; E. Williamson (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

Miscellaneous.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 18th, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 41 mins. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; E. Wightman, 7-8; W. Watson, 9-10.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 22nd, for the choir service at the parish church, 2528 Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 33 mins. F. London, 1; J. Broadley, 2; T. B. Kendall (conductor), 3; C. Pratt, 4; W. Hollings, 5; J. A. Ross, 6; W. E. London, 7; G. A. O. Nettleton, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DEANE, BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Halliwell, 1; T. Peers, 2; J. Moscrop, 3; J. Pennington, 4; R. Heald, 5; E. Hewitt, 6; T. Barlow (conductor), 7; W. Barlow, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Halliwell and Heald.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Tuesday, February 14th, at the church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, 720 Woodbine. W. Brown, 1; J. Crawford, 2; J. Anderson, 3; J. Huntly, 4; R. S. Story, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet. J. Huntley, 1; J. Crawford, 2; W. Brown, 3; W. Sheraton, 4; A. Meyers (conductor), 5; R. S. Story, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, February 14th, at the parish church on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Charles Gittins, one of the local ringers, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 29 mins. J. Pickin, 1; J. Woods, 1; J. Hough (first half-peal), 3; H. Bird, 4; F. Jones, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6; J. Shone, 7; T. Hughes, 8.

THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Saturday, January 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original in 45 mins. J. Ellis, 1; H. Ellis, 2; A. E. Martin, 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; A. W. Darlington (conductor), 6; C. A. Button, 7; W. Martin, 8. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the new vicar of Tottenham, the Rev. Denton Jones, M.A. Also 500 Grandsire Triples by the same band, conducted by H. A. Barnett. Another 500 by the same band, conducted by C. A. Button.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, January 8th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 13 mins. H. Nix, 1; A. W. Darlington, 2; J. Miller, 3; F. C. Newman, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. Newby, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; A. Miller, 8. Afterwards 504 Stedman Triples. J. Miller, 1; A. Miller, 2; A. W. Darlington, 3; F. C. Newman, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. Newby, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; H. Nix, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. A. R. Glasscock, 1; J. Miller, 2; H. Nix, 3; S. Wade (conductor), 4; A. W. Darlington, 5; A. Miller, 6; W. Pickworth, 7; H. Balaam, 8. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, February 14th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. J. Basden (conductor), 1; *E. V. Beadle, 2; E. G. Goddard, 3; G. A. Ransom, 4; *T. Beadle, 5; W. Foster, 6; H. Browning, 7; A. Sheard, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. V. Beadle.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 9th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Josiah Rogers, who died on the 10th ult., but after ringing 2 hrs. 10 mins. it came to grief through an accident to the seventh bell. A. Barratt, 1; J. Barratt, 2; J. Potter, 3; J. Denner, 4; A. Potter, 5; John Potter, 6; R. Ridyard (conductor), 7; H. Trippier, 8. Deceased was for several years a member of the Eccles company.

ASH-TON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Shipway, in 45 mins. H. Wolstencroft (first quarter-peal), 1; W. Holme, 2; J. Donald, 3; W. Jakeman, 4; F. Jakeman, 5; J. Harrison, 6; W. Wolstencroft (first as conductor), 7; H. Palmer, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, January 15th, before Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, 1680 Bob Major in 58 mins. F. Paine, 1; R. Paine, 2; S. Paine, 3; Richard Paine, 4; A. E. Gower, 5; E. S. Ruck, 6; D. Paine, 7; G. Paine (conductor), 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 17th, at the church of The Saviour, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Banks, 1; J. Heathcote, 2; J. Moscrop, 3; R. Fiddies, 4; E. Hewitt, 5; W. Hulme, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; W. Barlow, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Barlow and Moscrop.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

HIGHER SUTTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, January 3rd, 360 Bob Minor. T. Taylor, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; J. Williams, 3; J. Manifold, 4; T. Wood, 5; J. M. Davenport, 6. Rung as a farewell touch to J. Williams who is leaving the district for Shrewsbury. On Wednesday, January 4th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Taylor, 1; W. H. Ingham, 2; H. Davenport, 3; J. Manifold, 4; A. Lomas (conductor), 5; J. M.

Davenport, 6. Another 720 (twenty-six singles), conducted by W. Walmsley. On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. T. Taylor, 1; W. H. Ingham (conductor), 2; H. Davenport, 3; J. Manifold, 4; T. Wood, 5; J. M. Davenport, 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL.—On Saturday, January 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Darlaston Bob Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 45 mins. J. Hope, 1; C. Thomas, 2; J. Field, 3; J. Thomas, 4; C. Layton (conductor), 5; W. S. Evans, 6; H. W. Allen, 7; W. Smart, 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late William Hebb, of Ross, for many years Treasurer of this Guild.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, January 10th, on the return of the Rev. — Priestley from his honeymoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. E. Smith, 1; A. Smith, 2; H. Garfath, 3; A. Le Clercq, 4; F. A. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 8th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. H. Symonds, 1; J. Moore, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Symonds (composer and conductor), 5-6. Rung after meeting short before service. And 720 Kent Treble Bob on the tower bells.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Thursday, January 12th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss E. W. Noble, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (the first by all who took part.) G. Turnell, 1; W. H. Ette, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; T. R. Hensher (composer and conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Tuesday, February 14th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Llowarch Flower and Miss Gladys Higginson, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. H. Collins, 1; E. Jones, 2; J. C. Truss, 3; J. S. Hawkins, 4; C. Green, 5; W. H. Ayres, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; A. W. Truss, 8.

ASHWELL (Rutlandshire).—On Saturday, January 14th, 180 Grand-sire Doubles. W. James, 1; G. Welch, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; F. Towell, 4; T. Briggs (conductor), 5; F. Needham, 6. Another 6-score. G. Welch, 1; T. Briggs, 2; F. Towell, 3; W. James, 4; E. J. Gale, 5; F. Needham, 6. Two more 6-scores. G. Welch, 1; E. J. Gale, 2; F. Towell, 3; W. James, 4; T. Briggs (conductor), 5; F. Needham, 6.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday morning, January 1st, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hinton, 1; J. Barber, 2; H. W. Cotton, 3; J. Prior, 4; W. E. Judd (conductor), 5; W. Moss, 6; T. Barber, 7; G. Chesterman, 8.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 1st, 720 Plain Bob. W. Short, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. Huxley, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short (conductor), 5; W. Shillock, 6. On Saturday, January 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Boughton, 1; J. Barber, 2; W. Shillock, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 15th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; C. Boughton, 4; J. Barber, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 21st, 720 College Single. C. Boughton, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob. W. Shillock, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; T. Barber, 4; J. Barber, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, 720 Plain Bob. C. Boughton, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; W. Huxley, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 29th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Workman, 1; W. Boughton, 2; J. Barber, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. Short, 5; W. Shillock (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire. G. Workman, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. Short (conductor), 5; J. Barber, 6. On Saturday, February 11th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Workman, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure standing as before. On Sunday, February 12th, 720 Double Court. T. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. Short, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6.

DARFIELD (Yorks).—On Saturday, January 14th, at All Saints'

church, a 6-score each of the following methods: Morning Pleasure, Royal Sovereign, Nelson's Delight, Duke of Leeds, and Duke of Clarence. S. Woodcock, 1; A. Crossman, 2; W. Woodcock, jun. (conductor), 3; R. J. Ricketts, 4; T. Johnson, 5; W. Morris, 6. First attempt by all the band. And a 6-score of Oxford. W. Woodcock, jun., 1; J. Roystone, 2; S. Woodcock, 3; R. J. Ricketts, 4; T. Johnson, 5; A. Crossman, 6. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

EDMONTON.—On Sunday, January 7th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 42 mins. W. J. Darlington, 1; P. J. Darlington, 2; S. Wade, 3; R. Goodchild, 4; W. Bennett, 5; A. W. Darlington (conductor), 6; L. J. Darlington, 7; S. T. Darlington, 8. On Sunday, January 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. S. T. Darlington, 1; P. J. Darlington, 2; A. W. Darlington, 3; R. Goodchild, 4; W. Bennett, 5; S. Wade, 6; L. J. Darlington (conductor), 7; W. G. Darlington, 8.

FINEDON (Northants).—On Tuesday, January 17th, for practice, three courses of Oxford Bob Minor. J. Packwood, 1; J. T. Tompkins, 2; G. Line, 3; A. Smeathers, 4; W. B. Meadows, 5; W. Perkins, 6. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. J. T. Tompkins, 1; A. Smeathers, 2; G. Line, 3; W. Perkins, 4; W. B. Meadows (conductor), 5; T. Abbott, 6. First 6-score of Stedman by all except the conductor.

GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, January 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. H. Ellis, 1; E. Youngs, 2; R. Bevan, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; W. Nudds, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Monday, January 16th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. T. Verry, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; A. Smith, 3; B. Starkey, 4; R. Faux, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; W. Verry, 7; W. Smith, 8. Composed by the late H. Johnson.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, January 15th, at the church of The Holy Saviour, 1078 Grandsire Triples. W. Barker (aged 13), 1; C. H. Fowler, 2; G. Burrows, 3; L. W. Copsey, 4; W. Oldershaw, 5; W. Willson, 6; J. S. Needham (conductor), 7; J. B. Willson, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mrs. Wakefield, wife of the respected caretaker of the above schools.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, January 3rd, at Christ Church, Blackfriars, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Nunn, 1; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 2; W. H. Webber, 3; W. Pye, 4; E. Andrews, 5; E. Pye, 6.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, February 16th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Bob Minor. E. E. Edwards, sen., 1; W. J. Battson, 2; T. L. Wilson, 3; J. Marshall, 4; T. P. Richards, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On Monday, January 18th, for practice at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Wilkinson, 1; G. Barnes, 2; J. Arthurs, 3; W. Butler, 4; T. Pullen, 5; A. Langtry, 6; G. Instrel (conductor), 7; F. Wickins, 8. Messrs. Pullen, Langtry, and Instrel hail from Havant. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Garfath, jun. (Farnham), 1; W. Butler, 2; G. Instrel, 3; Wilkinson, 4; T. Pullen, 5; A. Langtry, 6; J. Arthurs (conductor), 7; G. Barnes, 8.

PENDLEBURY, NEAR MANCHESTER.—On Tuesday, January 10th, at Christ Church, for practice, a touch of 1800 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. G. Morris, 1; J. W. Hfndley, 2; T. Lingard, 3; A. Wallwork (conductor), 4; J. Green, 5; J. Wilson, 6; J. Briscoe, 7; F. Wallwork, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, January 19th, the local company met at St. Andrew's church to celebrate the thirty-eighth birthday of the Countess of Albemarle, and rang a 720 Bob Minor. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Sage, 2; W. Ringer, 3; R. Haylett, 4; W. Killington, 5; J. Woods, 6. After some more short touches and firing the bells thirty-eight times, they were invited up to the Hall to partake of refreshment, after which they rang the handbells to the delight of her ladyship and family. On Tuesday, January 24th, 360 Bob Minor. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Sage, 2; W. Ringer, 3; R. Haylett, 4; W. Killington, 5; J. Woods, 6. On Friday, January 27th, 720 Bob Minor. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Sage, 2; W. Ringer, 3; R. Haylett, 4; W. Killington, 5; J. Woods, 6. Also three 6-scores of Bob Doubles standing as above. All conducted by J. Woods.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 1st, after Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 50 mins. G. R. Pye, 1; W. Pye (conductor), 2; G. Grimwade, 3; R. J. Maynard, 4; J. H. Wilkins, 5; C. Hopkins, 6; E. Pye, 7; A. Coles, 8; F. A. Nunn, 9; W. H. Freeman, 10. Composed by J. P. Bradley, of West Ham, and has the 5th at home and the 6th in 2nds place. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

ARUNDEL SURPRISE MAJOR.

A NEW METHOD.

By GEORGE BAKER, *Member of St. Peter's Society, Brighton, and the Royal Cumberland Youths.*

SIR,—I have composed the following method to take the place of the one published in "THE BELL NEWS" on December 11th, 1897. This method, like its predecessor, is a double Treble Bob method, with a clean proof scale, while the tenors are in plain coursing order. There are only four false leads against each lead of the plain course, and none of these can be had without separating the tenors. The changes are alternate quadruple and triple changes throughout the course, and all places are made the right way, i.e., at hand and back stroke. In the three-pull dodges in front and behind the tenor dodges with the 6ths place bell and the 7th only. Composition in this method runs on similar lines to Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the calling positions for the tenor being at the same leads, and the bob being also made in 6ths place. The calling for the extent in Double Norwich (without singles) would produce 13,248 changes in this method, but owing to the lead-ends, bob-leads and course-ends being entirely different to Double Norwich, to get musical peals in Arundel Surprise (on the one-part plan) of about 5000 changes, the calling must be different, as the 4th can only be brought into 6ths place from rounds by a short course, as illustrated by the scale of course-ends. The following selection of one-part peals (all of which I have proved) are the best I have been able to obtain up to the present; and with these few remarks I leave the method to the judgment of the Exercise.

A LEAD.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7
1	2	3	4	6	5	7	8
2	1	4	3	5	6	8	7
2	4	1	3	6	5	7	8
4	2	3	1	5	6	8	7
2	4	1	3	5	6	7	8
4	2	3	1	6	5	8	7
4	3	2	6	1	8	5	7
3	4	6	2	8	1	7	5
4	3	6	2	1	8	5	7
3	4	2	6	8	1	7	5
4	3	6	2	8	7	1	5
3	4	2	6	7	8	5	1
4	3	2	6	8	7	1	5
3	4	6	2	7	8	5	1
3	6	4	7	2	5	8	1
6	3	7	4	5	2	1	8
3	6	7	4	2	5	8	1
6	3	4	7	5	2	1	8
3	6	7	4	5	1	2	8
6	3	4	7	1	5	8	2
3	6	4	7	5	1	2	8
6	5	7	4	1	5	8	2
6	7	3	1	4	8	5	2
7	6	1	3	8	4	2	5

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6 7 3 1 8 4 5 2
 7 6 1 3 4 8 2 5
 7 1 6 3 8 4 5 2
 1 7 3 6 4 8 2 5
 7 1 6 3 4 8 5 2
 1 7 3 6 8 4 2 5
 1 3 7 8 6 2 4 5

LEAD ENDS OF THE PLAIN COURSE.

1 3 7 8 6 2 4 5
 1 7 4 5 2 3 8 6
 1 4 8 6 3 7 5 2
 1 8 5 2 7 4 6 3
 1 5 6 3 4 8 2 7
 1 6 2 7 8 5 3 4
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

BOB ON THE FIRST LEAD-END.

7 1 6 3 8 4 5 2
 1 7 3 6 4 8 2 5
 7 1 6 3 4 8 5 2
 1 7 3 6 8 4 2 5
 1 3 7 8 6 4 5 2

3 1 8 7 4 6 2 5
 1 3 7 8 4 6 5 2
 3 1 8 7 6 4 2 5
 3 8 1 7 4 6 5 2
 8 3 7 1 6 4 2 5

BOB LEADS (1 4 5 6)

1 3 7 8 6 4 5 2 1
 1 8 5 2 7 6 3 4 4
 1 5 6 3 4 2 7 8 5
 1 6 2 7 8 3 4 5 6

SCALE OF COURSE-ENDS.—FULL COURSES.

1	4	6	2	3	4	5	6	will run
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—	—	—	2	4	6	5	3	3
—	—	—	2	4	5	3	6	3
—	—	—	4	5	6	2	3	5
—	—	—	4	5	2	3	6	2
—	—	—	4	6	2	5	3	2
—	—	—	2	6	5	4	3	2

SHORT COURSES.

1	4	5	2	3	4	5	6
—	—	—	5	6	3	4	2
—	—	—	2	6	3	5	4
—	—	—	2	3	5	6	4
—	—	—	5	3	4	6	2

SCALE FOR PRICKING LEAD-ENDS FOR PROOF.

	(1)	(4)	Course-end.
Plain lead	36245	64532	36425
Bob lead	36452	64325	34265
		Short course	25643

5024.

23456	1	4	5	6
26354	—	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

5056.

23456	1	4	5	6
23564	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—
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23456	—	—	—	—

5024.

23456	1	4	5	6
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56234	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
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42356	—	—	—	—
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54326	—	—	—	—
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26435	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
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THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Monday, January 30th, several selected members of this society were kindly entertained by the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. John the Divine, Brixton, to a grand supper. After the repast, the evening was given to harmony, several songs, etc., being contributed by the members. The gramophone, kindly provided by Mr. G. Wild, was the feature of the evening; a most enjoyable time being spent by all, winding up at 11.30 with "Auld lang syne."

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.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, February 25th, at Haslingden. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

Helmshore. J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. T. King, at Christ Church, Ealing, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Lampton, Hounslow.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30 p.m.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*
"Arran," *Baldslow Road, Hastings.*

The Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, to-day, Saturday, February 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in school at 5.30 p.m.

JAMES MATHER,
Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle parish church to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock prompt.

R. PARKINSON, *Branch Sec.*

13, *John Street, Oswaldtwistle.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—A special meeting will be held at The White Hart inn, Eckington, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 5 o'clock prompt. Members kindly attend. Business re Cup Contest. Bells open for ringing during afternoon.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18, *Park View, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.*

The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield church, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting house White Bear inn.

R. HARRISON, *Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary Johnson Commemoration will be held as usual on Saturday, March 4th. Ringing at St. Martin's from 3 to 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at "Ye Old Royal," Temple Row, at 6.0 p.m. J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., B.C.L., will preside. Dinner tickets free to full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application not later than Wednesday, March 1st, to the undersigned.

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

61, *Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Crossens, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m., Tea 5 p.m., Business Meeting 6 p.m.

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

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, March 4th. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice to the Secretary, 95, High Street, Bucknall, not later than Wednesday, March 1st.

REV. G. T. BIRCH, *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG,

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, March 11th. Further particulars next week.

H. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting is unavoidably postponed till Saturday, April 15.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

Will the following members or any friend whose eyes this may meet kindly send their present addresses to the Hon. Sec.: James W. Roper, late of 14, Ridley Villas, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Howard V. Wilkins, late of Sutton Coldfield; Harry D. Smith, late of 16, Vernon Street, Northampton; Arthur O. Stewart, late of 5, Adnitt Road, Whitworth Estate, Northampton; Thomas Lingard, late of Hall End, Attleborough, Nuneaton; Lawrence W. Knight, late of Cannock; William Wigginton, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Charles Davie, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Joseph Kendall, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; William Chalk, late of Quorn Hall, Loughborough; William Hickley, late of Loughborough; Joseph Harris, late of Loughborough, and greatly oblige,
J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*
22, *St. Peter's Road, Leicester.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

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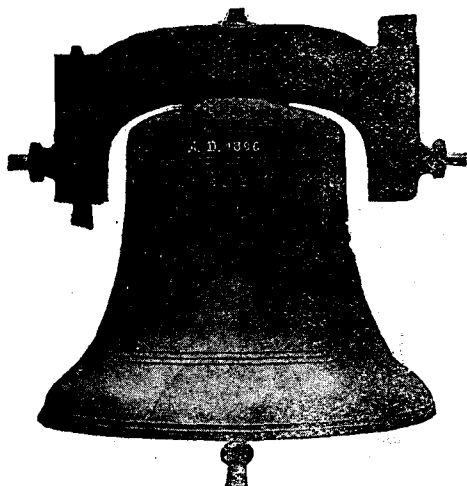
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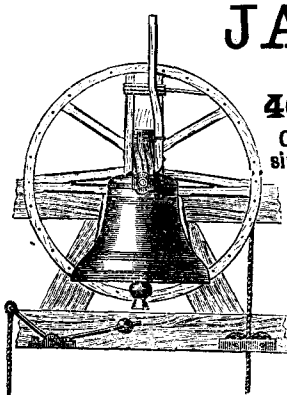
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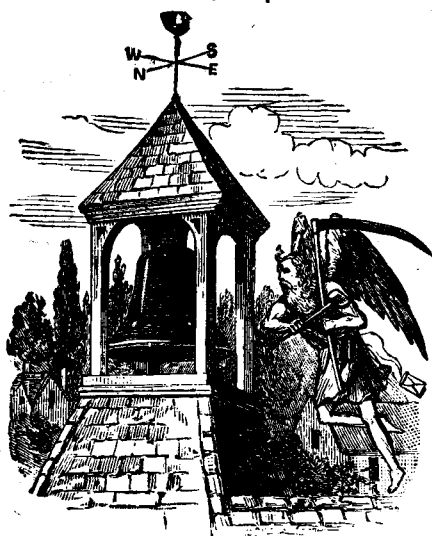
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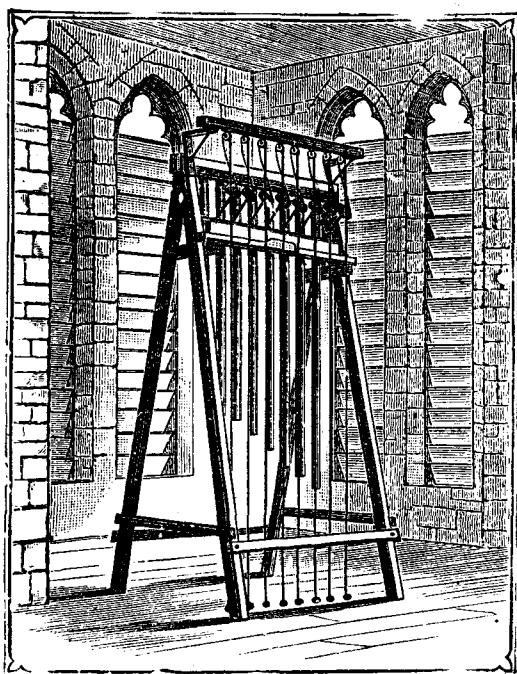
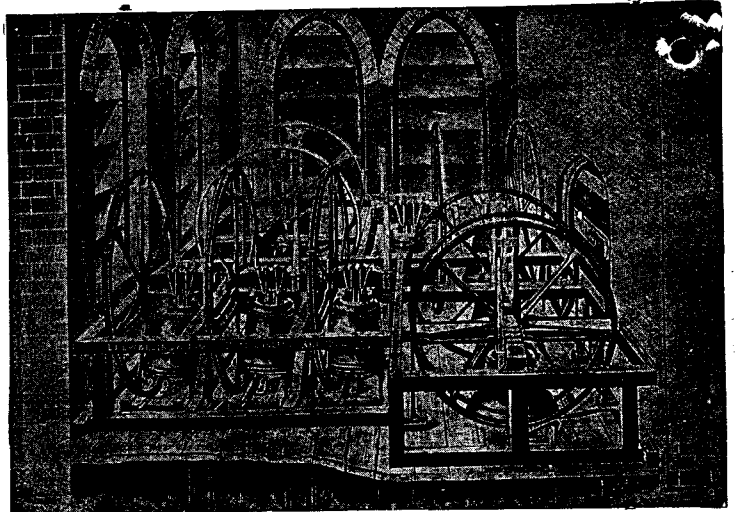
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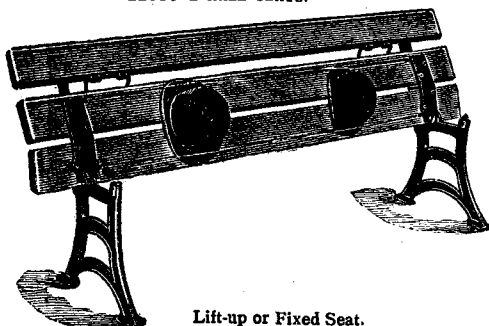
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A NEW TOWER FOR CLEVELAND.

Saltburn parish church stands in no apparent need of repair, but in the opinion of a good many people it would look all the more complete if it were provided with a tower and spire. The Rev. B. Irvin, who has now been Vicar for over twenty-five years, has long had it in his heart to obtain this adornment for his church. In the early spring of this year a favourable commencement was made by the Marquis of Zetland offering £1,000, provided the remainder of the sum required was raised within a reasonable time. When this generous offer was laid before the principal parishioners it was unanimously resolved to accept his lordship's offer, with an expression of gratitude to him for his kindness and liberality. As a first step towards an effort to carry out the suggestion, Messrs. Clark and Moscrop, of Darlington, architects, were instructed to draw plans and estimates, and a committee of five, together with the Vicar and churchwardens, was appointed to carry on the project.

When the architects were consulted, they advised that the tower should be built, not at the north side of the chancel, where there is an existing belfry, but at the western end of the church; and this being approved they produced plans of a massive tower, surmounted by a spire of symmetrical proportions. Their estimate of the cost was about £2,500. But as time went on trade improved, and the prices of building materials and labour have been greatly enhanced, with a probability of reaching a still higher level. So that when the committee invited tenders for the work they met at first with no response. When at length they did secure a few tenders it was found they were all much higher than the architects' estimate. The lowest, which came from a Tyneside firm, was something like £4,100. This led to a reconsideration of plans, but at length it was decided, rather than delay the entire project, that at present only the tower should be proceeded with, at an estimated cost of £2,800. An appeal is now about to be made to the public for the requisite funds. It is thought that at this time, when trade is pretty brisk in the district, there is more likely to be a generous response than might be expected were the promoters to delay a few years, and that this will more than compensate for the higher value put upon the structure. Should the response to the appeal be sufficiently liberal, of course the spire will be added at once, and the scheme completed; but at any rate it is confidently hoped that the committee will readily obtain sufficient to erect the tower.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Monthly Meeting of the above Society was held on Saturday, February 25th, at the church of St. Michael, Headingley.

The following towers were represented: Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Guiseley, Holbeck (R.C.), Headingley (St.

Chad's), Leeds, Pudsey, Rothwell, Wakefield, and the local company.

A business meeting was held in the evening at The Skyrack hotel, the President in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year were handed in.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, to the local company for their kind arrangements, and to the chairman for presiding, concluded a most enjoyable meeting. Tower-ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, and until nine o'clock in the evening, and handbell ringing until a later hour.

The annual meeting will be held at the head quarters, Leeds, on Saturday, March 25th.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Monday evening, February 15th, the ringers of Earls Barton church rang 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for George Johnson, lately a member of that company and also of the church choir, who was buried that afternoon. The ringers acted as bearers. Deceased was only thirty years of age. He will be greatly missed. The ringing was conducted by Mr. Willis, the men standing as follows: O. Chapman, 1; E. Johnson, 2; H. Line, 3; F. Jones, 4; A. White, 5; W. Willis, 6. A 360 of Grandsire Doubles was also rung with G. Knight taking the fifth bell. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Central Northamptonshire Association. More than usual interest was taken in the funeral, the first part of the service being performed in the parish church. A large number of church friends attended at the church. Two hymns, "Days and moments quickly flying" and "Christ will gather in His own," were sung, and the psalm chanted by the choir. The service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. R. Cobbold), was of a most impressive character. A number of beautiful floral tributes were placed upon the grave.

BRETENHAM, NORFOLK.

A set of eight hand-bells, cast by the old and celebrated firm of Mears and Stainbank, the Bell Foundry, White-chapel, has been lately purchased by some of the churchgoers of this parish. These hand-bells are the property of the Rector and churchwardens of Brettenham for the time being, and are to be kept in such place as they think desirable. They are never to be taken to any public place of entertainment without the consent of the Rector. We trust that the proper use of these bells will be helpful not only in providing pleasant and instructive amusement, but also in reminding us that church bells are for the honour and glory of God, and the ringers that they are assisting in the necessary work of His house.—*Local Paper.*

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CURRENT TOPICS.

"Auld lang syne" seems to have been a favourite lately with ringers at the coming-round courses of so many of their recent festivities. I cannot say the refrain commends itself to me particularly, but there, that goes for nothing. I put it at the commencement of what I am going to say this week, because it has been suggested by a fellow-contributor as being appropriate after my "long silence." How does he know I have been silent? Well, once more "Auld lang syne," and have done with it.

I have a great many things to refer to, so many in fact that I can with difficulty fix upon the one to begin with. There has been a great stir since I last had the pleasure of communing with you, my readers. All manner of things have happened. There is said to have been either a lock-out, or strike, or something else in more places than one. There is a town, or village, or something else, called "Thetford" in Norfolk. This town has a very unenviable notoriety in being the birthplace of one who worked there as a "staymaker," as the occupation used to be called. This person came in time to be the most restless, dissatisfied, vain, conceited mortal who ever was born. He lived a terrible restless and chequered life, which ended it is to be feared in something worse than obscurity. Well at this place Thetford the bells did not ring at Christmas or the New Year, a circumstance the oldest inhabitant cannot remember. This is said by the local prints to be due to a strike on the part of the ringers, or a lock-out on the part of the parson. We are coming to something now.

I fancy there has occurred more than one of this kind of episode. It is natural to conclude there are errors on both sides, *i.e.* the clergy and the ringers. The former, as a body, are real gentlemen, we know, and are anxious to do all they can to make matters comfortably hum. But sometimes we meet with one who is a little cantankerous, or perhaps,—shall I write the word—"apathetic." One of my correspondents who complains of the indifference to ringing matters of his Vicar, tells me that the rev. gentleman is a Low Churchman, and a Broad Irishman! What an extraordinary concatenation of theological or doctrinal opinion.

We can draw breath after that last sentence. I am afraid I shall be "dropped on" for it. Now about that will of the late Earl Winchilsea. Ah! that was something like, wasn't it? What a pattern for some of those gentlemen who through the machinery or instrumentality of this paper (especially the writings of "your humble") are making such vast fortunes in casting and hanging Church Bells. Seriously speaking—but there: I am always serious—the hint is one which I have not the slightest doubt will be taken kindly. Our bell-founders are a slap-up lot; they don't mind shelling out when occasion calls; and most of them are bell-ringers. Long may the time be distant when their codicils will have to be read; and then how nice it will be to find that funds for an hospital for decayed ringers had been left. The idea makes one's mouth water.

A story comes to hand from a town on the Kentish coast where the church has eight bells. No real ringers were available in the day-time, the sexton hardly knew

one end of the rope from the other, and if the tenor had to be tolled during the day the services of a general-utility man, or "handy-man" as he is sometimes called, were employed. This person could just pull the bell a bit, had, I will say, just learned to catch the sally. His services were sought one day to ring the tenor for an hour—at intervals—to set it as often as possible, and he was instructed to be very careful and try his very best to "minute" the bell, if he could. The "handy-man" was thus put on his mettle, and he showed it. The bell was left up by the ringers for use if wanted; he had only to pull her off.

The sexton accompanied him into the ringing-chamber to urge him to be careful. His first attempt resulted in about a dozen whole-pulls before he could set the bell. "Too many strokes; its awful!" cried Mr. Sexton, in dismay. "Try again" said he, "when you've got your wind; two strokes only wouldn't be minded." The "handy-man" was getting anxious. He tried again. Another whole pull; then another. "I shall get the sack, I'm sure," cried the sexton. His companion then gave a good lunge at the rope, missed the sally, and the bell went over! The "handy-man" hastily decamped; he thought the bell was coming after him.

The poor sexton stood petrified. Descending the steps he soon met with his comrade, whose first words were: "The bell's thrown over!" After a little parley the sexton determined on making the churchwarden acquainted with the terrible disaster. The warden came in company with the sexton to look at the bell. The perpetrator of the deed was present, and received no small share of blame. "You've done it," said Mr. Warden, "I shall bring you up before the Bishop; mind it aint a hanging job." "It was very nearly," rejoined the culprit.

The ingenuity of all these three persons combined led to the sexton being sent to obtain ropes, pulleys, jacks, and other contrivances to turn the bell back again. With the aid of about a dozen unemployed British workmen, they fixed the complicated suites of tackle, and by dint of much pulling and hauling, and a tremendous quantity of gesticulation and shouting, the bell was turned over once more. The glee of the churchwarden was immense at the success of the job, and like others of his office, willingly and handsomely treated his myrmidons to whatever article they gave a name to.

This story, my friends, is a fact. Fortunately they turned the bell so that the rope got to its accustomed place. If they had found the rope up in the bell-pit, it may be concluded that the warden, sexton, and "handy-man" would have all committed ecclesiastical suicide, *viz.*: eschewed the vicinity of a church tower for evermore. They knew nothing of the slider's absence.

I said I had a variety of things to talk about, but I find that the space at my disposal is filled. Next week we shall be able to have another chat together, perhaps. There are a great many subjects just now upon which we can have an exchange of opinion. One thing: I strongly object to that gentleman in the North burlesquing my signature of

PLAIN SPEAKER.

CHERITON, KENT.

An interim meeting of the Ashford district of the Kent County Association was held at the above place on Saturday, February 18th. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., and there were present Messrs. C. W. Blaxland (District Secretary), S. Gower, E. Gower, A. R. Manning (Hythe), A. Tanton, J. Andrews, H. Baker (Lyminge), E. Cheesman (Stowting), G. Finn, S. Finn (Brabourne), J. Fisher (Folkestone), A. Castle (Eltham). Several 720s of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung and some Stedman Doubles. Messrs. W. Rolfe, A. Bartter and others of the Cheriton band were also present, and it was understood that they would shortly join the Association as full members.

After ringing at Cheriton, the majority adjourned to Hythe, where there is a fine peal of eight, and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. Ringing over, and the inner man refreshed, the ringers departed, having had an enjoyable time, the representatives from Eltham, Stowting, and Lyminge having a walk of some seven miles across country before arriving home.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

As the General Secretary of the Association (Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), had expressed his intention of attending the annual meeting of the Tonbridge District held at Tunbridge Wells on January 28th, it was determined to arrange to start for a peal with him on the previous evening. Application was made by the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter), for permission to have the use of the bells at Penshurst for the attempt, as Mr. Helmore was going to spend the night there, but owing to illness near the church the bells were not available. Application was then made for Speldhurst, and the Rector at once granted permission. Accordingly seven of the Tunbridge Wells ringers, with the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, met there about six o'clock on Friday, January 27th. They were met in the belfry by the Rector (Rev. D. Mackinnon), and Miss Macalpine Leny, who welcomed the ringers, and wished them success with the peal. The captain of the Speldhurst ringers (Mr. J. Maynard), had everything in readiness. Previous to starting for the peal, Miss Leny expressed her regret that owing to a parochial supper party being held that evening, she would be unable to entertain the ringers at the rectory as she wished to, but she had ordered refreshments to be provided for them at The George and Dragon hotel. A start was made for Stedman shortly after six o'clock, but in the nineteenth part a change-course occurred, and the conductor called "stand." E. Mankelow, 1; F. J. Harrington, 2; W. Latter, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; G. Smithers, 5; H. Porter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

The ringers desire through the medium of this paper to return their thanks to the Rector of Speldhurst for granting the use of the bells at such short notice; to Miss Leny for her kind hospitality; and to Mr. J. Maynard for having the bells in readiness.

It is reported that the first volume of the registers of Kingston parish church, dating from 1542 to 1556, has been restored, after being missing for many years. The volume was discovered by chance upon a second-hand bookstall in London.

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

CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL COLLECTION.—DOUBLE NORWICH COURT
BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Your insertions of my previous notice under this heading did very good service indeed, as several composers cheerfully responded to the call. But there are yet a few other gentlemen whose eye has not yet been attracted or caught. I therefore thought another cast of the net might be more effectual, followed probably by a pressing private letter on the subject. I don't like mentioning names, and I am sure, Mr. Editor, you will agree we ought not to do so in a notice of this description. In reply to correspondents, I may say I don't want the job of copying compositions from ringing papers, as it is preferable, and much more satisfactory, that the autograph of each composer represented should be in evidence.

H. DAINS.

147, Barnsbury Road, N.

"FIRING BELLS."

SIR,—In response to the question asked by a correspondent in your last issue, I should say, as one who has been connected with bells and belfries for some years, that

1st—I do not consider that the firing of bells is more injurious to the bells themselves than ordinary ringing.

2nd—My experience, however, makes me most decidedly of opinion that firing is hurtful both to tower and bell-frame, as six or eight blows struck as one (particularly in the case of heavy bells), cause an immense concussion and vibration.

3rd—That it is a practice not liked by the public, and should be indulged in only on very special occasions.

E. J. DENNES.

Wellingborough.

SIR,—I see in this week's "BELL NEWS" a correspondent refers to a question which was asked in your issue of November 19th, viz., "are church bells more liable to crack when firing than when ringing changes." I myself have waited patiently, expecting someone to say something on the subject, but I dare say that 90 per cent. of your readers will think it a frivolous question, and not worth studying. I have done a lot of reading and experimenting on the effect of vibration on musical and unmusical instruments, and therefore I know that it is quite possible to make a bell sound without touching it, and also possible to break a glass vessel by ringing it, and at the same time shouting a discord into it; and I have come to the conclusion that for one bell to break another by contrary vibration, it would require that the bells should be struck simultaneously, and held mouth to mouth, which of course is not possible in church bell-ringing. I have abridged the following from "A book about bells," by the Rev. G. S. Tyak, published in 1898:

"How simple a matter may fracture a bell is not probably realised by those unfamiliar with belfry lore. One sees a ponderous mass of metal weighing some hundredweights, and is apt to imagine that nothing short of very violent ill-usage could damage it; and yet, as a matter of fact, when that sonorous metal is all throbbing beneath the stroke of its clapper, the sudden checking of its vibrations by a very little thing may cause it to crack. It has been said that a piece of string tied tightly round the sound-bow of a large bell, may be sufficient to ruin it."

The above book gives many instances of bells being cracked in an unlikely manner, but it does not mention any that have been cracked by firing.

JAMES HAIGH.

New Mill, near Huddersfield.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Monday, January 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Roberts, 1; W. Hills, 2; H. Goodman (conductor), 3; W. Spice, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; T. Tabrett, 6. On Monday, February 6th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 26 mins. G. Tickner, 1; T. Tabrett, 2; R. Pain, 3; W. Hills, 4; H. Goodman (conductor), 5; E. J. Dixon, 6.

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By GEORGE BAKER, Member of
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Cumberland Youths.

5088.					
23456	I	4	5	6	
23564	-	-	-	-	
56234	-	-	-	-	
52364	-	-	-	-	
53624	-	-	-	-	
62534	-	-	-	-	
65324	-	-	-	-	
63254	-	-	-	-	
25634	-	-	-	-	
26354	-	-	-	-	
35264	-	-	-	-	
34625	-	-	-	-	
36245	-	-	-	-	
32546	-	-	-	-	
52436	-	-	-	-	
43526	-	-	-	-	
53246	-	-	-	-	
24536	-	-	-	-	
54326	-	-	-	-	
34256	-	-	-	-	
25346	-	-	-	-	
35426	-	-	-	-	
45236	-	-	-	-	
23456	-	-	-	-	
5088.					
23456	I	4	5	6	
24653	-	-	-	-	
63254	-	-	-	-	
23564	-	-	-	-	
53624	-	-	-	-	
62534	-	-	-	-	
52364	-	-	-	-	
36524	-	-	-	-	
56234	-	-	-	-	
26354	-	-	-	-	
35264	-	-	-	-	
25634	-	-	-	-	
25346	-	-	-	-	
34256	-	-	-	-	
24536	-	-	-	-	
53246	-	-	-	-	
52436	-	-	-	-	
43526	-	-	-	-	
54326	-	-	-	-	
32546	-	-	-	-	
35426	-	-	-	-	
42356	-	-	-	-	
43526	-	-	-	-	
45236	-	-	-	-	
23456	-	-	-	-	
5120.					
23456	I	4	5	6	
26354	-	-	-	-	
36524	-	-	-	-	
56234	-	-	-	-	

Continued—

36524	-
52364	-
32654	-
62534	-
62345	-
42356	-
32546	-
52436	-
43526	-
53246	-
24536	-
54326	-
34256	-
25346	-
35426	-
45236	-
23456	-

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By E. HIMS, Oxford
5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
45236	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

BOB CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

5076.

23456	I	2	3	4	6
23564	-	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-	-
45263	-	-	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-	-
52463	-	-	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-	-
35462	-	-	-	-	-
24563	-	-	-	-	-
43562	-	-	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-	-

These nineteen courses repeated;
calling the first course 1-8, produces—

23645	-
62345	-
36524	-
52364	-
*24365	-
45362	-
23456	-

If the following six courses are rung
in lieu of the three courses marked *
the peal is increased to 5400. The
peal then has the 6th her extent be-
hind the 9th, and the 5th eighteen
times in that position.

52364	-
24365	-
54362	-
42365	-
25364	-
45362	-

TREBLE BOB MAJOR. By EDWIN TIMBRELL, Chipping.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
23564	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th
exclusively in 6ths place at the course-
ends.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

5248.

23456	M	B	W	H
36452	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

This peal has the 5th and 6th their
extent each way.

First rung at Echington, on November 26th, 1893; con-
ducted by its Author.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT.

By E. WIGHTMAN, Woodford.

5184.

23456	I	4	5	6
34256	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-

Five times repeated; calling singles
for bobs at 1 in the second course of
the second and fifth parts.

GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By WILLIAM KENT, *Birmingham.*

5021.

23456

42356978 1-4
 25346 8th in three
 54326 8th in three
 34625 8-9
 42635 8th in three
 64235 9th in three
 43265978 8th in three
 24365 9th in three
 32465 9th in three
 42563 8-9
 54263 9th in three
 25463 9th in three
 52463879 1-3-4
 45263 8th in three
 24563 8th in three
 54362 9-8
 35462 8th in three
 43562 8th in three
 34562978 1-3-4
 53462 9th in three
 45362 9th in three
 25364 8-9s
 32564 9th in three
 53264 9th in three
 35264879 1-3-4
 23564 8th in three
 52364 8th in three
 32465 9-8
 43265 8th in three
 24365 8th in three
 42365978 1-3-4
 34265 9th in three
 23465 9th in three
 43562 8-9
 54362 9th in three
 35462 9th in three
 45362 8th in three
 34562 8th in three
 54263 9-8
 25463 8th in three
 42563 8th in three
 24563978 1-3-4
 52463 9th in three
 45263 9th in three
 35264 8-9
 23564 9th in three
 52364 9th in three
 25364879 1-3-4
 32564 8th in three
 53264 8th in three
 23465 9-8
 42365 8th in three
 34265 8th in three

Round at hand the preceding lead.

Has twenty-four courses with the 6th behind the 9th, twenty-four courses before the 8th in the inverted rounds position, the last forty-eight courses being reversed every six courses.

This peal was composed in the year 1891.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By the Rev. H. LAW JAMES, *Surfleet.*

5040.

23456 M W H

42356
 34256
 62453 - -
 56423 - -
 34625 - -
 62345 - -
 36245 - -
 23645 - -
 56342 - -
 45362 - -
 23564 - -
 62534 - -
 45236 - -
 23456 - -

If a H be inserted in the last course of the first part and the first part so called four times repeated the peal will be 7200.

First rung at St. Michael's, Gloucester, on Wednesday, February 8, 1899, by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, conducted by its composer.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, *Norwich.*

5152.

23456 M W R

42356
 34256
 25346 - -
 32546 - -
 54326 - -
 35426 - -
 43526 - -
 62534 - - -
 52436 - -
 42635 - -
 56234 - -
 25634 - -
 63254 - -
 26354 - -
 32654 - -
 65324 - -
 36524 - -
 53624 - -
 63425 - -
 24536 - -
 53246 - -
 45236 - -
 23456 - -

GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

5039.

23456

23456*
 35426 8th in three
 52436 8th in three
 43256 8th in three s
 64352 9th in three s
 45362 8th in three
 34562 9th in three
 53462 9th in three
 43265 8-9
 23564 8-9
 52364 9th in three
 35264 9th in three
 25463 8-9
 42563 9th in three
 54263 9th in three
 24365 8-9
 32465 9th in three
 53264 9th in three s
 25364 9th in three
 32564 9th in three
 52463 8-9
 42365 8-9
 34265 9th in three
 23465 9th in three
 43562 8-9
 54362 9th in three
 35462 9th in three
 45263 8-9
 24563 9th in three
 42563†
 54263 8th in three
 25463 8th in three
 45362 9-8
 35264 9-8
 23564 8th in three
 52364 8th in three
 32465 9-8
 43265 8th in three
 24365 8th in three
 34562 9-8
 53462 8th in three
 25364 8th in three s
 32564 8th in three
 53264 8th in three
 23465 9-8
 43562 9-8
 54362 8th in three
 35462 8th in three
 45263 9-8
 24563 8th in three
 52463 8th in three
 42365 9-8

Round by eighth in three.

*7th in and out at three with a double.

†9th in and out at two with a double.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 26th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) in forty-five minutes. J. Bonney, 1; M. A. Wood, 2; W. S. Wise (conductor), 3; A. W. Barkus, 4; W. F. Hartshorne (Crewe), 5; S. Lawrence, 6; A. Alford, 7; A. Hughes, 8.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1899.

THERE is a great deal of truth in the assertion that many church people who have a deep interest in the bells of their parish church are very seldom aware that the condition of such bells is deplorable in the extreme. At a festive meeting of the ringers of Hereford the other day, one of the company, in responding to a toast, made pointed allusions to the bells of All Saints' Church in that city. These bells are a ring of eight, as is well known, but for a great many years they have been in a most wretched condition, one or more of them, we believe, being cracked. The speaker above alluded to gave it as his opinion that there were many a score of persons in the parish who did not know there was anything the matter with their bells. From the manner in which this statement was received it was evident that those present sincerely believed in its truth.

The procedure which recommends itself in such cases is of course to make every parishioner aware of the condition of affairs in the belfry; to bring plainly before them

the unfortunate fact that their church bells, for which they may have some feelings of affection, are going to rapid and dangerous decay; and requiring immediate restoration. They should also be informed that the monetary value of the bells is beyond any other article of church furniture, and therefore to neglect such costly instruments is worse than imprudent.

We agree also with the gentleman who deplored the present condition of the bells in question, that their restoration could be brought about if they only "made a start" to obtain subscriptions for the purpose. We strongly recommend him not to delay another hour in the matter. From only the slight knowledge we have of the neighbourhood, we firmly believe that if the fund is originated with spirit, success will crown the efforts of the workers in such a righteous cause. And in view of an attempt at restoring these bells being made, we would earnestly appeal to the large-hearted men of the old city and neighbourhood to determine that the restoration shall be done quickly and effectually.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Thursday, February 23, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

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

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOX 5.
WILLIAM E. MOSS 2.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 6.
WILLIAM E. JUDD 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
R. A. DANIELL, ESQ.* .. 4.	†THOMAS LAMBALL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

*First peal with a bob bell †First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 24, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK W. THORNTON Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
I. GEORGE SHADE 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
SIDNEY WADE 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

The above is the first in the method on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt.

The Provinces.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PYLE* Treble.	SAMUEL OAKES 5.
JOHN POTTER 2.	ALFRED POTTER 6.
JAMES BARRATT 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
JOHN DENNER 4.	†WILLIAM DENNER Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, of Hyde, and
Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal in the method on the bells since they were made a ring of eight.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1899, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR B. PEARSON .. Treble.	†JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. 5.
FREDERICK MOODY 2.	†JAMES JACKSON 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	WILLIAM PEARSON 7.
SAMUEL BROOK 4.	*JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.

†First peal and first attempt for Treble Bob. †Member of the Armley company.
*Member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 23, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 2). Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY J. POOLE Treble.	EDGAR E. BURGESS 5.
HENRY CREED* 2.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 6.
ALEXANDER EVANS 3.	*EDWARD WYATT 7.
ARTHUR DOBLE 4.	WILLIAM THORN Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

*First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 24, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

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

FRANCIS H. JAMES .. Treble.	THOMAS J. ELTON 5.
WILLIAM ELLIS 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON 6.
JOSEPH PORTER 3.	ALFRED FLOWERS 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung as a compliment to F. H. James, on his 71st birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

HENRY SKELDING* .. Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 4.
THOMAS HEATHCOTE† .. 2.	*ALBERT J. SKELDING 5.
WILLIAM NEWMAN 3.	†JOHN G. ORFORD Tenor.

Conducted by J. G. ORFORD.

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

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 5.
WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. 2.	REUBEN CHARGE 6.
HARRY BARTON 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal of Bob Major by Wyatt and Crockford. This composition is now rung for the first time.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

EDWIN RAPLEY Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
JOHN SMART 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
GEORGE GATLAND 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the conductor's fiftieth peal of Double Norwich.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE .. 7.
ERNEST NIXON 4.	CHARLES WILKINS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIGHTCLIFFE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

F. BRADLEY Treble.	J. RUSHWORTH 5.
W. REEDS 2.	T. GELDER 6.
J. LAWSON 3.	W. SHERWOOD 7.
E. BARBER 4.	E. WILLIAMSON Tenor.

Composed by J. H. HARDCASTLE, of Bradford, and
Conducted by E. WILLIAMSON.ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 27, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

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

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong and right. *First peal with a bob bell.

NEW MILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 27, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent, New London,
Merchant's Return, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GILL Treble.	ARTHUR GILL 4.
JOHN TINKER 2.	HARRY HAIGH 5.
HERBERT BILTCLIFFE .. 3.	H. W. BARROW Tenor.

Conducted by H. BILTCLIFFE.

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OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, February 27, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

WILLIAM R. SMALL .. Treble.	REUBEN HALL 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JOHN ADAMS 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	THOMAS J. ELTON 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 27, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Treble.	*WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. 5.
GEORGE E. HARBOUR* .. 2.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 7.
JOHN TUCKER 4.	GEORGE ESSEX Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

*First peal in the method. This is A. E. Reeves's 50th peal, a list of which will be found on another page.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 28, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOSEPH TOWN Treble.	JOHN HACK 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
ERNEST H. NIXON 3.	GEORGE DURLING 7.
LOUIS ATTWATER* 4.	WALTER JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

*First peal in the method, and was elected a member before starting for the peal.

Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 22, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. BURRELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7-8.
WESLEY WATSON 9-10.	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—A. W. Brighton. The above is the first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells by all, and the first ever rung in the Eastern counties.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

OTLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, January 31st, at All Saints' church, a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Waddington, 1; F. Maston, 2; J. Waite, 3; A. Snowball, 4; J. Horner, 5; W. D. Clough, 6; J. Nelson (conductor), 7; F. W. Dixon, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. Composed by L. Cawood.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, January 24th, two 720s and 459 Bob Minor in 1 hr. 9 mins. E. A. Davies, 1; H. Mitchell, 2; G. Smith, 3; F. Price, 4; C. Browett, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the birthday of E. A. Davies, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

MORTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, December 26th, on the back

five at St. Andrew's church. a date touch of Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Mitchelson, 1; J. Alford (conductor), 2; A. Holmes, 3; C. Fowler, 4; W. L. Wadsley, 5.

EDENHAM (Lincolnshire).—At the commencement of the New Year a date touch of Grandsire Doubles in 2 hr. 4 mins. G. Chamberlain, 1; J. Alford (conductor), 2; G. H. Furness, 3; A. Holmes, 4; W. G. Jones, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—On Wednesday, October 12th, 1898, for practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. Conducted by J. L. Murray. On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. Conducted by J. L. Murray. On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service at St. Patrick's Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. Conducted by A. E. Bames. On Sunday evening, November 20th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 39 mins. Conducted by J. C. Nolan. On Sunday evening, December 18th, for Divine Service, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but time not permitting "stand" was called after ringing 1134 changes in 43 mins. Conducted by A. E. Bames.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.—On Monday, January 30th, for practice at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 324 and 648 Grandsire Caters. T. Rudd, 1; J. Lambert, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3; G. Lambert, 4; H. Greene, 5; R. Greene, 6; C. Murray, 7; R. T. Greene, 8; R. R. Cherry, 9; E. Lister, 10. Tenor 45 cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, December 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original in 36 mins. H. R. Pasmore, 1-2; W. H. Pasmore, 3-4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8. On Sunday, January 8th, the last 742 of Holt's Original in 21 mins., as before. On Sunday, January 22nd, a quarter-peal, taken from Holt's Original, in 34 mins., as before. On Sunday, February 5th, a silent quarter-peal, taken from Holt's Original in 34 mins.. W. S. Langdon, umpire. On Sunday, February 5th, a quarter-peal, taken from Holt's Original in 36 mins. W. S. Langdon, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore, 3-4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8. First quarter-peal on handbells by W. S. Langdon.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, December 18th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; E. Newman (conductor), 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; A. Collins (first 504 with a bob bell), 6; F. S. Bayley, 7; J. Gould, 8. On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice, 162 Grandsire Triples. H. C. Ingram (first 162), 1; C. Groves, 2; A. Stone, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; W. J. Pickard, 6; J. Gould, 7; E. Reynolds, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITTON, NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, January 10th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. S. Johnson (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; G. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6. On Thursday, January 19th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Forster (conductor), 1; G. Johnson, 2; R. Chantler, 3; S. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6. On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Forster (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; S. Johnson, 3; G. Johnson, 4; R. Chantler, 5; A. Johnson, 6.

KNUTSFORD (Cheshire).—On Sunday, February 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. S. Johnson (conductor), 1; G. Johnson, 2; R. Chantler, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, December 11th, at the church of St. James, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; H. Pearce, 2; A. Walker, 3; H. J. Poole, 4; G. H. Yendall, 5; E. E. Burgess, 6; A. Evans, 7; F. Millard, 8. On Thursday, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' four-part. H. J. Poole, 1; H. Pearce, 2; A. Doble, 3; G. H. Yendall, 4;

W. Gillard, 5; A. Evans, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; F. Millard, 8. On Thursday, January 19th, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; H. Hayward, 2; W. Hayward, 3; H. J. Poole, 4; H. Creed, 5; A. Doble, 6; G. H. Yendall, 7; W. Thorn, 8. Also 350 in the same method. H. Hayward, 1; W. Hayward, 2; H. J. Poole, 3; A. Doble, 4; H. Creed, 5; G. H. Yendall (conductor), 6; W. Thorn, 7; F. Millard, 8. On Thursday, February 9th, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Poole, 1; W. Gillard, 2; A. Doble, 3; J. Maddock, 4; F. Sadd, 5; W. Hayward, 6; F. Millard, 7; W. Thorn, 8. Also 336 in the same method. H. J. Poole (conductor), 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Maddock, 3; E. E. Burgess, 4; F. Sadd, 5; W. Hayward, 6; F. Millard, 7; W. Thorn, 8. Also 340 Stedman Triples. W. Gillard, 1; J. Maddock, 2; H. J. Poole, 3; F. Millard, 4; A. Evans (conductor), 5; E. E. Burgess, 6; W. Thorn, 7; F. Sadd, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On New Year's Day 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). F. J. Hyland, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; A. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; H. Shipp, 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Miss Muggridge. On Tuesday, January 3rd, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; A. T. Hyland, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 8th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). A. T. Hyland (conductor), 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; H. Shipp, 3; F. Ockwell, 4; J. Champion, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Thursday, January 19th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Wright, 1; E. J. Hyland (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; H. Shipp, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 31st, 720 Oxford Bob (twenty-two singles). T. Wright, 1; W. J. Walker, 2; H. Shipp, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 5th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Wright, 1; E. J. Hyland, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; H. Shipp (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 5th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Wright, 1; E. J. Hyland, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Dennis, 1; A. Trowell, 2; A. J. Day, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; T. Jull (first 720 in the method), 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6.

CHARING (Kent).—On Sunday January 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor. P. Edwards, 1; E. Archer, 2; W. Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; J. Willis, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. On January 8th, 720 Grandsire, composed by T. Dalton, of Croston. P. Edwards, 1; H. Ward, 2; W. Goode, 3; W. Spice (conductor), 4; E. Archer, 5; J. Willis, 6. On January 12th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. E. Archer, 1; P. Edwards, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; W. Spice, 5; J. Clifford, 6. Also a 6-score with T. Hatcher ringing the 2nd, and a 6-score with P. Strover ringing the 3rd. On January 22nd, for Divine Service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Hatcher, 1; H. Ward, 2; W. Good, 3; E. Archer, 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; J. Clifford, 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

PENDLETON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 12th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Thomas, being Hospital Sunday, touches in the following methods were successfully brought round, viz., Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, and Stedman Triples. The ringers were—F. Smith, J. Smith, G. E. Turner, J. Winterbottom, S. Greenhalgh, J. Turner, H. Shuker, A. Cross, and H. Chapman. The Stedman Triples were conducted by J. Turner, the remainder by H. Chapman.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, January 8th, two 6-scores of Stedman's Slow Course and one of Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; A. Livings, 6. On Tuesday, January 10th, three 6-scores of Stedman's Slow Course, standing as before. On Tuesday, January 17th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and 108 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Livings, 3; A. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence, 6. On Thursday, January 19th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Livings, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence (conductor), 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; J. Smith (aged 12), 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, for morning service, a 6-score each of Stedman Slow Course, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. A. Phillips (conductor), 1; A. Wright, 2; H. Carter, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 5; G. Phillips, 6. On Monday, January 23rd, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Phillips (conductor), 1; A. Wright, 2; H. Carter, 3; A. Lawrence, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; J. Smith, 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—Recently at the parish church for practice by the local band and a few friends, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. E. A. Davies, 1; H. Mitchell, 2; G. Smith, 3; F. Price, 4; C. Browett, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. E. A. Davies, 1; H. Mitchell, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. E. Pegler, 4; C. Browett, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 13th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. E. A. Davies, 1; J. Gillett, 2; G. Smith, 2; H. Mitchell, 4; C. Browett, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the Vicar's birthday. On Tuesday, January 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 26 mins. F. Price (first 720 in the method), 1; H. Mitchell, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. T. Pegler, 4; C. Browett, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. And 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (four bobs and two singles). J. Waite, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. T. Pegler, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; C. Browett, 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Friday, December 2nd, 720 Tulip. G. Shottin, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 4th, 720 College Exercise. A. L. Hardman, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Smith (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 5th, 720 Durham Surprise. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, December 9th, 720 Primrose. J. H. Smith, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 11th, 720 Burton. J. H. Smith, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Imperial. D. Briggs, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 12th, 720 Coventry Surprise. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, December 16th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 18th, 720 Morning Exercise. D. Briggs, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Smith, 1; D. Briggs, 2; L. Holt, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 19th, 720 Worcester Surprise. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Saturday, December 24th, 720 College Pleasure. D. Briggs, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 25th, 720 College Exercise. L. Holt, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. Smith, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Killamarsh. D. Briggs, 1; G. Shottin, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, December 30th, 720 Carlisle Surprise. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; G. Shottin, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION

GREAT HALE (Lincolnshire).—On Christmas Day 720 Kent. J. R. Green, 1; J. W. Wood, 2; C. Ward, 3; R. Masters, 4; T. B. Wood, 5; T. Taylor (first 720 in the method and first as conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. J. W. Wood, 1; R. Masters, 2; C. Ward, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; T. B. Wood, 5; T. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. J. R. Green, 1; J. W. Wood, 2; C. Ward, 3; R. Masters, 4; T. B. Wood, 5; T. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 12th, 720 Kent. J. R. Green, 1; T. B. Wood, 2; J. W. Wood, 3; R. Masters, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; T. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. J. R. Green, 1; J. W. Wood, 2; C. Ward, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; T. B. Wood, 5; T. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 31st, for practice, 720 Oxford. T. Humberstone, 1; J. W. Wood, 2; R. Masters, 3; W. Dickinson, 4; T. B. Wood, 5; T. Taylor (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On New Year's Eve at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Shipway. J. Osbourne, 1; C. Arfley, 2; G. H. Howse, 3; J. Smith, 4; H. W. Fayers, 5; J. Sharp, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8. Also 336 by the same band, J. Sharp (conductor). After the midnight service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Osbourne, 1; C. Arfley, 2; G. H. Head (conductor), 3; J. Smith, 4; G. H. Howse, 5; H. W. Fayers, 6; J. Sharp, 7; F. Elms, 8. On Tuesday, January 3rd, for practice, two courses of Bob Major, 168 and several courses of Stedman Triples,

336 Grandsire Triples, and a course of Oxford Bob Triples. On Tuesday, January 31st, for practice, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. G. H. Howse, H. Meetens, A. Gower, G. H. Head, J. Sharp, and C. Arfley. Also 447 Grandsire Triples. J. Osbourne, 1; H. Meetens, 2; C. Arfley, 3; A. Gower, 4; H. Fayers, 5; A. Midmore, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; D. Duly, 8. On Sunday evening, February 5th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Mallard, 1; C. Arfley, 2; A. Miles, 3; G. H. Howse, 4; G. H. Head, 5; J. Osbourne, 6; J. Sharp (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, January 31st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Pickin, 1; J. Shone, 2; J. Hough, 3; H. Bird, 4; T. Hughes, 5; F. Jones, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; H. Reynolds, 8. First quarter-peal by Hough and Reynolds.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—Recently, on handbells, 504 Stedman Triples. E. P. Foreman, 1; T. L. Wilson (conductor), 2; E. Canova, 3; R. Tracy, 4; A. Lee, 5; A. Took, 6; F. Lambert, 7-8. On Thursday, January 26th, at St. Mary's church, six courses in the same method. T. L. Wilson, 1; W. Price, 2; F. Lambert, 3; R. Tracy, 4; A. Took, 5; A. Lee, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; S. Kerrison, 8. This is the first touch of Stedman ever rung on these bells by a local company.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, January 28th, at the parish church, nine courses of Superlative Surprise. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Betts, 2; R. Whiting, 3; J. Tann, 4; F. Borrett, 5; E. Poppy, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8. On Thursday, February 2nd, 1008 Bob Major. E. Smith (conductor), 1; E. Lincoln, 2; J. Betts, 3; F. Munnings, 4; F. Borrett, 5; E. Poppy, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Candler, of Harleston, who was buried at Redenhall that day.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. G. Heather, 1; F. Trendell, 2; C. Barltrop, 3; C. Dean (conductor), 4; E. Walker, 5; H. Bryant, 6; L. Ferrige, 7; W. Wood, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLIXTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 31st, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hunter, 1; J. Eachus, 2; S. Collier, 3; *J. H. Collier, 4; *J. Nuttall, 5; J. M. Ridehalgh (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—On Tuesday, January 31st, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Nicholls, 1; B. Nash, 2; A. Radford, 3; G. Bonfield, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; F. Nash, 6. And two 168s of Grandsire Triples. L. Webster, 1; B. Nash, 2; A. Radford, 3; F. Nash, 4; J. Nicholls, 5; N. Alderman (conductor), 6; G. Bonfield, 7; J. Clements, 8. First touches of Grandsire Triples by the local band.

MELTON MOWBRAY (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, January 31st, at St. Mary's church on the front six, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. Spiby, 1; J. E. Goodacre, 2; C. Dalby, 3; W. James, 4; E. J. Gale, 5; R. H. Bartram (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor by a local band in Melton.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—On Thursday, January 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. E. Beal, 1; E. Brant, 2; F. Brook, 3; T. Ranger, 4; F. Morley, 5; G. Penfold (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor by Messrs. Brook, Ranger, and Morley. On Saturday, February 11th, two 720s of Bob Minor called differently in 49 mins. J. Bray, 1; E. Brant, 2; E. Beal, 3; G. Penfold, 4; G. Howse, 5; G. Head (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles with J. Bray at the tenor.

SOMERBY (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, January 28th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Smith, 1; G. Pepper, 2; W. Smith, 3; W. Tyler, 4; J. H. Preston (conductor), 5. First 120 on the bells by a local band, and first 120 by all except W. Smith and the conductor. On Saturday, February 11th, another 6-score standing as above. Also another 6-score with G. Neal, 2; G. Pepper, 4. The above, with the exception of the conductor and W. Smith, only commenced changing last October.

WESTHAM (Sussex).—On Tuesday, January 31st, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently in 25 mins. H. Pilley, 1; F. Brook, 2; F. Morley (conductor), 3; H. Morley, 4; T. Ranger, 5; G. Gutsell, 6. First 720 by Messrs. Pilley, H. Morley, and Gutsell, and the first on the bells by an entirely local band.

THE HEREFORD SOCIETY.

The City of Hereford branch of the Diocesan Guild recently held their annual dinner at The Raven hotel. Previously a quarter-peal was rung at the Cathedral.

Mr. W. Greenleaf presided, Mr. W. Davies occupying the vice-chair. The ample repast, provided by host Gaines, having had the fullest justice done to it, the Chairman submitted the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, and subsequently called upon Mr. Groves (the Guild instructor) to propose the toast of the evening.

Mr. Groves, in proposing "The Hereford Diocesan Guild," said that those present all knew what the Guild had done in furtherance of the Art. There was no Guild like it in the kingdom. As a rule they were quite of a different kind. No instruction was obtainable in the other Guilds except by paying for it. He was pleased to see the branch prospering, and also the improvement shown by the Cathedral company since he had been coming among them.

The Chairman then gave "Success to the Hereford Cathedral Society."

Mr. Hobby, in responding, said that undoubtedly they had introduced within the last two years considerable enthusiasm into their society, and some of the young men had put the older ones in the shade. They must endeavour to do, under the difficulties they had to contend with, the best they could. He did not think there was any town in the county of Hereford which had to contend with the difficulties Hereford had. He would like to see clergymen evincing more interest in ringing in the future than they had in the past. They had one clergyman who had shown great interest in it. He was sure that if more gentlemen could be induced to follow his example, the ringers would take more pleasure in the art themselves. They must try to get churches outside the Guild to join it. He did not think the churches of All Saints and St. Peter, Hereford, were connected with the Guild, though St. Nicholas was. They all ought to belong to the Guild. He spoke to the Vicar of All Saints the other day about the improvement of the bells, but his answer was that they were short of money. He (the speaker) however considered that the thing could be done if they only made a start. There were many a score of persons in the parish of All Saints who did not know that there was anything the matter with their bells.

Other toasts followed.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

The local band of ringers, and adult members of the choir, were kindly invited to supper in the parish room on Tuesday, February 14th, by the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Lee, who as is well known is the Hon. Secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. About twenty members sat down to an excellent repast, under the presidency of Mr. Jarvis, faced by Mr. Aston as vice. All present were truly sorry to learn that the Vicar could not be present with them, as owing to an attack of influenza, he was confined to his room. His absence was a special disappointment both to ringers and singers, as it was their intention to have improved the occasion by making him a presentation on account of his coming marriage. This particularly interesting ceremony however took place on the following Saturday in the schoolroom.

After supper, the toast of "The Queen" being proposed by the chairman, the cloth was removed, and various games were indulged in, several tunes being played on the handbells. A very delightful evening was spent, closing with hearty thanks to the Vicar, and deep and sincere wishes for his speedy recovery.

RYE, SUSSEX.

On Monday, February 13th, the ringers of this parish were kindly entertained to a substantial supper at The George hotel by L. A. Vidler, Esq. and the Rev. P. E. F. Berry, to commemorate the wedding of the first-named gentleman, who was married on February 1st to Miss Edith Roper, of Tulse Hill, Norwood; he being an honorary ringing member. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Minor, and Doubles were rung on his wedding day and also on his return home from the wedding tour.

Mr. Vidler occupied the chair, and the Rev. P. E. F. Berry the vice-chair. After the repast, complimentary toasts, appropriate to the occasion and circumstances, were given and responded to. These were interspersed with songs by several of the company, a reading from "THE BELL NEWS" by Mr. Berry, and several touches on the handbells; "Auld lang syne" bringing to the close a very pleasant evening.

The company were very sorry to hear that their much-respected Master, the Rev. P. E. F. Berry, was about to leave the neighbourhood, having been appointed to a benefice in Cornwall. He was just becoming such a useful member of the Exercise, and has done so much to promote unity and good friendship among the members, that his departure will be an undoubted loss.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 11th, several members and friends celebrated the 31st anniversary of this society with a grand dinner, held at The York Hotel, Waterloo Road. After the removal of the cloth, the evening was given to harmony, songs being contributed by various members of the company. Several fine selections on handbells were given by Messrs. W. H. Pasmore, H. Pasmore, Symonds, Golding, Barton, and W. Baron. The usual toasts were given during the evening: "The Royal Family," "The Society," etc. Mr. Driver, in replying to the toast of "Church Officials," spoke in most eloquent terms on the duties of steeplekeepers, etc., from which much could be learnt in keeping goodwill and fellowship among each other. Mr. M. V. Moore again presided at the pianoforte, keeping every one in full swing, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with "Auld lang syne." V. W. W.

SEGhill CHURCH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

A new eight-day clock, striking the hours, and showing the time upon one large external dial, has been erected at this church to the memory of the first Vicar of Seghill, by his daughter, Miss E. Skene, and was formerly set going on Saturday last. It will be a great boon to the inhabitants of this busy mining district.

A brass tablet bearing out the above is going to be placed inside the church porch.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. William Potts and Sons, Church and Turret Clock Manufacturers, of Town Hall Buildings, Cloth Market, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Guildford Street, Leeds.

Messrs. W. Potts and Sons have also just completed a new illuminated turret clock for Messrs. W. E. Buckley and Co., at their works, Pilsworth Bleacheries, Whitefield, near Manchester.

OUR RECENT HANDBELL GIFTS.

A LETTER OF THANKS.

I write to say I have received the eight handbells from the Messrs. Shaw, bellfounders, of Bradford, and a very nice peal of bells they are, excellently well-finished, and capably in tune. I am very well pleased and satisfied with them. The makers have done their duty to them in finish, tone, and workmanship, and they add credit to the present reputation of the firm. Now, I think it is your turn, Mr. Editor. I wish therefore, to thank you very kindly for your gift of eight handbells. I must say that I consider myself extremely lucky in getting the fourth prize. The readers of our paper ought to thank you for offering such handsome gifts for competition; I do most sincerely. The county of Cheshire has been lucky, the first and fourth prizes coming to Crewe and Congleton respectively. As in the past, I shall in the future endeavour my best to extend the circulation of our paper; and I hope everyone, especially those gentlemen who like myself have secured one of the splendid gifts, will do the same. If either of us only succeed in getting the whole of the members of any one tower where it has been the habit to have but one copy amongst them to have each a number every week, we shall be helping in a good work.

Congleton, Cheshire.

JAS. PERRY,

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 Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield church, to-day, Saturday, March 4. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting house White Bear inn. R. HARRISON, Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary Johnson Commemoration will be held as usual to-day, Saturday, March 4. Ringing at St. Martin's from 3 to 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at "Ye Old Royal," Temple Row, at 6.0 p.m. J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., B.C.L., will preside. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec., 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Crossens, to-day, Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m., Tea 5 p.m., Business Meeting 6 p.m. REV. W. T. BULFIT, Hon. Sec. W. BENTHAM, Secs.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bucknall to-day, Saturday, March 4th. REV. G. T. BIRCH, Hon. Secs. W. TWIGG, Secs.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, March 11th. Short service in the parish church at 3.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting in parish room. The bells of the parish church (8) will be available. Will all members who intend to be present kindly inform Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, 30, Broad Street, Bristol, at once?

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

The Heavy Woollen Districts Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at The Wakefield Arms, Dewsbury, on Saturday, March 11th, at 5 o'clock. It is requested that as many members as possible will attend, as there is some very important business. The Six-Bell Contest will take place at Shelly, on Whit-Monday. WALTER IDLE, Sec.

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting is unavoidably postponed till Saturday, April 15. J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report. Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

Will the following members or any friend whose eyes this may meet kindly send their present addresses to the Hon. Sec.: James W. Roper, late of 14, Ridley Villas, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Howard V. Wilkins, late of Sutton Coldfield; Harry D. Smith, late of 16, Vernon Street, Northampton; Arthur O. Stewart, late of 5, Adnitt Road, Whitworth Estate, Northampton; Thomas Lingard, late of Hall End, Attleborough, Nuneaton; Lawrence W. Knight, late of Cannock; William Wigginton, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Charles Davie, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Joseph Kendall, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; William Chalk, late of Quorn Hall, Loughborough; William Hickley, late of Loughborough; Joseph Harris, late of Loughborough; Charles L.

Routledge, late of 43, Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh; Arthur J. Chattell, late of Bridge Street, Long Eaton; George Waplington, late of Grey Friar Gate, Nottingham, and greatly oblige, J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec., 22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

NOTE TO PEAL.

MR. A. E. REEVES'S FIFTY PEALS.—On six bells, 5; Bob Triples, 2; Bob Major, 11, conducted 1; Bob Royal, 2; Grandsire Triples, 9, conducted 1; Grandsire Caters, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 4; Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Triples, 12; Stedman Caters, 1; total 50.

THE DAVID WILSON FUND.

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Drighlington Society ..	0	6	6
Bolsterstone Society ..	0	10	6
Bramley Society ..	0	6	6
Sheffield parish church Society ..	0	10	6
Liversedge Society and friends ..	1	2	0
Leeds Society ..	0	10	0
Bradford Society ..	0	8	0
Mr. Walter Idle ..	0	5	0
Mr. E. Wheeler ..	0	2	6
Mr. W. Abbishaw ..	0	2	0
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Mr. S. Latimer ..	0	2	6
Mr. C. Pratt ..	0	2	0
Mr. W. W. Fussell ..	0	2	6

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In again thanking all those who have so generously subscribed, I am asked to state that at Mr. Wilson's own request the money has been invested in the names of two trustees in the Yorkshire Penny Bank for six months, at the end of which Mr. Wilson thinks he will be able to use it to greater advantage than at the present time for the object that he himself has in view. Should be want to use it before he can do so, when the object it has been used for will be given in these columns.

JOHN CLAYTON.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DUDLEY.—On Thursday, January 26th, at St. Thomas's church, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins., as a token of respect to the late Henry Bastable, of Birmingham, and Edwin Cashmore, of Westbromwich, both being members of the above Association previous to their decease. J. Smith, 1; H. Goodman, 2; H. Price (first quarter-peal of Caters), 3; W. Micklewright (composer and conductor), 4; S. J. Hughes, 5; A. Spittle, 6; W. Talbot, 7; S. Spittle, 8; J. Goodman, 9; H. Sheppard, 10.

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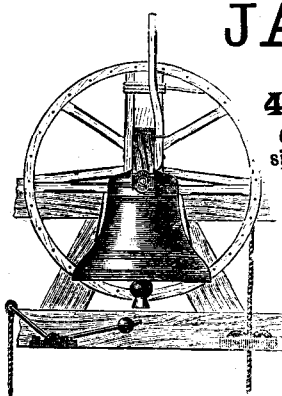
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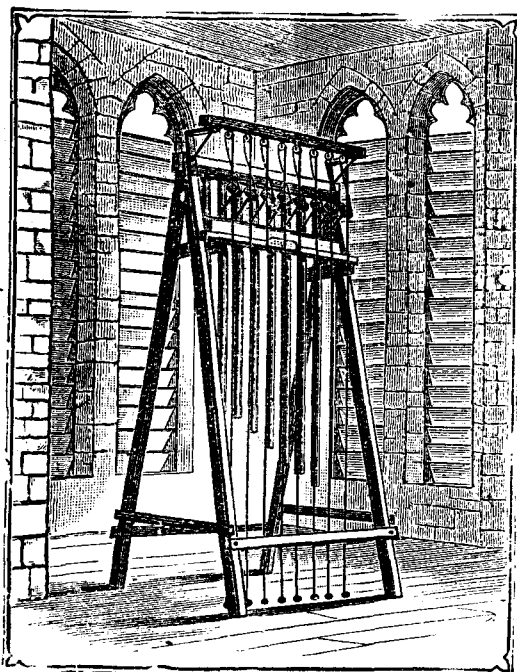
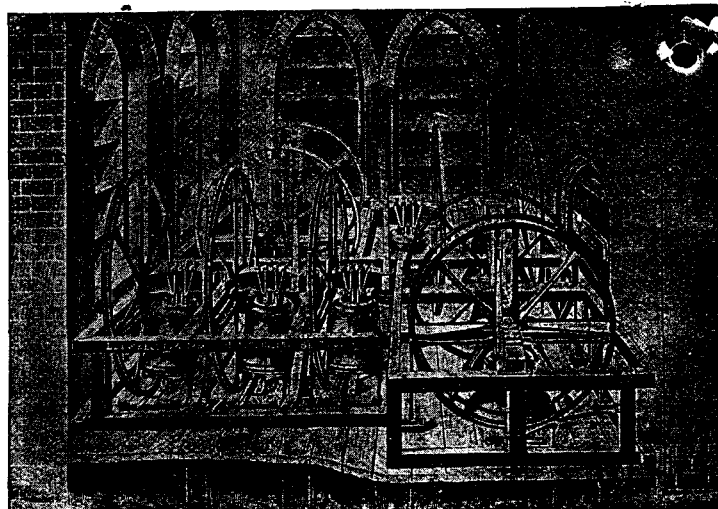
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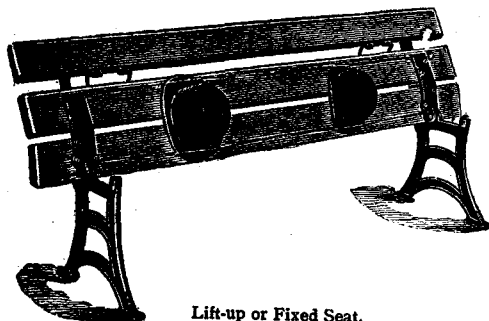
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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

EVIDENCE was afforded on Saturday last that this annual gathering had lost none of its popularity with the ringers of the Midland district, who evidently look upon it not only as a means of commemorating the late Henry Johnson, but as one of the opportunities they only occasionally obtain of meeting fellow-ringers from a distance.

We have to congratulate the Guild's executive on the admirable arrangements they had made for their visitors. Early in the afternoon an efficient band was in attendance at the parish church, so that touch-ringing might be enjoyed on the noble and splendidly-going ring of twelve, and when all were gathered in the large yet cosy dining room of "Ye Old Royal," it could be seen at a glance how representative the gathering was. Besides the officers and rank and file of the St. Martin's Guild were representatives of the following ringing organizations: the Worcestershire, the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Birmingham and District Amalgamated, and the more distant Yorkshire Association. The dinner was excellent both in quality and style of serving, and at its close the more formal part of the proceedings commenced.

Letters expressing regret at inability to attend had been received from Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. (who has provisionally promised to preside at the next anniversary), from the Rector and Wardens of St. Martin's, and others.

The Chairman, J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., B.C.L., in proposing the toast of "Queen, Church, and State," said that every individual member of his audience could not help rejoicing in the fact that our noble Lady Sovereign was well on towards her 81st birthday, and with every prospect before her of living well on into the twentieth century. As regards the State, every one must agree that at no time in her history had England been more prosperous and successful. Referring to the Church, he expressed the opinion that the present unhappy differences existing between the various parties in the Church were matters for settlement by churchmen themselves, without outside interference, while he particularly enjoined them to remember that in judging the action of Sir William Harcourt in the matter they had to consider the fact that he had long ago been pledged to disestablishment. He then called upon Mr. Manton to sing the National Anthem, requesting the audience to repeat it afterwards as a chorus. This was carried out in the hearty manner customary at ringers' meetings.

In the next toast, that of the evening, "The Memory of the late Henry Johnson," the Chairman alluded to the fact that this was the third occasion of the kind which he had had the honour of presiding at, so that they could hardly expect him to tell them much that was new in recommending this well-known toast to them. However, it differed from a well-worn garment, because they were never tired of it. The late Henry Johnson, born in 1809, and living until 1890, was eminently a man of the nineteenth century, and in his own particular line quite as remarkable as any eminent warrior, statesman, or poet.

To apply a simile to Mr. Johnson's connection with the ringing Exercise—"He found brick and left marble." Evidencing Mr. Johnson's kindness and urbanity he mentioned one small personal incident within his own experience, when, as a young man unknown to Mr. Johnson, he had applied to him by letter for a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1875, and received the composition from him by return post. Where could one look for such kindness and consideration, joined with such ability? While on this subject he could not help mentioning one who had just passed away from them—the late Harry Bastable. Referring to his many good qualities, which were in every way the highest examples that could be placed before his successor in the office of ringing-master at St. Martin's, the Chairman went on to remind his hearers that the example of good work of any kind was never lost, but survived through all ages. Truly of Harry Bastable it might be said, in the words of the Yankee song, that

While his body lies mouldering in the grave,
His soul goes marching on.

The toast having been honoured in silence, the Secretary of the Guild,

Mr. Godden, proposed "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild." He said that the Guild had now been in existence just over ten years, and it always seemed to him that there was a great similarity between the lives of individuals and the lives of such communities as their Guild—each had its ups and downs. For their Guild he could claim that with all their trials, and they had had some, they were on the whole fairly successful and prosperous. They had achieved many performances which were worthy of the reputation they inherited from their predecessors—the St. Martin's and the Holt societies, and referring to two very recent performances, he could not help thinking that they had been highly fortunate, and that the feats of securing muffled peals at the first attempt were highly creditable to the bands, at King's Norton for a peal of Superlative, and at St. Martin's for the Stedman Cinques. While he asked every one present to honour this toast of continued prosperity, he begged them to bear in mind that something further was necessary, and that in order to secure prosperity they must continue to be unflagging in their efforts and determination. With that toast he coupled "The Health of the Presiding Ringing Master, Mr. John Day," who was always with them, stimulating them with advice and ripe experience.

Mr. Day, in responding, thanked his audience for the heartiness with which they had honoured the toast, and took the opportunity to urge upon the members of the St. Martin's Guild the great necessity of UNITY. It was only by unity among themselves that they could look for repeated success, and he did sincerely hope that they would sink all little differences among themselves, and be mutually conciliatory in all their actions. He took that opportunity of congratulating Mr. Short on his election as Ringing-Master at St. Martin's in succession to the late Henry Bastable, emphasizing his belief that the members had made a wise choice, and ended by proposing Mr. Short's health, which was suitably responded to.

In proposing "Success to Kindred Ringing Societies," Mr. Russam expressed the gratification it gave them all to see kindred ringing societies well represented at that meeting, and joining with their own members in commemorating the late Henry Johnson. He would ask them in honouring this toast not to forget kindred societies across the seas, for only that day he had read in their own paper accounts of some performances by the Society at Melbourne (Australia), and at Dublin. They would all join with him in wishing that the exercise might be spread over all the English-speaking portions of the globe, so that they might have the same friendly rivalry with their brothers abroad as they now had with kindred societies in their own isle. He could not help thinking of a little experience of his own, when once asked what he saw in so much ringing. He replied, "Well, you know what a grand thing Free Masonry is considered, and of all forms of freemasonry that existing among ringers is the highest. I can go into any tower or village in the kingdom where ringers are located, and wherever I find a ringer I at once find a friend." In connection with this toast he desired to mention the names of gentlemen then present, viz.: Messrs. Smith and Micklewright, of the Worcester-shire Association; Mr. Reeves, of the Stafford Association; Mr. John Carter, of the Birmingham Amalgamated; and particularly he wished to couple with the toast the name of their friend Mr. Willey, of the Yorkshire Association, who had travelled all the way from Sheffield to be present with them.

Mr. Willey, who is an old acquaintance at Birmingham, and had evidently come to thoroughly enjoy the society of his Birmingham friends, was soon on his feet to respond, and caused some amusement by informing his hearers that he had always heartily agreed with that old nursery precept—"Little boys should be seen and not heard." Whatever his virtuous intentions may have been in this direction, they have evidently gone to pave a nameless place, since Mr. Willey is far too good a comrade not to be able to hold his own, and respond in a manner which should do credit to the Association of which he is so proud of being a member, and to his own dear Sheffield. Much as he travelled about among ringers, he never enjoyed their society more than in Birmingham, where he always felt at home and welcome.

In a very humorous speech, Mr. Fred Smith proposed "Success to the Ringing Papers." Startling his hearers by the statement that "publicity was the breath of life," and that "without newspapers we were a lost race," he came perilously near destroying the confidences of private life by relating to his audience "wheezes" which had been communicated to him by a prominent member. He urged all ringers to keep their exercise continually before the public by means of the Press. Their papers could only carry out that function so long as they were well supported, and consequently he assumed that each ringer present not only subscribed to them personally, but lost no opportunity of introducing them to others. This toast met with a hearty response, and

Mr. Day then rose to propose "The Health of the Chairman." Their chairman had placed them under an additional obligation by his filling the office that evening. He had ever found him ready to be of assistance to the Guild at all times, and the members generally could never know the full extent of his kindness. He complimented Mr. Pritchett on his success in the higher reaches of the science, and upon the fact that they now had a band at King's Norton which had reached Superlative

and Cambridge. He confidently predicted that the King's Norton company would soon reach the most difficult of all—London Surprise. The toast was most enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

The Chairman then responded in a discursive little speech, which seemed to reach every individual among his audience in a very pleasant way. He referred to the presence of ladies after dinner, and trusted that the innovation might be continued at another year's gathering.

The proceedings throughout the evening were interspersed with music. Mrs. Painter, as usual, presided at the pianoforte with her well known skill, and capital songs were rendered by Messrs. Manton, Shenton, and Willey. Mr. Willey also gave a taste of his quality as an elocutionist, and appeared to be as well received in that as in any other capacity.

A course of Stedman Cinques in hand was given by Messrs. W. Kent, F. Clayton, T. Miller, B. Witchell, W. Short, and W. Bryant. Later on tunes were rendered on the handbells by Messrs. Bryant, Miller and Short, and by Messrs. Miller, Short, and T. Verry.

The programme throughout was of a varied character, and a pleasant evening came to an end all too quickly.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Saturday, March 4th, a very good meeting was held at Bowden, a quaint old Cheshire village about one mile to the west of Altrincham, on the main road to Liverpool, situated almost in the centre of market gardens where vegetables and fruit are grown for the Manchester market and surrounding towns. The weather was fine but decidedly winterly, a light fall of snow taking place about the time of the meeting, giving the profuse ivy, box, and other evergreens in the rectory grounds and churchyard a charmingly picturesque appearance; later on the glowing west lent an additional charm, making "the village windows blaze, varnished by the setting sun."

A goodly number of ringers attended Divine Service in the church, where an eloquent address was delivered by the Rev. H. L. Mallory, M.A., Vicar of Mobberley, and Hon. Secretary of the branch, who took as his text the words from St. James: "Every good and perfect gift cometh from above." The address was listened to with marked attention, and must have impressed those present with a sense of the importance and responsibility of their position as Church-workers.

After service an excellent tea was provided in the school, to which, it is almost needless to say, ample justice was done. A meeting then took place, and a representative from the branch (Mr. P. Brickell), was elected to attend the next general committee meeting in May next at Chester. The date and place of the next meeting was then decided on, the choice being Mobberley on June 10th.

Ringings in various methods by mixed bands was kept up for an hour or two, the company dispersing in different directions about eight o'clock.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Kelsale on Saturday, February 25th, when nineteen members attended from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Sweffling, Rendham, Benhall, and Kelsale. The bells of St. Peter's 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 inhabitants of Kelsale are fortunate in having in their Rector one who takes a special interest in the welfare and comfort of his parishioners. A spacious and commodious Church House has recently been erected, attached to which is a reading room and library, billiard room and games room, all at the expense of the Rector and his family. A village club has been established in connection therewith. It was in one of these rooms that the business meeting was held at six o'clock, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. D. Davies, M.A. The Hon. District Secretary, Mr. H. J. Button, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed and signed. Eight new members were enrolled. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Rendham in May. On the proposition of Mr. John Button, seconded by Mr. R. Wells, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, the Church House, for presiding at the meeting, and for the kind hospitality extended to the members, which brought to a conclusion a successful and enjoyable meeting.

BARNESLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday evening, February 15th, the ringers of St. Mary's church rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor with the bells muffled in 26 mins. T. Bone, C. D. Potter, W. Richardson, C. Holling, G. S. Tyas, and R. Sparks. Rung as a token of respect for Mr. Benjamin Canter, who died on Sunday, February 12th, aged 78. For fifty-two years he was a member of the choir. When at his best he had a sonorous and powerful bass voice, and was most regular and punctual at all practices and services. He also held other important offices in connection with church work, all of which he carried out with an earnestness which stamped him as a devout adherent and true churchman. His remains were interred on Wednesday, the 15th inst., in St. George's churchyard, previous to which a full choral service was held at St. Mary's church. During the service the minute bell was tolled. The coffin was borne shoulder high into the church. At the church porch the procession was met by the choir and clergy, who sang the solemn sentences—"I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord," etc. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Kirby. As the mourners left the church, Mr. J. Asquith, the organist, played the Dead March. By special request of the deceased, the services at St. George's were conducted by the Rev. J. Ll. Brerton, Vicar of St. Peter's.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. Gibson, D.D., Vicar of Leeds, set going on Saturday last at the parish church, Leeds, a fine illuminated Cambridge quarter-clock, which shows the time upon four external dials eight feet each in diameter, and which are lighted by electricity, turned on and off by an automatic apparatus attached to the clock. The hours are struck on the fine tenor bell of 36 cwt., and the Cambridge chimes upon four smaller bells. The clock, which is of large size, and with all the latest improvements inserted, rests upon strong steel girders built into the walls of the tower. The clock is made on the plan of the Lincoln Cathedral clock by the same makers, Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Guildford Street, Leeds, from orders received from C. R. Chorley, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., one of the churchwardens, and is the gift of an anonymous donor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

One of the most successful meetings of this division was held at Hailsham on Saturday, February 25th, twenty-five members attending, representing Blacklands and St. Clement's; Hastings; Christ Church, St. Leonards; Christ Church, Eastbourne; St. Nicholas, Pevensey; and the tower visited. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and continued until 9 o'clock, except during the interval for tea and business meeting following.

The Vicar (Rev. F. Clyde Harvey), although prevented from joining the members at the commencement of the tea, came in before it was over, and in response to a vote of thanks for granting the use of the bells, proposed by Mr. Saker, gave the members a very hearty welcome, and hoped they would soon pay Hailsham another visit. The present meeting he said had done good by stirring up the churchwardens, and the set of new ropes was the result, they having been put in about a week previous to the meeting, and he hoped that Mr. Saker would bring a band as soon as he thought the ropes were in condition, and ring a peal of 5000 changes if he liked. He liked to hear good ringing, and his congregation were fond of it. He was also glad to say that his own band were making good progress under Mr. F. Harding's tuition, and he had no doubt they would follow Mr. Saker's suggestions, and become affiliated to the Association during the present year.

The minutes of the previous meeting were duly read and confirmed. Three new members were proposed and elected, viz., Albert Barrow (Christ Church, Blacklands); Robert Howse and Albert Harfey (Christ Church, Eastbourne). The methods practised during the afternoon and evening comprised Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

The bells are a very musical peal, with a tenor weighing 11 cwt., and they go very well, but unfortunately the new ropes are too heavy, with cumbersome sallies, and are spoilt by the ends being cut off, leaving one tuck only about twelve inches long, and this spliced in; another result of placing such orders with a firm that does not make bell ropes a specialty.

Correspondence.

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

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space to bring before the members of the above Guild notice of the approaching marriage of the Rev. A. C. Lee, Honorary Secretary of this Guild. May I be permitted to ask if something cannot be done by the members collectively to acknowledge the valuable services the above gentleman has rendered to the Guild? Probably no member is more acquainted with the manner in which this gentleman has been so zealous on behalf of church bells and ringers in the diocese than myself; therefore I hope that this suggestion may be received by all members in the same spirit as it is written; and I therefore trust that some one in a more central position than myself will take the matter in hand, and give us all an opportunity of assisting in such a worthy cause. At present I am situated in a non-ringing district, and am therefore prevented from taking any active part in ringing; but I read "THE BELL NEWS."

C. EDWARDS.

The Gardens, Trewyn House, Pandy, near Abergavenny.

NOTICE.—We have a great many touch reports still in hand, all of which will appear in due course. We entreat our friends to write all names legibly.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This society held a meeting at Eckington on Saturday, February 25th, to decide if a contest should take place for the Association cup this year. In consequence of the Rector of Staveley declining the use of the bells for such a purpose, the meeting was well attended; seven towers being represented. Mr. T. Allibone presided.

The Hon. Secretary, in explaining to the meeting the good object for which the cup was obtained, was inclined after four years' experience with contests, to vote against a further contest being held. He would suggest that the cup be handed over to an official of the society for safe keeping from year to year, to be exhibited at each annual meeting, and handed round as a loving cup, and not as a cup of bitters. A great deal had been said about late contests which would have better been left unsaid. Who knows what remains to be said? It was decided that the question should stand over until the annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Allibone for presiding. In replying, Mr. Allibone said he hoped the time would soon come when the East and the Old East would be as one. He was Secretary of the one, and his old friend Mr. James was Secretary of the other; and each were members of both. Both societies have upwards of eighty members; the East Derbyshire having a number of five-bell towers; and connected with these are the men who fight shy. The year just passed has seen wonders effected; places where it seemed impossible to raise a new frame have recast and added new bells. Let us hope to see the same good work being done every year. But it is of no use sitting down hungry in the middle of a wood and praying for bread; you must work with a will to get new treble bells.

E. J.

ALL SAINTS, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

On Monday evening last, the ringers of this church were kindly entertained by the Rev. A. H. Drummond at the Vicarage, on the occasion of opening a new peal of handbells, cast by Mears and Stainbank, the tone of which were greatly admired. Courses in various methods were rung, and tunes by Rev. H. C. Bell and others. The esteemed Vicar also took part in a 6-score of Grandsire.

RINGERS' VISIT.

On Saturday last, a party of ringers journeyed to Newchurch, Culcheth, near Warrington, from Saddleworth and Mossley. The journey was enlivened by courses on the handbells. On their arrival the party were met by Mr. A. W. Holden, of Glazebury, and rung some touches on the ring of six (tenor about 10 cwt.), including two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. First 720: J. J. Brierley (Saddleworth), J. Pilling (Saddleworth), John Holden (Mossley; conductor), F. Rhodes (Uppermill), J. T. Scott (Frizeland), H. Manns (Mossley). Second 720: The first four standing as above, A. W. Holden and J. T. Scott ringing the tenors.

A splendid meat tea was thoroughly enjoyed at The Packhorse inn, and a very enjoyable visit was brought to an end by the aid of the handbells. The visitors tender their thanks to the authorities for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Yates, the sexton, for having all in readiness.

At this church change-ringing is unknown, raising and falling and ringing rounds being the extent of the abilities of the locals. It is hoped this visit will stir them up to attain a knowledge of half-pull ringing.

WOBURN, BEDS.

On Saturday, February 4th, on handbells, at the house of Mr. Cyril Herbert, 2520 of Bob Royal, in 1 hr. 33 mins. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; Ernest Herbert, 3-4; Douglas Harris, 5-6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7-8; Sidney Avis, 9-10.

This touch was rung in commemoration of the birthday of the conductor, Mr. Cyril Herbert. Afterwards a pleasant evening was spent, the bard of the company (Mr. H. Morrison) expressing himself in the words following:—

Here's luck to good old Cyril,
On this his natal day,
His birth we meet to celebrate
In this most pleasant way.

"Ropology" (excuse the word,
It's really not so bad)
Our brother's so well learnt that he
Can now outstrip his Dad.

The swishing plane—the pealing bell:
Music—with all its symphony—
Long may he live to blend them all
Into one perfect harmony.

THE QUEEREST LANGUAGE.

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.

Then one fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
But the plural of mouse should never be meeces.

You may find a lone mouse or a whole nest of mice,
The plural of house is houses, not hices.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why should not the plural of Pan be called pen?

The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,
But a vow if repeated is never called vine;
And the plural of bow is bows, and not bine.

If I speak of a foot and you show me your feet,
I give you a boot—would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth, and a whole set are teeth,
Why should not the plural of booth be called beeth?

If the singular is this, and the plural is these,
Should the plural of kiss be nick-named keese?

One may be that, and three may be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose.
And the plural of cat is cats, and not cose.

We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,
But though we say mother we never say methren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his, and him,
But imagine the feminine—she, shis, and shim.

So the English I think, you all will agree,
Is the queerest language you ever did see.

Congleton.

JAS. PERRY, JUN.

P.S.—Can any of my fellow-readers find me an English word that will rhyme with the word "month"? If so will they very kindly oblige

J. P.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, February 12th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. A. Brindley, 1; T. Allen, 2; T. Austin, 3; A. Shufflebotham, 4; S. Churton, 5; T. Mountford, 6; H. Page (conductor), 7; T. Rose, 8.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1899.

In the midst of that discordance, or to put it technically, out of-course juncture of affairs under which the Church is at present labouring, we take the opportunity of alluding to an institution which is worthy of the support of all churchmen, be they High, Low, Broad, or of any other definition. What we refer to is the Victoria Clergy Fund, which has been instituted for the express purpose of pecuniarily augmenting those benefices which provide ridiculously low incomes for the clergy who fill them. We wish we were able to publish the whole of the sermon preached at St. Paul's in aid of this fund by that great and good man, the Dean of Canterbury. The once popular error that the clergy of our Church are in the enjoyment of wealth, is we fear not entirely eradicated. That the reverse is the case is but a bare truism. Let us quote one or two of the Dean's telling sentences:

"How many of the clergy live perpetually on the verge of bankruptcy, and the hearts of how many of them ache at the thought of the chill and grinding penury in which they must leave their wives and children when they die! . . . Is this creditable to the English people, tens of

thousands of whom do not contribute one penny to their own spiritual maintenance? Are they satisfied that many thousands of their clergy should be receiving less for their labours than multitudes of uneducated butlers and unskilled artisans? Is it creditable to England that her ecclesiastical establishment is chiefly maintained from endowments in the days of our fathers, when the whole population of the country was far less than that of London alone, and its whole income not one-thousandth part of what now it is? Is it creditable to England that American congregations are, as a rule, far more generous and considerate to their clergy than the English are? Are we to be callous to the sufferings of those who minister to us in holy things, because, as a rule, they are so pathetically silent about their misery? How many of you would like to try the experiment of supporting a wife and family, and keeping up the position of a gentleman, on a dwindling and burdened income of £150 a year? Think of a man of gentle nurture, who has to see his girls pine and fade in the grinding struggle, and his wife sink under the crushing burden, and his boys grow up ill-clothed, ill-educated, and ill-fed!"

This is in truth a deplorable picture. Some of our readers may ask what they can do in the matter. We hope there are many who will be led to concern themselves with the view of aiding the above-mentioned fund. The members of the Exercise have a great and close connection with the clergy. To them in the greatest measure we owe the vast progress which the art of change-ringing has made. As a rule we find them courteous, gentlemanly, and kind, prone to adopt or carry through any suggestion for the ringer's benefit.

We hope that many of our brethren will in a true religious and patriotic spirit do their best to help this fund. Subscriptions may be sent to the Rev. Prebendary COVINGTON, at the chapter-house, St. Paul's, or any of the clergy.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 2, 1899, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
HERBERT MARTIN 4.	ARTHUR T. KING, ESQ. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. S. Thomas, Esq., of Battersea.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 6, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	JOHN C. MILLER 5.
FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. 2.	HERBERT W. NEWBY .. 6.
WILLIAM BURROWS 3.	SIDNEY WADE 7.
FRANK C. NEWMAN 4.	ARTHUR MILLER Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

†First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 28, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

F. WADE Treble.	F. MUSTY 5.
F. TOWNSEND 2.	W. DYER 6.
W. T. PATES 3.	W. JAMES 7.
W. BRINKWORTH 4.	W. BUSH Tenor.

Conducted by W. DYER.

This peal was arranged by F. Musty as a birthday compliment to W. T. Pates, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 1, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble.	GEORGE CRAMP 5.
ROBERT EDWARDS 2.	WILLIAM SPICE 6.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN .. 3.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. 7.
ALFRED HINDS 4.	*GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

*First peal.

NOTTINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 2, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM FLINDERS Treble.	JOSEPH WOLLEY 5.
EDWARD ROBINSON 2.	SAMUEL WESLEY 6.
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. .. 7.
ROBERT COBBINS 4.	TOM SAVAGE Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH WOLLEY.

STALEYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

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

On Thursday, March 2, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

JOSEPH MELLOR Treble.	SAMUEL BOOTH 5.
SAMUEL WOOD 2.	JAMES ADAMS 6.
JAMES BOOTH 3.	BENJAMIN THORPE .. 7.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 4.	ALBERT ADAMS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LIONEL SEARS Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE 2.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of London Surprise on these bells. It was also Mr. J Goldsmith's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere. This composition, in one part, is now rung for the first time, and has the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 6ths place at course-ends.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, EVESHAM.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE LAMPITT* Treble.	WILLIAM ARKELL 4.
GORDON CHECKETTS 2.	FREDERICK JOHNSON 5.
HUBERT SALISBURY 3.	FRANK COOK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

*First peal of Minor, for whom it was arranged.

HASLINGDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 4, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH H. BARNES Treble.	*JAMES H. BARNES 5.
WM. CLARKSON 2.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 6.
JOHN H. HAYDOCK 3.	JOHN T. WRIGHT 7.
ORMEROD EASTWOOD 4.	JOHN W. ORMEROD Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES B. TAYLOR.

*First peal in the method.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN CORDINGLEY Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY 5.
EZRA KEIGHLEY 2.	WILLIAM HOLLINGS 6.
JOSEPH THACKRAY 3.	GEORGE B. BOLLAND 7.
CHARLES PRATT 4.	FREDK. HARGREAVE Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by JOHN CORDINGLEY.

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

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
 REEVES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

EDGAR BENNETT Treble.	ALFRED CLAYTON 6.
HENRY BROOKER 2.	WILLIAM BURKIN 7.
CHARLES BANCE 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 8.
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS 9.
CHARLES DEAN 5.	CHARLES GORDON Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
 Tenor 28 cwt. in C.

THOMAS ANTHONY Treble.	JOHN W. THOMPSON 5.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON 2.	JOHN NEWBOLD 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON 3.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT 7.
LOUIS L. LOMAS 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

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

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.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, March 6, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE .. 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING, ESQ. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY Treble.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2.	WILLIAM J. S. THORN 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 3.	FREDERICK EDWARDS 7.
WILLIAM NORRIS 4.	THOMAS HUSSEY Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

This peal was rung to welcome home the Rector of Bushey (the Rev. G. Montague Hall) from his wedding tour.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1899, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE Treble.	JAMES LIVERMORE 5.
WILLIAM J. THOMAS 2.	CHARLES HYLAND 6.
FRANCIS A. KENNETT 3.	WALTER FRANKS 7.
FREDERICK LOCK 4.	JOHN SINDEN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 7, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

WILLIAM WAINWRIGHT Treble.	JOSEPH CURTIS 5.
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 6.
GEORGE HATTON, SEN. 3.	JOHN H. DUNMORE 7.
GEORGE HATTON, JUN.* 4.	HARRY SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal with a bob bell.

HENLEY.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HENLEY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 8, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

A. G. NEWMAN* Treble.	H. W. SMITH 5.
T. NEWMAN 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
J. F. TARRANT 3.	R. T. HIBBERT 7.
H. SIMMONDS 4.	E. POTTINGER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

*First peal, aged 13 years. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of Miss Hawkes, aunt of the parish churchwarden.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at St. Mary's, Woolwich, has been sent without any date. Will Mr. Hoskins please rectify?

Handbell Peals.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.On Tuesday, March 7, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
IN THE PARISH ROOM,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**CHARLES GEORGE* .. 1-2. | HERBERT MARTIN 5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3-4. | †JOHN B. BATES 7-8.

Conducted by CHARLES GEORGE.

Umpire—Bertram Prewett. *First peal as conductor. †First peal on handbells.

Date Touches.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****KELVEDON (Essex).**—On Sunday, February 5th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 14 mins. W. Brinkley (longest length), 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott, 6. This is the quickest date touch on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of J. Elliott. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).**—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Nuttall, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. M. Bell, 3; D. Farthing, 4; A. Knights (conductor), 5; S. Price, 6; G. Davies, 7; J. Hunt, 8; W. J. Thyng, 9; G. Mee, 10. Composed by J. W. Bayley, of Stockport.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****HEVER (Kent).**—On Sunday, February 19th, a date touch, being 1800 Grandsire Minor, and 99 Grandsire Doubles. H. Harrington, 1; J. Eastman, jun., 2; C. Eastman, 3; E. Seal, 4; D. Webb, 5; F. J. Harrington (conductor), 6.**LINSLADE (Bucks).**—On February 7th, for practice at St. Barnabas' church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 13 mins., being fifteen 6-score and 99 changes. G. Wright, 1; F. Vickers (conductor), 2; A. Cheshire, 3; W. Willis, 4; C. White, 5; W. Neale, 6.**STOCKPORT (Cheshire).**—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service at St. George's church, Heaviley, a date touch of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 18 mins. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; E. Reader, 8; J. W. Bailey (composer and conductor), 9; T. Gordon (longest length), 10. Tenor nearly 30 cwt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Miss A. Knowles, one of the earnest workers of the above church since the consecration.**Miscellaneous.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****WINLATON (Durham).**—On the occasion of the general meeting the following touches were rung: 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Smith, 1; G. Ross, 2; F. Sheraton, 3; R. S. Story, 4; W. C. Bennett, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. 720 Kent. Z. Scott, 1; W. C. Bennett, 2; J. H. Dobson, 3; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Thompson, 6. 720 Woodbine. Z. Scott, 1; F. J. Harrison, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Story, 4; S. O. Ferry (first attempt), 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Parker, 1; J. Brewis, 2; R. Patterson, 3; W. Sheraton, 4; W. Jackson, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6.**NEWBURN.**—A 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Meyers, 1; W. C. Bennett, 2; W. Sheraton, 3; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 4; J. Pettison, 5; W. Thompson, 6. Also 240 Woodbine by the same band.**BLAYDON.**—720 Kent Treble Bob. F. J. Harrison (conductor), 1; J. W. Parker, 2; S. O. Ferry, 3; W. Jackson, 4; T. Hudson, 5; W. Sheraton, 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. C. Nicholson, 1; H. Peveil, 2; W. Holmes (conductor), 3; J. J. Leighton, 4; E. E. Ferry, 5; J. Pattison, 6.**DARLINGTON.**—On Saturday, February 4th, at St. John's church,

an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but it failed after ringing 3584 changes, in 2 hrs. 12 mins. T. Crawford, 1; G. F. Williams, 2; W. Patton, 3; T. Clark, 4; T. Johnson, 5; G. J. Lungley, 6; W. D. Lister, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. Longest length by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd and 4th. On Sunday, February 5th, for evening service, three courses in the same method. T. Crawford, 1; G. F. Williams, 2; W. Patton, 3; T. Clark, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; T. Scollick, 7; R. S. Story (conductor), 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**BRAINTREE (Essex).**—On Sunday morning, January 15th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. P. Holmes, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; E. Wachter, 6. For evening service 720 Double Court Bob. W. Hammond, 1; C. Howard (conductor), 2; E. Chaplin, 3; W. Pilcher, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Webb, 6. On Monday, January 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). T. Watson, 1; P. Holmes, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; H. Collins, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. E. Hammond (conductor), 1; W. Grimwade, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; P. Holmes, 4; H. Coote, 5; E. Wachter, 6. On Wednesday, January 18th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. P. Holmes, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; E. Wachter, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; W. Webb, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Webb, 1; P. Holmes, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; H. Collins, 5; E. Wachter, 6. The foregoing two 720s were rung as a farewell to E. Wachter, who is leaving, much to the regret of the Guild, for Stratford, Essex. On Wednesday, January 25th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles). H. Collins, 1; P. Holmes, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Farrow, 2; F. Slade, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Monday, February 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; P. Holmes, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; H. Collins, 6. On Sunday, February 12th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Watson, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; H. Coote, 4; W. Farrow, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; W. Farrow, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6.**LEYTONSTONE (Essex).**—On Sunday evening, February 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26½ mins. G. Hayden (first 700 of Treble Bob), 1; W. Miller (conductor), 2; W. Doran, 3; T. H. Beams, 4; J. Moule, 5; J. Mardell, 6. After service 730 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. Hayden, 1; T. H. Beams (conductor), 2; H. Gowers, 3; J. Moule, 4; W. Miller, 5; J. Mardell, 6.**COGGESHALL (Essex).**—On Saturday, January 14th, at the church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 3 mins. R. Potter, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Dyer, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8. Rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday.**FEERING (Essex).**—On Monday, December 26th, at All Saints church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Keeble (conductor), 1; W. Elliott, 2; G. Hum, 3; C. Rogers, 4; H. Evers, 5; J. Newman, 6. On Sunday, January 15th, 720 Oxford. J. Sadler, 2; W. Hunwick, 5; the rest as before. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Mays, 1; W. Keeble, 2; conducted by J. Newman. On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Newman, 1; W. Hunwick, 2; W. Keeble (conductor), 3; C. Rogers, 4; H. Evers, 5; D. Elliott, 6.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****FARNHAM (Surrey).**—On the occasion of the return of the Rev. S. Priestley (head master of Farnham School) to Farnham, on January 10th, after his marriage, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. E. Smith, 1; A. Smith, 2; H. Garfath (conductor), 3; A. LeClercq, 4; F. A. Barnett, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8. On Saturday, January 28th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. E. J. Swayne, a member of the parish church choir, to Miss Rose Carpenter, a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing upwards of an hour. A quarter-peal in the same method was then rung, in 44 mins. H. Garfath, jun., 1; A. E. Smith, 2; A. LeClercq, 3; A. Smith, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8. On Sunday, February 19th, for evening service 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Garfath, jun., 1; A. E. Smith, 2; F. A. Barnett, 3; C. Fry, 4; A. LeClercq, 5; H. Garfath (conductor), 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8.**PORTSEA (Hants).**—On Tuesday, February 7th, for practice, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Harris, 1; J. Harper, 2; A. D. Stone, 3; J. Symons, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; W. J. Pickard (conductor), 6; E.

Newman, 7; F. S. Bayley, 8. On Sunday, February 5th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. P. Harman, 1; C. Groves, 2; A. Stone, 3; W. J. Pickard, 4; J. Harris, 5; A. Collins, 6; E. Newman (conductor), 7; F. S. Bayley, 8.

WINCHESTER.—On Friday, February 10th, at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the arrival of the Judge, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with 6-8-10 covering in 57 mins. E. G. Lampard, 1; J. W. Elkins, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; W. Andrews, 5; F. Smith, 6; W. C. Lampard, 7; C. Russell, 8; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. On Saturday February 11th, on the back eight, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Smith, 1; C. Russell, 2; J. W. Elkins, 3; E. G. Lampard, 4; W. Andrews, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. H. Loveland, 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect for G. Oliver, an old and respected ringer. On Sunday morning, February 12th, for Divine Service, which was attended by Mr. Justice Mathew, 700 Grandsire Triples in 27 mins. C. Russell, 1; J. W. Elkins, 2; W. Tucker, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; W. Andrews, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. H. Loveland, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 7th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. J. Elcombe, 1; R. White, 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russen, 6; T. Cole, 7; W. Fowler, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. This attempt was made as a birthday compliment to W. Fowler, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH (Devon).—On Sunday morning, February 5th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Willmott, 1; J. Snow, 2; J. Lockyer, 3; R. Manley, 4; O. Bond (conductor), 5; J. Pike, 6; D. Snow, 7; T. Stocker, 8. For evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Willmott, 1; J. Snow, 2; H. Burch, 3; J. Lockyer, 4; O. Bond (conductor), 5; J. Pike, 6; D. Snow, 7; T. Stocker, 8. On Friday, February 10th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Willmott, 1; H. Burch, 2; J. Lockyer, 3; W. Snow, 4; R. Manley, 5; O. Bond (conductor), 6; D. Snow, 7; J. Stocker, 8. This is the first 504 by all except W. Snow and the conductor. On Monday, February 13th, 210 Grandsire Triples. H. Willmott, 1; J. Snow, 2; J. Lockyer, 3; R. Manley, 4; C. Bond (conductor), 5; D. Snow, 6; H. Burch, 7; G. Stocker, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHWELL (Yorks).—On Thursday, February 9th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, in honour of the marriage of Mr. Walter Chapman and Miss Beatrice Alice Dobson, 720 College Pleasure and 360 City Delight. H. Abbishaw, 1; T. Nickolls, 2; J. C. Abbishaw, 3; G. Steel, 4; W. Abbishaw, 5; J. M. Chadwick (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, February 12th, 864 College Exercise Major. Composed by Arthur Knights. T. Nickolls, 1; A. Chapman, 2; J. C. Abbishaw, 3; G. Steel, 4; W. Chapman, 5; W. Abbishaw, 6; S. Stacey, 7; J. M. Chadwick (conductor), 8.

PUDSEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, February 9th, at St. Laurence's church, 672 and 384 Cambridge Surprise Major. J. Cordingley (conductor), 1; E. Keighley, 2; *J. Thackray, 3; C. Pratt, 4; *John Thackray, 5; W. Hollings, 6; G. Bolland, 7; *F. W. Hargreaves, 8. *Longest length in the method.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, February 5th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 840 Stedman Triples. And for evening service a quarter-peal in the same method in 44 mins. W. Wood, 1; F. Blacketh (longest touch in the method), 2; T. Flint, 3; G. Morris, 4; R. Thomas, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6; A. Haste, 7; H. Lindsay, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE.—On Sunday, February 12th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. W. Schofield, 1; E. Schofield, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; J. Stott, 4; C. Holt, 5; A. Sidebottom, 6.

PENDLETON.—On Friday, February 3rd, at St. Thomas's church, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. F. Smith, 1; G. E. Turner, 2; J. Smith, 3; H. Chapman, 4; J. Turner, 5; H. Shuker, 6; R. Ridyard, 7; S. Greenhalgh (conductor), 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GISLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 4th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Youngs, 1; C. Nunn, 2; W. H. Symonds, 3; H. Symonds, 4; A. U. Symonds, 5; G. D. Buckingham (conductor), 6.

THORNHAM.—On Wednesday, February 8th, for practice, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. W. Rose (first in the method), 1; G. D. Buckingham, 2; E. Buckingham, 3; H. Symonds, 4; A. U. Symonds (conductor), 5.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON.—On February 5th, 1036 Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Titchford (conductor), 2; H. Roberts, 3; S. Holden, 4; J. Goodhead, 5; F. Miller, 6; T. Miller, 7; W. Slater, 8. And 504 in the same method. E. Smith, 1; W. Titchford, 2; H. Roberts, 3; S. Holden (conductor), 4; J. Goodhead, 5; F. Miller, 6; J. E. Sykes, 7; W. Slater, 8.

BUCKNALL.—On February 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; C. Preston, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; J. E. Sykes, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Preston, 1; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 2; G. Clarkson, 3; C. Preston, 4; J. E. Sykes, 5; W. Twigg, 6. Also 720 Lichfield Surprise. J. E. Sykes, 1; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; D. Preston (conductor), 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg, 6. For evening service on February 12th, 720 in the same method. G. Hobbs, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; C. Preston, 3; D. Preston, 4; J. E. Sykes, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, February 12th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, on the back six. W. Sear, 1; A. Crane, 2; F. Hedges (conductor), 3; A. Crane, 4; A. Marks, 5; E. Marks, 6.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD (Oxon).—On Sunday, February 12th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. *R. Hartley, 1; J. Peirce, 2; †J. Hedges, 3; W. Longshaw, 4; *S. Coombes, 5; A. Turner, 5; G. Bartlett (conductor), 7; †A. Miles, 8. *First quarter-peal. †First with a bob bell.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, February 12th, for evening service at St. Giles's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. J. O. Taylor. V. Rowe, 1; G. L. Boddington, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Higgs, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On Tuesday, February 14th, for practice, 576 Treble Bob Major. V. Rowe, 1; G. L. Boddington, 2; A. J. Mayo, 3; C. Giles, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; J. Tucker, 6; F. Sweetzer, 7; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 8.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BLOXWICH (Staffordshire).—On Friday, February 3rd, for practice at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. J. Birch, 1; W. Barton, 2; A. Painter, 3; D. Chapman, 4; F. Edwards, 5; J. Elton, 6; J. C. Adams (conductor), 7; R. W. Frost, 8. And 960 Grandsire Major, in 34 mins. A. Painter, 1; J. Birch, 2; J. Barton, 3; W. Barton, 4; D. Chapman, 5; F. Edwards, 6; J. Elton, 7; J. C. Adams (conductor), 8.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD (Somersetshire).—On Monday, January 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Hacker, 1; R. Cottle, 2; A. Gale, 3; E. Knight, 4; G. Tippet, 5; *L. Moore (conductor), 6; W. Gillingham, 7; J. Nisbett, 8. On Saturday, January 7th, 2520 Grandsire Triples. R. Cottle, 1; E. Knight, 2; A. Gale, 3; L. Moore, 4; G. Tippet, 5; J. Nisbett, 6; W. Gillingham (conductor), 7; C. Wren, 8. First half-peal on the bells, and the first by all the ringers. On Sunday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Hacker (first quarter-peal), 1; E. Knight, 2; A. Gale, 3; L. Moore, 4; G. Tippet, 5; J. Nisbett, 6; W. Gillingham, 7; C. Wren, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, January 2nd, 252 Stedman Triples. Cyril Herbert, 1; S. Avis, 2; Charles Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; D. Harris, 5; E. Herbert, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; R. Marshall, 8. On Monday, January 30th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Jones, 1; S. Avis, 2; Charles Herbert, 3; D. Harris, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; E. Herbert, 6; M. Lane, 7; M. Matthews, 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BENGEWORTH, EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, February 11th, at St. Peter's church, 2140 Oxford Bob Minor in 1 hr. 15 mins. G. Lampitt, 1; A. H. Sharp, 2; H. Salisbury, 3; W. Arkell, 4; F. Johnson, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. Longest length of Minor by G. Lampitt.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE.—On February 2nd, for practice, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. A. Glasscock, 1; J. Miller (conductor), 2; H. Miller, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; A. Miller, 5; C. Bale, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. W. Tegg, 1; J. Miller, 2; A. Glasscock, 3; S. Ansell,

4; S. Wade (conductor), 5; C. Bale, 6; A. Miller, 7; H. Miller, 8. On Sunday evening, February 5th, for Divine Service, 1008 Bob Major. A. Glasscock, 1; S. Ansell, 2; L. Attwater, 3; I. Attwater, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. Newby, 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. And 336 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Tegg, 1; L. Attwater, 2; J. Miller, 3; S. Wade (conductor), 4; H. Newby, 5; I. Attwater, 6; W. Pickworth, 7; C. Bale, 8.

CHESHUNT (Essex).—On February 18th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. James, 1; G. Welling, 2; A. W. Darlington, 3; P. J. Darlington, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. P. J. Darlington, 1; A. W. Darlington, 2; H. James, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; S. Wade, 5; G. Welling (conductor), 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, March 1st, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. R. Hird, 1; S. Wade, 2; T. Langdon, 3; I. Attwater, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. *First 720 and first attempt. Messrs. Hird, Langdon, and Jacob hail from Hornsey.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 2nd, at St. Mary's church on handbells retained in hand, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. A. R. Hird, 1; F. C. Fordham, 2; A. Jacob (conductor), 3-4; T. Langdon, 5; F. Ash, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Friday, February 10th, at the church of St. Alfege, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. W. Berry, 1; T. Taylor, 2; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 3; W. Foreman, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; W. G. Davis, 6; W. J. Jeffries, 7; C. S. Bird, 8.

LONDON.—On Saturday, February 11th, at All Saints church, Poplar, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. F. W. Thornton (conductor), 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; W. Foreman, 4; T. Taylor, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Berry, 7; C. S. Bird, 8.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMHAM (Wilts).—On Sunday evening, February 5th, for Divine Service, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles in 26 mins. C. Wootton, 1; T. Jones, 2; A. Webb, 3; G. Minty, 4; J. Bush (conductor), 5; F. Wootton, 6.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Friday, February 3rd, at St. Mary's church, with the bells half-muffled, 882 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; A. Allfrey, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; R. Wood, 5; F. Hill, 6; H. Stalham, 7; G. Hill, 8. On Sunday evening, February 5th, 882 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; R. Wood, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; F. Hill, 5; H. Stalham, 6; P. Allfrey, 7; G. Hill, 8.

CANNOCK (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 18th, at St. Luke's church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Benton, 1; G. Benton (conductor), 2; T. Benton, 3; W. Till, 4; J. Martin, 5; R. Bosworth (late of Coventry), 6. On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor standing as before: conducted by R. Bosworth.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Monday evening, February 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Savage, 1; W. Thyng, 2; H. Bell, 3; G. Davies (composer and conductor), 4; D. Farthing, 5; G. M. Farr, 6; A. Knights, 7; G. Mee, 8.

DEANE, BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 4th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Birchall (conductor), 1; R. Duckworth, 2; J. Moscrop, 3; W. Duckworth, 4; R. P. Heald, 5; T. Peers, 6.

FARNWORTH, WIDNES (Lancashire).—On Sunday, March 5th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. A. Wilkinson, 1; W. Patten, 2; J. Wilde, 3; J. Winter, 4; J. T. Lowe (conductor), 5; R. Johnson, 6. Rung as a farewell touch to Mr. J. T. Lowe, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Gerston.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Monday, February 13th, for practice, 224 London Surprise Major. J. Mawby, 1; C. Newman (first in the method), 2; W. Newman, 3; A. Perkins, 4; A. Tyler, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. Garratt, 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. And 224 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Mawby (first in the method), 3. Also 420 Stedman Triples. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Newman, 3; J. Houghton, jun., 4; W. Pettitt, 5; J. Garratt, 6; A. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Mawby, 8. On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Houghton, sen., 1; J. Mawby, 2; C. Newman, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; A. Perkins, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; W. Perkins, 7; J. Garratt (conductor), 8. And 195 Double Norwich. On Monday, February 20th, for practice, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Houghton, sen., 1; J. Houghton, 2;

W. Newman, 3; J. Mawby, 4; W. Pettitt, 5; J. Garratt, 6; A. Perkins, 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. Also 224 Double Norwich, and 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 12th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1259 Grandsire Caters. S. Davie, 1; J. George, 2; R. A. Daniell, Esq., 3; *H. Richardson, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. E. Judd (first as conductor), 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; A. F. Harris, 8; W. Fox, 9; J. Judd, 10. Composed by C. Charge. *First quarter-peal of Caters.

MAYFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, February 4th, at the reopening of the bells, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. T. Durrant, 1; E. Jennings, 2; E. Vine, 3; T. J. Ades, 4; A. Reid (conductor), 5; W. Jenner, 6. Tenor 23 cwt.

MARDEN (Kent).—On December 7th, for practice at the parish church, 300 Grandsire Doubles. J. Austen, 1; J. Fox, 2; T. Swan, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; J. Harris, 6. Also 360 in the same method. F. Hodgkin, 1; the rest as before. On December 11th, for evening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Hodgkin, 1; J. Fox, 2; H. Brown, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Russell, 6. Also 240. J. Austen, 6; the rest as before. And another 240 in the same method. J. Austen, 1; J. Fox, 2; T. Swan, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Russell, 6. On December 18th, for evening service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. J. Austen, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. Also 366 in the same method. F. Hodgkin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; J. Fox, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Russell, 6. On Wednesday, December 21st, for practice, a 6-score of Grandsire. J. Austen, 1; J. Fox, 2; T. Swan, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. Also in the same method. F. Hodgkin, 1; J. Fox, 2; T. Swan, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; J. Harris, 6. On New Year's Eve 600 Grandsire Doubles. J. Austen, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Russell, 6. Also a 6-score in the same method. F. Hodgkin (first 6-score in the method), 2; the rest as before. On Sunday evening, January 1st, for Divine Service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Hodgkin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Russell, 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, 320 Bob Doubles. J. Austen, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; G. Haddaway, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; W. Robbins, 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. J. Austen, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Russell, 6. On Sunday evening, January 29th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Austen, 1; F. Hodgkin, 2; D. Hodgkin, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; T. Russell, 6. First in the method with a bob bell by F. Hodgkin. On Sunday, February 5th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Austen, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; W. Robbins, 6. Also 500 in the same method standing as before with the exception of T. Russell, 6. On Wednesday, February 15th, for practice, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Hodgkin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; J. Harris, 6. Also a 240, being a 6-score each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, standing as before. All the above were conducted by F. Sharp.

PATELEY BRIDGE (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 12th, at St. Cuthbert's church, for evening service, 560 Kent Treble Bob. *R. Nibbs, 1; S. Bastnett, 2; A. Haigh, 3; *G. H. Mason, 4; J. Mumford, 5; J. Summersall (conductor), 6. *Longest length in the method.

RYE (Sussex).—Recently, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the marriage of L. A. Vidler, Esq., 304 Grandsire Triples. S. Reed, 1; W. Billiness, 2; C. Tribe, 3; A. Hinds, 4; G. Henley, 5; J. Durrant, 6; H. Thorpe (conductor), 7; H. Lucas, 8.

STOKESLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 19th, for Divine Service, 240 Bob Doubles with the tenor covering. W. Clarkson, 1; W. Bennisson, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; H. H. Bowes, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; G. Dobson, 6.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, February 14th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 23 mins. A. Hill, 1; *F. Side, 2; H. Kilby, 3; W. Steggatt, 4; A. Tennant, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. *First with a bob bell.

WINLATON.—On Thursday, February 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. O. Jobling (first 720), 1; G. Ross, 2; J. B. Dobson, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. C. Bennett, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6.

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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton to-day, Saturday, March 11th. Short service in the parish church at 3.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting in parish room. The bells of the parish church (8) will be available.

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

The Heavy Woollen Districts Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at The Wakefield Arms, Dewsbury, to-day, Saturday, March 11, at 5 o'clock. It is requested that as many members as possible will attend, as there is some very important business. The Six-Bell Contest will take place at Shelly, on Whit-Monday.
WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Stalybridge, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.
W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's church, Bobbing, on Saturday, March 25th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.
A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. B. O. Sharp, at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.
C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Healey, Rochdale, on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting at 6.30. All ringers will be welcome, whether members or not.
E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Netherton, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. There will be a special service in St. Andrew's parish church at 4.30 o'clock. A meat tea will be provided in the Boys' School-room, Church Road, at 5.15, to be followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Vicar, will preside. It is earnestly requested that the Secretaries of each Society in the Association will send number of members intending to be present at tea not later than March 29th, so that proper provision may be made. The bells of St. Andrew, Netherton (8) will be open to members for ringing touches all day from 10 o'clock; those of St. Thomas's, Dudley, 10 (this tower is already engaged), All Saints, Sedgley (8), St. Martin's, Tipton (8), Holy Trinity, Old Hill (8), St. John's, Halesowen (8), and St. John's, Hagley (8) will be available from 11 to 3 o'clock for peal-ringing. Any band wishing to start for a peal will please communicate with the Secretary, stating which of the above churches will be most convenient. Members of companies desirous of standing in a peal must send their names and the method they wish to ring at once to the Secretary, so that arrangements may be made to form bands and

provide conductors. Precedence will be given to the methods which are most desired. Members will be advised at which church to attend. All peals must be finished by 3 o'clock, the time asked for the use of the bells. It is particularly requested that all will make an effort to attend the service at 4.30. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting. The annual reports will be ready for this meeting. Members will kindly meet at The Pack Horse inn, near the church.

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

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The bells (8) at the church of St. Martin will be available after two o'clock by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Chichester, M.A. Further particulars later. CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
5, Manor Parade, Sutton, Surrey.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above at Maldon on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The following six-bell towers will be available: All Saints and St. Mary's, Maldon; Great Totham and Gold-hanger. A brake will leave Maldon East station at 1.45 for Great Totham and Gold-hanger, returning in time for tea and business meeting at The King's Head, Maldon, at 5.30. Members intending to be present should send notice not later than the previous Tuesday.
HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage.

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting is unavoidably postponed till Saturday, April 15.
J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

Will the following members or any friend whose eyes this may meet kindly send their present addresses to the Hon. Sec.: James W. Roper, late of 14, Ridley Villas, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Howard V. Wilkins, late of Sutton Coldfield; Harry D. Smith, late of 16, Vernon Street, Northampton; Arthur O. Stewart, late of 5, Adnutt Road, Whitworth Estate, Northampton; Thomas Lingard, late of Hall End, Attleborough, Nuneaton; Lawrence W. Knight, late of Cannock; William Wigginton, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Charles Davie, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Joseph Kendall, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; William Chalk, late of Quorn Hall, Loughborough; William Hickley, late of Loughborough; Joseph Harris, late of Loughborough; Charles L. Routledge, late of 43, Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh; Arthur J. Chattell, late of Bridge Street, Long Eaton; George Waplington, late of Grey Friar Gate, Nottingham, and greatly oblige,
J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

NOTES TO PEALS.

MR. J. S. GOLDSMITH'S 100 PEALS.—On six bells in seven methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 14, conducted 5; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 13, conducted 1; Stedman Caters, 4; Union Triples, 1, conducted 1; Court Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 13, conducted 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2;

Double Norwich Major, 8; Superlative Surprise Major, 18, conducted 1; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; London Surprise Major, 6; total—100; conducted 10. Rung in 35 different towers.

THE PEAL AT DERBY.—It was intended to ring Royal, but meeting short Bob Major was rung instead. The band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also Mr. G. Beeson, steeplekeeper, for kindly entertaining them to tea, and having everything in readiness. The ringers were complimented by Sir Henry Bemrose, M.P. for Derby, after the peal. Messrs. Inglesant and Lilley hail from Loughborough, the rest belong to Derby.

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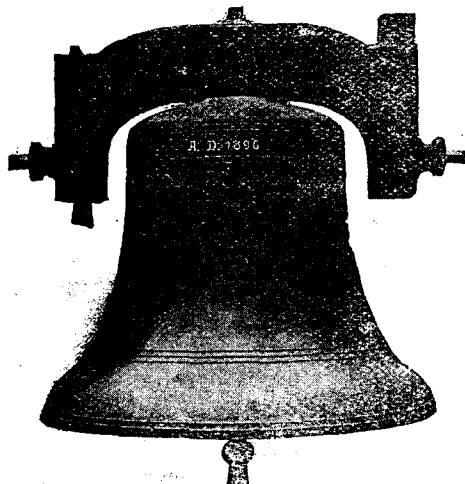
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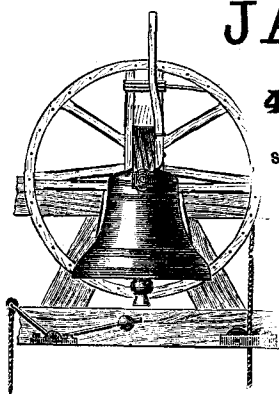
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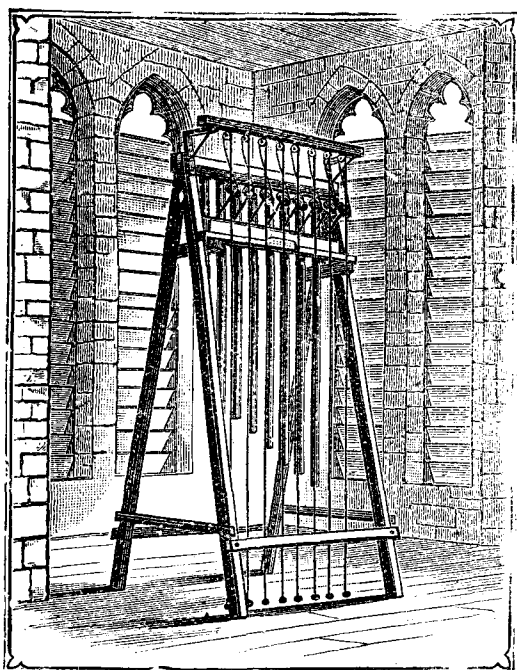
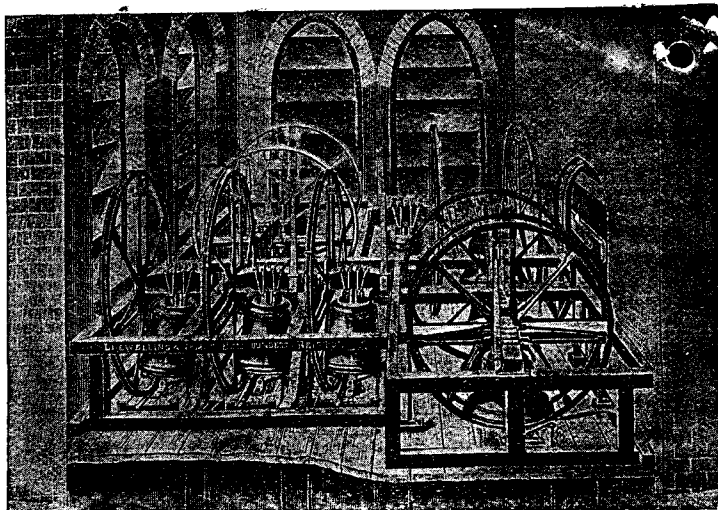
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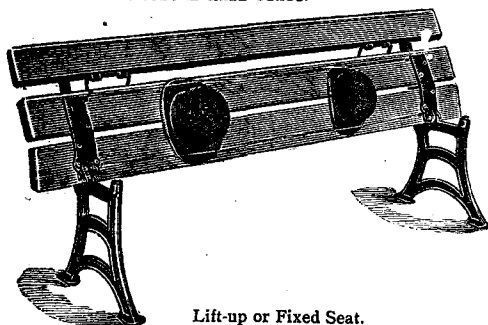
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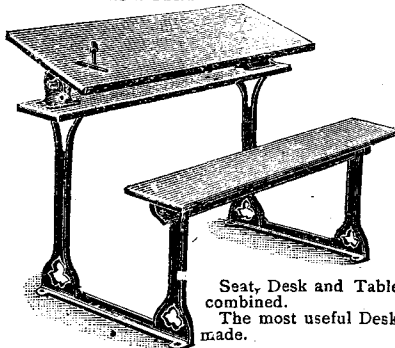
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THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4th, the members of this Guild met at Crossens, representatives from Liverpool, Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, Croston, Ormskirk, Southport Upholland being present. The business meeting was held under the presidency of the Rev. W. T. Bulpit.

The local ringers opened by ringing a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins., conducted by T. Hosker.

Mr. Hale moved that Messrs. Sholicar and Fairclough be appointed auditors. Mr. Watts moved that the annual meeting be held at Southport in April next.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit moved that a vote of thanks and an address be given to Mr. William Bentham, of Aughton, and emphasised his valuable services and constant attendance at the guild meetings from its initiation. Mr. John Martin (Liscard) seconded, and said he could not speak too highly of Mr. Bentham's tact and energy. The beautifully-illuminated address is as follows:—

“Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers. To William Bentham, honorary secretary.—We, the members of the Guild of Change-ringers, desire to record our high appreciation of your valuable services. For nine years you have striven unremittingly to further our interests, and to advance the art of change-ringing. We beg you to accept this little memorial with our best thanks, and pray that the Master Craftsman may own and bless your labour in the interest of His Church.—Signed, on behalf of the Guild, W. T. Bulpit, Master.”

The illuminated address was the handiwork of Miss Gandy, and the copper-plate writing was done by Mr. Edward Clough, of Mintholme. The border showed cameo pictures of the guild towers, and these were wonderfully well executed.

The Rev. C. A. Clements gave an earnest, practical address on energy in the belfry, and setting forth good “striking” as being better than the knowledge of many methods.

Mr. James Rimmer (Southport) proposed a vote of sympathy with the Rev. G. F. Wills, Vicar of Upholland, who was absent on account of bereavement. This was seconded by Mr. Watts, and carried in silence.

Mr. W. T. Lomas, sidesman of St. John's Church, expressed his pleasure and satisfaction at meeting the members of the Guild. He dearly loved the sound of bells, and had a great regard for the local band of ringers and their zealous, self-denying efforts. He wished happiness and blessing to all ringers as being church workers.

The meeting then concluded with prayer and the benediction.

A hot-pot, provided by Messrs. Martin and Smith, was

then served in the infant school. Among the ladies who assisted were Mrs. Bulpit, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Hamer, Miss Todd, and Miss Foulds. A social half-hour was afterwards opened by an excellent performance on the handbells by the Crossens ringers. Songs were also given by Miss Edith Bulpit, Miss Violet Whitmarsh, Mr. Gilbert Ball, Mr. John Todd, and the Rev. C. A. Clements. Votes of thanks were accorded to the workers and entertainers on the motion of Mr. John Martin, seconded by the Rev. A. M. Samwell.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH.

The first monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Lawton, on Saturday, February 18th, ringers attending from Crewe, Alsager, Sandbach, Kids Grove and Lawton. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. and some nice touches of Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob Minor and Treble Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon. At 5 p.m. the members adjourned to Lawton Gate Schools, where the worthy Rector of Lawton, the Rev. S. Nunn, had provided a splendid tea, which everyone enjoyed. Tea being over, Mr. Nunn, son of the Rector, said he was sorry that his father was not able to be with them that afternoon through illness, but he would give all present a hearty welcome to Lawton in his father's name, and he hoped they would all have a pleasant afternoon's outing. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and the bountiful tea, and the members hoped it would not be long before the Rector was well and hearty again, for they wished very much he could have been with them that afternoon, as they wanted to remind him of a promise he had made at the meeting last year. This promise was that when the Lawton ringers could ring a 720 of Minor in any method they should have two more trebles to complete the octave, which we are pleased to say the Lawton ringers have accomplished. Mr. Nunn said in reply that he could not say much in his father's absence, but he knew this, that if his father had promised, he was not the man to go back from his word, and he had no doubt before long the bells would be there; anyhow he would like to see a peal of eight at Lawton, and he would himself give something substantial towards them, and he would convey the wishes of the meeting to his father. The meeting over, the tower was again ascended, and some well-struck 720s were rung. Afterwards the bells were lowered, and all the party went homewards, having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

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THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, the Rev. B. Darley entertained the Committee members at the village of Harthill. They were met at the Kiveton Park Station and taken thither by conveyance. On arrival at Harthill the visitors were met by the Rector, who had made arrangements at The Beehive for an excellent tea, to which ample justice was done by all, the keen frosty air having immensely sharpened their gastronomic faculties. After tea, arrangements were made to hold the annual meeting at Retford on Saturday, April 22nd, full particulars of which will be advertised in this journal.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Haigh proposed, and Mr. C. M. Fowler seconded, and which was most unanimously and harmoniously carried, a vote of thanks to the Rev. B. Darley for his kindness and generosity in conveying the ringers to and from the station, for the use of the bells, and last, but by no means least, the excellent tea provided by him. He (Mr. Haigh) proposed to meet on many more occasions of this kind the same familiar faces and as many others as could make it convenient to attend. He was sorry to say that not one representative was present from the extreme quarters of North Notts., and sincerely hoped this would not be so another year.

The Rev. B. Darley suitably responded.

Several touches were rung, and the bells were lowered in peal. After a quiet chat, along with a pipe of the fragrant weed, and a glass of good old nut brown ale at The Beehive, the visitors were obliged to take leave of their friends in order to catch the 9.49 train from Kiveton Park, a distance of two miles, the beautiful drive in the moonlight being enjoyed by all; and thus another day's pleasure was brought to a close.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Friday, March 10th, 1899, at St. Martin's church, in the little round tower called by the natives "the pepper-box," a goodly band of well-known change-ringers met at the invitation of the tower-keeper, Mr. R. W. Small, to have a friendly pull together, when touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by the local company, and touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob by the visitors and others, which included Mr. Sydney Saker of Hastings, Mr. Samuel Spittle (Master of the Worcestershire Association), Messrs. Micklewright and S. Hughes of Dudley, W. H. Godden and C. H. Watts of Birmingham, H. Mills and E. Brown of Smethwick, T. Horton of West Bromwich, and of locals W. R. Small, A. H. Hill, F. Bywater, J. Small, T. Hill, E. Jones, and others. The Grandsire and Stedman were conducted by W. R. Small, the other methods by W. Micklewright.

After the ringing an adjournment was made to the Court House, where the rest of the evening was spent in a pleasant manner.

PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.

Having arranged to meet our friends at Pevensey on Monday, March 13th, the 6.47 p.m. train was caught from Eastbourne. Soon arriving at Pevensey station, a walk through the village of Westham, with its quaint church, having a somewhat dwarf tower with a ring of six bells, brings one to the ancient castle of Pevensey. Passing through the grounds surrounding the castle, one's thoughts are carried back ages, but the bells are being raised, so must hurry on. Arriving at the church an agreeable surprise

was in store, two brother-strings from Christ Church being there already, having walked over. The bells were soon going to Kent Treble Bob Minor, and a 720 was rung by E. Beal, E. Brant, A. Gower, G. Penfold, G. H. Howse, and G. Head (conductor). This is the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Beal, Brant, Gower, and Penfold; also first as conductor. An enjoyable evening came to a close all too soon, having to catch the last train back to Eastbourne. We hope to spend many another in the good company of our Pevensey brethren. G. H.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, March 11th, at The Wakefield Arms, Dewsbury. There was a very good muster of members, upwards of twelve towers being represented. The President, Mr. S. Goodall (Liversedge), presided. The first business was the passing of the minutes of the last meeting; afterwards the time allowed for ringing the touch at the eight-bell contest on Easter Monday; also the time for entries and practice for close of same. After the meeting, companies who intend competing at the contest ascended the tower, and practised in their own turns until 8.30, when the bells ceased for the day, owing to the illness of the verger at the church, who is not expected to recover.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA PARISH CHURCH BAND.

Mr. H. C. Ingram, Hon. Sec. of the Portsea branch of the above Guild, writes as follows:—

"Will you allow me a small space in your valuable paper for just one paragraph from the *Portsea Parish Magazine* which our Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Lang), President of the band of ringers, wishes to be made known throughout the country amongst bell-ringers:—

"Our band of bell-ringers have continued to advance in their Art; the erection of shutters in the bell-chamber has enabled them to do so with less demands upon the goodwill of the neighbourhood, and I am glad to think that their connection with the Church and her services is increasingly not only nominal but real. I would like our parish ringers to be known throughout the ringing-world as a true and real Church Band."

ANOTHER NUMBER.

Some of our readers may perhaps notice the change of number which occurs in the advertisement of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank this week, and may think in consequence that fresh quarters have been obtained for the old foundry. This is not so; the establishment still stands in the old spot, but a re-numbering process of Whitechapel Road has been effected, and this has caused the change of number from 267 to 34.

THE TRIALS OF ANGLERS.—Other pursuits as well as that of ringing have their trials and enemies. A votary of the "gentle art" as angling is called, writes to the papers this week a letter headed "The Enemies of Anglers." And who are the enemies in question? The lordly swan, the handsome waterfowl, and the succulent and toothsome eel. What shall we say to this? Nothing. The insinuation will be doubtless understood.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

By invitation of the local ringers and kind consent of the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, a party of ringers from Wellingborough visited Earls Barton on Monday evening, March 6th, and spent a pleasant evening in the belfry of that ancient tower. The new floor in the ringing-room is a great improvement. The churchwardens have lately provided a fresh set of bell ropes. Ringers in the district are looking forward to the time when the bells of the oldest tower in Northamptonshire (and one of the oldest in England) shall be increased to eight. They would make a bright, cheery octave, similar in weight to those of St. Peter's, Northampton.

Eight bells in a properly-constructed modern frame would be less strain in the tower than the present ring of six in the old frame. There is a good clock, and the addition of two bells could allow for the Cambridge quarters to be affixed thereto. There is a piece of land in the parish called "clock-close," which was left to pay for the repair and looking after the church clock. Earls Barton tower is always quoted in books on architecture as one of the best examples of the "Saxon" style in England. It stands on an eminence and was, evidently, at one time a "strong place of defence." A good ring of eight in this elevated position would send grand music far and wide over the picturesque valley of the Nene. After leaving the belfry on Monday evening, the ringers adjourned to The Fox and Hounds, previous to their four miles walk home. Host Humphrey Cook is a native of Wellingborough, and much amused and interested the company with anecdotes of Wellingborough bells, belfry and ringers of fifty years ago, when, like other youths, he used to assist the old sexton (Youle) to ring the various daily bells and wind the old chimes.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.

On Saturday, March 4th, by the kind invitation of Mr. W. Nocton, J.P., of Langham Hall, the Great Bentley company paid a visit to the church to ring on the newly rehung bells. A 720 of Cambridge Surprise (first in the method on the bells), 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Double Court Bob. Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor was attempted, but both came to grief. The following were the band: H. E. Bowers, W. J. Nevard, G. Lancaster, C. Clarke, G. A. Andrews, and W. Hazell. One each of the 720s was conducted by Messrs. W. J. Nevard, W. J. Hazell, and G. A. Andrews. After the ringing Mr. W. Nocton invited the company to supper, which was fully appreciated, after which a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his hospitality.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Newburn on Saturday, March 11th, when a Guild was formed as a branch of the above association. The purpose of the Guild is to hold monthly meetings at the belfries of the district, in order to further the progress of change-ringing in six-bell towers. Representatives from Newburn, Blaydon, Winlaton, and Whitley were present, and arranged that the first meeting should be held at Wylam on Saturday, April 8th.

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.

VISIT TO GRANTHAM.

On Saturday, February 4th, the members of the East Retford Branch of the North Nottinghamshire Association, accompanied by Mr. R. Potter and Mr. G. F. Clarke, of West Retford, journeyed to Grantham to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5183 changes, in three equal parts, the composition of Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield. On arriving at the church the ringers spent a quarter of an hour in admiring the beautiful fabric Mr. Wilkinson, the vergier, very courteously acting as conductor. The journey to the ringing-chamber was next accomplished, and through the kindness of Mr. Parker, the steeple-keeper, who had everything in readiness, the bells were raised very creditably. Go was called at 4.20 precisely, and after ringing exactly 72 mins. the conductor was compelled to call stand in consequence of a change-course. The bells were in a nice compass, at the end of 60 mins. ringing, but towards the end of the first part a trip occurred and the ringers on the small bells being unable to hear the conductor, the mistake could not be rectified, and the peal came to grief. The noise in the belfry is fearfully loud, which necessitates the conductor screeching out at the top of his voice in calling every bob. The company were: F. W. Abbott, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; G. Swannack, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; T. H. Denman, 5; R. Miles, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; H. Warburton, 8; G. R. Winter, 9; R. Potter, 10. Tenor 37 cwts. After a brief interval a 504 of the same method was rung in 22 mins. H. Parker, of Grantham, ringing the treble. 360 of Bob Royal and 1259 of Grandsire Caters were also rung.

Mr. Denman afterwards invited the ringers to supper at The Angel hotel, where they were joined by Mr. Parker, steeple-keeper, and the vergier. A capital spread was placed before the company, and it is needless to say full justice was done to the good things provided. After the cloth had been drawn, the remainder of the evening was spent in toast, song, and sentiment. The most amusing and interesting toast "Called Concrete," was proposed by Mr. Denman in a humorous and witty speech, and ably seconded by Mr. Parker, who did full justice to it. Other toasts followed, after which a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Haigh, and seconded by Mr. Parker, to the donor of the feast and annual outing, to which Mr. Denman suitably replied, and assured the members that he was anxious to score a peal on the Grantham bells, and he believed the third time would pay for all, as this was the second visit there, the first being in April, 1895. Mr. Parker promised to convey the thanks of the company to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and said he would be pleased to meet the visitors again on some future occasion, believing that the third time their efforts would be crowned with success, and the peal so anxiously tried for scored. He would endeavour to obtain permission for the use of the bells and have everything in readiness if desired. Mr. Wilkinson also suitably replied.

The company then broke up and made tracks for the railway station to catch the iron horse, which landed them safely at Retford at 12.0 midnight, all being well pleased with the outing, but disappointed with the result of not being able to score the peal. H. H.

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DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

FIVE-LEAD PLAN.

THREE-PART PEALS.

No. 5. 5040.

234567

573642 IS

627453 I

432567 I

573624 IS

647253 I

752463 3

643275 2

543267 5

436752 4

723546 I

456372 2

256347 5

437625 2

265743 2

365724 5

746235 I

546273 5

234756 I

634725 5

534762 5

723654 I

423675 5

652743 I

352764 5

452736 5

523647 4

467352 2

326547 I

645237 3

274365 I

574326 5

674352 5

327564 I

427536 5

356742 2

564237 4

276354 I

765423 4

365472 5

426735 I

526743 5

532467 3 P.L.

Twice repeated.

No. 6. 5040.

234567

573642 IS

627453 I

432567 I

573624 IS

647253 I

752463 3

643275 2

543267 5

743256 5

526374 2

Continued—

426357 5

265743 4

365724 5

746235 I

546273 5

234756 I

634725 5

534762 5

723654 I

423675 5

652743 I

352764 5

452736 5

523647 4

346257 3

652437 3

475362 I

275346 5

675324 5

347265 I

547236 5

326754 2

265437 4

765423 5

365472 5

426735 I

526743 5

532467 I P.L.

Twice repeated.

No. 7. 5040.

234567

546752 4S

724563 IS

532674 I

276354 3

476327 5

576342 5

432657 2

673542 I

452367 2

752346 5

524673 4

324657 5

724635 5

652374 I

273564 3

473526 5

732645 4

324576 4

562734 I

237654 3

564723 2

364752 5

726534 I

426573 5

326547 5

264735 4

375426 2

Continued—

246537 2

574326 I

674352 5

274365 5

746523 4

462375 4

356742 I

256734 5

456723 5

Twice repeated.

ANOTHER FIVE-LEAD PLAN.

No. 1. DIVISION.

No. 2 DIVISION.

234567

273645 A

657423 —

635274

243765 —

254637

675324 —

347265 —

354672

625734 —

742365 —

754623

735246

263475 —

256734 B

245367

234567

273645 A

657423 —

635274

643752

724563 —

532674 —

543726

764253 —

236574 —

243765

754623 —

735246

263475 —

256734 B

245367

The following peals, No. 8 to No. 29, are called from either of the No. 1 or No. 2 division, but not both divisions to the one peal, and the calls marked to the right of the peals are extra calls, either at the lead marked A or B in the above divisions.

No. 8. 5040.

No. 12. 5040.

234567 A

2345 —

5423 S

5243 —

3254 S

3452 S

3542

3524

3425

4235 S

No. 9. 5040.

No. 13. 5040.

2345 B

2345 B

2453

4253 S

5234 S

5234 I

3542 S

3542 S

3425

3425

No. 10. 5040.

No. 14. 5040.

2345 A

2345 A B

5243 I

5243 I

3452 S

3452 S

2534 S

3524

4235 I

3425 I S

No. 11. 5040.

No. 15. 5040.

2345 B

2345 A B

4352 I

5423 S

5324 I

2453 S 1

2543 S

2534

4235 S

4335 I

These last eight peals are to be five times repeated; No. 8, 9, 13, and 15 bob for first single.

No. 10 and 11 single for first bob.

No. 12 bob for last single, and No. 14 omit last call in the third and sixth parts.

No. 16. 5040.

No. 18. 5040.

2345 A

2345 A B

5243 I

5243 I

3452 S

4253 S I

3524

4532

3245

2435 I

5342 I

5234 I

2453 S

4352 S

2534

4523

4235 I

3425 I

No. 17. 5040.

No. 19. 5040.

2345 B

2345 A B

2453

2453

5432 I

5432 I

3524 S

3524 S

3245

3245

4253 I

3452

5234 I

5423 I

3542 S

2534 S

3425

4235 I

No. 16 to 19 to be twice repeated.

No. 20. 5040.

No. 21. 5040.

2345 A

2345 B

5423 S

4253 S

3524 I

5234 I

3245

5342

5342 I

4325 I

2543 I

2354 I

2435

2543

5234 I

4532 I

4532 I

3524 I

4325

3245

4253

3452

3452 I

5423 I

2354 I

2435 I

Repeated.

TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

5280.

23456 M W H

M W H

52364 2 2 2

43265 2 2 2

25463 2 2

25634 I I 2

53462 I 2

52436 2 2

64352 2 2

54326 I 2

32546 I I 2

23456 2 2

The sixth her extent wrong and right; reverses to the same peal.

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.

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Stalybridge, to day, Saturday, March 18th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Kent County Association. — Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's church, Bobbing, on Saturday, March 25th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association. — South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. B. O. Sharp, at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. A tea will be provided at 6.30. All members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen Districts Association, Yorkshire.—A committee meeting of the above will take place at The Wakefield Arms, Dewsbury, on Saturday, March 25th, at 5 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Healey, Rochdale, on Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting at 6.30. All ringers will be welcome, whether members or not.

E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—A special ringing meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, March 25th, on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells after being rehung by Messrs. Taylor. By kind permission of the authorities at the Town Hall, this meeting is open to all members of the Lancashire Association, and to all members attending this meeting, they are particularly required to confine themselves to the passage to and from the tower, and the tower, or ringing-chamber, and on no pretext whatever to loiter in any other part of the hall. Time of meeting 3 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The yearly meeting of this Society will be held at Leeds (parish church, 12 bells) on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing from 3 to 4 and from 6 to 10 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., at The Old Nag's Head, opposite the church, Kirkgate. A hearty welcome to ringers and friends, members or not.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Netherton, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. There will be a special service in St. Andrew's parish church at 4.30 o'clock. A meat tea will be provided in the Boys' School-room, Church Road, at 5.15, to be followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Vicar, will preside. It is earnestly requested that the Secretaries of each Society in the Association will send number of members intending to be present at tea not later than March 29th, so that proper provision may be made. The bells of St. Andrew, Netherton (8) will be open to members for

ringing touches all day from 10 o'clock; those of St. Thomas's, Dudley, 10 (this tower is already engaged), All Saints, Sedgley (8), St. Martin's, Tipton (8), Holy Trinity, Old Hill (8), St. John's, Halesowen (8), and St. John's, Hagley (8) will be available from 11 to 3 o'clock for peal-ringing. Any band wishing to start for a peal will please communicate with the Secretary, stating which of the above churches will be most convenient. Members of companies desirous of standing in a peal must send their names and the method they wish to ring at once to the Secretary, so that arrangements may be made to form bands and provide conductors. Precedence will be given to the methods which are most desired. Members will be advised at which church to attend. All peals must be finished by 3 o'clock, the time asked for the use of the bells. It is particularly requested that all will make an effort to attend the service at 4.30. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting. The annual reports will be ready for this meeting. Members will kindly meet at The Pack Horse inn, near the church.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The bells (8) at the church of St. Martin will be available after two o'clock by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Chichester, M.A. There will be evensong at the church at 6 p.m., with short address by the Vicar, followed by tea and the usual business meeting in the church room close to the church at 6.45. Representatives must notify me not later than Thursday 30th March the number of their band intending to be present at the tea, so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Non-members can join the tea at 1s. 6d. per head, and are cordially invited.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*

5, Manor Parade, Netherton, Surrey.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above at Maldon on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The following six-bell towers will be available: All Saints and St. Mary's, Maldon; Great Totham and Goldhanger. A brake will leave Maldon East station at 1.45 for Great Totham and Goldhanger, returning in time for tea and business meeting at The King's Head, Maldon, at 5.30. Members intending to be present should send notice not later than the previous Tuesday.

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

Great Totham Vicarage.

The Midland Counties Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Full particulars in next week's issue.

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

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Easter Monday, April 3rd.

REV. J. G. W. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*
Yapton.

Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week.

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

Old East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Treeton on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Particulars next week.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

19, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Bells open 9 a.m.

Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting 6.0 p.m.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Easter quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Cowbridge on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Mary, Stratford (Bow) Society.—The above tower is closed for ringing till such time the restoration is completed. The tower of St. Paul, Shadwell, will be open on Thursday, March 23rd, at 8.15, and every alternate Thursday for practice and business of the Bow Society. All ringers will be welcome.

H. SPRINGALL, *Hon. Sec.*

Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of the above district will be held on Saturday, April 15th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting is unavoidably postponed till Saturday, April 15.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

Will the following members or any friend whose eyes this may meet kindly send their present addresses to the Hon. Sec.: James W. Roper, late of 14, Ridley Villas, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Howard V. Wilkins, late of Sutton Coldfield; Harry D. Smith, late of 16, Vernon Street, Northampton; Arthur O. Stewart, late of 5, Adnitt Road, Whitworth Estate, Northampton; Thomas Lingard, late of Hall End, Attleborough, Nuneaton; Lawrence W. Knight, late of Cannock; William Wigginton, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Charles Davie, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Joseph Kendall, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; William Chalk, late of Quorn Hall, Loughborough; William Hickley, late of Loughborough; Joseph Harris, late of Loughborough; Charles L. Routledge, late of 43, Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh; Arthur J. Chattell, late of Bridge Street, Long Eaton; George Waplington, late of Grey Friar Gate, Nottingham; William Johnson, late of 2, West Street, Harwich; Charles H. Watts, of London, and greatly oblige.

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

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Royal Cumberland Society.—Notice as to Peals.—It has been resolved that the figures of every composition rung since December 31st, 1898, which has not been previously rung by the society, shall be sent to the secretary by the conductor to be entered in the composition book, and that unless and until such figures are supplied, no such peal shall be booked.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St. Ann's Road, High Street, Hornsey.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, February 26, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal (1248) of London Surprise Major, in 50 mins. J. O. Bennett, 1; E. C. Hunt, 2; N. Davies, 3; G. J. Salter (conductor), 4; W. H. Smith, 5; A. Roberts, 6; J. Crane, 7; J. Pagett, 8. Composed by J. Pagett, and now rung for the first time.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1899.

OUR remarks a fortnight ago upon the sad condition of the eight bells at All Saints' Church, Hereford, have been appreciated. One of the many objects we have in view is "bell-restoration"; and most of our readers are fully cognisant that whenever they bring before us cases where restoration of that kind is required, we lose no time in advocating any movement for such a pious object that may be under consideration anywhere. Pleased as we may be when our advocacy is recognised in such instances, we would rather be without the compliment if such affairs are to end in words only. We desire that some effort should be made towards the object in view; meetings whereat only tall talk about what is going to be done are perfectly useless; strong and vigorous action, repeated solicitation, and advocacy of the object morning, noon, and night are what is required. When these processes are followed out without halt or delay, we feel assured that the required consummation will be attained. Let our friends

at Hereford take the hint, and commence a collection of subscriptions *at once*; not next week, or the week after, but within a hour after they have read these lines. It is said that "nothing succeeds like success"; a favourable issue of a movement for bell-restoration often leads to the undertaking of similar movements in adjacent districts.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM L. ALDRIDGE .. Treble.	JAMES PARKER 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	HARRY HOSKINS 6.
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
CALEB FENN 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by ISAAC G. SHADE.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM C. CHENERY .. Treble.	EMANUEL HALL 5.
WILLIAM TRUSS 2.	THOMAS FAULKNER 6.
SAMUEL HAYES 3.	HENRY SPRINGALL 7.
JAMES SCHOLES 4.	HENRY TORBLE Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.
This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON, AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, March 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ALBERT EDWARD QUAIFF .. Treble.	HARRY BARTON 6.
JAMES W. DRIVER 2.	†REUBEN CHARGE 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING 8.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal of Royal as conductor. †First peal of Royal. †First peal on ten bells.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Canon Robinson, the new Rector.

The Provinces.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

F. WADE Treble.	C. HOUNSLOW 6.
G. HOLIFIELD 2.	S. WHITE 7.
F. WHITE 3.	G. PHILLOTT 8.
W. BRINKWORTH 4.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. 9.
H. TUBB 5.	R. WHITE Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and
Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Messrs. Wade, Brinkworth, and Phillott belong to the Cheltenham and Charlton Kings societies, and visited Appleton to spend the 4th of March (the Appleton anniversary) with their friends from Appleton and Oxford.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, March 8, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE OLD PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM R. SMALL .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 6.
GEOFFREY A. MARTINEAU .. 3.	HARRY MILLS 7.
JAMES HALL 4.	ERNEST BROWN .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 9, 1899, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

CHARLES LLOYD .. Treble.	ALLEN ROWLEY 6.
GEORGE WATKINS* 2.	JOHN BUFFERY 7.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 3.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. 8.
WILLIAM B. BISS 4.	WILLIAM COOMBS 9.
JOHN HARRIES 5.	BENJAMIN TILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

*First peal of Caters. It was intended to ring Bob Royal, but meeting one short the above was rung instead. This was a farewell peal to P. W. Davies, who is leaving South Wales for Lichfield. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

CHESTERFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5280 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

HERBERT MADIN .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY 6.
JAMES HUNT* 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	*THOMAS SILVESTER .. 8.
THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 4.	*SAM THOMAS 9.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON* .. 5.	*WILLIAM BIGGIN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first attempt at Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all. *First peal in the Oxford Variation.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY (OLD TOWN),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

KEITH HART .. Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	WILLIAM PALMER 6.
THOMAS PRICE* 3.	*BENJAMIN HOBBS 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	*ALFRED E. MIDMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. The band wish to thank the Vicar for granting permission to attempt this peal, and also for his kindness in altering the time of evening service.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAS. MAINWARING .. Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL 5.
HENRY THOMAS MOSTON .. 2.	FREDERICK THOS. SPENCE .. 6.
ROBERT GEORGE LEWIS .. 3.	JOS. HUGHES 7.
HENRY W. KIRTON 4.	JOHN W. BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK THOMAS SPENCE.

This is the first peal on the bells since they have been augmented to eight. Kirton hails from Manchester; and Hughes from Oxtun, and it is his first peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

WILLIAM R. SMALL Treble.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 5.
ARTHUR SPITTLE* 2.	*JOHN W. SMITH 6.
HARRY PRICE* 3.	*JOHN SMITH 7.
JOHN GOODMAN* 4.	JOHN CARTER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal of Forward Major. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble.	JAMES GARRATT 5.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

This peal will be found in the Central Council Appendix, page 113.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES CHAPMAN Treble.	JOHN TUCKER 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	WILLIAM HORNE 6.
ERNEST BRUCE 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES 4.	ARTHUR W. HIGGS Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, of Brighton, and
Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

Rung as a farewell peal to W. Horne, who is shortly leaving Reading.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS, AND THE
ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Saturday, March 11, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty eight Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by W. H. SMITH.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells; the first peal of Cambridge Surprise by the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Davis, Wakeman, and Roberts were elected members before starting for the peal.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 11, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Plain Bob, and five 720s of Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH BRINN Treble.	HERBERT WATTS 4.
ARTHUR WOODERSON .. 2.	CHARLES SMART 5.
SAMUEL PAICE 3.	ALFRED E. COUSINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED E. COUSINS.

This is the first peal by the above branch,

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 11, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT BISHOPWEARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT M. PICK† Treble.	†HARRY PEVERELL 5.
ROBERT N. LOVIE† 2.	*JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6.
ROBERT E. CHICHESTER† 3.	*THOMAS H. NAISBY 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. 4.	†WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by W. T. ROBSON.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung in the county of Durham.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 13, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-three 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.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 3.	FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. 7.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect for the wife of Mr. E. Noden, parishioners' warden who was this day interred at Bowden Church, Cheshire.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 13, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES A. CARTER Treble.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 5.
JOHN H. JONES 2.	THOMAS METCALFE 6.
RICHARD H. FENWICK .. 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
FRED. P. HOWCROFT .. 4.	SAMUEL WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells by the Association, and by all the band except J. H. Blakiston.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH EDWARDS Treble.	THOMAS WALLIS 5.
FRED. J. HARRINGTON .. 2.	JAMES WALLIS 6.
RICHARD JENNER 3.	JACK PRESTON 7.
JAMES HEASMAN 4.	PETER SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by JACK PRESTON.

Handbell Peals.—The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1899, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. H. PASMORE,

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

HARRY R. PASMORE .. 1-2.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 5-6.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 3-4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. 7-8.

Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

Umpire—W. S. Langdon. First peal in the method on handbells by all.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The muffled peal as stated rung at Henley in last week's "BELL NEWS," should have been stated as rung at Caversham, Oxon. It might also be added that the tenor-man was god-father to the boy who rung the treble, it being his wish to ring his first peal with him.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, February 15th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Walters, 1; G. H. Foster, 2; A. Biggs, sen., 3; F. Hunt, 4; A. Biggs, jun., 5; H. Foster (first quarter-peal as conductor), 6; E. E. Foreman, 7; G. Wood, 8.

HEVER (Kent).—On Sunday, February 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. Steddy, 1; J. Preston (conductor), 2; J. Wallis, 3; T. Wallis, 4; *F. I. Harrington, 5; R. Jenner, 6. *First touch of Treble Bob Minor. First 720 of Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

ROTHERHITHE (Kent).—On Saturday, February 4th, 560 Bob Major. J. Law, 1; T. Deal, 2; J. Town, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; W. J. Jeffries, 6; J. Hack, 7; W. Bedwell (conductor), 8. And 630 Darlston Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; E. H. Nixon, 2; W. Bedwell (conductor), 3; T. Deal, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; J. Hack, 6; W. J. Jeffries, 7; J. Law, 8.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Bedwell, 1; J. Rose, 2; E. H. Nixon, 3; T. Deal, 4; G. H. Daynes (conductor), 5; J. Law, 6; W. J. Jeffries, 7; T. Daynes, 8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On January 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Milhams, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; G. Hayes (conductor), 3; W. Lane, 4; W. Martin, 5; M. Digby, 6. On February 5th, 720 London Surprise. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On February 16th, 720 each of London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On February 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On February 20th, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Simmons, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; L. Silver, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On February 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; T. Faulkner, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. T. Faulkner hails from Barking, Essex.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, February 11th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Andrews, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Andrews, 3; H. Baker, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Prebble, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Andrews, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Cheeseman, 3; H. Baker, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Prebble, 6. On Friday, February 17th, three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles by the same band. On Tuesday, February 21st, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, standing as before, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Andrews, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Andrews, 3; A. Tanton, 4; H. Baker, 5; J. Prebble, 6. And another 6-score. E. E. Cheeseman, 1; the rest as before. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. H. Baker, 1; T. Beer, 2; J. Andrews, 3; E. Cheeseman, 4; A. Castle, 5. All the above were conducted by A. Tanton.

CHERITON.—On Saturday, February 18th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Beale, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Bartler, 3; H. Baker, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. R. Beale, 1; G. Finn, 2; J. Andrews, 3; E. Cheeseman, 4; S. Finn, 5; A. Castle (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. J. Andrews, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Cheeseman, 3; H. Baker, 4; A. Tanton (conductor), 5; S. Finn, 6.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, February 20th, 168 and two 250s of Bob Triples, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush, 2; J. Andrews, 3; H. Baker, 4; J. Whitnall, 5; A. Castle, 6; A. Tanton (conductor), 7; J. Prebble, 8.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, March 5th, for Divine Service, on the back six, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Beavan, 1; W. Watchorn, 2; E. Wells, 3; H. Hill, 4; R. Carter, 5; W. Aldridge (conductor), 6.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, February 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. with the tenor covering. *O. Usmar, 1; D. Hall, 2; *F. B. Leonard, 3; *J. Harryman, 4; *G. H. Carman, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6; P. Masters, 8. *First 720. On Sunday, March 5th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor with F. Cope, 2; the rest as before.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 4th, at All Saints church, 588 Stedman Triples. S. Howell, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Griggs, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; H. Griggs, 7; H. Brackett and A. Green, 8. On Saturday, February 11th, 1008 Stedman Triples. *S. Howell, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Bacon, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Griggs, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; *H. Griggs, 7; H. Brackett and A. Green, 8. On Saturday, February 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman in 52 mins. *S. Howell, 1; W.

Howell, 2; W. Bacon, 3; M. Silvester, 4; *E. Ambrose (Melford), 5; W. Griggs, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Richard and A. Green, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. *Longest touch in the method.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 28th, at the parish church, on the occasion of a district meeting of the above Association, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Keeble (Monks Eleigh), 1; A. Papworth (Stanstead), 2; C. Honeybell (Glemsford), 3; H. Thompson (Cavendish), 4; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 5; J. Campin (Sudbury, St. Gregory's), 6; S. Slater (Glemsford), 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8.

WILBURTON (Cambs).—On Sunday, January 29th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). R. M. Croft, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Markwell, 6. On Sunday, February 5th, 720 Woodbine, with J. Markwell, 1; H. Sharp, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Thursday, February 9th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). R. M. Croft, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; J. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6. On Sunday, February 12th, 720 Woodbine. J. Markwell 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6. On Sunday, February 19th, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. P. E. Curtois, of Hemingford Grey, Hunts., who was up to the time of his death Hon. Secretary for the above district, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Markwell, 5; H. Sharp, 6. Also 720 College Single. H. Sharp, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Markwell, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Markwell, 6. On Sunday morning, February 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Sharp, 5; H. Markwell, 6. For evening service 720 Kent. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Markwell, 3; W. Smith, 4; H. Sharp, 5; A. Hazel, 6. On Wednesday, March 1st, 720 Duke of York. J. Markwell, 1; Jos. Markwell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. Hazel, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; H. Markwell, 6. First 720 in the method by W. Smith.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FINEDON (Northants).—On Sunday morning, February 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. W. Warner, 1; J. T. Tompkins, 2; W. Perkins, 3; P. J. Manning, 4; G. Lines, 5; T. Abbott, 6; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Smeathers, 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and longest length by Messrs. Warner and Houghton.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Wednesday, January 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Eden, 1; B. Prewett, 2; C. George, 3; G. N. Price, 4; W. Norris, 5; H. Martin, 9. On Sunday morning, February 5th, for Divine Service, 588 Stedman Triples. G. N. Price (conductor), 1; C. George, 2; Walter Norris, 3; J. B. Bates, 4; W. Norris, 5; H. Martin, 6; B. Prewett, 7; A. Lance, 8. On Sunday morning, February 12th, for Divine Service, 588 Stedman Triples. G. N. Price (conductor), 1; H. Eden, 2; C. George, 3; J. B. Bates, 4; H. Martin, 5; Walter Norris, 6; B. Prewett, 7; W. Norris, 8. On Sunday, February 19th, 288 Stedman Triples. G. N. Price (conductor), 1; C. George, 2; H. Eden, 3; W. Whitehead, 4; H. Martin, 5; Walter Norris, 6; B. Prewett, 7; J. Alexander, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, February 10th, the last 742 of Holt's Original. On Sunday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, February 19th, a quarter-peal of 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.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SPROUGHTON (Suffolk).—On Friday, February 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. F. Rolfe, 1; G. Mee, 2; H. Mee, 3; A. Woollard, 4; F. Mee, 5; C. Mee (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, February 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. D. Southgate, 1; G. Mee, 2; H. Mee, 3; A. Woollard, 4; F. Mee (conductor), 5; C. Mee, 6.

BRAMFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Mee, 1; H. Mee, 2; W. Brown, 3; C. Mee (conductor), 4; A. Rivers, 5; F. Mee, 6.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WHORLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.—On Saturday, February 25th, six members of the above Association went to this place for the purpose of attempting a 5040 of Bob Minor. Unfortunately it came to grief, and they started too late to allow of a second attempt being made. They succeeded however in ringing three 720s and a 360. W. Clarkson, 1; W. Bennison, 2; Rev. W. P. Wright, 3; H. H. Bowes, 4; F.

A. Mellanby, 5; G. F. Alexander (conductor), 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. G. F. Alexander is from Whitley; the rest are from Stokesley. Also on handbells a 6-score of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Clarkson, 1; W. Bennison, 2; H. H. Bowes, 3; F. A. Mellanby, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; G. F. Alexander, 6. First attempt for 1, 2 and 3. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the vergers for making the necessary preparations.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—On Monday, January 30th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. R. Chamberlin, 1; W. Davies, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; A. Williams, 4; ———, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. First in the method by Messrs. Chamberlin, Davies, and Williams. On Monday, February 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins. H. Williams, 1; W. Davies, 2; R. Trehern, 3; A. Williams, 4; C. Powell, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. On Wednesday, February 1st, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins. R. Chamberlin, 1; A. Williams, 2; W. Davies, 3; J. C. Jones, 4; W. Greenleaf, 5; J. Clark (Ross), 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; R. Powell, 8. On Tuesday, February 14th, another quarter-peal in the same method in 54 mins. W. Davies, 1; A. Williams, 2; R. Trehern, 3; J. G. Jones, 4; W. Greenleaf, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6; T. Lewis, 7; R. Powell, 8. Tenor 40 cwt.

WITHINGTON (Herefordshire).—On Tuesday, January 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. A. Williams, 1; W. Davies, 2; A. Brace, 3; J. E. Groves (conductor), 4; G. Cole, 5; A. Bowers, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

LUGWARDINE (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, February 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Jones, 1; W. Davies, 2; A. Brace, 3; C. Clifford, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; A. Bowers, 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. The ringers on this occasion were entertained to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Lee.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, January 30th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Grant, 1; W. Singleton, 2; F. Hill, 3; Rev. W. Gordon, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; H. Dicker, 8. And a 336. A. Cummins, 1; W. Singleton, 2; F. Hill, 3; Rev. W. Gordon, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. E. Collins (first in the method), 1; Rev. W. Gordon, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; G. Grafham, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; W. Singleton, 6. On Monday, February 20th, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Grant, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Smith, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, February 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. P. Hannam, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. Newman, 6; F. S. Bayley, 7; E. Reynolds, 8.

SHEPHERD (Hants).—Recently on the occasion of a Confirmation held by the Bishop of Southampton, 720 Bob Minor. W. Churcher, 1; W. Cooper, 2; S. Cummins, 3; G. Grafham, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. After service 720 Oxford Single. W. Singleton, 1; W. Cooper, 2; S. Cummins, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. The ringers were then entertained to tea by Mrs. Franklyn, after which they returned to the tower for more ringing, when 720 College Single was rung. W. Churcher, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Churcher, 1; W. Cooper, 2; A. Millard, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single. W. Singleton, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; S. Cummins, 4; A. Millard, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. G. E. Chappell, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; A. Millard, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6.

YORK TOWN (Surrey).—Recently for practice at St. Michael's church, 360 and 216 Grandsire Minor. *C. North, 1; G. Hawkins, 2; *C. Emery, 3; *A. Alexander, 4; C. Pearce, 5; B. Hawkins, 6. Another 216 in the same method with W. Boyles, 1; T. Goodchild, 3; the rest as before. Also 108. C. North, 1; *J. Brown, 2; G. Hawkins, 3; A. Alexander, 4; *G. Pearce, 5; B. Hawkins, 6. *First touch of Minor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 51 mins. L. Hollingworth, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; W. Malins, 3; J. Warren, 4; W. Earle, 5. F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; W. Parsons, 8. On Sunday, February 19th, the above ringers journeyed to Staunton Harold, the seat of Earl Ferrers, and rang for afternoon service 420 Oxford

Bob Triples. W. Malins, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; H. Hollingworth, 4; J. Warren, 5; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6; G. C. Tunnickliff, 7; W. Earle, 8.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, February 28th, for practice at St. Helen's church, 672 Stedman Triples. *H. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; *G. Hatton, jun., 3; W. Canner, 4; J. Curtis, 5; G. Hatton, sen., 6; †J. H. Dunmore (conductor), 7; *H. Smith, 8. *Longest touch in the method. †Longest touch as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE (Berks).—On Saturday, February 25th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Palmer, 1; A. Talbot, 2; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 3; J. Cooper, 4; Rev. C. Jenkyns, 5; G. Martin, 6. Also several 6-scores of Doubles in which E. Mortimer and another member took part, conducted by the Rev. C. Jenkyns, and Messrs. Martin, Talbot, and Cooper.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Tuesday, February 14th, on the occasion of the funeral of Mrs. Muriel, wife of the Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells muffled, in 53 mins. A. Ough, 1; E. H. Adams (conductor), 2; J. W. Driver, 3; A. E. Quaife, 4; H. Barton, 5; R. Charge, 6; F. Parsons, 7; W. T. Elson, 8; C. Charge, 9; S. How, 10. Afterwards the usual whole pull and stand was rung, in which Messrs. Crombie, Smith and Howard took part.

THE CHEPSTOW AND DISTRICT GUILD.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, February 26th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Hobson, 1; G. Vick, 2; R. Thompson, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Prickett (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; B. Tamplin, 8. Also 210 in the same method. G. Hobson, 1; G. Vick, 2; J. Prickett, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Morley, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6; W. Treeton, 7; B. Tamplin, 8. Recently, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. G. Hobson, 1; J. Prickett, 2; W. Freestone, 3; J. Smith, 4; R. Thompson (conductor), 5; J. Morley, 6; F. Bye, 7; T. B. Tamplin, 8. On Sunday, February 12th, for Divine Service in the evening, 240 Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering. G. Hobson, 1; T. Prickett, 2; G. Vick, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley (conductor), 6; E. Williams, 7; G. Daniels, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES.—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 500 Bob Major. W. Pyle, 1; C. Cash, 2; T. Gratton, 3; J. Jackson, 4; J. Barratt, 5; E. Jackson, 7; R. Ridyard (conductor), 8.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, March 5th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. J. Taylor, 1; L. Taylor, 2; J. H. Haydock, 3; S. Lord, 4; J. B. Taylor (conductor), 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; J. W. Ormerod, 8. Composed by T. Wade, of Windsor.

DEANE, BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 27th, for practice, 2520 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, in 1 hr. 23 mins. R. Duckworth, 1; T. Barlow, 2; J. Moscrop, 3; W. Grundy, 4; E. Hewitt, 5; T. Peers, 6; R. Heald, 7; W. Barlow, 8. Conducted by T. Barlow.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 21st, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Sharp, 1; A. Gower (first 504), 2; J. Smith, 3; G. H. Howse, 4; T. Mayo, 5; T. Price, 6; G. H. Head (first as conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8. Also two 168s in which Messrs. C. Arfey, B. Hobbs, and A. Miles took part. On Thursday, February 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Mallard, 1; G. H. Head, 2; G. S. Hewitt, 3; A. Miles, 4; T. Mayo, 5; C. Harfey, 6; J. Sharp (conductor), 7; C. Crunden, 8. On Thursday, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman was attempted, but came to grief after ringing about 1000 changes, after which a 336 was rung. J. Sharp, 1; F. Harding, 2; A. Gower, 3; G. Penfold, 4; G. H. Howse, 5; J. Smith, 6; G. H. Head (conductor), 7; E. Mallard, 8. The following touches have been rung at St. Mary's old tower by mixed bands. A 1008 Grandsire Triples. E. Willoughby, T. Willoughby (conductor), H. Vernon, R. C. Mayo, E. Penfold, J. Lewis, G. H. Head, and A. E. Midmore. And a 504 in the same method. G. T. Willoughby, G. H. Head (conductor), H. Vernon, J. Newman, A. E. Midmore, T. Price, J. Lewis, and T. Lewis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 5th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42

mins. *H. Langdon, 1; W. Webber, 2; H. Langdon, sen., 5; F. Perrin (conductor), 4; T. Langdon, 5; G. Symonds, 6; W. Langdon, 7; *E. Balls, 8. *First quarter-peal.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 5th, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, 1295 Grandsire Caters in 49 mins. *E. Turl, 1; W. Webber, 2; E. Quaife, 3; J. Hoyle, 4; F. Perrin, 5; A. Davis, 6; W. Langdon, 7; G. Symonds (conductor), 8; H. Barton, 9; A. Hardy, 10. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. Armitage Robinson, D.D., as Rector of St. Margaret's. *First quarter-peal of Caters.

BRADDOCK (Cornwall).—On Saturday, February 4th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Bob Doubles. O. Gay, 1; G. Frost, 2; R. Frost, 3; C. Page, 4; A. Voss (conductor), 5. Another 720 by the same band with the exception of Rev. R. H. Sowell (conductor), 5.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Monday, February 20th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. H. Prowne, 1; J. Folkhard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; F. Woods, 6; R. Baker, 7; F. Baker, 8. Composed by G. F. Alexander, of Whitby, Yorks., and contains the twenty-four 6-7s.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday evening, February 26th, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 47 mins. *J. Hinton, 1; J. Pryer, 2; †W. Moss (conductor), 3; *E. Cassell, 4; F. Ll. Edwards, 5; W. Dean, 6; T. E. Barber, 7; W. J. Barber, 8. *First quarter-peal. †First as conductor.

FARNWORTH, WIDNES (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor in 12½ mins. A. Wilkinson, 1; W. Patten, 2; J. T. Lowe, 3; J. Wilde, 4; J. Witter, 5; R. Johnson (conductor), 6.

FROCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, February 19th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Priday, 1; R. T. Prout, 2; F. G. Prout, 3; H. W. Fussell (conductor), 4; A. Burcombe, 5; C. East, 6.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 51 mins. J. Crombie, 1; W. T. Elson, 2; W. Meaton, 3; E. H. Adams, 4; H. Adams, 5; J. Aldridge (composer and conductor), 6; F. Parsons, 7; R. Charge, 8; C. Charge, 9; F. Hendy, 10.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, February 13th, at the church of St. Peter and Paul, 1440 Bob Major. W. Boby, 1; H. Parker, 2; M. Smith, 3; J. Moore, 4; J. Fayers, 5; C. Levitt, 6; A. Symonds, 7; T. King (conductor), 8. Rung to celebrate the twenty-second birthday of J. Fayers. On Tuesday, February 14th, 1008 Bob Major. A. Symonds, 1; H. Smith, 2; H. Horrex, 3; J. Fayers, 4; R. Wilding, 5; W. Snell, 6; W. Kinsey, 7; T. King (conductor), 8.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, February 12th, the bells were rung half-muffled both for morning and evening service as a token of respect to the late Joseph Wright, Esq., of Chesterfield, who was interred at North Wingfield on Saturday, February 11th. Deceased in his lifetime had been a generous friend to the poor of this parish, and at the time of his lifetime had reached the age of ninety-one years. A 720 Bob Minor was rung in the evening. W. Butler (conductor), 1; H. Tarlton, 2; J. Butler, 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 18th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Duke of York. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; J. Fayers, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore (first attempt in the method), 4; T. Levitt (first attempt with a bob bell), 5; C. Levitt, 6.

ROYDON (Essex).—On Friday, December 16th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; E. J. Webb, 3; A. Pearman, 4; J. Crabb, 5; I. Cavill (composer and conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). Also 363 Canterbury Pleasure, and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Sewell, 1; W. Marrable, 2; G. Barker, 3; A. Pearman, 4; J. Crabb, 5; I. Cavill (composer and conductor), 6. On Wednesday, March 2nd, 720 Bob Minor, and 360 Grandsire Minor. J. Sewell, 1; I. Cavill, 2; E. J. Webb, 3; W. Marrable, 4; A. Pearman, 5; W. Littlechild, 6.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, February 26th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; J. W. Chandler, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; A. Dubber, 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. On Sunday evening, March 5th, for Divine Service, 532 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; C. J. B. Cooke, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. W. Shotton, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; R. Clarke, 8. On Monday, March 6th, for practice, 336 Grandsire

Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; C. J. B. Cooke, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; J. W. Shotton, 6; H. King, 7; F. Green, 8.

TYRINGHAM (Bucks).—On Saturday, February 26th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Lee, 1; F. Hopper, 2; W. Freeman (conductor), 3; J. Lovell, 4; H. Lett, 5. Also four 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles. J. Lett, 1; H. Lett, 2; F. Hopper, 3; J. Lovell, 4; W. Freeman, 5. And four 6-scores of Plain Bob. J. Lee, 1; J. Lett, 2; T. Hopper, 3; H. Lett, 4; J. Lovell (conductor), 5. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Hopper, 1; J. Lett, 2; H. Lett, 3; J. Lovell (conductor), 4; J. Lee, 5.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, February 19th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles) in 23 mins. A. Hill, 1; F. Side, 2; H. Kilby, 3; W. Steggatt, 4; A. Tennant, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 21st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Neale, 1; H. Kilby, 2; P. George, 3; W. Steggatt, 4; A. Tennant, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. A. Hill, 1; F. Side, 2; H. Kilby, 3; W. Steggatt, 4; A. Pittam (conductor), 5; P. George, 6. And two 6-scores of Kent Treble Bob. F. Side, 1; H. Kilby, 2; A. Tennant, 3; W. Steggatt, 4; P. George, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Pittam, 1; A. Pittam, 2; A. Tennant, 3; W. Steggatt, 4; R. Kilby, 5; G. Bartlett, 6. And two 6-scores with G. Kilby, 1.

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 GUILD.

SIR,—I beg to thank you for inserting my letter in last week's "BELL NEWS," and I wish to inform you that I have received notification from Mr. Buchanan that a committee has already been formed, and that the collecting cards are to be returned by the 15th. I feel sure that if notice had been given in "THE BELL NEWS" before, it would have given other stray individuals like myself an opportunity of subscribing, but I am glad to have the pleasure of doing so at the last moment. C. EDWARDS.

The Gardens, Trewyn House, Pandy, Abergavenny.

THE BELLS OF SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, ETC.

SIR,—I shall be obliged if any member of the Cleveland Association can tell me if the ring of six (by Taylor) put in the new church of Skelton-in-Cleveland in the year 1884 are kept in good condition, and whether a peal has yet been rung on them. The church and the bells (tenor 23 cwt.) were I believe the gift of Squire Wharton, of Skelton Castle. I should also like information respecting the date and founder of the two bells in the little church at Loftus, also as to what became of the old bell which hung in the tower of Easington church previous to its being re-built. I wish the new Association every success, and hope if a peal has not yet been obtained at Skelton that they may soon secure it. E. J. DENNIS.

Wellingborough.

REPLY TO MR. PERRY.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. J. Perry's request for a rhyme to the word month, I may say that there is no English word that could be used in any ordinary rhyming which would suit, but I offer the following for what they are worth.

In an old number of the *The Boy's Own Paper* I once came across this specimen:—

"The man that feareth not nor shunn'th
The path that is by burglars trod,
Shall feed on skilley many a month
When once he's caught and sent to 'quod.'"

A better one that I have come across refers to a certain university student of whom it is related that:—

He wastes the midnight oil
From month to month
Raising the bi-nomials to the (n plus 1th)."

Any of your readers who are well acquainted with algebra can explain the above. J. A. SMITH.

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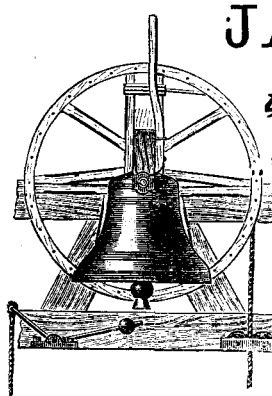
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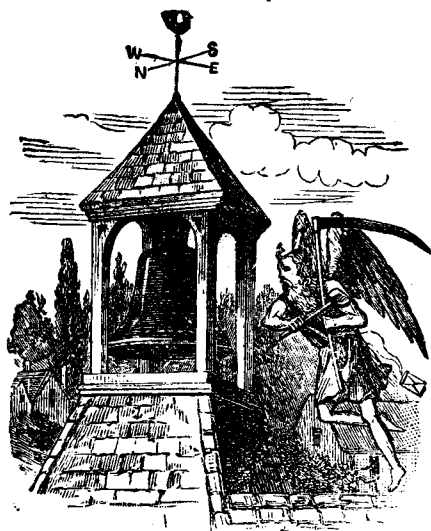
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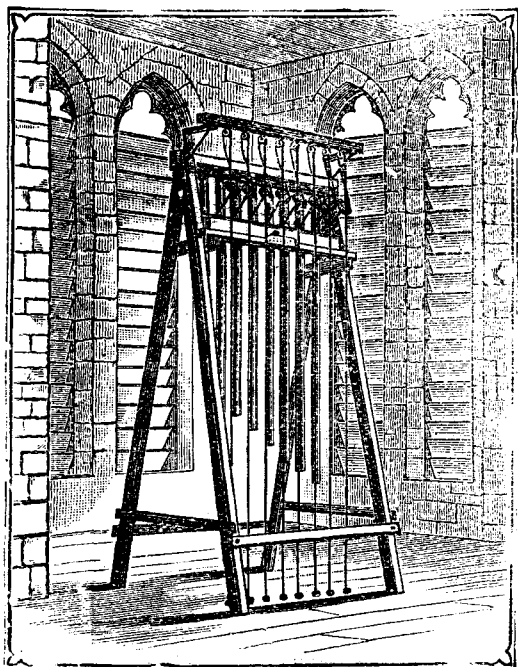
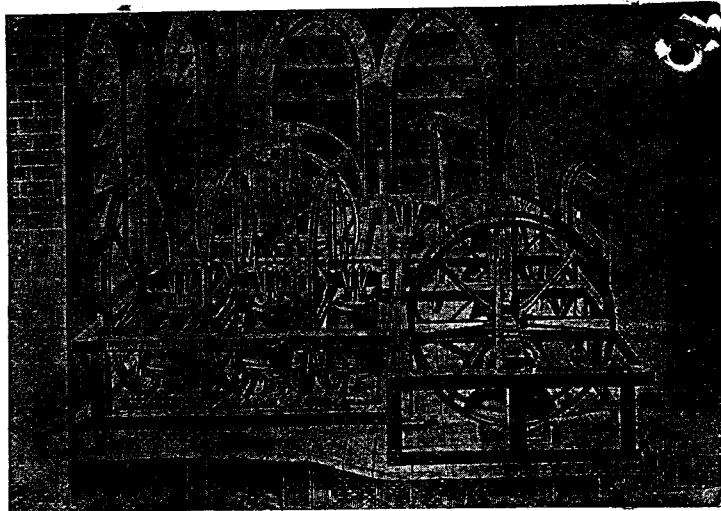
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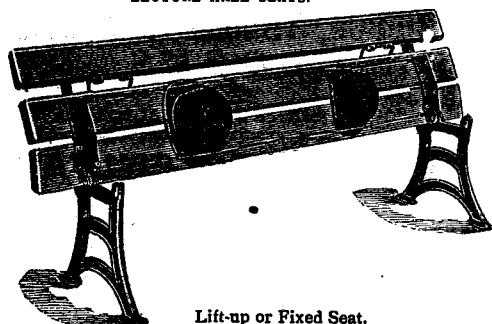
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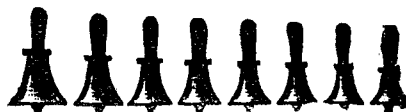
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PENMARK CHURCH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THIS church was on Tuesday week the scene of great festivity and rejoicing, the occasion being the dedication of the excellent ring of six, which has been recast and rehung, and the unveiling of a richly-glazed east window, both ceremonies being performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, in the presence of a large number of clergy and a numerous congregation of parishioners and residents of the neighbourhood.

The service was musically rendered by the choir, assisted by friends, and led by the energetic and popular Vicar, the Rev. Edward Morgan, B.A., who in conjunction with his wardens, Messrs. O. Jones and William Alexander, has done much to add to the beauty and comfort of the church, and to improve the services.

The bells were, says a local paper, originally a ring of six, and reputed to have possessed remarkably rich and powerful tones, were early in the century considerably injured, and three of them badly fractured through, it is said, the enthusiasm of the ringers, who being annoyed at the supposed superiority of tone of the Coity bells, and the greater distance at which they could be heard, determined to get all the volume or sound possible out of their own bells, and in order to do so possessed themselves of sledge-hammers from an adjoining smithy with which to strike the bells, the result being that three of the best bells were broken, and the peal destroyed.

The late Mr. John Alexander, who in conjunction with the late Mr. R. O. Jones (Fonmon Castle), and subsequently with Mr. O. H. Jones, was churchwarden for over thirty-three years, took great interest in the church, and although there have been two comparatively recent extensive restorations, the bells remained unringable, and it is chiefly to the memory of this respected gentleman, and also to the memory of his wife, Mary, and to his only daughter (Margaret) that the bells are now recast and re-erected by Mr. T. D. Alexander, of Bryneathyn, Dinas Powis, the eldest son of the former. To record the gift a handsome brass tablet has been erected in the church, near the family pew of the Alexanders, and on the bells themselves are recorded the names of John, Mary, and Margaret Alexander, the names of the earlier donors and the founders being also preserved. Rich-toned as were the old bells by reputation, those who on Tuesday week heard the new bells, handled skilfully by a good company of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, were of opinion that they could not have been superior to the new ones.

The east window, which was only erected about forty years ago (previous to which, strange to say, there was no east window), although a three-light perpendicular window of beautiful design, was devoid of coloured glass, and this fact, combined with the grey stone pavement of the church,

gave the building a somewhat cold appearance. This has now been remedied by the liberality of Dr. George Neale, J.P., of Barry, who has had the lights filled with beautiful stained glass (the centre light being a representation of the Crucifixion), in memory of his wife, Sarah, and her sister Mary, both being the daughters of the late Mr. Thomas Matthews, of Fontigary, and who for the greater portion of their lives attended this church.

Historically Penmark church is, unfortunately, devoid of trustworthy record, as there is not a stone or monument bearing date earlier than the sixteenth century. There are however, traces of Norman work in the chancel arch, which at one time supported a rood loft and screen, and there is also in the south wall, between the south porch and the tower, an Early English lancet window, and over the south door a niche, which from its shape evidently bore an image of the Virgin and child, the church being dedicated to St. Mary, and not to St. Mark, as is generally supposed, and in spite of the old legend to the effect that it once possessed St. Mark's head. The niche bears evidence of the iconoclastic proclivities of some vandal hand, and probably other monuments which this church possessed were by the same hand ruthlessly destroyed. From early Christian times the district was, ecclesiastically at least, important. Cadoc, of Llancarvan, some centuries before the Norman Conquest, established near Penmark at least four canonries, and there are still traces of at least two chapels of ease within the parish boundaries. Then, soon after the Norman Conquest, two of Fitzammon's knights—Oliver St. John at Fonmon, and Gilbert de Humfreeville of Penmark—erected castles, the former of which is still standing, and occupied by Mr. O. H. Jones, and the latter in ivy clad ruins, adjoining the churchyard, and it is scarcely conceivable that two such powerful families should have left no monument or trace of name in the church, although for five hundred years they occupied their respective castles. During the early part of the fifteenth century the castle of Penmark was burnt down by Owen Glendwr, and about two hundred and fifty years later it was besieged and destroyed by Cromwell's army, and it seems probable that during those troublesome times the monuments were also destroyed and the church denuded of all that was artistic and beautiful. Some day, perhaps, the mound of rubbish at the north-west end of the churchyard may be explored, and it will probably yield something that will throw light upon what now appears inexplicable. In the meantime, the history of the church must remain to a great extent speculative.

At the luncheon, presided over by the Bishop, the usual toasts were proposed and suitably responded to, and in reply to the health of the benefactors, proposed by Mr. O. H. Jones, Mr. D. Alexander in an eloquent speech traced the continuous connection of his family with the church of Penmark for more than a century.

More needs to be done in order to complete the requirements of the church, and it is to be hoped that an effort will soon be made, or some kind donor found, to replace the harmonium by an organ, a want much felt by the increasing congregations and by the Vicar.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting will be held at Norwich on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, 23rd May, 1899.

Notices of motion, etc., must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 25th. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

The Hon. Secretaries of Societies who have not so far responded to the earlier issue of this notice, are again respectfully reminded that the contributions of their Societies became due on January 1st last, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Council without further delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative: viz., Bedfordshire Association, Chester Guild, Durham and Newcastle Association, Devonshire Guild, Gloucester and Bristol Association, Leeds and District Amalgamated Society, Liverpool Guild, Salisbury Guild.

Information of any change in representatives, or their addresses, will be thankfully received with the respective contributions.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

March 22nd, 1899.

A LINK OF THE PAST.

A correspondent from Thorverton, Devon, sends the following:—

"I have just had handed me an old book with a note written on the cover, which may interest some of your readers, and is as follows:—

'Most likely this book was printed about 1740. At that time what is now called Plain Bob was called Grandsire Bob. The most legitimate methods are the Bob Minor, Bob Major, College Bob Major, and Stone College Bob Minor.

JOHN COX,
London.'

The book deals with Hunting, Racing, Military Discipline, Noble Science of Defence, Hawking, Cock Fighting, Ringing (26 pages), Music, etc.

It gives touches of Grandsire Bob Minor, Morning Exercise, A Cure for Melancholy (a very strange method), London Nightingale, City Delight, Evening Delight, Dodging Triples, Imperial Bob, Wild Goose Chase Triples, and others.

The book apparently belonged to a family named Hockaday, and on one of the pages of ringing is written Thomas Hockaday, *Ejus Scriptum*, and on another, Robert Hockaday, 1752, and others of the same family. In the above list of contents I notice that I have not written them in the same order as they follow in the book. Ringing comes before Cock Fighting even in this old book."

*** Good Friday coming next week we must receive everything intended for insertion not later than Wednesday morning. Mr. Attree's yearly analysis will appear.

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A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Long Ashton on Saturday afternoon, March the 11th, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. Deering). Ringers were present from Long Ashton, Bristol, Wraxall, Barrow Gurney, Twerton, Portishead, Abbott's Leigh, Minehead, and Old Cleeve. A short service, with appropriate hymns, was held in the parish church at four o'clock, when an address was given by the Vicar from Jer. xviii. 14. Previous to the service the bells (a fine ring of eight, with a tenor over 35 cwt., in capital going order), were raised in peal, and a short touch of Stedman Triples was rung.

The ringers, numbering over thirty, were entertained at The Angel inn to a meat tea, provided by Mr. A. M. Gordon, and there were also present the Vicar, Messrs. T. Dyke and C. E. D. Boutflower, the Revs. H. A. Cockey (of Oldland), H. C. Courtney (Master of the Association; of Minehead), H. E. Tilney Bassett (curate of St. Paul's, Bedminster), and Mr. H. W. Tomkins, of Old Cleeve, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed, and thirty new members were enrolled. The annual meeting was announced to be held at Taunton. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens, and organist, and the Vicar said he hoped the Association would again visit them.

After tea, the members returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

The first annual dinner in connection with the Bath district of the above-mentioned association was held on Monday, February 20th, at The Alliance dining rooms, Westgate Street. The attendance was large, most of the towers in the district being represented. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Fussell, the Hon. Secretary of the Bath district, who during the course of the evening read letters from the Rev. Prebendary W. Stokes Shaw (Twerton), the Rev. H. A. Cockey, the Rev. C. C. Parker (St. Mary's, Bath), Mr. Boutflower, and W. J. Hinton (of Bristol), regretting their inability to attend. Justice having been done to the well-served repast, the usual loyal toasts were proposed by the chairman, and to Mr. G. Hill (St. Andrew's) was entrusted the toast, "Success to the Association." The remainder of the evening was given up to harmony.

ACCIDENT TO A BELL.

A Bath newspaper publishes the following: "On Friday, when a peal was being rung on the Abbey bells in honour of the Prince of Wales's wedding anniversary, an accident occurred to the 7th bell, rendering it temporarily useless. The bell was noticed to go badly, and on examination being made, it was discovered that two of the cannons had broken. It is thought that it will not be a very serious matter to repair it, as in heavy bells the cannons are often replaced in modern bells by large bolts, and this it is believed, can be done to this bell. The bell, it may be added, was cast by Rudhall in 1700, and bears the inscription—'Peace and good neighbourhood.'"

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.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

On Sunday afternoon, March 12th, several change-ringers were found wending their way to the above-named place; some on "bikes," while others used that well-known though somewhat antique form of locomotion denominated "shanks's pony," all however having one landmark in view, viz.: the grand old church tower of Biddenden, in which hangs a splendid-toned ring of eight bells, with a tenor of about 27 cwt. One or two of the local ringers were there to meet us, and soon conducted us to the belfry, when the first object that met our optics was a peal-board, showing that three peals had been rung in that tower in the last century by a local company called "The Biddenden Youths."

"Well: off jackets and haul 'em up, lads," was the order; and haul it was! Hauling big guns up a stiff incline in war time was nothing to be compared to it! (Pass the medals along, gentlemen, please.) The ropes had patent sallies to them, "Avery's patent" they were called. Some one suggested that it was perhaps the time of their moult; another said it would no doubt be better when they had got all their feathers. It was some time before some of us could find the right bell, but at last we were ready, and go was called. All went quite as well as could be expected for about five minutes, when one or two of the company appeared to be slowly melting away, but, like the faithful soldier of Pompeii they stood to their post (beg pardon, I mean rope), and hauled away until their aching limbs refused to move, and then—collapse! Two or three more plucky attempts were made, and at last we managed to get three courses of Grandsire Triples; and then strange to say, every one's ambition was satisfied.

What a grand opportunity exists at Biddenden for some good, wise, and pious philanthropist to say: "Send in your estimate, Mr. Bellhanger, and I'll pay the cost." A bell-restoration was never more needed than at Biddenden church.

I would advise all those who think their own bells go badly, to come over and try Biddenden, and they will return home quite in love with their own bells, and better satisfied with them than ever. Who will propose Biddenden as the place for the next district meeting of the county association?

The following ringers put in an appearance: Messrs. Edwards (2), Cramp, Hinds, Tribe, and Holdstock, from Tenterden; Messrs Burden (2) and Bassett, from Rolvenden; and Mr. Spice from Charing. C. T.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 4th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was arranged to be attempted at Swineshead, to commemorate the birthday of Mr. J. M. Rylatt, the conductor of the Boston company, but at the last minute one of the band found he could not attend, so it was abandoned. On the 18th it was intended to make the attempt at Boston but one of the company mistook the date, and did not put in an appearance, so a half-peal was rung in 1 hr. 36 mins. On Sunday, March 19th, for evening service at Boston parish church, a quarter-peal in the same method. This was rung on the 57th birthday of Mr. A. O. Barber, who belongs to Frieston.

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VISIT TO CHEPSTOW.

On Saturday, March 12th, seven members of the St. John's society, Cardiff, paid a visit to Chepstow. The party was in charge of Mr. P. W. Davis, and comprised Messrs. Clutterbuck, Vinnicombe, Watkins, Biss, Thomas, and R. Thompson, of Chepstow. At the parish church of St. Mary an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but was lost after ringing over 3 hrs. Sunday morning found the visitors again at the parish church, where they rang 1342 Bob Major for Divine Service. In the afternoon a visit was made to Tidenham, Gloucestershire, where 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung. This is the first 720 of Kent on the bells. Also 360 Bob Minor, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. For evening service the visitors were again at St. Mary's church, where a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 42 mins. by E. Williams, W. B. Biss, J. Prickett, W. Coombes, R. Thompson, J. Morley, P. W. Davis (conductor), and G. Watkins. All of the above ringing was rung as a farewell to P. W. Davis who is leaving for Lichfield, one and all being very sorry to part with him. The visitors herewith tender their grateful thanks to the various Vicars for granting permission to ring, and the ringers of St. Mary's for meeting them, and for giving up their ropes so readily, and to all who helped to make their visit such a success.

AN OLD RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On Friday evening last at The George hotel, Hayfield, the ringers and friends entertained Mr. Thomas Brocklehurst to a capital supper on the occasion of his silver wedding, having been married to Miss Hannah Barber, of New House Farm, on February 10th, 1874. Mr. Harold Trevitt occupied the chair, and during the evening presented Mr. Brocklehurst with a handsome walking stick, as a token of esteem from his fellow-ringers and friends. Mrs. Yates, the worthy hostess, presented him with a tobacco pouch and a match case. At intervals during the evening merry peals were rung on the bells of St. Matthew's church. Mr. Brocklehurst commenced ringing in 1864, and was noted as a ringer for miles round, and among the chief places we may mention are Glossop, Saddleworth, Hyde, Manchester, Southport, Disley, Mottram, Stalybridge, (Poynton (first to open the bells), Marple (first to re-open the bells), Hathersage, Castleton, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Macclesfield, and other places. Mr. Brocklehurst has also attended thirty-three Disley Wakes, and rung each time of going. A pleasant evening was spent, and many happy returns of the day expressed.

The rumours of more resignations of Guild officers are in the air. At the last meeting of that body which is known as "The Heavy Woollen District Association," the Secretary, Mr. Simon, retired from office. For five years he had held that post, and if a good balance is any criterion, he has served the Association well. We must be allowed to bear testimony to Mr. Simon's courtesy.

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Kent County Association. — Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's church, Bobbing, to-day, Saturday, March 25th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.
A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association. — South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. B. O. Sharp, at St. Leonard's, Heston, to-day, Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. A tea will be provided at 6.30. All members and friends are cordially invited.
C. EDWARDS,
Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Heavy Woollen Districts Association, Yorkshire.—A committee meeting of the above will take place at The Wakefield Arms, Dewsbury, to-day, Saturday, March 25th, at 5 o'clock.
WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Healey, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, March 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers will be welcome, whether members or not.
E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—A special ringing meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall to-day, Sat., March 25th, on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells after being rehung by Messrs. Taylor. By kind permission of the authorities at the Town Hall, this meeting is open to all members of the Lancashire Association, and to all members attending this meeting. They are particularly required to confine themselves to the passage to and from the tower, and the tower, or ringing-chamber, and on no pretext whatever to loiter in any other part of the hall. Time of meeting 3 p.m.
W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The yearly meeting of this Society will be held at Leeds (parish church, 12 bells) to-day, Saturday, March 25th. Ringing from 3 to 4 and from 6 to 10 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., at The Old Nag's Head, opposite the church, Kirkgate. A hearty welcome to ringers and friends, members or not.
R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Netherton, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. There will be a special service in St. Andrew's parish church at 4.30 o'clock. A meat tea will be provided in the Boys' Schoolroom, Church Road, at 5.15, to be followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Vicar, will preside. It is earnestly requested that the Secretaries of each Society in the Association will send number of members intending to be present at tea not later than March 29th, so that proper provision may be made. The bells of St. Andrew, Netherton (8) will be open to members for ringing touches all day from 10 o'clock; those of St. Thomas's, Dudley, 10 (this tower is already engaged), All Saints, Sedgley (8), St. Martin's, Tipton (8), Holy Trinity, Old Hill

(8), St. John's, Halesowen (8), and St. John's, Hagley (8) will be available from 11 to 3 o'clock for peal-ringing. Any band wishing to start for a peal will please communicate with the Secretary, stating which of the above churches will be most convenient. Members of companies desirous of standing in a peal must send their names and the method they wish to ring at once to the Secretary, so that arrangements may be made to form bands and provide conductors. Precedence will be given to the methods which are most desired. Members will be advised at which church to attend. All peals must be finished by 3 o'clock, the time asked for the use of the bells. It is particularly requested that all will make an effort to attend the service at 4.30. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting. The annual reports will be ready for this meeting. Members will kindly meet at The Pack Horse inn, near the church.

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

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The bells (8) at the church of St. Martin will be available after two o'clock by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Chichester, M.A. There will be evensong at the church at 6 p.m., with short address by the Vicar, followed by tea and the usual business meeting in the church room close to the church at 6.45. Representatives must notify me not later than Thursday 30th March the number of their band intending to be present at the tea, so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Non-members can join the tea at 1s. 6d. per head, and are cordially invited.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
5, Manor Parade, Sutton, Surrey.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above at Maldon on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The following six-bell towers will be available: All Saints and St. Mary's, Maldon; Great Totham and Goldhanger. A brake will leave Maldon East station at 1.45 for Great Totham and Goldhanger, returning in time for tea and business meeting at The King's Head, Maldon, at 5.30. Members intending to be present should send notice not later than the previous Tuesday.
HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage.

Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Easter Monday, April 3rd.

REV. J. G. W. LODER-COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*
Yapton.

The Midland Counties Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The peal of ten at All Saints, and peals of eight at St. Andrew's and St. Alkmund's will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m., tickets 1s. each, both at All Saints schools, St. Mary's Gate. All members and friends who intend being present for tea, are requested to notify Mr. T. Anthony, 39, Kensington Street, Derby, not later than Wednesday, March 29th. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare-and-a-quarter tickets by giving three day's notice at any station.

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

Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's church will be open for ringing during the afternoon from 2 p.m. Divine Service at the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance. Tea at

the Town Hall at 5.45, followed by business meeting for election of officers and general business. Members and visitors intending to be present will greatly oblige by intimating the same to me not later than Thursday, March 30th. Cheap tickets will be ordered for members residing at places on the Great Northern line, providing I am informed on Thursday that eight or more will travel by train.
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans.

Old East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Treeton on Easter Monday, April 3rd. A meat tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 3 o'clock for members who have sent their names to the secretary. Peal of six bells open for ringing during the day. Tower two minutes walk from Midland station. The Secretary will attend early to receive subscriptions, and to arrange for companies to ring.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
19, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Bells open 9 a.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting 6.0 p.m.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Easter quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Cowbridge on Easter Monday. Service in church at 2.30. Meeting at schoolroom at 3 p.m. Bells available all day.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will, this year, be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The use of the bells at St. Mary's (12), Chesterton (5), Fen Ditton (5), Fulbourn (6), has kindly been granted for the occasion. Service at St. Benet's (Stedman's old church) at 3 o'clock. Meat tea in rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society, St. Edward's Passage, at 3.45, followed by usual business meeting. Outside ringers are invited.

REV. W. W. CRUMP, *Hon. Sec.*
Haddenham Rectory, Ely.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Business meeting at 12 noon, and tea at 4 p.m. in All Hallows Lane School. Service at St. Paul's church at 5 p.m. Towers open for ringing—St. Paul's (10), St. Peter's (6), St. Mary's (6). Local Secretaries are requested to send probable numbers attending tea to Mr. I. Hills, Pumping Station, Bedford, by March 31st. All books belonging to the Association should be returned at or before the meeting.
W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
Ridgmont Vicarage, Bletchley.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A Quarterly Meeting for business and combined practice will be held at Basingstoke on Easter Monday. Tea will be provided for those informing me before March 31st.

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

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 8th, on the re-opening of the bells after re-hanging by Taylor and Sons, at St. James' church, Birch-in-Rusholme. Ringing to commence at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.0 p.m. to be conducted by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President). Tea provided free to all attending at 6 p.m. in the Parish Room. The chief ringers of the various towers intending to be represented, are requested to send in their names, or numbers of the intended visitors, to Mr. W. E. Ryder, 3, Walter Street,

Fallowfield, Manchester, not later than Wednesday, April 5th, so as to allow for proper arrangements being made. Business meeting immediately after tea.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A Special Meeting of the above will be held at Cirencester, on Saturday, April 15, to elect an Honorary Secretary in place of Mr. Boutflower, who is compelled to resign, and to receive the report of the committee appointed at the annual meeting to consider as to the formation of branches of the Association in the various deaneries. Further particulars shortly.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of the above district will be held on Saturday, April 15th, at St Margaret's, Westminster. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. Permission has also been kindly given for ringing on the same date at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, where the tower will be open from 4 till 8 p.m., mainly for ringers in Surprise methods. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Salop Guild.—The next meeting is unavoidably postponed till Saturday, April 15.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Waterloo Society, London.—There will be no meeting at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, March 29th.

GEO. SYMONDS, *Hon. Sec.*

Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

Will the following members or any friend whose eyes this may meet kindly send their present addresses to the Hon. Sec.: James W. Roper, late of 14, Ridley Villas, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Howard V. Wilkins, late of Sutton Coldfield; Harry D. Smith, late of 16, Vernon Street, Northampton; Arthur O. Stewart, late of 5, Adnitt Road, Whitworth Estate, Northampton; Thomas Lingard, late of Hall End, Attleborough, Nuneaton; Lawrence W. Knight, late of Cannock; William Wigginton, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Charles Davie, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Joseph Kendall, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; William Chalk, late of Quorn Hall, Loughborough; William Hickley, late of Loughborough; Joseph Harris, late of Loughborough; Charles L. Routledge, late of 43, Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh; Arthur J. Chattell, late of Bridge Street, Long Eaton; George Waplington, late of Grey Friar Gate, Nottingham; William Johnson, late of 2, West Street, Harwich; Charles H. Watts, of London, and greatly oblige,
J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Royal Cumberland Society.—Notice as to Peals.—It has been resolved that the figures of every composition rung since December 31st, 1898, which has not been previously rung by the society, shall be sent to the secretary by the conductor to be entered in the composition book, and that unless and until such figures are supplied, no such peal shall be booked.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St. Ann's Road, High Street, Hornsey.

Miscellaneous Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PATELEY BRIDGE.—On Wednesday, March 1st, at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Knibbs, 1; S. Bassett, 2; A. Haigh, 3; G. H. Mason, 4; J. Mumford, 5; J. Summersall (conductor), 6. A local paper says that "The above was rung in capital style in 28 mins., the striking being a marked improvement upon anything which the ringers have rung previously. Taking into account that this is the first peal rung in this method by G. H. Mason and C. R. Knibbs, it may be considered a very creditable performance. It is also the first peal in this method rung on these bells by the local band."

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, March 12th, for Divine Service, 1260 Bob Royal in 48 mins. G. Mee, 1; A. Knights, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis, 5; S. Price, 6; G. M. Farr, 7; J. Hunt, 8; W. J. Thyng (conductor), 9; G. Davies, 10.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, March 12th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 504 Bob Triples in 20 mins. J. Kettle, 1; R. T. Holding, jun., 2; R. Langford, 3; G. Crawley, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; J. Deuthith, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Crawley, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins., standing as before. First quarter-peal by Messrs Kettle, Holding, jun., and Crawley (2); also for J. Dentith away from the tenor.

LAWTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday afternoon, March 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hancock, 1; G. Smith, 2; F. Smith, 3; J. Wildblood, 4; W. Rigby (conductor), 5; W. Harratt, 6. First 720 by F. Smith.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Thursday, March 3rd, at St. Nicolas church, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. Radford, 1; F. Blondell (conductor), 2; J. Hunt, 3; B. Chorley, 4; E. Allen, 5; A. Pulling, 6; C. Willshire, 7; J. J. Jones, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Chorley and Pullen.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday, March 5th, 602 Grandsire Triples. M. Northey, 1; J. Harris, J. Pitcher, 3; P. W. Davis, 4; W. B. Biss, 5; J. Aldridge, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 5th, at the church of St. Stephen, Westminster, 1008 Westminster Surprise Major, in 45 mins. H. R. Newton, 1; J. W. Golding, 2; F. Buck, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; H. R. Pasmore, 5; W. H. Pasmore, 6; F. Dench, 7; C. T. P. Brice (conductor), 8. On handbells, 305 Grandsire Caters. H. R. Pasmore, 1-2; J. W. Golding, 3-4; W. H. Pasmore, 5-6; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 7-8; W. S. Langdon, 9-10.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROLVENDEN (Kent).—On Saturday, March 18th, at the parish church, 896 Grandsire Triples. E. Burden, 1; F. E. Burden, 2; C. Tribe, 3; G. Cramp, 4; W. Cliff, 5; B. Bas-

set (conductor), 6; A. Hinds, 7; H. Holdstock, 8. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method.

TENTERDEN.—On Monday, March 20th, at St. Mildred's church, for practice, 1064 Grandsire Triples. E. Burden, 1; F. E. Burden, 2; G. Cramp, 3; A. Hinds, 4; C. Tribe, 5; B. Bassett, 6; G. Neves (conductor), 7; H. Holdstock, 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 19th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. A. Papworth, 1; S. Slater, 2; G. Smith, 3; O. Garwood, 4; A. J. Clarke, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 5th, another 720. A. Papworth, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; A. J. Clarke, 3; S. Slater, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, March 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Honeybell, 1; S. Slater, 2; H. Perkins, 3; O. Garwood (conductor), 4; F. Day (Eye), 5; G. Maxim, 6.

HAWKEDON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 25th, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, and two 6-scores of Grandsire. A. Crick, 1; A. Taylor, 2; G. Bridge, 3; S. Slater, 4; G. Middleditch (conductor), 5. On Sunday morning, February 26th, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. W. Taylor, 1; S. Slater, 2; G. Bridge, 3; W. Clarke, 4; A. Crick (conductor), 5.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 5th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary Abbots church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. A. Daniell, 1; H. G. Miles, 2; A. E. Bradley, 3; W. E. Judd, 4; A. F. Harris, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by a local band and by all except the conductor. On Sunday evening, March 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. E. Goldby, 1; H. Richardson, 2; S. Davie, 3; H. Sear, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; A. F. Harris (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, January 18th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Taylor, 1; W. Dadge, 2; W. Pegler, 3; G. Condict, 4; J. Gillett, 5; A. Pegler, 6. On Wednesday, January 25th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). W. Dadge, 1; W. Pegler, 2; G. Condict, 3; J. Gillett, 4; E. Davis, 5; A. Pegler, 6. On Tuesday, February 14th, two 720s of Bob Minor. G. Taylor, 1; W. Pegler, 2; J. Gillett, 3; E. Davis, 4; G. Condict, 5; A. Pegler, 6. On Wednesday, February 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Dadge, 1; W. Pegler, 2; G. Condict, 3; T. Newman, 4; E. Davis, 5; A. Pegler, 6. On Wednesday, March 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Pegler, 1; T. Newman, 2; J. Gillett, 3; J. Austin, 4; G. Condict, 5; A. Pegler, 6.

PENGE (Surrey).—Recently, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Bob Minor. E. Edwards, 1; T. L. Wilson, 2; H. Edwards, 3; T. P. Richards, 4; J. W. Battson (conductor), 5; G. Wickens, 6.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, March 9th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Haigh (conductor), 1; W. Hobbs, 2; C. Winsor, 3; T. Peachey, 4; W. Hollier, 5; Sergt. C. Fryatt, 6; W. Bate, 7; W. Easter, 8.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1899.

THE Church bells of the village of Biddenden, in Kent (a place which has lately become too well known), have been alluded to in this paper more than once before, we think. A very worthy brother-ringer once pointed out the condition of the bells, and included in his remarks those of two other neighbouring parishes. It would appear from a somewhat jocular report which may be found on another page, that the Biddenden bells take the palm in point of being in bad condition. Here is a splendid-toned heavy ring of eight bells absolutely going to destruction. To make the ringing of them more difficult, ropes of an alleged worthless character have been affixed, the most important part of them tumbling to pieces.

When we read accounts as the one under notice, we are tempted to ask the church authorities if they ever think. Are they capable of thinking or reasoning? Has their pastoral or bucolic occupations made them impervious to reasonable proprieties? What answer do they make to the Archdeacon when he enquires if their bells are in good order? We hope this dignitary will have his attention drawn to such an important matter.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5060 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES T. HOPKINS	Treble.	WILLIAM B. MANNING	6.
WILLIAM PYE	2.	GEORGE SMITH	7.
GEORGE R. PYE	3.	ALBERT COLE	8.
ROBERT J. MAYNARD*	4.	FREDK. A. NUNN	9.
ERNEST PYE	5.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN	Tenor.

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, of West Ham, and
Conducted by W. B. MANNING.

*First peal in the method. †First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells, and the composition is now rung for the first time.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Tuesday, March 21, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES SCHOLDS	Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS	5.
EDWARD WALLAGE	2.	HENRY SPRINGALL	6.
THOMAS TAFFENDER	3.	EMANUEL HALL	7.
SAMUEL HAYES	4.	*EDWARD J. WEBB	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

*First peal. Rung to commemorate the thirty-first birthday of S. Joyce, late of London, E., who is now in South Africa, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.**ALDENHAM, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, March 15, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FRANK SMITH	Treble.	WILLIAM HEWETT	5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	2.	WILLIAM J. S. THORN	6.
GEORGE LAZELL*	3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY	7.
JOHN B. BATES	4.	HARRY MANSFIELD	Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal with a bob bell.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE DEBENHAM SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 16, 1899, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY	Treble.	WILLIAM H. BULLOCK	5.
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2.	WILLIAM J. GROOM	6.
SEDLAY COLLINS	3.	WILLIAM GRIMES	7.
JAMES G. RUMSEY	4.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong and right, and is now rung for the first time. Rung to commemorate the 132nd anniversary of the 10,080 of Bob Major rung on these bells on March 16th, 1767.

Silver Wedding.

March 21st, 1874, by license, at St. Peter's church, Walworth, by the Rev. Francis F. Statham, Rector, MATTHEW ALFRED WOOD to ELIZABETH MESSENGER, daughter of the late Mr. George King Mann and Mrs. Cordelia Mann, formerly of Launceston, Cornwall.

HEENE, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, March 16, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

A. TULLETT	Treble.	R. STANDING	5.
J. PAICE	2.	E. LINDUP	6.
H. EVANS	3.	C. HILLS	7.
G. NORRIS	4.	F. MARSHALL	Tenor.

Conducted by E. LINDUP.

First peal by Messrs. Tullett, Standing, and Marshall. First peal as conductor. This is C. Hills' sixtieth peal, particulars of which will be found on another page.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, March 17, 1899, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN	Treble.	JAMES DURRANT	5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	2.	JOHN CREASY	6.
EDGAR HICKS*	3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	7.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN.	4.	WILLIAM SAWYER	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

*First peal.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.***On Saturday, March 18, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH HAIGH	Treble.	GEO. W. STEEL	4.
J. C. ABBISHAW	2.	JNO. W. T. HOLGATE	5.
HARRY GAYTHORPE	3.	WALTER CHAPMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

Haigh came from Woodlesford, Abbishaw, Steel and Chapman from Rothwell.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)*On Saturday, March 18, 1899, in Three Hours,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MARSH	Treble.	JOHN GARDNER	5.
EDWARD CAUNCE	2.	REV. C. E. CLEMENTS	6.
CHARLES SHARPLES	3.	THOMAS HAMMOND	7.
THOMAS JENKINSON	4.	HENRY J. MORLEY	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HAMMOND.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 3, 6 and 7.

EPSOM, SURREY.**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.***On Saturday, March 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ARTHUR DEAN	Treble.	ARTHUR HARDY	5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	2.	REUBEN CHARGE	6.
ALBERT E. QUAIPE*	3.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7.
WILLIAM H. WEBBER	4.	HARRY BARTON	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH MADDOCK Treble.	FRANK MILLARD 5.
HENRY PEARCE 2.	ALEXANDER EVANS 6.
WALTER H. GILLARD 3.	EDGAR E. BURGESS 7.
ARTHUR DOBLE 4.	EDMUND HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 18, 1899, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

JAMES PRESTIDGE* Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 2.	*JOSEPH FAULKNER 6.
SAMUEL J. HUGHES* 3.	JOHN WILLIAM SMITH 7.
RICHARD ROUND 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal in the method. It is also the first in the method on the bells and was rung as a compliment to the Rev. S. J. Marriott, he having completed his 21st year as Vicar of Netherton.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 20, 1899, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

WILLIAM R. SMALL Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 3.	ADAM H. HILL 7.
JOHN WILLIAM SMITH 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by W. MICKLEWRIGHT

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

ERNEST BROWN Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5.
FRANK SMITH 2.	WILLIAM HEWELL 6.
WILLIAM JAY* 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 7.
WILLIAM I. OAKLEY 4.	HARRY MANSFIELD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HOLT, and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the Confirmation he d this day at Aldenham.

Handbell Peals.

LEICESTER—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 16, 1899, in Two Hours Forty-five and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes.

AT THE KING AND CROWN, TOWN HALL LANE, LEICESTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 1-2.	SAMUEL COTTON 5-6.
GEORGE CLEAL 3-4.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7-8.
JOHN BUTTERY 9-10.	

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by JOHN BUTTERY.

This is the first peal of Caters on handbells by all. Referees—John F. Marlow, Charles Fowler, and George Burrows.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—A peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Mary's, Chester, has been sent without any date. Will Mr. Dew please rectify?

Date Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, January 31st, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 11 mins. C. Owens, 1; H. Brocklebank, 2; R. Birchall, 3; J. Hughes (conductor), 4; G. Newton (composer), 5; J. Evans, 6; W. Hughes, 7; S. Moston, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Birchall and Moston.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

LAWTON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, February 18th, on the occasion of the monthly meeting, the following touches were rung: A 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Massey, 1; G. Baddeley, 2; T. Edwards, 3; J. Edwards, 4; T. Cartwright, 5; W. Cartwright (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Baddeley, 1; G. Buckley, 2; R. Langford, 3; F. Dean, 4; R. T. Holding, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. J. Hancock, 1; J. James, 2; J. Massey, 3; J. Wildblood, 4; G. Baddeley, 5; W. Rigby (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Baddeley, 1; T. Cartwright, 2; W. Rigby (conductor), 3; W. Cartwright, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, February 19th, 532 Bob Triples. C. Owens, 1; H. Brocklebank, 2; J. Owens, 3; G. Newton, 4; W. Hughes, 5; J. Evans, 6; J. Hughes, 7; W. Grimant, 8. Also 97 Grandsire Triples standing as above.

BIRKENHEAD (Cheshire). On Sunday afternoon, February 19th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 22 mins. C. Owens, 1; H. Brocklebank, 2; G. Newton (composer), 3; W. Hughes, 4; C. Lowe, 5; J. Hughes (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 1st, 720 Coventry Surprise. G. Hayden, 1; J. Mardell, 2; H. Gowers, 3; J. Moule, 4; W. Miller, 5; T. H. Beams (conductor), 6. First in the method by all, and on the bells.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, March 4th, at the church of The Holy Trinity, Barking Road, 720 Coventry Surprise. G. Hayden, 1; T. H. Beams, 2; *W. Doran, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Moule, 5; E. Wightman, 6. *First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Sunday, January 29th, 714 Grandsire Triples. W. Harvey, 1; G. M. Rashbrooke, 2; R. W. Stannard, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Howell, 6; W. Burch, 7; A. Burch (longest touch), 8. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. W. Stannard, 1; G. Birch, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; G. M. Rashbrooke, 4; W. Burch, 5; W. Schofield, 6. And 112 and 168 Grandsire Triples, with A. Burch, 1; F. Manning (first attempt), 8. On Sunday, February 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Howell, 1; G. M. Rashbrooke, 2; R. W. Stannard, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Burch, 7; G. Burch, 8. Also a course of Stedman Triples. A. Howell, 1; G. M. Rashbrooke, 2; R. W. Stannard, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Howell, jun., 6; W. Burch, 7; A. Burch, 8. With the exception of the treble ringer (who hails from Sudbury), the rest all belong to Colchester, and this is first course of Stedman by Messrs. Burch (2), Bumpstead, and Howell, jun. All conducted by R. W. Stannard. All ringers welcomed every Tuesday night at eight o'clock, and alternate Sundays.

BARKING (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 1st, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original in 40 mins. R. Fenn (conductor), 1-2; C. Fenn, 3-4; A. C. Hardy, 5-6; A. Deards, 7-8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday, January 1st, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On Thursday January 5th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Francis Preston, of Hayes Court, to Mr. H. Pitman, of Dulwich, two 720s of Bob Minor. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by H. Reader. On January 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. First in the method by the local band. On January 15th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Warner, 1; F. Keech, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack, 5; H. Reader

(conductor), 6. On January 22nd, for service, 720 in the same method. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; A. Lanaway, 4; G. Harwood, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. On January 23rd, for practice, 720 in the same method. W. Warner, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; H. Reader (conductor), 5; J. Hack, 6. On January 29th, for service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Keech ringing the treble, conducted by J. Hack. On February 5th, for service, 720 Kent by the same band, conducted by H. Reader.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, February 14th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; F. Sanders, 3; J. Town, 4; E. Dunn, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6; G. Durling, 7; W. James, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LENTON (Notts).—On Saturday, March 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. P. Smith, 1; A. Coppick, 2; S. Wesley, 3; B. Fletcher, 4; W. Hexter (conductor), 5; H. George, 6.

QUORN (Leicestershire).—On Thursday, January 26th, 2520 Grand-sire Triples. T. Herbert, 1; H. Sharp, 2; J. Grundy, 3; W. H. Inglesant, 4; W. Burt, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6; W. Dexter, 7; J. Lovets, 8. On Thursday, February 2nd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Herbert, 1; H. Sharp, 2; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; W. H. Inglesant, 4; W. Dexter, 5; J. Lovett, 6.

SHEPESHED (Leicestershire).—On Monday, February 27th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was brought to an abrupt conclusion after ringing 1000 changes owing to illness near the church. J. Smith, 1; W. Platts, 2; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 3; S. Cooke, 4; W. Whitworth, 5; W. Johnson, 6; T. Start, 7; T. Hill, 8.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, February 5th, the bells of the parish church were deeply-muffled, when touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung as a token of respect to the memory of the Rev. Canon Dolphin, Vicar of Long Eaton, who died at Newark on February 3rd, aged 61 years. On Monday evening, February 3rd, after the funeral had taken place at Coddington, near Newark, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins. A. Spencer, 1; C. P. Smith, 2; J. Harrison, 3; W. Hexter, 4; W. R. Hexter, 5; J. Bailey, 6; J. E. Hexter (conductor), 7; B. Lawrence, 8. On Sunday, February 19th, the bells were again deeply muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. H. T. Brameld, a sidesman at the parish church, and who had also held the office of churchwarden, when touches of Duffield Major were rung. On Saturday, February 25th, after an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples had failed, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 53 mins. J. Harrison, 1; C. P. Smith, 2; J. Bailey, 3; W. Hexter, 4; W. R. Hexter, 5; S. Wesley, 6; J. E. Hexter (conductor), 7; A. Spencer, 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM.—Recently, at St. Peter's church, Bengeworth, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Lampitt, 1; W. Halling, 2; G. Streets, 3; F. Styles, 4; G. Williams, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Attwood, 1; E. Tolley, 2; W. Halling, 3; G. Streets, 4; F. Styles, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, March 5th, 1056 Bob Major. E. Hern, 1; W. Hunt, 2; H. Ross, 3; J. Browell, 4; G. Holmes, 5; J. Hern, 6; T. Teasdale, 7; J. E. R. Keen (conductor), 8. For evening service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Holmes, 1; J. Browell, 2; H. Ross, 3; C. Waugh, 4; T. Teasdale (conductor), 5; J. Hern, 6; J. E. R. Keen, 7; W. Hunt, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RENDLESHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 25th, at the parish church, 720 of Doubles, being a 6-score each of Plain Bob, The Dream, St. Dunstan's, April Day, Fortune, and Grandsire. F. Potter, 1; E. Youngs, 2; C. Nunn, 3; A. Symonds, 4; J. D. Buckingham (conductor), 5.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 18th, for evening service at the parish church, 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; A. J. Chidwick, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Saturday, December 24th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Russell, 1; W. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; E. Tubb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob. W. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. Tubb, 3; F. L. Sparks, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Sunday, February 12th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; E. H. Tubb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Sunday evening, February 26th, for Divine Service, 720

Canterbury Pleasure. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Sunday, January 8th, at the parish church, 720 Woodbine. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 10th, 720 Duke of York. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. First in the method by Messrs. Sharples and Haworth. On Sunday, January 15th, 720 Duke of York. On Sunday, January 29th, 720 College Exercise. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. J. Haworth, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. First in the method by the first four ringers, and first on the bells. On Tuesday, February 14th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. R. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; R. Parkinson, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; J. J. Haworth, 6. First in the method by all, and first on the bells. On Monday, February 20th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Sharples, 1; J. Bentley, 2; T. Dodd, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples (conductor), 5; J. J. Haworth, 6. On Saturday, February 25th, 720 Kent. R. Sharples, 1; R. Scholes, 2; C. Rogers, 3; J. Bentley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6.

BARNESLEY (Yorks).—On Wednesday, February 1st, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. *A. Rackham, 1; C. D. Potter, 2; C. Holling (conductor), 3; W. Richardson, 4; G. S. Tyas, 5; R. Sparks, 6. *First 720.

BRETENHAM.—At the parish schoolroom on March 2nd, 720 Bob Minor, composed by A. Symonds, of Lavenham, was rung on handbells. T. Levett (conductor), 1; W. Kinsey, 2; J. Manning, 3; F. Pearl, 4; G. Levett, 5; W. Proctor, 6. This is a young company recently started. Through the generosity of the Rector and others they have purchased a set of handbells.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, March 5th, at St. Werburgh's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. H. Brownjohn, 1; R. Chammings, 2; A. Parish, 3; W. Stowell, 4; H. Tiley, 5; J. Burford (conductor), 6. First 720 as conductor, and first 720 by W. Stowell. Rung for special service for cyclists.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 28th, at St. Mary's church on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. C. Lomax, 1; A. H. Osborne, 2; F. Hunt, 3; H. T. Pye, 4; J. Chinery, 5; C. Turner, 6. First 720 by Messrs. Lomax, Hunt, and Chinery.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday evening, March, 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 47 mins. J. Hinton, 1; J. Pryer, 2; W. Moss (conductor), 3; E. Castle, 4; J. Wiltshire, 5; W. J. Barber, 6; T. E. Barber, 7; G. Chesterman, 8.

FARNINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, March 2nd, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. T. Booker, jun., 1; T. Booker, sen., 2; F. Wickenden, 3; R. Baldwin, 4; E. Brett (conductor), 5. Another 6-score. T. Booker, jun., 1; E. Brett, 2; F. Wickenden, 3; R. Baldwin (conductor), 4; F. Head, 6. There has been no change-ringing done on these bells in the remembrance of man, as the condition of the tenor is very bad.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, March 4th, for practice at St. Saviour's church, 1360 Grandsire Triples. W. Barker, 1; J. Oldershaw, 2; C. Sharp, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. Oldershaw, 5; C. Fowler, 6; J. Needham (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 5th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles). J. Milner, 1; W. Butler (conductor), 2; J. T. Butler, 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton, 6. For evening service another 720 (fourteen bobs and two singles), standing as before. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late J. P. Jackson, Esq., late manager of Clay Cross Works.

Correspondence.

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

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

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I must again trespass on your space to correct the ringers of Chesterfield, who rang Treble Bob Royal on the 11th inst., an account of which appears in your last issue. They say "first in the method on the bells." The first peal on the bells was Treble Bob Royal, rung on May 22nd, 1820, an account of which the ringers there may have if it would interest them. T. J. BRATTON.

Victoria Vaults, Welshpool.

Compositions.**STEDMAN CATERS.***By CORNELIUS CHARGE, London.*

5057.

231456	4	5	16
361452*			
561234	-	-	-
564132	-	-	-
562431	-	-	-
265134	-	-	-
264531	-	-	-
261435	-	-	-
162534	-	-	-
164235	-	-	-
461532	-	-	-
462135	-	-	-
465231	-	-	-

The last eleven courses twice repeated, with the bobs braced omitted in the third part, produces—

164523

264315	-	-	-
265413	-	-	-
563412	-	-	-
163254	-	-	-
164352	-	-	-
162453	-	-	-
261354	-	-	-
264153	-	-	-
263451	-	-	-
362154	-	-	-
364251	-	-	-
463152	-	-	-
462351	-	-	-
461253	-	-	-

*Bobs at 2, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.
Round by bobs at 2, 4, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.*By G. HAWKINS, Hawley, Hants.*

5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
26354	2			I
35264			I	I
56234	I	-		
64235	I			2
45236	2	-	I	2
65324	2	-		I
54326	2	-	I	2
63425	I			I
24365	I	-		2
62345	I	-	2	
25346	I			2
42356	I	-	2	
62534	2	-		I
23564	I	-		
23645	-			I
23456	2		2	I

BOB MAJOR.*By ARTHUR T. KING, Barnet.*

5056.

23456	W	B	M	H
23645		2	-	-
64235	-		-	-
26435	-		-	-
42635	-		-	-
63425	-		-	-
46325	-		-	-
34625	-		-	-
62345	-		-	-
36245	-		-	-
24365	-		-	-
32465	-		-	-
32546		2	-	-
54326	-		-	-
35426	-		-	-
43526	-		-	-
52436	-		-	-
45236	-		-	-
24536	-		-	-
53246	-		-	-
25346	-		-	-
34256	-		-	-
32456				S

Repeated.

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.*By F. BENNETT, Brighton.*

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
52436			-	-
43526			-	-
54326			-	-
35426			-	-
45623	-			-
52643	-	X		-
24536		X		-
26435		X	-	-
42635			-	-
64235			-	-
36245			-	-
43265			-	-
43652		X		-
26354	-			-
35264			-	-
23564			-	-
52364			-	-
32465	-			-
64523	-		-	-
26543			-	-
42563			-	-
65324	-		-	-
23456	-		-	-

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
45236			-	-
24536			-	-

Continued—

52436	M	B	W	H
42635	-			-
62345	-	X		-
36245	-			-
26543	-			-
56342	-			-
43265	-			-
64235	-			-
23645	-			-
34256		X		-
52643	-			-
64523	-			-
56423	-			-
45623	-			-
36524	-			-
52364	-			-
35264	-			-
23564	-			-
62534	-			-
35426	-			-
23456	-			-

5216.

23456	M	B	W	H
35426	-	X		-
24653	-			-
52643	-			-
64523	-			-
56423	-			-
45623	-			-
65234	-			-
35264	-	X		-
23564	-			-
62534	-			-
45236	-			-
24536	-			-
52436	-			-
42635	-			-
36524	-			-
52364	-			-
26543		X		-
23645		X	-	-
62345				-
36245				-
43265				-
64235				-
64352		X		-
23456	-			-

In these three peals the 2nd is only one course-end in 6ths place.

5088.

23456	M	B	W
35426	-	X	
52364		X	
42563		X	-
64523			-
26543			-
45362	-		-
35264	-		-
25463	-		-

Twice repeated.

DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

FIVE-LEAD PLAN.

THREE-PART PEALS.

No. 22. 5040. Continued—

2345	A	4253	I
		4532	
5423	S	4325	
5234		2354	I
4532	I		
4325			
4253			
3452	I		
3524			
3245			
5342	I		
2543	I		
2435			
2354			

No. 26. 5040.

2345	A B
2543	I S
2435	
2354	
5342	I
5423	
5234	
4532	I
4325	
4253	
3452	I
3524	
3245	

No. 23. 5040.

2345	B
4352	I
4523	
4235	
3452	S
3524	
2543	I
2435	
2354	
5342	I
5423	
5234	
3245	I

No. 27. 5040.

2345	A B
4325	S I
4253	
4532	
3524	I
3245	
3452	
5423	I
5234	
3245	

No. 24. 5040.

2345	A
5423	S
5234	
5342	
2543	I
3245	I
3452	
3524	
4325	I
4253	
4532	
2435	I
2354	

No. 25. 5040.

2345	A B
5423	S
5234	
5342	
2543	I
2435	
3452	I
3524	
3245	

No. 29. 5040.

2345	A B
2453	
2534	
3542	I

Continued—	5432	I
3425	5324	
3254	5243	
4352	I	5342 I S
4523		
4235		

These last eight peals to be repeated.

THREE-LEAD PLAN.

The following peals are given by the division-ends of fifteen leads or five courses, three leads to a course, and the calls are marked at the leads in those courses, and to be eleven times repeated.

No. 30. 5040. 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

234567	I	13	I	I	13
754263	I	II	I	I	IS
354276	I	I	I	I	II

Single for bob at 3, 2nd course of the 6th and 12th parts.

No. 31. 5040.

I	2	3	4	5
234567	3	23	3	3 23
25463	I	I	I	II
34265	I	II	I	SI

Rung at Harborne on December 3rd, 1898. Single for bob at 2, 7th course of the 6th and 12th parts.

No. 32. 5040.

I	2	3	4	5
234567	12	2	2 12	2
537462	II	I	I SI	I
532476	I	I	I II	I

Single for bob first call of the 6th and 12th parts.

No. 33. 5040.

I	2	3	4	5
234567	13	13	3	3 3
54326	II	II	I	I I
25436	SI	II	I	I I

Omit first bob in the 2nd, 4th, 8th, and 10th parts; single for first bob in the 6th and 12th parts.

No. 34. 5040.

I	2	3	4	5
234567	13	13	13	3 3
52346	SI	II	I	I I
42365	SI	I	SI	I I

Rung at Crayford, November 16th, 1891. Bob for single 6th and 12th parts.

No. 35. 5040.

I	2	3	4	5
234567	12	12	12	2 2
632457	II	SI	I	I I
532476	I	SI	SI	I I

Single for first bob 6th and 12th parts. Rung at King's Norton, April 24th, 1893.

No. 36. 5040.

I	2	3	4	5
234567	13	3	13	13 13
23564	I	I	SI	I SI
42365	I	I	I	II SI

Bob for last single, 6th and 12th parts.

No. 37. 5040.

I	2	3	4	5
234567	13	13	13	3 3
54326	II	II	I	I I
24365	SI	I	SI	I I

Omit the bob at 1, second course of the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th parts, and also the second single except the 7th part.

No. 38. 5040.

I	2	3	4	5
234567	13	13	13	13 3
53426	SI	I	I	I I
42365	SI	SI	SI	SI I

Bob for first single, 6th and 12th parts.

No. 39. 5040.

I	2	3	4	5
234567	12	12	12	2 12
632457	SI	SI	I	I SI
532476	I	SI	SI	I I

Bob for first single, 6th and 12th parts.

No. 40. 5040.

I	2	3	4	5
23456	3	3	3	3 I 2 3
25463	I	I	I	I I
34265	I	I	I	I SI

Single for bob at 1, 6th and 12th parts.

No. 41. 5040.

I	2	3	4	5
234567	I	13	I	I 13
754263	I	II	I	I IS
354276	I	I	I	I II

Single for bob at 3, second course at the 6th and 12th parts.

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General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1898.

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We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1898, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1898.

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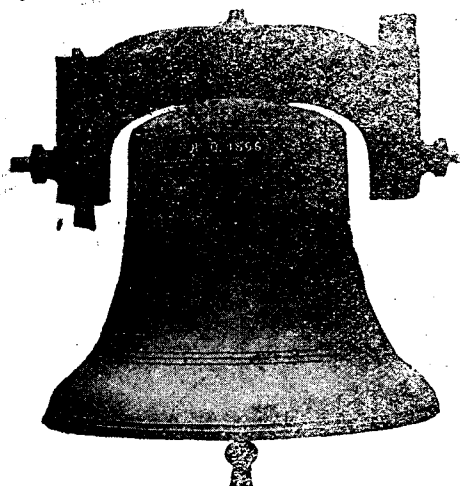
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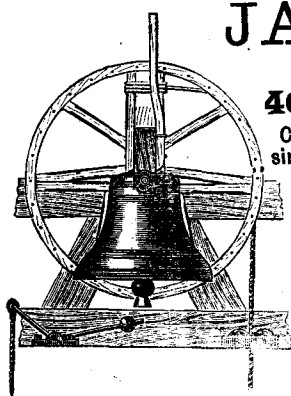
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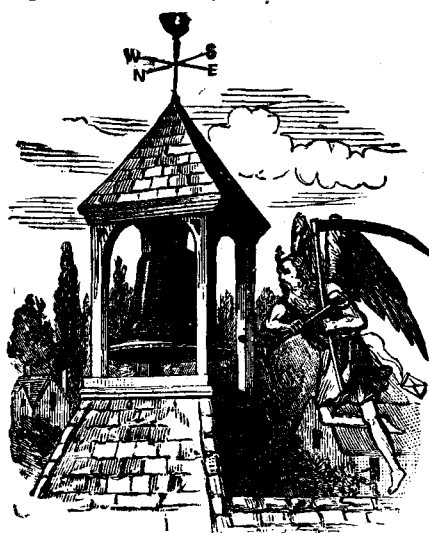
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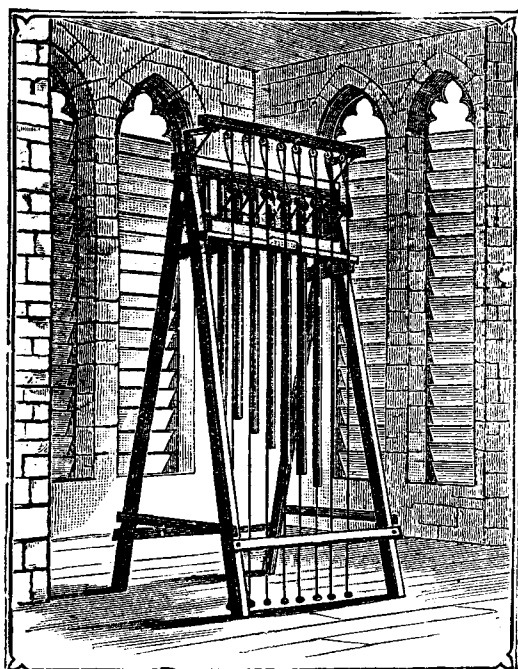
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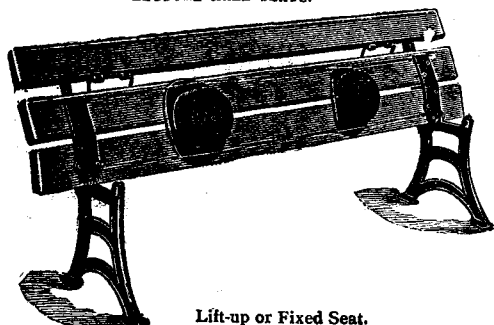
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ST. MARY MAGDALEN, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

It is generally believed that the beautiful tower of this church only contained a ring of five bells previous to 1816, when the present 5th was cast by T. Mears, but this is not quite certain, as there are no records of the peal having been increased, or that there was a recast bell. In 1840 two trebles were added to make the octave, and the present 8th was recast. And thus they appear to have remained until the old tower was pronounced unsafe, and eventually was pulled down, and the present one built, which is a facsimile of the old. During the time the work was in progress, the first three bells of the octave were hung in a wooden structure over the south porch, where they were regularly chimed for service. The tenor, which was found to be cracked, was sent to the Whitechapel foundry and recast. When the tower had become ready to receive the bells, a local man was employed to erect the bell-cage, and the new tower was opened on September 8th, 1862. In less than ten years the bells became unringable, and they remained in that condition for a year or two, when Messrs. Taylor were called in, and although much against the recommendation of that firm, they were rehung on the old cage. All went well for some years, when the supporting beams again sunk. It was then decided, upon the recommendation of Mr. John Taylor, to clear away all the old cage-floor and supporting beams. These old beams ran two from east to west and two from north to south, and were much weakened in the centre where they crossed each other. In the place of these beams are now two massive steel girders of great strength, and on them as well as the set-offs of the wall the foundation was laid for a new cage, which is a combination of English oak and iron, and which was manufactured and fixed by the Loughborough firm, who also recast one of the old bells, and added six more to the original peal. All the bells were hung upon the most modern ideals, and were left, as they now are, in splendid going order, reflecting the greatest credit on the firm. The opening of this grand ring of ten bells was looked forward to with a great amount of interest, and on the day for such arriving (June 25, 1885) ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rung a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters before the service, at which the Lord Bishop of the diocese preached. In the evening the same company started for a peal of Stedman Caters, the bells coming round in 3 hrs. 27 mins., but it was discovered afterwards that the composition was false. Many attempts were made, and by many ringers, for the first peal on these bells, but it was not obtained until Saturday, September 1st, 1894, when ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths were successful in ringing in 3 hrs. 27 mins. a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5003 changes, the company being Messrs. Thomas Doble, William Drake, Edwin Shepherd, Ernest Bishop, Thomas W. Radford, Ferris Shepherd (conductor), Benjamin Mundy, Thomas Mudge, James Moss, and William Thorne.

The bells bear the names of various church officials, the rest of the inscriptions being of no particular interest. It will be understood that the tower contains no less than

fourteen bells, viz.: the ring of ten, whose tenor weighs only 8 lbs. short of 30 cwt.; and four extra bells for the chimes.

It may not be out of place to mention that previous to the reopening of the bells the art of change-ringing was practically unknown in the neighbourhood of Taunton, the ringers all being of the churchyard bob character; but steady perseverance has brought about a most beneficial and admirable change. T. D.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

By the kind permission of the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Mr. W. H. Vaudrey) a special meeting of the above Association was held at the Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday, March 25th, on the reopening of the ring of ten bells; tenor 52 cwt. The bells have not been rung for the past four months, on account of their need of repair, which has just been effected by Messrs. Taylor. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the gathering was not so large as was anticipated. About fifty members attended from the following places: Ashton-under-Lyne, Eccles, Bolton, Deane, Northwich, Oswaldtwistle, Pendleton, Prestwich, Stockport, Swinton, Stalybridge, and Walkden, besides the various towers of the city being represented. Arrangements were made for conducting the visitors through the hall to the ringing-chamber. The meeting was arranged for three o'clock, but it was nearly four when ringing began, the first touch being 287 Grandsire Caters, followed by 421 Stedman Caters, two touches of Treble Bob Royal and another of Grandsire Caters, the last of all, 1400 Treble Ten, supposed to be a record touch with the tenor rung single-handed. The company were Messrs. J. Gratrix, J. Mellor, J. Denner, S. Wood (conductor), W. Brown, John Potter, Joseph Potter, R. Ridyard, A. Cross, and H. Chapman. During the evening a few of the ringers were invited into the Mayor's parlour, taking with them the handbells, and playing in good time the air "Caller Herrin'" to the delight of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and party.

Shortly after the ringing was over, whilst many of the company were still assembled, it was proposed by Mr. Samuel Wood, and seconded by Mr. Alfred Cross, that the best thanks of the members be accorded the Lord Mayor for his kindness. This was carried unanimously.

Before the members separated it was decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters upon the Town Hall bells. Saturday, April 15th, is the day determined on.

FELSHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, March 23rd, a special service was held in the parish church of Felsham for the purpose of dedicating a new organ to God's service. The organ is the gift of a kind parishioner. It is a two-manual instrument, and contains ten effective stops. The preacher was the Rev. Dr. Springett, Vicar of Brixton, who also played the anthem and the concluding voluntary.

during the year. Peals containing over 8000 changes, 1; over 7000 changes, 2; over 6000 changes, 5; under 6000 changes, 992. Two records have been established during the year, 8888 of Stedman Caters on handbells by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and seven Surprise Major peals in 7 different methods out of eight attempts by the St. Peter's Society, Brighton.

The 224 peals of Grandsire Triples are made up as follows: Holt's ten-part, 72; Holt's Original, 47; Holt's six-part, 4; Taylor's bob-and-single, 17; Parker's twelve-part, 17; Carter's twelve-part, 13; Hollis's five-part, 8; Vicars's six-part, 7; Rev. C. D. P. Davies's five-part, 6; Rev. C. D. P. Davies's ten-part, 4; other peals, 29. The 141 peals of Stedman Triples are made up as follows: Thurstans' four-part, 84; Thurstans' one-part, 7; Thurstans' five-part, 2; Brook's Variation, 23; Heywood's Variation, 9; other peals, 16. The 150 Treble Bob peals: In the Kent Variation, 127; Oxford Variation, 23.

The time occupied in ringing the 1002 peals was 3065 hrs. 29 mins., or 127·7 days and nights, the average time for each peal being 3 hrs. 3·561 mins.

The following table gives the first 18 societies and their relative positions for the three years previous 1895 to 1897 inclusive, points being first used in 1895 to determine the premier position:—

(1898)	(1897)	(1896)	(1895)	(1898)	(1897)	(1896)	(1895)
1 Sussex County Association	1	2	1	10 Essex County Association	11	16	16
2 Oxford Diocesan Guild	3	1	2	11 Yorkshire Association	9	6	4
3 Worcester and Districts Association	6	12	19	12 Winchester Diocesan Guild	14	9	12
4 Ancient Society of College Youths	2	5	7	13 Hertford County Association	19	25	29
5 Lancashire Association	4	10	8	14 Central Northampton Association	10	18	23
6 Midland Counties Association	8	3	6	15 Bedfordshire Association	15	17	15
7 Gloucester and Bristol Association	12	13	10	16 Surrey Association	20	14	13
8 Kent County Association	7	7	5	17 Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford	21	15	22
9 Norwich Diocesan Association	5	4	3	18 Middlesex County Association	25	—	—

The following table shows the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS":—

1881 from Jan. to Dec. 156	1887 from Jan. to Dec. 646	1893 from Jan. to Dec. 705
1882 " " " 244	1888 " " " 759	1894 " " " 859
1883 " " " 330	1889 " " " 797	1895 " " " 766
1884 " " " 419	1890 " " " 699	1896 " " " 791
1885 " " " 500	1891 " " " 878	1897 " " " 905
1886 " " " 556	1892 " " " 802	1898 " " " 1002

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ST. PETER'S, NORTHAMPTON.

[From "THE PARISH MAGAZINE."]

In a county of beautiful churches, there are few with more lovely specimens of Norman work than that of St. Peter's. The church is of stone, and is built chiefly in the Norman and English styles. As we enter to the right, opening into the tower is a very lovely western arch of Norman workmanship, 11th century. Near to it is the font, which belongs to the 13th century. On either side of the nave is a beautiful Norman arcade, supported by alternate columns of two single shafts and one clustered. The centre shaft of the clustered pillars is carried up to support the roof. In the bases of two of the piers the Normans have inserted parts of two ancient Saxon crosses, very richly carved with interlaced work. The capitals are beautiful, and some of them very quaint. The arches have a rather zig-zag moulding. Above the arches is the clerestory. The arcade with its lovely capitals and pillars is continued on either side of the chancel. The chancel window is painted. On the north side is a rounded arched doorway, which used to lead down into a good-sized crypt 18-ft. by 9-ft., and 9-ft. high. There are a number of old monuments. In 1850 the church was retored by the late Sir Gilbert Scott, R.A., remains of the Norman east wall were then discovered, and the present wall was built as far as possible on the old lines. The register goes back to the year 1578. It is the only church in Northampton which had the right of Sanctuary. Turning to the outside we find an embattled tower, and wonder upon how many occasions its peal of eight bells has rung out, or how many an anxious traveller has looked up in passing, at

their younger companion the clock. The length of the church [strikes a passer-by as being very great as compared to the height of the tower, there being no side chapels to take off the effect. To the west of the tower is one of the most interesting features of the church, a richly-covered Norman arch, cut into by a perpendicular window. The church is now rather cramped, the churchyard being surrounded on three sides by walls. Upon what a curious history has the old building looked down. Northampton was probably at first a British town, for many Roman remains have been found in its neighbourhood. But the first church as far as we know, began its life in the rude Saxon days, when Northampton was even then growing into importance. Very picturesque must the town have been then; nestling between the hills and the trees, on the river Nene. Many a hard battle was fought there, between the Danes and Saxons; indeed in the year 1010 the town was almost burnt to the ground by the Danes. Then came the conquest, and with it, the Norman Barons and the Castle. It was probably at the beginning of the 12th century that the church as we now know it was commenced. We know very little about its early history. It is supposed to have been built by one of the Norman lords, possibly Simon de St. Liz. The church was so near to the Castle, that it must have witnessed many a blood-thirsty skirmish. In 1215 the Castle was besieged by the Barons, and more than two hundred years later (in 1460) the great battle of Northampton was fought, where the White Rose proved victorious over the Red. The church stood through all these disturbances, and many a hardly-pressed man and broken-hearted woman must have sought its peace. In 1675 a great fire destroyed nearly the whole town, but the church of St. Peter remained unscathed.

CURRENT TOPICS.

I have put my usual head-line to these paragraphs, notwithstanding some of my friends have pointed out that it is not always suitable. It is bad to keep "chopping and changing." You all know the moral conveyed in several old fables relative to attempts to satisfy everyone. It is preferable, surely, to stick to one title, even if it is now and then rather wide.

There is again, I am told, a desire in several quarters to possess some knowledge regarding my identity. This inquisitiveness is ridiculous. Those who are so morbidly anxious about it ought to be kept on the tenterhooks of tantalization for a bit longer, but I don't mind telling them one thing, and that is, that these notes are written by more than a half-dozen persons. Now you curious people may rest.

This season of Lent, now nearly over, has witnessed only a very partial cessation of peal-ringing. The matter does not receive so much notice as it used to do. But there are a great many good people who believe in the comparative silence of the bells during the period. There is no doubt that these enjoy, with greatly renewed vigour and zest, the return to ringing at Easter after their abstinence from it.

One thing I may venture to draw attention to. Sunday-work has come up again lately, only a little, it is true. Perhaps ringing a peal on handbells on Sundays is no more harm than reading a newspaper; and I think there was a high Church dignitary who recommended Cricket on Sunday afternoon. But the traditions of "THE BELL NEWS," you know, advocate keeping the first day of the week as a day of pure rest, in strong opposition to what is known as a continental Sunday.

That was an amusing account of the visit to Biddenden. Can the writer of the report favor us with some more information regarding "Avery's Patent?" It is astonishing to hear of church authorities getting ropes from such unknown sources. But Biddenden is in Kent you know; and that beautiful county has a great many "bullet-headed" people in it.

Two ringers' silver weddings! May each of these ladies and gentlemen live to have golden ones. Mr. Brocklehurst, of Hayfield, and Mr. Wood, of Bethnal Green, are well known among the Exercise, and I am sure the good and sincere wishes of their ringing brethren are with them.

There was once an idea prevalent that if such a work could be produced, a sort of biography of Matthew Wood would be acceptable. To make the volume interesting other ringers would have to be brought in. What anecdotes we should have. I think such a book as "The Life and Times of Matthew Wood" would go off very well. Who will undertake it?

There is another prize scheme afoot,

but the coupon arrangement will be abandoned for this time. Various suggestions have been made, which are duly being considered. As it is relegated to me to make the determination known when arrived at, you had better watch my notes very carefully as they appear. If those interested would like to formulate an opinion in connection with the affair, it shall receive the most generous consideration.

By what I can hear the next prize, or gift, will be worth striving for, though a little trouble will have to be incurred. Perhaps it will be a note on the Bank of England; and on the other hand, perhaps not. Some of you may jocularly say to yourselves—"I don't think," or some other catch phrase denoting an incredulous state of existence. However, we shall see. All you have to do for the present is to keep your eyes open, and your mouths shut, and follow the instructions given.

Another bit of intelligence for you. A portrait will be announced next week. This feature is to become more prominent than of late, and several improvements are pending: notably a quicker publication. These particulars come within my province this week, as I am acting as deputy-assistant for the nonce. Don't laugh; the position I temporarily hold is no fleabite, I assure you.

I hope all my ringing brethren will have an enjoyable holiday this Easter, and be able to return to their several callings like giants refreshed. PLAIN SPEAKER.

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The Mayor and Corporation of Carlisle have given instructions to Messrs. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of Guildford Street, Leeds, and Town Hall Buildings, Cloth Market, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to fix a new illuminated clock in the tower of the Town Hall, Carlisle; fix new illuminated dial and clock at Christ Church; restore Holy Trinity Church clock and clean the Free Library and Corporation Market clocks, Carlisle.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.

On Saturday, March 25th, the ringers of the St. Peter's Society, together with a few friends, were kindly entertained to a substantial supper by Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrison, on the occasion of their silver wedding. After justice had been done to the good things provided, a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. Wolstencroft, in proposing "The Health and Happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison," hoped that they along with their children would continue to enjoy the best of health and happiness for many years to come.

Mr. Harrison replied in suitable terms, after which singing and ringing were indulged in, and a very pleasant evening brought to a close.

Notices.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Netherton, on Easter Monday, April 3rd. There will be a special service in St. Andrew's parish church at 4.30 o'clock. A meat tea will be provided in the Boys' Schoolroom, Church Road, at 5.15, to be followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Vicar, will preside. St. Andrew's, Netherton (8) will be open to members for ringing touches all day from 10 o'clock; those of St. Thomas's, Dudley, 10 (this tower is already engaged), All Saints, Sedgley (8), St. Martin's, Tipton (8), Holy Trinity, Old Hill (8), St. John's, Halesowen (8), and St. John's, Hagley (8) will be available from 11 to 3 o'clock for peal-ringing. Any band wishing to start for a peal will please communicate with the Secretary, stating which of the above churches will be most convenient. Members of companies desirous of standing in a peal must send their names and the method they wish to ring at once to the Secretary, so that arrangements may be made to form bands and provide conductors. Precedence will be given to the methods which are most desired. Members will be advised at which church to attend. All peals must be finished by 3 o'clock, the time asked for the use of the bells. It is particularly requested that all will make an effort to attend the service at 4.30. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting. The annual reports will be ready for this meeting. Members will kindly meet at The Pack Horse inn, near the church.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The bells (8) at the church of St. Martin will be available after two o'clock by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Chichester, M.A. There will be evensong at the church at 6 p.m., with short address by the Vicar, followed by tea and the usual business meeting in the church room close to the church at 6.45. Non-members can join the tea at 1s. 6d. per head, and are cordially invited.

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The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above at Maldon on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The following six-bell towers will be available: All Saints and St. Mary's, Maldon; Great Totham and Goldhanger. A brake will leave Maldon East station at 1.45 for Great Totham and Goldhanger, returning in time for tea and business meeting at The King's Head, Maldon, at 5.30. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Asst. Sec.

Great Totham Vicarage.

Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Divine Service at 12; dinner in the Royal Pavilion at 1.0.

REV. J. G. W. LODER-COTTER, Hon. Sec.

Yapton.

The Midland Counties Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The peal of ten at

All Saints, and peals of eight at St. Andrew's and St. Alkmund's will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m., tickets 1s. each, both at All Saints schools, St. Mary's Gate.

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

Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's church will be open for ringing during the afternoon from 2 p.m. Divine Service at the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance. Tea at the Town Hall at 5.45, followed by business meeting for election of officers and general business.

St. Albans.

Old East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Treeton on Easter Monday, April 3rd. A meat tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 3 o'clock for members who have sent their names to the secretary. Peal of six bells open for ringing during the day. Tower two minutes' walk from Midland station. The Secretary will attend early to receive subscriptions, and to arrange for companies to ring.

E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.
19, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Bells open 9 a.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting 6.0 p.m.

T. ALLIBONE, Secretary.

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Easter quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Cowbridge on Easter Monday. Service in church at 2.30. Meeting at schoolroom at 3 p.m. Bells available all day.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, Hon. Sec.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will, this year, be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 3rd. The use of the bells at St. Mary's (12), Chesterton (5), Fen Ditton (5), Fulbourn (6), has kindly been granted for the occasion. Service at St. Benet's (Stedman's old church) at 3 o'clock. Meat tea in rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society, St. Edward's Passage, at 3.45, followed by usual business meeting. Outside ringers are invited.

REV. W. W. CRUMP, Hon. Sec.
Haddenham Rectory, Ely.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Business meeting at 12 noon, and tea at 4 p.m. in All Hallows Lane School. Service at St. Paul's church at 5 o'clock p.m.; preacher; the Rev. R. Copeman, Rector of Stoke Albany w. Wilburston, Northants. Towers open for ringing—St. Paul's (10), St. Peter's (6), St. Mary's (6). All books belonging to the Association should be returned to me at the meeting.

W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.
Ridgmont Vicarage, Bletchley.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A Quarterly Meeting for business and combined practice will be held at Basingstoke on Easter Monday. CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.
Hursley, Winchester.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, April 4th, at 7.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wolstanton on Saturday, April 8th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Miller, Ellison Street, Wolstanton, not later than Wednesday, April 5th.

REV. G. T. BIRCH, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch will be held at Bray, on Saturday, April 8th, for practice in six-bell methods. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 10d. a head.

H. C. BELL, Hon. Sec.
All Saints Clergy House, Maidenhead.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 8th, on the re-opening of the bells, after re-banging by Taylor and Sons, at St. James' church, Birch-in-Rusholme. Ringing to commence at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.0 p.m. to be conducted by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President). Tea provided free to all attending at 6 p.m. in the Parish Room. The chief ringers of the various towers intending to be represented, are requested to send in their names, or numbers of the intended visitors, to Mr. W. E. Ryder, 3, Walter Street, Fallowfield, Manchester, not later than Wednesday, April 5th, so as to allow for proper arrangements being made. Business meeting immediately after tea.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held on April 8th at St. Saviour's, Bacup. Bells available from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.

J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, April 8th, at Walton-on-the-Hill. The tower will be open for ringing at 5.0 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 p.m.

G. WOODHALL, Branch Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A Special Meeting of the above will be held at Cirencester, on Saturday, April 15, to elect an Honorary Secretary in place of Mr. Boutflower, who is compelled to resign, and to receive the report of the committee appointed at the annual meeting to consider as to the formation of branches of the Association in the various deaneries. Service at the parish church at 4 p.m. with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Sinclair. Meat tea at The Crown Hotel at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting, 1s. each towards the tea allowed to all members sending 6d. to the local hon. sec., Mr. S. Moore, 57, Chester Street, Cirencester, on or before Wednesday, the 12th of April.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, Hon. Sec.
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of the above district will be held on Saturday, April 15th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. Permission has also been kindly given for ringing on the same date at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, where the tower will be open from 4 till 8 p.m., mainly for ringers in Surprise methods. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

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

The Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Church Stretton, on

Saturday, April 15th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.20 p.m.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

Will the following members or any friend whose eyes this may meet kindly send their present addresses to the Hon. Sec.: James W. Roper, late of 14, Ridley Villas, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Howard V. Wilkins, late of Sutton Coldfield; Harry D. Smith, late of 16, Vernon Street, Northampton; Arthur O. Stewart, late of 5, Adnitt Road, Whitworth Estate, Northampton; Thomas Lingard, late of Hall End, Attleborough, Nuneaton; Lawrence W. Knight, late of Cannock; William Wigginton, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Charles Davie, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Joseph Kendall, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; William Chalk, late of Quorn Hall, Loughborough; William Hickley, late of Loughborough; Joseph Harris, late of Loughborough; Charles L. Routledge, late of 43, Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh; Arthur J. Chattell, late of Bridge Street, Long Eaton; George Waplington, late of Grey Friar Gate, Nottingham; William Johnson, late of 2, West Street, Harwich; Charles H. Watts, of London, and greatly oblige.

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

Royal Cumberland Society.—Notice as to Peals.—It has been resolved that the figures of every composition rung since December 31st, 1898, which has not been previously rung by the society, shall be sent to the secretary by the conductor to be entered in the composition book, and that unless and until such figures are supplied, no such peal shall be booked.

A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.
10, St. Ann's Road, High Street, Hornsey.

SUDDEN DEATH IN A BELFRY.

One of the ringers of Aysgarth church died suddenly on Sunday evening last. The ringers, six in number, were about to ring for the evening service when John Percival, aged 56, of Carperby, suddenly expired before medical aid could be obtained.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

All correspondence belonging to the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society should be addressed to Mr. H. Gaythorpe, 1, Elm Avenue, Bramley, Leeds.

NEW PALACE STEAMERS.—The New Palace Steamers, Limited, will commence their season on Whit-Saturday, May 20th. In addition to the usual trips made by the popular "Marguerite" and the other vessels of this company between London, Tilbury and Southend, Margate, Boulogne and Ostend, it is proposed this year to add another steamer to the small fleet in order to extend the pleasure journeys to Deal and Dover. Mr. T. E. Barlow, the managing director, is making an important departure in regard to the catering on the steamers, which will be done by the company itself this season.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1899.

WE publish to day the yearly analysis compiled under the direction of MR. ATTREE. It is a most formidable document, and if the phrase may be allowed, exhaustive and interesting. For the past eighteen years MR. ATTREE has undertaken this huge labour for the express benefit of the Exercise; and if he had only rung one single peal, we should not hesitate, in the language of the ancients, to say that his name would stand "high upon the rolls of campanistean fame" for this grand work. May he and his colleague long live to be responsible for such a valuable compilation.

There is no necessity for us to analyse this Analysis; it speaks for itself from every line. The ardent peal-ringer will scrutinize the list with an eagerness akin to that shown by graduates at an honours list; while the various officials of ringing Guilds and Associations will be desirous of knowing the position their societies have reached. We find that the year 1898 surpasses every other previous year in the number of peals rung, no less than 1002 having been recorded in our columns against 905

(the next highest number) for the year 1297. The Sussex County Association maintains its premier position at the head of the list; though it is gratifying to think that others are getting forward towards that coveted and honourable position. It would be curious to know what those people who take every opportunity to disparage bell ringing would say after they had made a profound examination of such statistics as this Analysis embraces.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting will be held at Norwich on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, 23rd May, 1899.

Notices of motion, etc., must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 25th. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

The Hon. Secretaries of Societies who have not so far responded to the earlier issue of this notice, are again respectfully reminded that the contributions of their Societies became due on January 1st last, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Council without further delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative: viz., Bedfordshire Association, Chester Guild, Durham and Newcastle Association, Gloucester and Bristol Association, Leeds and District Amalgamated Society, Liverpool Guild, Salisbury Guild.

Information of any change in representatives, or their addresses, will be thankfully received with the respective contributions.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

March 22nd, 1899.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A meeting of this Association was held on Saturday afternoon, March 25th, at St. Leonard's church, Heston. Ringers were present from Ealing, Isleworth, Hillingdon, Walthamstow, and Heston. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, and at 6.30 the members adjourned to the schools and were entertained to tea, at which about twenty sat down, presided over by the Rev. B. O. Sharpe and the J. F. V. Lee. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the schools, and the local band for providing the tea. The members then returned to the tower, where touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, and Stedman Doubles were rung. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Hampton.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES HOPKINS Treble.	HARRY FLANDERS 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	FREDERICK A. NUNN 7.
EBENEZER ANDREWS 4.	ARTHUR T. KING, Esq. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

HELMSHORE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY STEFF Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD 2.	THOMAS WALLWORK 6.
JOHN H. ENTWISTLE 3.	JAMES H. BANKS 7.
JOSEPH BANKS 4.	WALTER HASLAM Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

The figures of this peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" for December 24th, 1898, and is now rung for the first time.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS E. CHAMBERLAIN Treble.	HENRY DEW 5.
WILLIAM BRISCOE 2.	JOHN TOMLINSON 6.
WILLIAM SCONCE 3.	WILLIAM MOULTON 7.
JAMES DILLON 4.	JAMES SWAINSON Tenor.
	ERNEST SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY DEW.

The ringer of the 4th hails from Bromborough. W. Briscoe, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Neston. The band received the congratulations of the Rector on descending the tower.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 23, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2.	*HENRY GOLDING 6.
JAMES FLOYD* 3.	FREDERICK EDWARDS 7.
WILLIAM H. NEWELL 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN HOLT, and Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Golding and Floyd, of Hemel Hempsted, and Newell of Berkhamsted. *First peal of Triples.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 23, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

J. W. HOLME* Treble.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN 5.
F. JAKEMAN 2.	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 6.
T. JAKEMAN 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
W. JAKEMAN 4.	B. THORPE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of J. Harrison.

STISTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

WALTER H. HAMMOND .. Treble.	EDGAR CHAPLIN 4.
ERNEST CHAPLIN 2.	ALFRED CHAPLIN 5.
ELISHA RADLEY 3.	EDWARD F. SLADE Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD F. SLADE.

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

SEDBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD ATKINSON Treble.	JOHN EDWARD SENOGLES .. 5.
JOSEPH J. EADEN 2.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 6.
EDWARD PENNINGTON .. 3.	F. SEYMOUR J. PILE .. 7.
ROBERT IBBOTSON 4.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE.. Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by G. F. WOODHOUSE.

This is the first peal by all except the conductor, and the first on the bells, which were put up in November 1897.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 25, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT* .. Treble.	ARTHUR E. BARTLETT .. 5.
THOMAS W. BURDOCK .. 2.	ARTHUR ASHDOWN .. 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3.	FRANK BLONDELL .. 7.
THOMAS ATTWELL 4.	*CLAUDE RENMANT .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. Messrs. Blondell and Willshire hail from St. Nicolas, Guildford; the rest belong to the local band.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH EDWARDS Treble.	JAMES WALLIS 5.
FREDK. J. HARRINGTON .. 2.	THOMAS WALLIS 6.
WILLIAM LATTER 3.	JACK PRESTON 7.
RICHARD JENNER 4.	JOHN MALYAN Tenor.

Conducted by JACK PRESTON.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of College Single, and four 720s of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN MILLNER* Treble.	*T. CLOUGH 4.
WILLIAM BUTLER 2.	W. HOPKINSON 5.
JOHN T. BUTLER 3.	J. P. TARLTON Tenor

Conducted by J. P. TARLTON.

*First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells; also Mr. Flint, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, March 25, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	*CHARLES GEORGE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT* .. 2.	*HERBERT MARTIN 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH* .. 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE 7.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD* 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 5.
JOHN H. JONES 2.	FRED. P. HOWCROFT .. 6.
ROBERT ALCOCK 3.	WILLIAM NEWTON 7.
RICHARD H. FENWICK .. 4.	THOMAS METCALFE .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by T. METCALFE.

*First peal as conductor.

Handbell Peals.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

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

On Friday, March 24, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHARLES GEORGE 1-2.	*HERBERT MARTIN 5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3-4.	JOHN B. BATES 7-8.

Conducted by HERBERT MARTIN.

Umpire—W. H. L. Buckingham. *First peal on handbells as conductor.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTBAD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 12th, at the parish church, a date touch, being two 720s of Bob Minor, and 459 Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 2 mins. A. Dadge, 1; W. Pegler (conductor), 2; W. Dadge, 3; J. Gillett, 4; G. Condict, 5; E. Davis, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, March 5th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Rose, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; H. Skelt, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; T. Deal, 5; J. Davis, 6; G. Daynes, 7; W. J. Jeffries, 8.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, February 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Aldridge, 1; J. Bevan, 2; Staff-Sergt. A. Pye, 3; H. Hill, 4; I. Attwater, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; G. Daynes (conductor), 7; G. Carter, 8.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

MARTLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, February 4th, four members of the above paid a visit to this place, and rang 720 College College Single. — Humpreson, 1; A. Hill, 2; Rev. J. F. Hastings, 3; G. Checketts, 4; W. Lebbon, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, February 6th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. A. Hadley, 1; W. Page (composer), 2; W. Bright, 3; A. Hill, 4; W. Powell, 5; W. C. Jones (conductor), 6; H. Wilkes, 7; G. Checketts, 8; W. Lebbon, 9; T. Malin, 10.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday morning, March 5th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. P. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; A. Stone, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. Newman (conductor), 7; E. Reynolds, 8. On Tuesday, March 7th, for practice, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Reynolds, 1; J. Harper, 2; E. C. Newman, 3; A. D. Stone, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. W. Pickard, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, March 12th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; A. Stone, 6; E. Newman, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER (Essex).—On Thursday, January 26th, 720 Grand-sire Minor. H. Seager, 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. C. Rowe, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. On Monday, February 13th, for Confirmation, eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Rev. C. G. Littlehales, 1; W. Trowles, 2; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 3; T. Hammond, 4; J. Seager, 5; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 6. After the service 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. H. Seager, 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; H. G. Rowe, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 15th, 720 Duke of York. E. Wightman (conductor), 1; W. Miller, 2; H. Gowers, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Moule, 5; T. H. Beams, 6.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORSLEY.—After a Confirmation held at this church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung, being the longest length on the bells, and by the local ringers. T. Whilton, 1; W. Smith (conductor), 2; W. Aldread, 3; W. Peat, 4; J. Aldread, 5. Mr. H. George, of Ripley, also took part in several 6-scores of Manchester, Grandsire and North Doubles.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES (Wilts).—On Tuesday, February 28th, at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. S. Wilson, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; T. Raddon, 3; A. Brown, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; A. Draper, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; R. Phillips, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday afternoon, March 5th, for Divine Service, 768 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Smith (conductor), 1; E. Lincoln, 2; J. Betts, 3; F. Borrett, 4; F. Munnings, 5; E. Poppy, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURTON LATIMER.—On Saturday, March 4th, for practice, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. T. Abbott, 1; A. Smeathers, 2; J. Tompkins, 3; W. Perkins, 4; W. B. Meadows (conductor), 5. And two more 6-scores in the same method. J. J. Tompkins, 1; G. Lines, 3; the rest as before.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.—On Wednesday, March 15th, on the occasion of a Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of Durham at the church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, 720 Bob Doubles. W. Denteth, 1; G. S. Taylor, 2; R. H. Blakey, 3; J. W. Parker (conductor), 4; R. S. Patterson, 5. This is the first 720 rung entirely by a local band, and the first by Messrs. Taylor and Blakey.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE.—On Sunday, March 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. D. Smith, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6.

BISHOPSTONE (Wilts).—On Wednesday, March 8th, on handbells' retained in hand, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles (four bobs and two singles). T. Turtle, 1; J. Durham, 2; H. Osman, 3; T. Mace, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5-6. The first 6-score by all except the conductor. The four first mentioned only commenced the method in December last. And another 6-score, Mrs. W. Lawrence taking the treble. Also another 6-score. Mrs. W. Lawrence, 1; J. Durham, 2; W. Lawrence (conductor), 3; T. Mace, 4; H. Osman, 5-6.

CHAILEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 5th, in honour of the christening of the infant son of the Rector (Rev. T. H. L. Jellicoe), a 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. A. S. Langridge, 1; A. J. Turner, 2; A. Gorrings, 3; J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 4; J. Cheesman, 5; W. Pelling, 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in which other of the local ringers took part.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, March 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. W. Flory (composer and conductor), 1; J. Self, 2; W. Last, 3; W. Burgess, 4; A. Godbold, 5; B. Revell, 6; S. Garnham, 7; A. Read, 8. Rung as a farewell touch for W. Last, who has since left for Norwich.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, January 31st, 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. H. Seager, 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 5th, 360 Bob Minor. R. Smith, 1; T. Hammond (con-

ductor), 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; C. Ballard, 5; J. Seager, 6. On Tuesday, February 7th, 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. A. Brockis, 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 12th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Seager, 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the conductor. On Thursday, February 16th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). R. Smith, 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 19th, 360 Bob Minor. H. Seager, 1; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 2; T. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Trowles, 4; C. Ballard, 5; J. Seager, 6. On Sunday, February 26th, a 6-score of Bob Minor. H. Seager, 1; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 2; H. Brown, 3; W. Trowles, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. Also a 360. R. Smith, 1; T. Hammond (conductor), 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; C. Ballard, 5; J. Seager, 6. And 180 Grandsire Doubles, standing as before. On Saturday, February 28th, several touches of College Single; an attempt was also made for a 720, but failed. Also 360 Bob Minor. R. Smith, 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; J. Seager, 4; A. Brockis (first attempt with a bob bell), 3; T. Hammond (conductor), 6.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 12th, at All Saints church, 1008 Grandsire Caters. O. Otway, 1; W. Otway, 2; T. Newnham, 3; W. Crockford, 4; H. Newnham, sen., 5; J. Wyatt, 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; E. Hull, 8; A. Dean, 9; W. Copley, 10.

SEDBERGH (Yorks).—On Wednesday, March 8th, 1264 Bob Major. J. W. Harrison, 1; J. J. Eaden, 2; E. Pennington, 3; R. Ibbotson, 4; J. E. Senogles, 5; W. Pennington, 6; R. Atkinson, 7; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 8. Tenor 16 cwt. Longest length by all except the conductor.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, March 12th, previous to Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. S. W. Shoesmith, 1; A. S. Langridge, 2; W. Pelling, 3; R. J. Dawe, 4; A. J. Turner, 5; A. E. Edwards, 6; J. S. Goldsmith (composer and conductor), 7; J. F. Stedman, 8. Before evening service 1280 Bob Major in 44 mins. S. W. Shoesmith, 1; A. S. Langridge, 2; A. Rooke (Ringmer), 3; W. Pelling, 4; R. J. Dawe, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; A. E. Edwards, 7; J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 8. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. Shoesmith and Langridge.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, March 26th, for evening service at St. Hilda's church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Robson, 1; F. Scrafton, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; J. Crawford, 4; G. Dix (conductor), 5; J. Hopper, 6.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 5th, for Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, 240 Bob Minor. F. Collins, 1; J. Self, 2; C. Revell, 3; J. O'Neil, 4; S. Garnham, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Burgess, 1; J. Self, 2; C. Revell, 3; J. O'Neil, 4; S. Garnham, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Ostler, 1; H. Creasy, 2; J. Self, 3; W. Burgess, 4; C. Revell, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. W. Ostler, 1; H. Creasy, 2; J. Self, 2; W. Burgess (conductor), 5; S. Garnham, 5; C. Revell, 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."

BIDDENDEN CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—As one who knows Biddenden and district well, I was sorry to hear from the report in your last issue what a bad condition they are in, and sincerely trust that, publicity having been given to that fact, it may lead to reform and improvement in the Biddenden belfry. The tenor does not weigh so much as 27 cwt. It is quoted in Mears and Stainbank's catalogue as—date 1712; weight 22 cwt.

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Compositions.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By E. TIMBRELL, *Chipping, Lancs.*

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
54326			2	2
46325	2	-	I	2
54263		-	2	2
45362		-	I	2
23564	I			I
42635	2		I	2
65324	I		I	2
52364			2	
24365	2	-	I	2
23645	I	-	2	2
32546		-	I	2
45236	I	-		2
56234	I			2
32654	I	-		2
23456		-	I	2

This peal has the 6th its extent wrong at five course-ends, 5, 6 their extent right; eleven 8-6-7s.

5440.

23456	M	B	W	H
62534	2		I	2
35264	I	-		2
54263	2	-	I	2
62453	I	-		2
26354		-	I	2
64352	I			2
53462	I	-		2
32465	I			2
64235	I	-		2
45236	I			2
32546	I	-		2
23645		-	I	2
46325			2	2
65324	2	-	I	2
54326	2	-	I	2
23456			2	2

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right

5344.

23456	M	B	W	H
52364		-		2
24365	I			2
45362	2	-	I	2
43652	I	-	2	2
24536		-	2	2
35426	I	-		2
53624		-	I	2
26354	I	-		2

Continued—

	M	B	W	H
62453		-	I	2
53246	2	-		2
36245	2	-	I	2
25463	I		I	2
62534		-		2
26435	2			2
34625	I	-		2
23456		-		2

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5077.

123456	516
513264978	
315462	- -
512463	- -
215364	- -
514362	- -
415263	- -
413562	- -
412365	- -
214563	- -
213465	- -
312564	- -
314265	- -
314265879	*
413562	- -
312564	- -
213465	- -
315462	- -
513264	- -
514362	- -
512463	- -
215364	- -
214563	- -
412365	- -
415263	- -
412563978	†
413265	- -
415362	- -
514263	- -
513462	- -
315264	- -
314562	- -
312465	- -
213564	- -
214365	- -
215463	- -
512364	- -

The second part repeated produces 214365879; round next change.

The first course is called 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 11; start with slow six.

*These courses are called 4, 5, 6, 8s, 9, 11, 13, 14.

†In these courses the single at 8. is omitted.

A 5090.

By R. HASTED, *Winchester.*

231456 5 16

562413*	
563214	-
365412	-
362514	-
364215	-
463512	-
462315	-
264513	-
263415	-

Four times repeated, calling first course in each part, 4, 5, 16, and an extra course with B16 in last part brings 164253. Round with bobs 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13. *Obtained by bobs at 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 21 and 22. and contains twenty-four sixes.

A DATE TOUCH.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield.*

1899.

231456

*654213798

453162	4	16
452361		16
514263	6	16
513462		16
512364		16

215463	5	16
213564		16
214365		16

412563	5	16
413265		16
415362		16

514263	I	5	16
513462			16
512364			16

215463	5	16
213564		16
214365		16

Round next change.

*Produced by bobs at 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9.

Mr. C. E. Borrett, of Norwich, writes: "The 5056 of Bob Major by Mr. A. T. King, in the current copy of 'THE BELL NEWS,' is the property of Mr. J. E. Burton, of Norwich. It was composed in 1893, and rung on March 26th, 1894, at North Elmham, Norfolk, by a mixed band."

Mr. F. Dench writes: "The 5088 of London Surprise published in last week's 'BELL NEWS' by F. Bennett is a simple variation of a peal by J. W. Washbrook, and will be found on page 119 of the peal Appendix."

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By JOHN HOWES, Kingston-on-Thames.

5024.					
23456	I	4	5	6	
32654	-	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-	S

Repeated; has the 5th twenty-two times and the 6th eighteen times in 6ths place, the 2nd and 3rd never being there at a course-end.

5280.					
23456	I	4	5	6	
53624	-	-	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-	*
65243	-	-	-	-	-

Nine times repeated, calling s for B marked * in the 5th and 10th parts.

7296.					
23456	I	4	5	6	
42635	-	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-	-	*
24653	-	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-	-

Four times repeated, calling s for B marked * in the 3rd and 6th parts. Contains the full combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, the 2nd never being in that position at a course-end.

DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

The following six peals are to be five times repeated.

No. 42. 5040.					
2345	I	2	3	4	5
2345	I	3	I	3	3
5324	II	I	I	I	I
4532	II	SI	I	I	I
2453	II	SI	I	I	I
3425	II	I	I	I	I

Bob for last single 3rd and 6th parts
Rung at Condover, April 7th, 1894.
Also on handbells at Derby, March 27th, 1897. starting from another lead.

No. 43. 5040.					
23456	I	2	3	4	5
23456	3	3	3	I	I
23654	I	I	I	I	SI
43256	I	I	I	I	I
43652	I	I	I	I	SI
34256	I	I	I	II	II

Single at I in the 3rd course of the 3rd and 6th parts.

Rung at Tipton, January 16th, 1892.

No. 44. 5040.					
23456	I	2	3	4	5
23456	23	23	23	23	23
32654	II	II	I	I	I
65342	I	SI	I	I	II
26534	SI	I	I	II	SI
34256	I	I	II	I	SI

Single for bob 3rd and 6th parts.

No. 45. 5040.					
234567	I	3	I	I	I
734265	IS	I	I	I	IS
724365	I	IS	I	I	I
534276	I	IS	I	I	II
354276	IS	I	I	I	I

Perfect six-part.

No. 46. 5040.					
23456	I	2	3	4	5
23456	3	3	23	23	3
5234	I	I	II	I	I
4352	I	I	II	I	I
2534	I	I	II	II	I
4325	I	I	II	SI	I

Omit bob at 2nd and 3rd course of the fourth division in the 2nd, 4th, and 6th parts. Rung at Birmingham, January 26th, 1892.

No. 47. 5040.

2345	I	2	3	4	5
2345	I	3	I	3	3

5324	II	I	I	I	I
4532	II	SI	I	I	I
2354	II	II	I	I	I
4325	II	I	I	I	I

Bob extra at I in the 2nd course of the 2nd, 4th, and 6th parts.

The two following peals are to be twice repeated.

No. 48. 5040.

2345	I	2	3	4	5
2345	I	3	I	3	3

5432	SI	SI	I	I	I
5243	I	II	I	I	I
5324	I	II	I	I	I
5234	I	SI	I	I	I
5423	I	II	I	I	I
5342	I	II	I	I	I
2435	SI	SI	I	I	I
2534	I	SI	I	I	I

No. 49. 5040.

2345	I	3	I	3	3
2345	I	3	I	3	3

5432	II	II	I	I	I
2543	II	SI	I	I	I
3452	II	II	I	I	I
2435	II	I	I	I	I
5423	II	I	I	I	I
3542	II	SI	I	I	I
2453	II	II	I	I	I
3425	II	I	I	I	I

The following peal is to be once repeated.

No. 50. 5040.

2345	I	2	3	4	5
2345	I	3	I	3	3

5234	SI	II	I	I	I
4325	II	II	I	I	I
4532	I	II	I	I	I
4253	I	II	I	I	I
3524	II	II	I	I	I
3452	I	II	I	I	I
3245	I	II	I	I	I
5423	II	II	I	I	I
5342	I	II	I	I	I
2435	II	II	I	I	I
2543	I	II	I	I	I
2354	I	II	I	I	I

Rung at Chepstow, May 25th, 1896.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well on Easter Monday, April 3rd, eight members of the Kent County Association will attempt 15,072 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at the church of St. John the Baptist, Erith, starting at 8 a.m. sharp.

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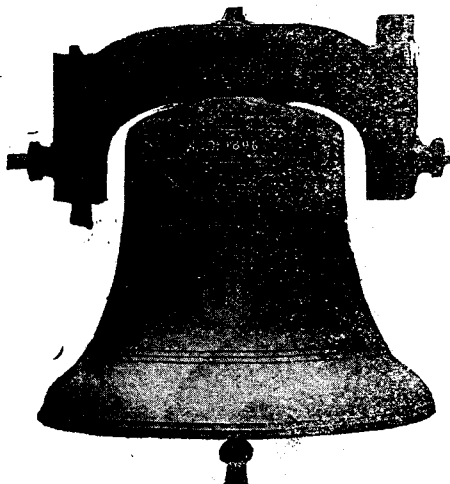
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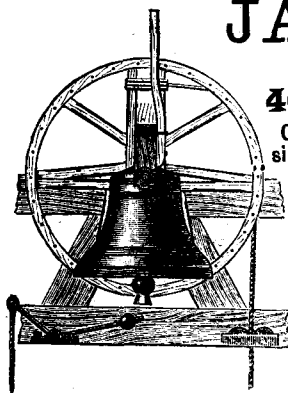
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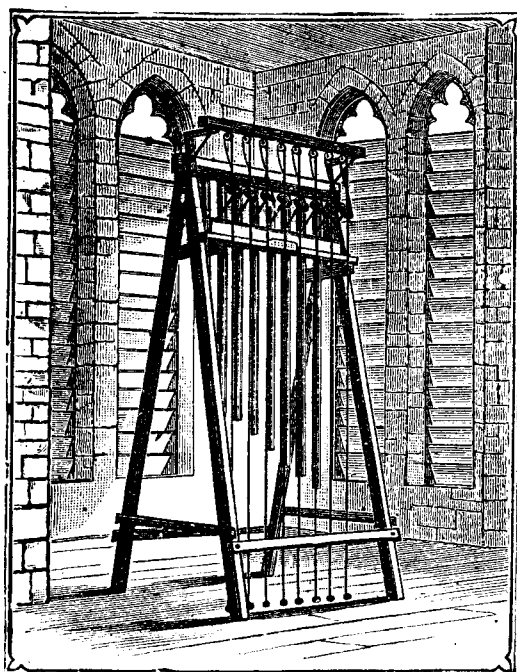
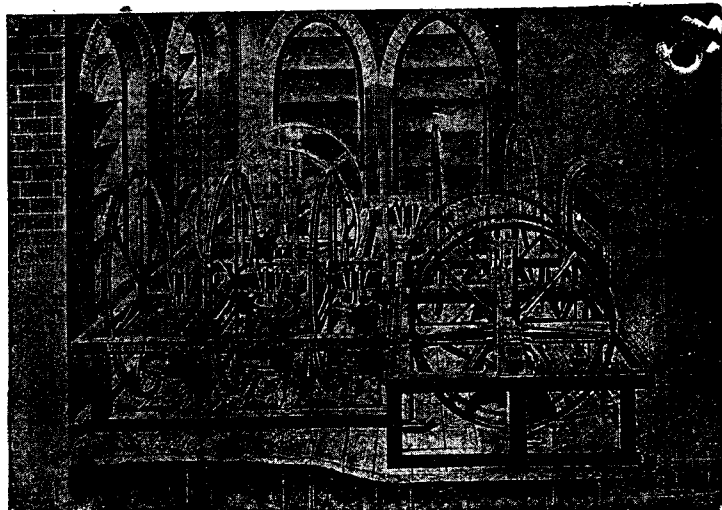
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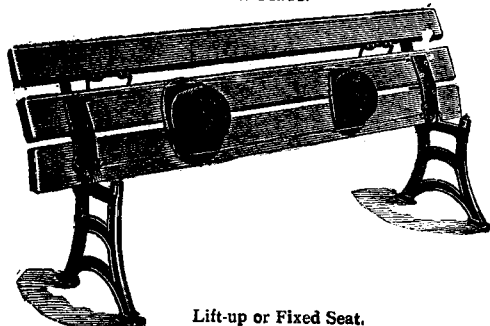
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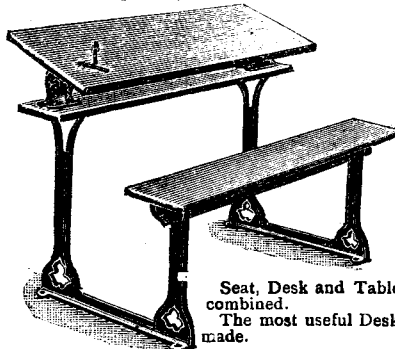
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DEDICATION OF BELLS AT TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

The bells at the parish church of Tibshelf were dedicated on Saturday, April 1st. The members of the East Derbyshire Association were invited to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Morgan, at 5 o'clock. At 6.30 p.m. the dedication service was held, the sermon being preached by the Rev. F. Brodhurst, Vicar of Heath, who gave a very interesting address on the ancient and modern uses of bells, making special mention of the ancient Angelus bell now hanging in the parish church tower of Gresley, Northamptonshire.

The new treble at Tibshelf has been erected by subscription to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen; the old tenor has been recast; and the others tuned and rehung on new headstocks, with new bearings, wheels, etc. The whole of the work has been done by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have made an excellent job of it, the bells going like tops, the only drawback being the extreme length of rope. This it is hoped may be mitigated in course of time by the adoption of rope-guides. The bells were kept going in various methods by mixed companies until nearly nine o'clock.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday, April 3rd, members being present from Ashover, Bolsover, Clay Cross, Alfreton, North Wingfield, Tibshelf, Shirland, and South Normanton.

Service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., when a very instructive sermon was preached by the Rev. T. C. Hills, Vicar of Bolsover, from the words: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," which was listened to with rapt attention by those present. Regret was expressed that so few members availed themselves of the advantage of attending this service.

At 5.15 p.m. the members sat down to a splendid tea, forty members being present—a striking contrast to the attendance at Divine Service.

At 6.0 p.m. the business meeting was held, the Rev. H. S. Oldham presiding. The balance-sheet was read, and passed as satisfactory. The Rev. T. C. Hills was elected president for the ensuing year; the Rev. C. J. Boden, treasurer; and T. Allibone, secretary. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the officers for their services during the past year. A motion was then made by Mr. Flint to the effect that the annual meetings be held at each tower in their turn, an amendment—"That the meetings be held at Clay Cross as usual" being lost by two votes. No other business was done, as this resolution seemed to have upset the members, who soon began to leave the room. It was finally decided by the few members left that a committee-meeting be held on April 29th, to arrange for the quarterly meetings.

Votes of thanks to the preacher for his able sermon, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom, brought the meeting to a close.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at Maldon on Easter Monday, and was well patronised. Maldon is believed to be a rising watering-place, and it attracts many visitors in the fine weather. At high tide the estuary of the Blackwater presents a fine expanse of water, and the old church of St. Mary stands out well amongst the ancient buildings. The rings of six in the two towers are now in good ringing order, but the bells themselves are not very melodious. Brakes passed to and fro between the villages of Great Totham and Goldhanger, where there are two light rings in excellent order.

Tea was served at The King's Head inn, and was thoroughly enjoyed. There were sixty-six present. The Vicar of Maldon took the chair, and was supported by the Rector of St. Mary's; Mr. Ratcliffe, churchwarden; the assistant-Secretary of the Association; and Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree, one of the auditors.

Several new members were proposed. The assistant-Secretary stated that petitions to the Great Eastern Railway management would shortly be distributed to the members asking for further concessions.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society was held at Leeds on Saturday, March 25th, the following towers being represented: Armley, Bramley, Holbeck (R.C.), Headingley (St. Chad's), Headingley (St. Michael's), Tong, Wakefield, and the local company. There were also present Mr. Sykes (of Ealing, Mid.), and Mr. Smith (of Bradford), and both these gentlemen were accorded a hearty welcome.

A business meeting was held in the evening at The Nag's Head hotel, the president being in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. G. Bolland proposed, and Mr. T. Lockwood seconded, a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, which was carried unanimously, and responded to by the president and Mr. T. Mars (vice-president). Owing to the absence of the secretary through a bereavement the financial statement of the society could not be presented, but it will be brought before the next meeting, to be held at Rothwell on April 29th. The following officers were unanimously re-elected: President: J. W. T. Holgate (Bramley); vice-president: T. Mars (Wakefield); Treasurer: J. Thackray (Armley); and H. Gaythorpe was elected Secretary in place of R. Binns (resigned).

A hearty of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind and satisfactory arrangements, concluded the meeting.

ALL SAINTS, MAIDSTONE.

We are informed by a correspondent that the ring of ten bells at this church is under the bellfounders' hands for complete restoration. The fact has given much pleasure in the neighbourhood. Messrs. Warner and Sons are carrying out the work.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PETITION TO RAILWAY COMPANIES FOR REDUCED FARES.

COPIES of this Petition are now in the hands of all Secretaries of Associations and Guilds who have communicated with the Rev. H. A. Cockey, and it is hoped that an effort will be made by all concerned to complete the petitions as quickly as possible.

The sub-Committee desire to point out one or two things in connection with the Petition. They are as follows:—

- 1.—All signatures must be written *in ink* (not in pencil).
- 2.—The address of the person signing must follow his signature.
- 3.—No person, who is a member of more than one Society, should sign more than *one* petition to any one Railway Company; for if the same person's signature is observed by any Railway Company on more than one of the petitions received by them from different Associations, it will discredit the whole of our requests.

H. A. COCKEY,

For the sub-Committee.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Treeton on Easter Monday, members being present from Eckington, Killamarsh, Bradfield, Dronfield, Ecclesfield, Norton, Staveley, and Treeton. The Killamarsh company, assisted by T. Whitworth and W. Allwood, rang a 5040 of Treble Bob Minor early in the day. Six other 700s were also rung, the reports of which will appear in due course.

The meeting was held in the schoolroom, Mr. T. Betison presiding. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the following officers were re-elected: W. Hopkinson, president; G. Marsden, treasurer; E. James, secretary; and a committee of twelve members; the next quarterly meeting to be held at Norton on June 24th.

It was also arranged that the six-bell club contest be held as usual, the same to be rang for at Dronfield on Saturday, July 15th. The usual vote of thanks concluded the proceedings.

The meeting was graced by the presence of a good number of the fair sex. It is pleasing to see the ringers' "better halves" taking an interest in ringing. May I conclude by saying "Let them all come." E. J.

FELSHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, March 23rd, Mr. A. Symonds (of Lavenham), Messrs. A. Hollocks, C. Levitt, and J. Fayers (of Preston), and T. Levitt (of Hitcham), travelled to Felsham to have a ring on the six bells at the parish church. These bells have just been put in order in an excellent manner; the tenor and 3rd having been rehung, with entirely new fittings. The frame has been strengthened. The tenor is a maiden bell in F, 18 cwt. and was cast by the celebrated Miles Graye in 1639.

Two 700s of Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, were rung, and in the evening several touches were rung on the handbells.

A VISIT TO TICKHILL ON EASTER MONDAY.

The All Saints' company of Sheffield, together with a host of friends and a fair sprinkling of the gentler sex, paid a visit to this ancient village. Eight o'clock was the appointed hour, and punctually to time we mounted the "dragonette" in waiting to carry us there, Mr. J. Rowley acting as pilot on the box, pointing out many places of interest on the route, and relating quaint hunting stories of his runs with the packs that hunt this part of the country. We soon arrived at Wickersley, where a halt was called for meal and water to refresh our four-footed friends, and a liquor of another kind for the inner man. Wickersley is noted for its famous grinding stones, that are so largely used in all the heavy industries of Sheffield and elsewhere throughout England. Once more on board we soon arrived at our destination, and were met by mine host of The Carpenters' Arms, Mr. Frank Jenkinson, and the steeple-keeper, Mr. C. Ainley, who had everything in readiness. Soon the bells were going merrily in Grand-sire Triples, but an attempt for a quarter-peal failed after 42 mins. Early tea-time had now arrived, everyone being on the tip-toe of expectation, and with the assistance of the ladies saw that it did not come to grief. After a social chat we went once more to the church, to try for a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. But alas! we were again disappointed after ringing 12 courses. This cooled our ardour as regards ringing, and so after a short touch the bells were settled for the day.

Time was fast flying, so we made a hasty visit to the neighbouring castle with its grounds. All that remains of this castle is the foundation of the keep and fragments of the wall and gateway. The castle was founded soon after the Norman Conquest by Roger de Bush, and subsequently belonged to John of Gaunt. In the village are the remains of an Augustine Priory, founded by Eleanor, queen of Henry III. There also remains an ancient hospital, founded about 1220. Tradition says that the castle was the only one which escaped the devastating hand of Oliver Cromwell.

The church is an ancient structure, built about 1360, and is well worthy of a visit. In the interior is an altar tomb of William de Estfield, dated 1386, and in two windows there is also some fourteenth century glass in good condition. The font is ancient, but the reredos is modern, and was presented to the church by the Misses Alderson in 1883. These ladies have also placed three stained glass windows in the church. It is a fine spacious edifice, and built of the famous Roche Abbey stone. The bells are a fine little ring of eight, tenor about 15 cwt., and have recently been overhauled by the Loughborough firm. The trebles are also the gift of the Misses Alderson, and were cast at Loughborough about two years ago. Most of the old six bear the date 1726, but no founder's name, but are said to have been cast by Harrison, of Barton-on-Humber.

The time had arrived for us again to be under weigh, and homeward bound, but not before we passed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ainley for his kind courtesy towards us, and conducting us to the places of interest; also to Mr. Jenkinson for catering so spontaneously for our comfort. Mr. Jenkinson suitably replied, and said that he was the only person now living among the local company who rung a muffled peal for the funeral of the Duke of Wellington, in 1852. It was a peal of Violet, and the ringers were stationed as follows: T. Ashton, F. Gledhill, B. Dawson, J. Kirtland, T. Dawson, F. Jenkinson (conductor).

A very sincere and hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar,

the Rev. J. G. Goodall, M.A., for the use of the bells. We are once more set with our faces towards home, and we soon tool over the seventeen miles to grimy Sheffield, after thoroughly enjoying ourselves. Thus ended another of our annual gatherings, so admirably arranged for every one's comfort by the respective stewards.

THE GUILD OF ST. MATTHEW, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

ANNUAL EXCURSION.

On Easter Monday seven members of the above Guild journeyed to Hexham on their annual excursion, at the kind invitation of Mr. S. O. Ferry, the Guild Master, accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Churchyard, and Mr. J. E. Keen, of North Shields. 1.20 noon saw us leaving the "canny toon," arriving at Hexham about two o'clock, where we were met by Mr. E. E. Ferry, another member of the Guild, who had been amusing himself at Corbridge for the week-end. We then made tracks for the Abbey church, and there met Mr. W. Story, and found that he had put himself to a lot of trouble to get everything in readiness for us, in fact he has worked wonders in this historical old tower since our last visit, having procured a splendid new set of ropes and put the bells in first-class going order, the "go" of them being all that can be desired. After the usual preliminaries of adjusting the ropes, etc., a start was made for the event of the day—a peal of Bob Triples, which was successfully brought round, and will be found recorded in the next column, five of the members having scored their "maiden peal," and of course the usual congratulations was passed around, when a voice broke out "I am so hungry," and some one said "We will get a little Hughes to a good dinner shortly."

The bells were lowered, and a move made for The Royal hotel, accompanied by Mr. W. Story and the Vicar (who was awaiting us down in the Abbey) and there found a splendid dinner ready for us, and there is no need to state that ample justice was done to it, the course disappearing very quickly.

Dinner being finished, just left us comfortable time to get a train back home, reaching Newcastle about 8.30., and this brought to a close the most successful and enjoyable outing the Guild has had, and the members wish to tender their thanks to Mr. W. Story for the trouble he took to get everything in readiness, the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. Keen for kindly accompanying us, and also to Mr. S. O. Ferry for the kind and generous hospitality shown to the Guild.

HAYFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Whitehead, 1; J. Brocklehurst, 2; E. Stamper, 3; A. Rangley, 4; G. Bennett, 5; T. Brocklehurst, 6. For evening service another 720. A. Rangley, 1; J. Brocklehurst, 2; T. Whitehead, 3; T. Brocklehurst, 4; G. Bennett, 5; G. Ashmore, 6.

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

THE BELLS OF SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, ETC.

SIR,—Seeing that no member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association has answered Mr. Dennes's letter, which appeared on March 18th, kindly permit me to say that a few attempts have been made by visiting bands to obtain peals on the Skelton bells, but whether successful or not, I am unable to learn. The present ringers are unacquainted with "method;" but have given their attention to tune-playing on a set of thirty-seven handbells. The church bells are not in an excellent going condition, and run very heavily. Nevertheless the ringers would gladly welcome any band who will come to Skelton for the purpose of having a touch.

Concerning the bells of Loftus and Easington, the Rector of Loftus kindly answered my enquiry in the following words: "I do not know either the date or the name of the founder of the bells in Loftus parish church. I believe that the old bell at Easington was recast when the present church was rebuilt."

ERNEST R. AVERY.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Dennes's enquiries in "THE BELL NEWS" two or three weeks ago about the Skelton-in-Cleveland bells, I can only answer one or two of them. The bells were given by Squire Wharton, of Skelton Castle, and are a splendid ring of six, tenor about 23 cwt. The first 720 Plain Bob was rung upon them by the St. John's (Darlington) band on Saturday, September 3rd, standing as follows: J. Bolton, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. A 360 Grandsire Minor, a course of Oxford Treble Bob, and by request a 6-score of Bob Doubles was also rung in which J. H. Whitfield and the writer took part. There has been some 720s rung since by I believe the Stockton company.

I have not had a chance of replying before, owing to work in connection with our parish sale of work, which takes up a lot of my time at this period of the year.

JAMES BAXTER.

33, King William Street, Darlington.

LATE PEAL.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Three Hours Fifteen and ½ Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MORRIS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE G. RAWSON* .. Treble.	*HENRY B. SALKELD.. .. 5.
JOHN E. HUGHES* 2.	*SAMUEL O. FERRY 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
ROBERT M. DUKE* 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor.

Conducted by W. HOLMES.

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

OXHEY (Herts).—On Friday, March 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major. W. Buckingham, 1; B. Prewett, 2; T. Smith, 3; W. Whitehead, 4; C. George, 5; H. Martin, 6; E. E. Huntley, 7; G. N. Price, 8. For Divine Service a quarter-peal in the same method.

WYMONDHAM (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, February 21st, for practice, 720 of Doubles, consisting of two 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, two 6-scores of Plain Bob, and two 6-scores of Grandsire, each called differently. W. J. Brown, 1; J. Murray, 2; W. H. Dyke, 3; H. Bellamy, 4; G. H. Huddleston (conductor), 5; J. Tysoe, 6.

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Compositions.**STEDMAN CATERS.**By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5077.

123456 5 16

512364978

514263 -

513462 -

315264 -

314562 -

413265 -

415362 -

412563 -

214365 -

215463 -

213564 -

312465 -

314265879 †

413562 -

312564 -

213465 -

315462 -

513264 -

514362 -

512463 -

215364 -

214563 -

412365 -

415263 -

415263978 *

514362 -

412365 -

214563 -

413562 -

314265 -

315462 -

312564 -

213465 -

215364 -

512463 -

513264 -

The second part repeated produces
214365879; round next change.

The first course is called 1, 2, 4, 5s,
7, 9 11; start with slow six.

*These courses are called 4, 5, 6, 8s,
9, 11, 13, 14.

†In these courses the single at 8 is
omitted.

1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.By HARRY FRANKS, *London.*

752634 1

327546 3s

563427 1s

275346 2

752346 4

467235 2

254367 1s

372654 1s

253746 3

Four times repeated.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5152.

23456 M B W H

56234 2 I

63425 2 -

26354 - 2

52364 1 - 2

64235 2 - 2

62345 - I 2

24536 2 -

24365 - I

46325 - 2

53624 2 - I I

25346 - 2

34256 I I

45236 2

62534 2 - I I

34625 - 2

35426 2 I

23456 I

5024.

23456 M B W H

42356 - I

25634 2 -

25346 - I

54326 - 2

63425 2 - I I

26354 - 2

35264 - I I

56234 - 2

64235 2 - I 2

43526 2 -

43265 - I

62534 2 - 2

35426 2 - 2

36524 2 I

62345 2 2

45236 2 - 2

23456 I I

5088.

23456 M B W H

42356 - I

25634 2 -

25346 - I

54326 2

46325 2 - I 2

62534 1 2

35426 2 - 2

53624 2 - 2

26354 1 - 2

35264 - I I

56234 - 2

64235 2 - I 2

43526 2 -

24365 - 2

62345 1 - 2

45236 2 - 2

23456 I I

5088.

23456 M B W H

56234 2 I

63425 2 -

26354 - 2

52364 1 - 2

64235 2 - 2

62345 - I 2

24536 2 -

24365 - I

46325 - 2

65324 2 - I 2

45326 1 2 I

62534 2 - I I

34625 - 2

43526 2 2

25346 1 - 2

23456 I 2

Has the 6th her extent at home.
These four have the 4th, 5th and
6th exclusively in 6ths place.

NORWICH MAJOR.

The following two peals are by H.
Tucker, of Bristol:—

5376.

23456 I 4 6

53624 - -

26354 - -

63254 -

32564 s -

Eleven times repeated; omit the
single in the 6th and 12th parts.
Reduced to 5152 by omitting the bob
at 6 in the 2nd course of the 12th part.

BOB MAJOR.

5568.

23456 W B M

43625 s -

24635 -

24356 - -

32645 - -

Single for bob at middle in the first
course of the 6th and 12th parts.
Reduced to 5056 by omitting the last
three bobs in the last four parts.

**SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE
MAJOR.**By E. HIMS, *Oxford.*

5088.

23456 M B W H

45236 - -

62534 - -

53624 - -

65324 - -

42356 - -

35426 - -

35264 - -

23564 -

Twice repeated.

BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, *Norwich.*

6816.

23456	W	5th	IN	M	R
45236	-				-
24536					-
52436					-
43526	-				-
54326					-
35426					-
42356	-				-
63254				-	-
26354				-	-
32654				-	-
46253				-	-
24653				-	-
36245	-			-	-
52643				-	-
64523	-			-	-
35642				-	-
54632	-	3		-	-
65432				-	-
46532				-	-
63542	-	3		-	-
56342				-	-
23645				-	-

Twice repeated; omitting the bracketed courses, and calling the next course R only.

This peal has the sixty in-course course-ends in sixty courses, and 5664 out of 5760 possible changes with 7-8 together, a greater number than has previously been obtained in any similar peal.

The following peal by G. Lindoff, Dublin:—

6144, 6000 or 5024.

23456	W	B	M	H
42356				-
35264	-	-	-	-
26354	-			-
32654				-
63254				-
25634	-			-
62534				-
56234				-
23564	-			-

Five times repeated; calling s for bob w in last course of 3rd and 6th parts gives 6144.

For 6000 call bobs at 5ths, 4ths M H in lieu of last two courses of first part.

For 5024 omit three bobs braced in five parts.

The 5024 was first rung at Dartford, Kent, on February 26th, 1892, conducted by J. H. Cheesman.

It contains the full combinations of 4th, 5th and 6th in 5-6.

DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

The following six peals are to be once repeated.

No. 51. 5040.

23456	1	2	3	4	5
23456	12	13	1	1	1
56423	11	11	1	1	1
52436	11	1	1	1	1
53462	11	1	1	1	1
62453	11	11	1	1	1
65432	11	1	1	1	1
63425	11	1	1	1	1
25463	11	11	1	1	1
26435	11	1	1	1	1
35426	11	11	1	1	1
32465	11	1	1	1	1
36452	11	1	1	1	1
32456	11	15	1	1	1

Rung at Harborne, February 21st, 1893.

No. 52. 5040.

2345	1	2	3	4	5
2345	13	13	3	3	3
5432	11	11	1	1	1
2453	11	1	1	1	1
3425	11	1	1	1	1
5423	11	11	1	1	1
3254	11	1	1	1	1
4235	11	1	1	1	1
5324	11	11	1	1	1
4352	11	1	1	1	1
2534	11	11	1	1	1
4523	11	1	1	1	1
3542	11	1	1	1	1
2354	11	11	1	1	1

Rung at Darlaston, October 10th, 1891, being the first peal ever rung in the method.

No. 53. 5040.

2345	1	2	3	4	5
2345	13	13	3	3	3
5324	11	1	1	1	1
4235	11	11	1	1	1
5423	11	11	1	1	1
3452	11	1	1	1	1
2435	11	1	1	1	1
5342	11	11	1	1	1
2354	11	1	1	1	1
4532	11	11	1	1	1
2543	11	1	1	1	1
3524	11	1	1	1	1
4253	11	11	1	1	1
3245	11	1	1	1	1

No. 54. 5040.

2345	1	2	3	4	5
2345	13	13	3	3	3
5234	11	11	1	1	1
4325	11	11	1	1	1
5342	11	1	1	1	1
2354	11	1	1	1	1
4532	11	11	1	1	1
2543	11	1	1	1	1
3524	11	1	1	1	1
4253	11	11	1	1	1
3245	11	1	1	1	1
5423	11	11	1	1	1
3452	11	1	1	1	1
2435	11	1	1	1	1

No. 55. 5040.

2345	1	2	3	4	5
2345	13	13	3	3	3
5234	11	11	1	1	1
4523	11	11	1	1	1
3542	11	1	1	1	1
2453	11	11	1	1	1
3425	11	1	1	1	1
5432	11	1	1	1	1
2543	11	11	1	1	1
3524	11	1	1	1	1
4532	11	1	1	1	1
2354	11	11	1	1	1
4325	11	1	1	1	1
5342	11	1	1	1	1

No. 56. 5040.

23456	1	2	3	4	5
23456	12	12	2	2	2
63245	11	11	1	1	1
23654	11	11	1	1	1
53264	11	1	1	1	1
63524	11	1	1	1	1
53642	11	11	1	1	1
43562	11	1	1	1	1
63452	11	1	1	1	1
43625	11	11	1	1	1
23465	11	1	1	1	1
43256	11	11	1	1	1
53426	11	1	1	1	1
23456	11	1	1	1	1

Rung at Darlaston, October 11th, 1892.

Mr. John Carter's present collection of Darlaston Bob Triples will be concluded next week.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

By the kind permission of the Dean, an attempt will be made for a peal of Stedman Cinques, by members of this Society, at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Saturday, April 15th, at 5 o'clock.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1899.

THE peal-records of this week in two instances go into five figures. A 10,000 of Treble Bob Major has been rung by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society at a place called "Reddish," in Cheshire, occupying two minutes short of six hours. But the grand achievement of the week is what is known as "a record" performance, viz.: a 15,000 of Double Norwich Major, at Erith, in Kent, by members of the County Association. This is the greatest length ever rung in the method, and occupied nearly nine hours and a half.

Our readers will have noticed of late the repeated successes in peal-ringing of the Brothers PYE. One or more of the family is concerned in a peal nearly every week. Three of them were in the long peal to which we are alluding, one of them calling it. They are most assiduous in the practice of the Art, and their perseverance has secured for them a name which will not readily decay. We congratulate the whole company who rang this peal on their prowess. They are certainly entitled to the plaudits of the Exercise.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting will be held at Norwich on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, 23rd May, 1899.

Notices of motion, etc., must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 25th. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

The Hon. Secretaries of Societies who have not so far responded to the earlier issue of this notice, are again respectfully reminded that the contributions of their Societies became due on January 1st last, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Council without further delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative: viz., Bedfordshire Association, Chester Guild, Liverpool Guild, Salisbury Guild.

Information of any change in representatives, or their addresses, will be thankfully received with the respective contributions.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

March 22nd, 1899.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART Tenor 13 cwt.

A. PHILLIPS Treble.	STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE .. 5.
H. G. HILL 2.	R. G. CARTER 6.
J. BEAVEN 3.	*W. J. ALDRIDGE 7.
W. WATCHORN 4.	A. R. SANDIFORD Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. ALDRIDGE.

*First attempt as conductor.

The Provinces.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 2, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 5.
JAMES DURRANT 2.	JOHN CREASY 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4.	GEORGE PERRY Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

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

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	R. T. HIBBERT 5.
T. NEWMAN 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
E. J. MENDAY 3.	H. SMITH 7.
E. W. MENDAY 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The above was Johnson's variation of Middleton's peal, and is the first peal in the method conducted by an incumbent on his own bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Nine Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 15,072 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the longest length ever rung in the method; and the longest by all the band; and by the above Association. It is the longest peal on the bells. The band wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. T. Adams, for giving permission, and also J. Garrard, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness on this and previous occasions. This is the conductor's rooth peal, and was rung at the first attempt.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

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

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Five Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,176 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH MELLOR Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD 5.
JAMES WOOD 2.	SAMUEL BOOTH 6.
JAMES BOOTH 3.	ALFRED CROSS 7.
GEORGE LONGDEN 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by S. WOOD.

The above is G. Longden's 300th peal.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK WEBB Treble.	JOHN MATTHEWS 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2.	JAMES FRANKLIN 6.
FRED WEBB 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE 7.
WILLIAM THORPE 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by H. G. JUDGE.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, 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, and Grandsire.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS BARBER Treble.	HENRY MIDDLETON 4.
ALFRED FLOWERS* 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
CHARLES BOUGHTON 3.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in seven methods, and was proposed a member of the Association before starting.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES GILES Treble.	ALFRED WATMORE 5.
ERNEST BRUCE* 2.	JOHN TUCKER 6.
AMBROSE OSBORNE 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL 7.
HENRY TUCKER 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Major rung in Reading. *First peal in the method.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR ASHDOWN* Treble.	*ERNEST ALLEN 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 2.	WILLIAM W. THORNE 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 3.	*THOMAS ATTWELL 7.
JAMES HUNT 4.	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by FRANK BLONDELL.

*First peal in the method.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN Treble.	JAMES DURRANT 6.
WILLIAM GRIMES 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7.
WILLIAM RUMSEY 3.	JAMES RUMSEY 8.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 9.
WILLIAM GROOM 5.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

First peal on ten bells by all except Messrs. Grimes (2), and J. Rumsey. For calling see Central Council Appendix, page 128.

WALKDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JOSEPH BROOKS Treble.	SAMUEL OAKES 5.
JOSEPH POTTER 2.	JOHN POTTER 6.
JOHN DENNER 3.	ALFRED POTTER 7.
JOHN WORTHINGTON 4.	*MATTHEW BERRY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

*First peal.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JOHN R. SHARMAN Treble.	FRANCIS CARROWAY 5.
ARTHUR J. CHIDWICK 2.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6.
WILLIAM J. DELL 3.	CHARLES H. MARTIN 7.
JOHN SUMPTER 4.	*EDWARD DOLTON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

*First peal.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES

Tenor 23 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

TREETON, YORKS.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Tulip, Primrose, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, and Violet. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS WHITWORTH .. Treble.	WALTER ALLWOOD 4.
HARRY GREAVES 2.	WILLIAM HENRY TURTON .. 5.
THOMAS BETTISON 3.	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor.

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART Tenor 23 cwt

WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. Treble.	WILLIAM EASTLAND 5.
WALTER FRANKS 2.	CHARLES R. CARTER 6.
FRANK MATHIS 3.	CHARLES BANCE 7.
WILLIAM J. THOMAS 4.	JOHN SINDEN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

HILLINGDON, EAST.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN BASDEN Treble.	HENRY S. REEVES 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	CHARLES EDWARDS 6.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 3.	GEORGE ALDER 7.
JOHN H. TABER 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and
Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

This is the first peal of Major rung on these bells since Holt's Double Bob and Bob Major was rung on April 9th, 1751.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN COALES* Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
RICHARD WATSON* 2.	ALBERT DUBBER 6.
ALFRED JOHN GILLINGS* .. 3.	†HENRY KING 7.
JOHN WILLIAM CHANDLER .. 4.	*JOHN WILLIAM SHOTTON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

This is the first peal on the bells. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Mr. Coales is in his sixty-ninth year.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Tuesday, April 4, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Ely, Tulip, Primrose, Duke of York, and Violet. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

F. HALL Treble.	G. BURNHAM 4.
H. GREAVES 2.	W. H. TURTON 5.
T. BETTISON 3.	C. SEVERN Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—For morning service on Sunday, February 19th, 720 Canterbury. W. Rogers, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; W. Wilcox (conductor), 3; J. Griffiths, 4; S. Walter, 5; G. R. Rogers, 6. On Tuesday, February 21st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. G. Povall, 1; J. Povall, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; S. Walter, 5; G. R. Rogers, 6. On Saturday, March 4th, 720 College Single. J. Hughes, 1; G. Newton, 2; J. Meador, 3; J. Pownall, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; W. Bennett, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Wilcox, 1; J. Meador, 2; W. Williams, 3; J. Pownall, 4; G. Newton, 5; J. Hughes (conductor), 6.

WALLASEY.—On Thursday, March 9th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Rogers, 1; S. Strong, 2; J. Walter, 3; R. Voas, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; J. Hughes, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. C. H. Walker, 1; H. Warnett (conductor), 2; C. Bedwell, 3; T. Taylor, 4; H. Barrett, 5; W. Keates, 6; T. Chandler, 7; T. Clews, 8. 6-8 covering. On Sunday January 8th, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering in 28 mins. C. H. Walker, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; T. Taylor, 3; G. Wilson, 4; H. Warnett, 5; T. Kettle, 6; T. Chandler (conductor), 7; W. Keates, 8. On Monday, January 9th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 30 mins. with 6-8 covering. G. Wilson, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; H. Barrett, 4; T. Chandler, 5; C. H. Walker, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Clews, 8. On Sunday evening, January 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with 6-8 covering in 30 mins. G. Wilson, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; H. Barrett, 4; T. Chandler, 5; C. H. Walker, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Clews, 8. On Sunday evening, January 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with 6-8 covering in 30 mins. G. Wilson, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; H. Barrett, 4; T. Chandler, 5; C. H. Walker, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Clews, 8. On Sunday evening, February 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. C. H. Walker, 1; H. Barrett, 2; C. Bedwell, 3; G. Wilson, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. Kettle, 8. On Sunday evening, March 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. C. H. Walker, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; T. E. Bex, 3; H. Barrett (first as conductor), 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (composer), 7; F. Kettle, 8.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, April 2nd, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Jeffries, 1; W. J. Jeffries, 2; T. Deal, 2; E. H. Nixon, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; J. Law, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. E. H. Nixon, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Deal, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; W. J. Jeffries, 7; J. Law, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, February 16th, for practice, 720 Double Court Bob Minor. S. Collins, 1; W. Rumsey, 2; W. Groom, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; A. Grimes, 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 21st, 720 Plain Bob. G. Rumsey, 1; J. Balaam, 2; W. Grimes, 3; J. Creasey, 4; W. Bullock, 5; W. Rumsey (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, February 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Collins, 1; W. Grimes (conductor), 2; G. Rowe, jun., 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Groom, 5; A. Grimes, 6; W. Rumsey, 7; G. Rumsey, 8. First 504 in the method by the local company. On Thursday, March 9th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Grimes (conductor), 1; W. Rumsey, 2; A. Grimes, 3; S. Collins, 4; *C. Brunning, 5; J. Rumsey, 6. *First 720, and first attempt. On Sunday evening, March 12th, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. S. Collins, 1; W. Rumsey, 2; W. Grimes (conductor), 3; W. Groom, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; W. Bullock, 6; A. Grimes, 7; G. Rumsey, 8. Also 336 Double Norwich Major. S. Collins, 1; A. Grimes, 2; W. Groom, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; W. Bullock, 6; G. Rowe, jun., 7; W. Grimes (conductor), 8. Longest length in the method by the local band. On Tuesday, March 14th, 224 Bob Major. G. Rumsey, 1; W. Groom, 2; S. Collins, 3; A. Grimes, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; J. Rumsey, 6; C. Brunning, 7; W. Grimes, 8. Longest length in the method by C. Brunning, and first attempt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, March 2nd, in St. Michael's tower on handbells, a course of Grandsire Cinques. W. T. Pegler, 1-2; J. Austin, 3-4; Rev. E. Banks James, 5-6; F. E. Hart, 7-8; T. Newman, 9-10; A. E. Pegler, 11-12. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. in which Messrs. Davis, May, and Ward took part. On Sunday, March 19th, at the residence of Mr. J. Austin, several courses of

Grandsire Royal, Caters, and Triples, in which the following took part: Messrs. Pegler, Davis, Hart, Newman, Mitchell, Condict (2), and Austin.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On Saturday evening, March 18th, for practice, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, and a 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. Lines, 1; J. Tompkins, 2; C. Rowley, 3; A. Smeathers, 4; W. B. Meadows (conductor), 5. Also a 6-score of Bob Doubles. E. Hodson, 1; J. F. Tompkins, 2; C. Rowley, 3; A. Smeathers, 4; G. Lines (conductor), 5. And 360 New Doubles. C. Rowley, 1; J. T. Tompkins, 2; G. Lines, 3; A. Smeathers, 4; W. B. Meadows (conductor), 5. First touch by all except the conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BEBINGTON (Cheshire).—On Monday, March 20th, for practice, a 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Edge, 1; E. Breeze, 2; S. Breeze, 3; J. Hough, 4; J. Cliffe, 5; H. E. Hough (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob. S. Breeze, 1; E. Breeze, 2; G. R. Newton, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; J. Woods, 5; H. E. Hough (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MAGOR.—At the quarterly meeting of the above Association 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Watkins, 1; E. Davies, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Kent on the bells.

PENARTH.—At St. Augustine's church for service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; G. Watkins, 6. On Tuesday, January 10th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. W. T. Northey, 1; D. Thomas (conductor), 2; O. W. Layne, 3; G. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Plain Bob. W. T. Northey, 1; T. R. Thompson, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; J. Vinnicombe, 4; T. Northey, 5; P. W. Davies, 6. On Sunday, February 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. W. T. Northey, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; P. W. Davies (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 21st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. T. Northey, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; P. W. Davies, 6. Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, 720 College Single. W. T. Northey, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; P. W. Davies (conductor), 6.

BRIDGEND.—On Sunday, January 1st, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans, 3; J. Cox, 4; R. Bunston, 5; D. J. Hurford (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 College Single. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; J. Cox, 4; R. Bunston, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 2, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans, 3; J. Cox, 4; R. Bunston, 5; D. J. Hurford (conductor), 6. Sunday, January 8th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; J. South, 2; J. Evans, 3; J. Cox, 4; R. Bunston (conductor), 5; D. J. Hurford, 6. Monday, January 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. Evans, 3; J. South, 4; R. Bunston, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. Sunday, January 22, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Evans, 3; J. Cox, 4; J. South, 5; D. J. Hurford (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent. J. Evans, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. South, 3; D. J. Hurford, 4; R. Bunston, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. Tuesday, January 24th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Hummel, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Bunston, 3; J. Cox, 4; J. South, 5; D. J. Hurford (conductor), 6. Wednesday, February 8th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans, 2; W. Hardwick, 3; J. Evans, 4; R. Bunston, 5; D. J. Hurford (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; W. Hardwick, 2; J. Evans (conductor), 3; R. Evans, 4; R. Bunston, 5; D. J. Hurford, 6. On Sunday, February 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; D. J. Hurford, 2; R. Evans, 3; R. Bunston, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE (Berks).—On Tuesday, March 14th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Martin, 1; W. Horne, 2; A. Talbot, 3; J. Cooper, 4; J. Wilkins, 5; Rev. C. Jenkyn (conductor), 6. Also 180 in the same method, conducted by G. Martin, with E. Palmer ringing the treble. On Tuesday, March 21st, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. C. Jenkyn, 1; G. Martin, 2; J. Cooper, 3; A. Talbot, 4; W. Horne, 5; J. Wilkins (conductor), 6. Also several short touches of Minor, in which W. Smith and E. Palmer took part. And two 6-scores of Doubles, in which W. Mortimer assisted, the calling being shared by A. Talbot, G. Martin, W. Horne, Rev. C. Jenkyns and J. Wilkins. These were the first attempts at calling Minor by members of the local band, who are making good progress under the instruction of Mr. J. Wilkins, of Maidenhead.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON.—On Tuesday, March 14th, at St. James' church, 720 Grandsire Minor with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late E. Jackson who died that day, aged twenty-one years. Deceased was a member of the choir and the eldest son of the organist of the above church. A. Roberts, 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; H. Dakin, 3; F. Brace, 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. *J. H. Parsons, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; H. Dakin, 3; *F. Brace, 4; W. Fryer, 5; A. Roberts (conductor), 6. *First in the method.

STOUKBRIDGE.—On Thursday, March 16th, for practice at St. Thomas' church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). W. A. Pugh, 1; R. James, 2; E. Harper, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; A. Roberts (conductor), 5; A. Brooks, 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STKEATHAM (Surrey).—Recently at the parish church of St. Leonard, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. G. Thurgood, 1; S. Greenwood, 2; H. Pates, 3; R. B. Blanchard, 4; J. Waldox (conductor), 5; G. Pell, 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, this being his first 720 as conductor. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). F. G. Thurgood, 1; G. Barrington, 2; J. Waldox, 3; H. Pates, 4; G. Pell, 5; R. B. Blanchard (conductor), 6. Rung as a compliment in honour of the conductor's twenty-seventh anniversary of his wedding-day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—On Saturday, April 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; C. Hill, 2; A. E. Qnaife, 3; H. Harvey, 4; F. Medhurst, 5; G. Watson, 6; S. Saker, 7; H. Denman, 8. Composed and conducted by G. Watson. On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal in the same method. A. Novis, 1; C. Hill, 2; T. Waterhouse, 3; F. Medhurst, 4; H. Harvey, 5; F. Kennett, 6; G. Watson (composer and conductor), 7; H. Denman, 8.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday morning, March 19th, on the occasion of Her Majesty's judges attending Divine Service at St. Martin's church, five courses of Stedman Caters. W. Godden, 1; A. Smith, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; H. Withers, 4; W. Short, 5; A. Flowers, 6; H. Middleton, 7; W. Kent (conductor), 8; F. Clayton, 9; W. Painter, 10. Also four courses in the same method. W. Short (conductor), 1; J. Joynes, 2; W. Godden, 3; H. Withers, 4; A. Flowers, 5; A. Walker, 6; W. Kent, 7; H. Middleton, 8; T. Reynolds, 9; F. Clayton, 10. Also three courses of Grandsire Caters. A. Walker, 1; A. Smith, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; A. Flowers, 4; W. Godden, 5; H. Withers, 6; W. Short (conductor), 7; H. Middleton, 8; F. Clayton, 9; W. Painter, 10. For practice on Tuesday, March 21st, one course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. W. Short, 1; J. Joynes, 2; C. Dickens, 3; W. R. Small, 4; B. Witchell, 5; S. Reeves, 6; T. Miller, 7; A. Flowers, 8; A. Walker, 9; J. Barber, 10; F. Clayton, 11; T. Reynolds, 12. Also four courses of Stedman Cinques. A. Walker, 1; J. Joynes, 2; C. Dickens, 3; S. Reeves, 4; B. Witchell, 5; W. R. Small, 6; W. Short (conductor), 7; A. Flowers, 8; T. Miller, 9; J. Barber, 10; T. Reynolds, 11; H. Withers, 12. Tenor 36 cwt.

STIOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, March 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. First 720 by Messrs. Mason and Archer. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. *D. Smith, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. First 720 in any method. On Tuesday, March 21st, for practice, 720 Kent. D. Smith, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; A. Archer (first as conductor in any method), 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Smith, 1; G. Buckley, 2; H. Dean, 3; F. Dean, 4; J. Mason, 5; A. Archer (conductor), 6.

BISHOPSTONE (Wilts).—On Wednesday, March 8th, on handbells, a 6-score of Grandsire (four bobs and two singles). T. Turtle, 1; J. Durham, 2; H. Osman, 3; T. Mace, 4; W. Lawrence, 5-6. This was the first 6 score by the first four ringers, who commenced to learn change-ringing in December last. Afterwards two more 6-scores (six singles and three bobs). Mrs. W. H. Lawrence, 1; J. Durham, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; T. Mace, 4; H. Osman, 5-6. On Saturday, March 25th, two plain courses of Grandsire Triples. T. Turtle, 1-2; W. Lawrence, 3-4; J. Durham, 5; T. Mace, 6; H. Osman, 7-8. First by all except W. Lawrence. On Sunday afternoon, March 26th, two courses of Grandsire Doubles. D. Lawrence (aged 7 years), 1-2; W.

Lawrence, 3-4; S. Lawrence (aged 8 years), 5-6. Rang at the fourth practice.

BRETENHAM (Suffolk).—On March 7th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Levett (conductor), 1; J. Francis, 2; A. Grimwood, 3; F. Pearl, 4; G. Levett, 5; W. Proctor, 6. Also on March 13th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Leverett (conductor), 1; F. Pearl, 2; A. Grimwood, 3; J. Francis, 4; J. Manning, 5; G. Levett, 6.

BUCKMINSTER.—On Saturday, March 4th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and two 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure, each called differently. Also a 6-score of Plain Bob, and a six-score of Canterbury, standing as above, with T. Thorneycroft, 1. On Tuesday, March 7th, for practice, 1680 Doubles, consisting of six 6-scores of Grandsire, four 6-scores of Plain Bob, and four 6-scores of Canterbury, each called differently. W. J. Brown, 1; J. Murray, 2; W. H. Dyke, 3; H. Bellamy, 4; G. H. Huddleston (conductor), 5; J. Tysoe, 6. All the above are local men. Longest length by all. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, March 11th, an attempt was made to ring Bruerton's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it failed after ringing over 2000 changes. H. Harper, 1; S. Pett, 2; E. Unitt, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. A. Brown (conductor), 5; J. Adams, 6; W. Smith, 7; W. Eyre, 8.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday evening, March 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Hinton, 1; J. Pryer, 2; W. Moss (conductor), 3; E. Castle, 4; E. L. C. Edwards, 5; T. E. Barber, 6; C. F. Winney, 7; G. Cherterman, 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On December 4th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On January 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On January 15th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 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 January 29th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 24 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. Watson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On February 2nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; A. F. Hardy, 4; C. J. A. Cushing, 5; T. Suart, 6. On February 12th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On February 26th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On March 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Frost, 1; T. Watson, (conductor), 2; A. F. Hardy, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; A. F. Hardy, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, March 7th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Harper, 1; G. Morgan, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Adams, 4; E. Unitt, 5; J. A. Brown (conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; W. Eyre, 8.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Sunday, March 19th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Carter, 1; W. Drake, 2; A. W. Serle, 3; W. Richardson, 4; T. Mudge, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Ackerman, 8.

HELMESHORE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (taken from J. Carter's peal), in 42 mins. On Tuesday, February 28th, 720 London Surprise Minor and 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. On Sunday, March 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples and 672 Stedman Triples. On Tuesday, March 7th, 720 Duke of York and 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. On Sunday, March 12th, 756 and 672 Stedman Triples. The following took part: H. Steff, T. P. Brandwood, J. H. Entwistle, J. Banks, R. Wallwork, T. Wallwork, J. H. Banks, W. Haslam and J. Foster. Conducted by R. Wallwork and J. H. Banks. Z. Lord, of Bacup, rung the 3rd in the Stedman Triples on March 5th.

PULBOROUGH (Norfolk).—On Monday, March 20th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles, 4-6-8 covering. F. Allen (aged 14), 1; S. Stone, 2; E. Holden (conductor), 3; J. Blake, 4; T. Leney, 5; L. N. Corden, 6; H. W. Herrington, 7; W. Evans, 8. On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. L. N. Corden, 1; S. Stone, 2; E. Holden, 3; H. W. Herrington, 4; P. Doick, 5; A. Greenfield (conductor), 6; W. Evans, 7; T. Levey, 8.

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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wolstanton to-day, Saturday, April 8th.

REV. G. T. BIRCH, } *Hon. Secs.*
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The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch will be held at Bray, to-day, Saturday, April 8th, for practice in six-bell methods. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at rod. a head.

H. C. BELL, *Hon. Sec.*

All Saints Clergy House, Maidenhead.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 8th, on the re-opening of the bells after re-hanging by Taylor and Sons, at St. James' church, Birch-in-Rusholme. Ringing to commence at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.0 p.m. to be conducted by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President). Tea provided free to all attending at 6 p.m. in the Parish Room.

Business meeting immediately after tea.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, April 8th, at St. Saviour's, Bacup. Bells available from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Saturday, April 8, at Walton-on-the-Hill. The tower will be open for ringing at 5.0 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 p.m. G. WOODHALL, *Branch Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A Special Meeting of the above will be held at Cirencester, on Saturday, April 15, to elect an Honorary Secretary in place of Mr. Boutflower, who is compelled to resign, and to receive the report of the committee appointed at the annual meeting to consider as to the formation of branches of the Association in the various deaneries. Service at the parish church at 4 p.m. with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Sinclair. Meat tea at The Crown Hotel at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting, 1s. each towards the tea allowed to all members sending 6d. to the local hon. sec., Mr. S. Moore, 57, Chester Street, Cirencester, on or before Wednesday, the 12th of April.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of the above district will be held on Saturday, April 15th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. Permission has also been kindly given for ringing on the same date at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, where the tower will be open from 4 till 8 p.m., mainly for ringers in Surprise methods. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Church Stretton, on

Saturday, April 15th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.20 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, April 15th. Neighbouring branches are invited to come in force. Hon. Secs. should send not later than Wednesday, April 12th, the numbers who may be expected. J. W. LODER-COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*
Yapton Vicarage.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The Annual Meeting of this district will be held at Canterbury, on Saturday, April 22nd. Further particulars next week.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, April 15th. The tower will be open at 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock. Business meeting after tea. Members intending to be present, please notify me not later than April 11th. A. PALMER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Knightbridge Street, Maidstone.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Newhey, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers made welcome.

E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

Midland Counties Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election are requested to notify their local Secretaries or the hon. Secretary, without delay.

Will the following members or any friend whose eyes this may meet kindly send their present addresses to the Hon. Sec.: James W. Roper, late of 14, Ridley Villas, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Howard V. Wilkins, late of Sutton Coldfield; Harry D. Smith, late of 16, Vernon Street, Northampton; Arthur O. Stewart, late of 5, Adnott Road, Whitworth Estate, Northampton; Thomas Lingard, late of Hall End, Attleborough, Nuneaton; Lawrence W. Knight, late of Cannock; William Wigginton, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Charles Davie, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; Joseph Kendall, late of Ripley, Derbyshire; William Chalk, late of Quorn Hall, Loughborough; William Hickley, late of Loughborough; Joseph Harris, late of Loughborough; Charles L. Routledge, late of 43, Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh; Arthur J. Chattell, late of Bridge Street, Long Eaton; George Waplington, late of Grey Friar Gate, Nottingham; William Johnson, late of 2, West Street, Harwich; Charles H. Watts, of London, and greatly oblige, J. O. LANCASHIRE, *Hon. Sec.*
22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Royal Cumberland Society.—Notice as to Peals.—It has been resolved that the figures of every composition rung since December 31st, 1898, which has not been previously rung by the society, shall be sent to the secretary by the conductor to be entered in the composition book, and that unless and until such figures are supplied, no such peal shall be booked.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St. Ann's Road, High Street, Hornsey.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Saturday, March 11th, it was arranged for eight members of the above society to meet at Smethwick to try for a peal of Cambridge Surprise for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, starting time 5 o'clock. Seven of us was there at the appointed time, but where is the missing one, was asked. "Oh gone somewhere, where there is no church nor bell," was the reply. So we asked Mr. Hall, of West Bromwich, to ring the treble for us, and "go" was called for Cambridge, but for only a few leads. Then we had another start, but we could not make them go for it yet, and "stand" was called. After having a little chat about it, up comes the missing one blowing, and trying to tell us who he shifted course with. After thanking Mr. Hall for obliging us, we pulled them off again, but the same fate was in store this time. "Come, this won't do," said some of the band; "let us give it up, we are not for a spree to-day." One more go, and the last, and off they went, and course-end after course-end came up, till the welcome words "that's all," and the first peal in the method was rung for the Stafford Society. The "go" of these bells reflect great credit on the bell-hanging abilities of Messrs. Carr, Limited, and we wish to thank Mr. Mills, the tower-keeper, for having everything in readiness for us, hoping the time is not far off when we can have another pull on this handy ring of eight. S.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS.

The following paragraph appears under the heading of "Archbishop's Notices" in the *York Diocesan Magazine* for April:—"The office of churchwarden, always of great importance, is likely to become one of increasing influence in the future, in consequence of the growing desire for a more adequate participation of the laity in the government of the Church. It is therefore very much to be desired that the parishioners should claim their privileges and do their duty in the appointment of their own warden at the ensuing Easter vestry. He will be their representative both in the assistance which he will give to the incumbent of the parish, and also in their relations with the Bishop of the diocese and with the Archdeacons acting by his authority. It is, therefore, to be hoped that a much greater interest will be taken in the selection of the parishioners' warden than has been shown in many parishes in time past."

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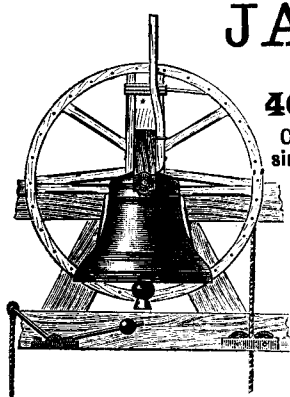
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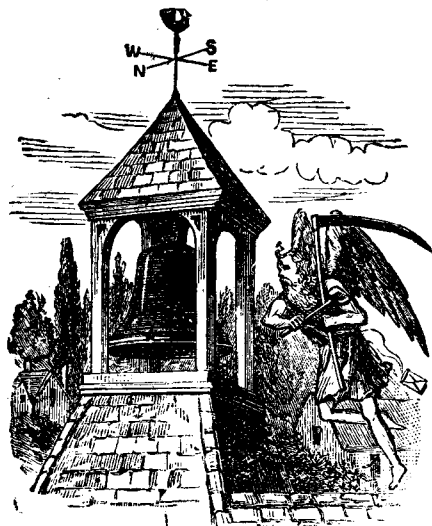
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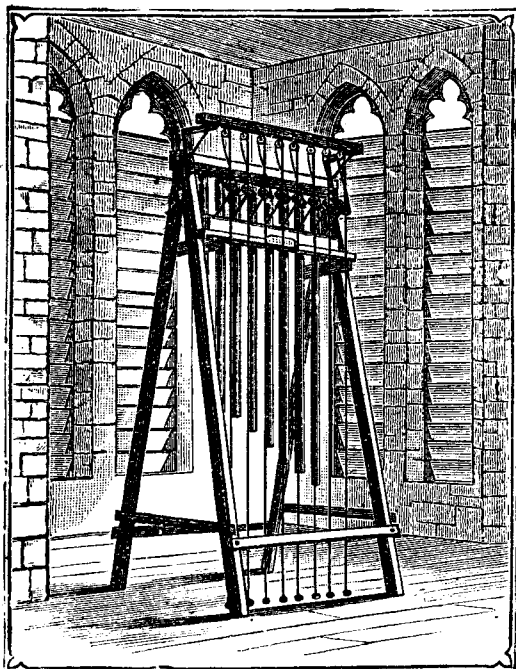
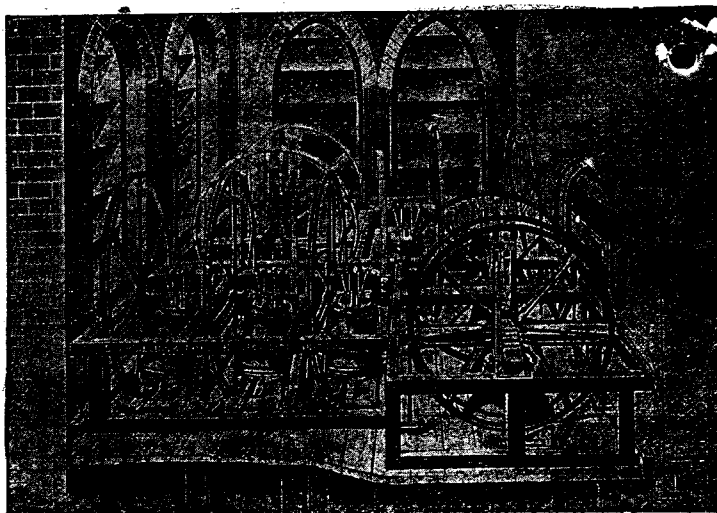
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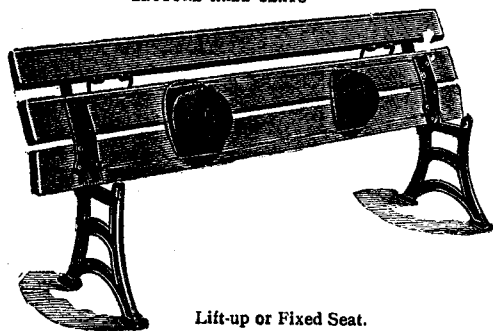
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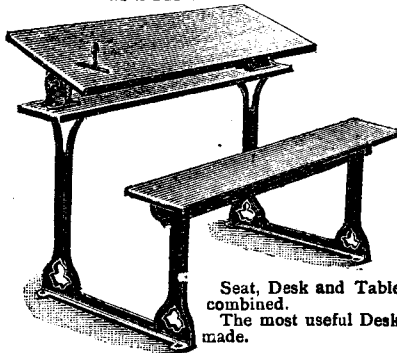
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ST. MARY, TWYFORD, HANTS.—DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLES.

IN spite of the very inclement weather this beautiful church was well filled on Friday evening, April 7th, when the two new trebles, which had been added to the existing ring of six in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, were dedicated to the service of God. The Vicar, the Rev. M. E. Hoets, was anxious that the opening ceremony should take place during the Easter octave, and Friday proved to be the only available evening in that week for the preacher—the Very Rev. W. R. W. Stephens, B.D., Dean of Winchester. The back six were rung in Doubles from 6.30 p.m. until the hour of service: 7.0., which commenced with the processional hymn, 308 A.M.: "O praise ye the Lord." Evensong was sung to the end of the third collect by the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Hon. Secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), the proper lesson, Numbers x. to v. 11, being read by the Rev. V. Awdry (Vicar of Ampsfield). The proper psalms were the 84th, 134th, and 150th. After the third collect, the well-known hymn, "Lifted high within the steeple," was heartily joined in, and the Dean said the dedicatory prayers at the altar. At a given signal the eight bells were next rung in rounds for a few minutes. The Dean then gave an interesting address from the pulpit. He said that one of the greatest gifts to this nation had been that of Queen Victoria. She had ever worn the white flower of a blameless life, shown thoughtful unselfish care for and sympathy with her subjects. It was right wherever it was possible that the joyful celebration of the 60th year of her glorious reign should take the form of a thank-offering to God. Such offerings were happy signs of the power of religious faith, and promoted and assisted divine worship. Church bells were sensible aids to devotion, because men were mostly affected through the senses. The sights and sounds of the natural world, the master-pieces of art and sculpture, the human voice, the single instrument well played, or the combination of instruments, all affected the human senses. So the simple melody of well-tuned bells was instructive, the various notes were echoes, reflections of a divine harmony absolutely beyond our reach. They spoke of immortality, of a better world, their enjoyment was all the stronger because we fallen creatures were so often overmastered by sins and passions. It was man who spoilt the harmonies of nature, and the faultless regularities of the Creator. Man was often out of tune with his surroundings, just as a cracked bell spoilt a peal; and yet man in his better moments was deeply conscious of his want of harmony. Let them remember that the mind and spirit of man should be deeply affected by beautiful sounds, and that the music of the bells, one of the simplest forms of music, should be consecrated to religion. The two dominant tones of bells were joy and seriousness. There could be no coarseness, no vulgarity about the voices of the bells, whether those voices made themselves known in the solemn deep-toned knell, in the pathos of the muffled peal, or in the joy of national or wedding celebrations. After alluding to the wondrous number of changes which scientific ringers could produce, the Dean

concluded by giving an instance of the perversion of the use of church bells in earlier times; and expressed the hope that these tuneful bells would be heard for ages to come calling people to worship God in His House of prayer.

The hymn, "Hark on high the joyful music!" was then sung, while the offertory was taken, and received at the Sanctuary by the Vicar. The Dean then gave the blessing. The Rev. A. C. Lowth, Vicar of Golden Common, was present in the choir.

At the conclusion of the service, members of the Diocesan Guild from Basingstoke, Fareham, and Romsey, assisted by one or two of the local company, rang touches of Grandsire Triples till 9.30 p.m. Messrs. Taylor were engaged to carry out the necessary additions, and the entire work of retuning the peal, recasting the 7th, and adding the new trebles has been admirably done at a cost of about £140. When the church was rebuilt during 1877, the bells were hung in a wooden frame composed of some of the old beams of the church; this work apparently was not altogether satisfactory, though Messrs. Taylor recast the old 2nd and 4th in 1877-78—these two bells being originally cast by Lester and Pack in A.D. 1766. Subsequently Messrs. Taylor put in an iron A frame, and the new trebles have been hung in this, and the 3rd and 4th placed above it on iron girders. The tenor of this ring is 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs. Though the work of retuning has been well done, it was remarked by several present that the note of the new 2nd did not blend too harmoniously with the rest of the octave. The Diocesan Guild will attempt a peal of Major this day, Saturday, April 15th.

THE RE-DEDICATION OF THE BELLS OF MORETON VALENCE.

The usually-quiet little village of Moreton Valence, in Gloucestershire, was full of animation on Thursday, April 6th, on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells of the ancient parish church after a thorough overhauling and rehanging by the well-known Whitechapel firm, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The writer well remembers visiting this ancient tower a year or two ago with a company for a few 6-scores, and on that occasion the go of the bells was, well—not perfection. And then the efforts of those ringers were not fully rewarded; the notes of those Doubles being anything but clear; resulting from the worn clappers and lips of the bells. One, the 5th, was cracked, and the framework was rather "crachy."

All this is now changed; the 5th recast, the others quarter-turned, and tuned, with new clappers, and rehung upon up-to-date iron frames; and, to make all complete, a new set of ropes.

Thursday in Easter week was the day fixed for the re-opening, by the Ven. Archdeacon Sheringham, of Gloucester, at 3.0 p.m.; followed by Evensong at 7.0., when the preacher was the Rev. W. Symonds, M.A., Vicar of Frocester.

After a portion of the service had been rendered, the

clergy proceeded to the belfry, and after a few collects the ringers were called upon to ring. The bells were then raised in peal by Messrs. E. Prout, T. Daniels, T. Barrow, R. T. Prout, F. G. Prout, and E. A. Prout.

By the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. Penrose Ridgeway, and the churchwardens, the Frocester company were present, and afterwards rung several 6-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman's Slow Course, a somewhat prolonged April shower only preventing Mr. Fussell, of Dursley, from "biking" over for a 720 of Minor, which consequently had to be postponed.

The go of the bells was pronounced perfect.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association was held this year at Cambridge, on Easter Monday, when some seventy representatives attended from the various parts of the diocese, including such well known ringing centres as Bury St. Edmunds, Cambridge, Downham Market, Ixworth, Lavenham, Long Melford, Newmarket, Sudbury, Saffron Walden. The use of the splendid ring of twelve at the church of St. Mary the Great, and the major ring at the Roman Catholic church (a most tuneful octave), together with the smaller rings at Chesterton, Fulbourn, and Fen Ditton, had been courteously granted for the occasion; and during the day touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob were alternated with courses of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Royal in the Cambridge towers, with a garnishing of Doubles and Minor at the rural churches. A short service was held at three o'clock in St. Benedict's church, a spot always interesting to change-ringers for its close connection with the great FABIAN STEDMAN. The address, short but stirring, was delivered by the Rev. J. F. Galloway, Vicar of Over, who in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. W. B. Stillman (Downham Market) had kindly stepped into the breach, almost at the last moment.

A substantial meat tea was then disposed of in the rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society, after which the usual business meeting was proceeded with under the genial presidency of the Ven. the Archdeacon of Ely. In the annual report, which was read by the Hon. Secretary, it was stated that during the past year the number of towers affiliated in the Association had steadily increased, and the total membership now exceeded 250. Five meetings had been held during 1898, at Monks Eleigh, Bury St. Edmunds, Newmarket, Hemingford Grey, and Sudbury, the average attendance being thirty-five. Eleven peals had been added to the list of the Association during the same period (there were only six unfortunately in the preceding year), all rung in the Sudbury Archdeaconry, the Long Melford men having themselves scored four, then two were rung at Lavenham, and one each at Bury St. Edmunds, Preston, Stanstead, Monks Eleigh, and Hawkedon (a peal of Doubles). Reference was also made in the report to the death of the Rev. P. E. Curtois last February, by which the Association had lost the services and advice of its esteemed Secretary for Huntingdonshire, and on the motion of Mr. P. O. Bixby, a vote of condolence was unanimously passed.

The treasurer then read the usual statement of accounts, which showed that while they were by no means opulent, at all events they were no worse off than last year, in fact a trifle better.

The Chairman pointed out that in the list of honorary members there were only two names of prominent laymen,

and urged that the members should endeavour to secure more practical support from the well-to-do laity in their parishes. After being seconded by Mr. C. G. Bixby (the retiring auditor), the balance-sheet and report were ordered to be printed and circulated as usual. The Revs. K. H. Smith (Ely) and W. W. Crump (Haddenham) were next unanimously re-elected as Treasurer and general Secretary for the diocese, and Messrs. Teesdale, Croft, and Warren as district Secretaries in their several archdeaconries. Mr. Arthur Markwell (Terrington) was appointed Auditor for the year, and Mr. O. G. Howe (Ramsey) as Secretary for Hunts. in succession to the late Mr. Curtois. It was decided that in future the Association should be represented on the Central Council, and the Secretary was requested to undertake the office of delegate for this year. Considerable discussion then followed on the subject of finance, and a proposal was made by Mr. G. Neal (Downham Market), seconded by Mr. J. Vail (Ely) that the members should be asked to raise their subscription to 1s. 6d. for next year, that a more satisfactory margin may be left in the hands of the treasurer. This was eventually carried *nem. con.*, and after the election of new members and the vote of thanks to the preacher and chairman, the meeting terminated.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its annual festival on Easter Monday at St. Albans. At 5 o'clock a service was held in the Abbey, where a satisfactory congregation assembled, composed chiefly of the members of the Association.

After service the members adjourned to the town hall, where tea was served. Mr. Toulmin, who (in the absence of the Rev. Canon Wigram, President of the Association) presided over a numerous and influential company, complimented the members on the position and prospects of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. P. Debenham) gave a very comprehensive and lucid report upon the work of the year. Concerning the financial aspect of the Association Mr. Debenham said they started last Easter with a balance of £6s. 5s. 8d., and the subscriptions for the year had amounted to £17 5s. 8d. After meeting expenses of meetings held in various parts of the county, there remained a balance in hand of £3 19s. 4d., besides the little nest egg in the post office savings bank with accrued interest.

Mr. A. T. King, who moved the acceptance of the report and balance-sheet, said he had a regard for Mr. Debenham in the work which he had in hand, for being himself Secretary of a somewhat large Association, he could say with experience that when a Secretary had men standing round him and backing him up through thick and thin, each one trying to do his best for the Association, his task was rendered a very easy and pleasant one.

The Rev. Canon Wigram was re-elected President. On Mr. Debenham's re-election as Secretary being proposed, he said that was the eleventh time. The meeting declined, apparently, to entertain the idea of his retiring, and he and the assistant Secretary—Mr. G. W. Cartmel—were re-elected with acclamation. Mr. Huntley was re-elected auditor.

A vote of thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence for his address, and also for the use of the Abbey bells; and a similar expression of thanks was conveyed to the Rev. R. A. Squires for the St. Peter's bells.

It was decided to hold the next District Meeting at Rickmansworth.

EAST HENDRED, BERKS.

On Friday, April 7th, several 6-scores of Bob Doubles were rung with the bells half-muffled, the occasion being the funeral of the late P.C. Charlton, who was so unwarrantably attacked and maltreated at Harwell on Easter Monday, by two itinerant poachers, and whose injuries proved fatal, he never having regained consciousness. The corpse was borne to the grave by the deceased's fellow-constables, and many other members of the force were present. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Williams (who is temporarily in charge of the parish), and was most impressively rendered, both in the church and at the grave-side, where the choir sang the hymn—"Thy will be done." Many floral tributes, expressive of the high esteem in which the deceased officer was held in the neighbourhood (where he had been stationed for twelve years), were sent by Lord and Lady Wantage, T. S. Eyston, Esq., the superintendents, sergeants, and constables of Berkshire, and many others. The deceased officer leaves a widow and four young children, for whom keen sympathy is felt, and for whose benefit the formation of a public fund is suggested.

The ringers were: W. Theobald, 1; B. Mulford, 2; A. Thomas (Harwell), 3; W. Wiltshire, 4; R. Bourton, 5; J. Goddard, 6.

By a most singular coincidence, these bells have within the octave of Easter been called into requisition for the rejoicing in connection with a birth at The Hall; a merry wedding peal; and last of all to give out their muffled plaintive notes, echoing in the neighbourhood the universal sorrow caused by the untimely death of a meritorious officer.

A VISIT TO BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

On Easter Monday, April 3rd, nine members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths from Tonbridge, Speldhurst, and Tunbridge Wells, paid a visit to the above-named village for the purpose of attempting a peal on the historical bells of the parish church. Bell inscriptions do not often allude to the events of the time, but six of these bells, the tenor tells us, were erected in honour of the illustrious Duke of Wellington in 1815. Six great victories are here recorded, each bell bearing one of the following inscriptions: "Talavera," "Salamanca," "Vitoria," "Pyrenees," "Orthes," "Toulouse." Three years later two trebles were added, each of them inscribed with the word "Waterloo." The bells are all by Mears, of London, the tenor is about 14 cwt., and were placed in the tower at the expense of John Fuller, Esq., at that time a member for the county.

Arriving at Robertsbridge at 8.30., the visitors at once set out for the village, which is distant about four miles. Here they were welcomed by the local ringers, and after a slight refectory repaired to the church, and a start was soon made for the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells, which was accomplished (the record may be found in the usual place).

After this excellent performance, the recuperation of that part of human physiology known as "the inner man" was found to be advisable, in fact absolutely necessary. Steps were therefore taken towards the village hostelry, rejoicing in the name, style, or title of The Fullers Arms, where an excellent repast was in readiness, and which, it is needless to say, was attacked with vigour and zest. It is impossible to say whether the feelings of contentment and satisfaction brought among the ringers by the enjoyment of this noble repast induced them to attempt another peal; they did so, however, but were unsuccessful after ringing 2 hrs. 3 mins. After this, some of the interesting features of the neighbourhood were inspected—the Needle, Observatory, and Isolation Tower, all of which were erected by the above-named John Fuller, Esq.

Every member of this visiting company are willing to make affidavit before any of the judges of the land that on this occasion they all thoroughly well enjoyed themselves. They thank Messrs. Pankhurst and Pont, of the local ringers, for so kindly making arrangements and having everything in readiness; and their gratitude is also due to the reverend Rector for so readily and kindly granting permission.

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Ten members of the Three Town and District branch of this Guild visited on Easter Monday the parishes of Holsworthy, Stratton, and Launcells. By the kind permission of the Rev. T. S. Kendall, Rector of Holsworthy, they rung two touches of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards the Rector kindly invited them to have some refreshment at the rectory, some of the local men, who were present, remarking that they had never heard such ringing in their lives; it was quite different from the old style of ringing to which they had been accustomed. The Rector expressed a hope that the visitors should pay them another visit at no distant date. He was highly delighted with change-ringing, and would like to form a band of young men in his own parish to learn it, if instruction could be obtained.

Arriving at Bude the party made its way to Stratton, having a good view of the Bristol Channel and the rock-bound coast of North Cornwall on the way. Arriving at Stratton about noon, a hot luncheon was found awaiting them at The Tree hotel by the kind hospitality of the Vicar, the Rev. L. W. Bevan. After the bountiful repast the ancient church tower, in which there is a splendid ring of eight bells, was visited. Here the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, Hon. Sec. of the Devonport district of the Guild, joined the party. Local prejudice had been previously rife against scientific change-ringing, but the leader of the local band (Dr. King) had the bells well oiled, and they were soon tapping splendidly a short touch of Grandsire Triples. After a halt, Holt's ten-part was attempted, but at the end of 2000 a change-course brought it to an end. The local ringers became converted to half-pull ringing. Another touch was rung, all being delighted with the go of the bells.

Launcells, where there is a ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.) being only a mile away, the travellers paid a hasty visit to that tower, and rang several short touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Returning to Stratton it was found that the kind Vicar had provided a sumptuous tea for the party. This repast being over, the visitors left Stratton with hearts full of thankfulness to the Vicar for his hospitality, and to the local ringers for their kind reception. Then way was made for the railway station, all being delighted with the day's outing, and the welcome they had met with, arriving home in Plymouth at 11.0.

THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The fifth annual excursion of this society took place on Easter Tuesday, Northallerton (Yorks.) being the place selected. The bells, which are a musical ring of eight, tenor 17 cwt., were reopened about a year ago after a thorough restoration by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, and the splendid go of them adds considerably to the pleasure of ringing.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung, the most notable of which will be found recorded in their proper place.

A pleasant afternoon passed all too quickly, and our arrival at Darlington shortly after 10 o'clock brought to a close another most successful excursion.

The visitors wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mr. J. Barnett for having everything ready. P.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A monthly meeting was held at Bray, on Saturday, April 8th, when about thirty members were present.

During the afternoon and evening several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and some touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob Minor. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by J. C. Truss, G. Martin, T. H. Taffender, J. J. Parker (conductor), J. W. Wilkies, and W. E. Yates. The tenor is of extraordinary dimensions for a ring of six bells: 32 cwt.

It was arranged, subject to the approval of the Vicar, to hold the next meeting at Hughenden.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, April 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Dines, 1; J. Tarbun, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; A. White, 4; W. Lilly, 5; G. Piper, 6; A. Tarbun, 7; R. Dines, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

After an absence of four years the Annual Meeting was again held at the old headquarters (Derby) on Easter Monday, April 3rd. By mid-day a large muster had assembled from all parts of the Association's district, and soon the bells at the three towers available (All Saints, St. Andrew's and St. Alkmund's) were swinging in merry peal, in striking contrast to the silence of the solemn week. At four o'clock about a hundred members and friends sat down to a capital meat tea, which had been provided at All Saints' Schools. After tea the meeting was held, the President, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., in the chair, supported by the Revs. H. Drake and A. T. S. Henry, curates of St. Mark's, Leicester, R. B. Chambers, Esq., churchwarden of St. Peter's, Derby, and S. P. Tinkler and L. R. Statham, Esqs., churchwardens of St. Alkmund's.

To commence business the Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were signed, and also a brief summary of the Treasurer's accounts for the past year. Mr. W. Willson, in proposing that the accounts be passed, remarked that if the Association were to be wound up the balance in hand, viz., £16 7s. 6d., would be insufficient to cover liabilities.

Mr. J. Griffin, in seconding the proposition, held an opposite view, reading rule 4 to support his contention. To close the discussion the President said that it would no doubt be better if the Association had another £7 or £8 in hand, but the finances would no doubt soon recover; their present depleted condition having arisen through the unfortunate policy of a few years ago—of giving a shilling tea for sixpence.

The President, before addressing the meeting on the past year's record, apologised, on behalf of the Honorary Secretary, for the delay in the issue of the annual report. Last year, he said, fifty-two peals had been rung, which, taking into account the number of performances, placed the Association 7th among the rival associations. Sussex came first with 89, Oxford and Lancashire 2nd with 81 each, Worcester 4th with 65, College Youths and Norwich with 54 each, Midland Counties 7th with 52, Kent 8th with 47, etc. With regard to individual towers, St. Paul's, Burton, came first with ten peals in four methods; Loughborough second with seven peals in 4 methods; Leicester third with six peals in three methods; and Birmingham Amalgamated fourth with five peals in three methods. He bestowed praise on the St. Paul's company Burton, for their fine record of peals in the higher methods, on the Leicester company for their silent peal of Stedman Triples, and on the Nottingham company for having scored a peal at last after several years of lethargy. (It is unnecessary to report the President's criticisms more fully, as members will find same in the forthcoming report.)

According to custom a vote of thanks to the retiring officers was unanimously passed on the proposition of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Jaggar, who both referred in felicitous terms to the great services rendered by the officers in question.

The President, in thanking the meeting, said he was always pleased to do anything he could for the Society, and he must also thank them on behalf of the Honorary Treasurer, who was unfortunately laid up with influenza.

The late Hon. Secretary also thanked the meeting, and

expressed his regret that he was unable to offer himself for re-election.

The late Hon. Secretary having read out the nominations, proposed that Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., be re-elected President. Mr. A. Wakley seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

Mr. Hickling proposed, and Mr. Cartwright seconded, that Mr. W. Wakley be re-elected Hon. Treasurer. Carried.

Mr. A. Wakley proposed, and Mr. W. Willson seconded, that Mr. W. E. White, of Cotgrave, near Nottingham, be elected Hon. Secretary. Carried.

The Hon. Secretary read the names of the following new honorary members, who were unanimously admitted: Rev. E. A. Were, Bishop-Suffragan of Derby, Rev. Vachon Baker, Rector of Stanford, Rev. W. H. Arkwright, Vicar of Wirksworth, Rev. John P. Hales, Vicar of Cotgrave, S. P. Tinkler and L. R. Statham, Esqs., churchwardens of St. Alkmund's, Derby, also the names of thirty-five new ringing members, and three new life members.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, coupling with the vote the names of S. P. Tinkler and L. R. Statham, Esqs., churchwardens of St. Alkmund's. Mr. Griffin seconded, and the vote was carried with applause.

In the absence of the clergy, the churchwardens of St. Alkmund's responded.

The President then proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, coupling with the toast the name of R. B. Chambers, Esq. Mr. Wright seconded.

Mr. Chambers, in responding, expressed his pleasure at being present among such a large gathering of ringers. He then gave the company a few details of the work which was occupying so much of his time, viz., the increase of the bells of St. Peter's, Derby, from five to eight. He expressed regret that the senior churchwarden of St. Peter's was absent, but hoped to prevail on him to join as an hon. member.

Nottingham was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Hickling, seconded by Mr. Thornley. Bakewell was chosen as the rendezvous for the next quarterly meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Wallis, seconded by Mr. Flower.

With regard to the Central Council's petition to railway companies, the President urged all to give every assistance they possibly could. Mr. J. Griffin (who is kindly relieving the late Hon. Secretary of all secretarial work connected with this petition), then read same to the meeting. The Rev. H. Drake proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was seconded by Mr. Cartwright and carried unanimously. Members then dispersed to the different towers, or to while away the few remaining hours in the manner most congenial to them.

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A large clock has been erected in the parish church, which chimes the quarters, strikes the hours, and has two dials facing west and south. It is fitted with all modern improvements, and is guaranteed to keep accurate time. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have carried out the work. The same firm are making a large chiming clock for Swansea parish church.

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34256	7-8
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32654	8-9
62354	7-8 single
45263	8 in 2
24563	9 in 3
54362	8-9
35462	9 in 3
43562	9 in 3
53264	8-9
25364	9 in 3
32564	9 in 3
52463	8-9
42365	8-9
34265	9 in 3
23465	9 in 3

These twelve courses repeated; calling first course 9 in 3 single, produces:

34562

23465	879+
42365	8 in 3
54263	8 in 3 s
35462	8 in 3 s
43562	8 in 3
54362	8 in 3
25463	8 in 3 s
32564	8 in 3 s
53264	8 in 3
45362	8 in 3s
24563	8 in 3s
32465	8 in 3 s

*7 in and out at 3 and 7-8; 49 in and out at 2.

These twelve courses repeated; calling first course 8 in 3, completes the peal. Has the 6th her extent behind the 9th, and also behind the 8th, being forty-eight courses undisturbed.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, *Dublin*.

10,752.

23456	M	4ths in	out	5ths	w	H
56234	2	-	-	-	-	-
532746	-	-	2	-	-	-
62534	-	out and 4ths	-	-	-	I
36245	-	-	-	-	2	-
342756	-	-	2	-	-	-
347526	-	-	-	-	-	I
276354	-	-	-	I	-	I
567324	2	-	-	-	I	I
264735	-	4ths out and 4ths	-	-	2	-
25463	-	-	-	-	-	I
42356	-	-	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

If brought round at the second part-end 7200 is produced.

DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham*.

The following two peals are to be once repeated.

No. 57. 5040.

I 2 3 4 5				
23456	I	13	13	I I
36425	I	II	IS	I I
63452	I	II	II	I I
35426	I	II	I	I I
56432	I	II	I	I I
65423	I	II	II	I I
52463	I	II	I	I I
26453	I	II	I	I I
62435	I	II	II	I I
23465	I	II	I	I I
32456	I	II	II	I I
25436	I	II	I	I I
53426	I	II	I	I I

Rung at Oldbury, February 9, 1893.

No. 58. 5040.

I 2 3 4 5				
234567	23	23	2	2 2
7645	II	IS	I	I I
4576	II	II	I	I I
6547	II	I	I	I I
7564	II	I	I	I I
6475	II	II	I	I I
5467	II	I	I	I I
7456	II	I	I	I I
5674	II	II	I	I I
4657	II	I	I	I I
5746	II	II	I	I I
6754	II	I	I	I I
4765	II	I	I	I I

Rung at Darlaston, November 10th, 1894.

No. 59. 5040.

I 2 3 4				
23456	23	23	23	23
63524	I	I	II	SI
64235	SI	I	II	II
65342	SI	I	II	II
62453	SI	I	II	II
42356	I	II	SI	SI

Five times repeated; bob for first single third and sixth parts.

The foregoing peals complete my present collection in this method.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF
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SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1899.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting will be held at Norwich on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, 23rd May, 1899.

Notices of motion, etc., must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 25th. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

The Hon. Secretaries of Societies who have not so far responded to the earlier issue of this notice, are again respectfully reminded that the contributions of their Societies became due on January 1st last, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Council without further delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative: viz., Bedfordshire Association, Chester Guild, Liverpool Guild, Salisbury Guild.

Information of any change in representatives, or their addresses, will be thankfully received with the respective contributions.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

March 22nd, 1899.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Easter Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday at the quaint, old-fashioned country-town of Cowbridge, pleasantly situate in the beautiful vale of Glamorgan. With its one long, main street of gabled houses, it is an ideal spot for dwellers from our grimy hill towns—the centres of coal-pits and iron works—and from busy, bustling Cardiff, with its myriad streets, monotonous for their uniformity and sameness, to visit. It afforded the opportunity of combining pleasure with duty, for a pleasure it truly was, on such a fine bright, breezy day, to visit a town so pleasant and rural. The little town is noted for its ancient Grammar School, one of the most famous to be found in wild Wales. It also possesses a fine old church, with a massive square tower of a peculiar and interesting shape, in which are six bells, which for the greater part of the day, enlightened the sleepy little town with their cheering tones. We were pleased to see this meeting much better attended than is usually the case. The men attended a shortened, choral evensong at 2.30, and nothing could be more beautiful than the floral decorations with which the old edifice had been adorned for the festival of our Lord's Triumph over death and the grave. Such primroses, and arum lilies, and other fair flowers, in prodigal abundance, as don't meet the eyes of town-dwellers every day! It was both pleasing to the eye and soothing to the mind to spend a brief while in a Sanctuary so restful, and beautified with skilful care and taste. Such, at all events, was the experience of the writer of these few lines.

After service, we made our way to the schoolroom for the meeting, where the genial Vicar, the Rev. J. O. Evans, undertook the duties of the chair, and accorded the Association a warm welcome to Cowbridge. His kindly-expressed wish was that the Society would continue to grow and flourish, and pay a visit, if possible, to Cowbridge every year. For my own part, I don't see we can do anything very much better than act upon the suggestion, particularly some time during the summer months. Several new members were enrolled, among the number being the Magor ringers, whom we hope to see, and shall be pleased to welcome at our next meeting, which it was decided to hold at Caldicott, Mon. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings: after which the visitors were entertained to a meat tea by the local ringers at The Druid hotel. Through the medium of our largely-read journal we beg to tender to them our thanks and appreciation for their thoughtful and kind hospitality. Sometimes we grow a little despondent over the meetings, and the small attendance, but the Cowbridge visit was one of those meetings which give us new heart and fresh courage to go on. It may, we think, be placed on record that all the ringers enjoyed the day thoroughly. G.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH LAWTreble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
JOHN ROSE 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 6.
THOMAS G. DEAL 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7.
ERNEST H. NIXON 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ..Tenor.

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
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WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 1, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES ROSETreble.	JOHN BUCKINGHAM 4.
GEORGE KEMP 2.	FREDERICK POTTER 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ..Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

BRIGHTLING SUSSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 3, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARDTreble.	GEORGE TURLEY 5.
ANDREW WELSH 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW 3.	WILLIAM STEED 7.
THOMAS CARD 4.	GEORGE A. CARDTenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE A. CARD.
This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to A. Welsh, it being his first in the method with a bob bell.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1899, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ARTHUR SMEATHERS ..Treble.	WILLIAM PETTITT 5.
JOHN J. MAWBY 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6.
CLIFTON NEWMAN 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN .. 7.
JAMES GARRATT 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. ..Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, of Leicester, and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times right and twelve times wrong, with the 2nd and 5rd never in 6ths place.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 8, 1899, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES GILESTreble.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 5.
JOHN TUCKER 2.	ALFRED WATMORE 6.
HENRY TUCKER 3.	ARTHUR W. HIGGS 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES 4.	REUBEN SAWYERTenor.

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1899, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

THOMAS ROBINSONTreble.	THOMAS RICKETTS 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 2.	HENRY ROBERTS 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 4.	CHARLES TITCHENER ..Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRETT .. 5
GEORGE HEAD* 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Superlative. This was the first peal of Major rang in the borough of Hastings. The band wish to thank the Vicar for granting permission, and also Messrs. Saker and Lock for having everything in readiness. The "go" of the bells is excellent.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

On Saturday, April 8, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Single, two each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and one of Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALLEN BENNETT* Treble.	†JOSEPH POWNALL 4.
GEORGE NEWTON 2.	JOSEPH HUGHES 5.
JOHN MEALOR* 3.	WILLIAM WILCOX Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILCOX.

*First peal. †First peal in five methods. A. Bennett, who is a local ringer, is not 16 years old till June.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble.	ERNEST POPPY 5.
JAMES BETTS 2.	*CHARLES BAKER 6.
JAMES BOUGHTON 3.	FREDERICK SMITH 7.
ROBERT WHITING 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

*First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 9, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5083 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 9, 1899, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

FRANK WEBB Treble.	J. W. WASHBROOK 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6.
E. J. LILLEY 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE 7.
FRED WEBB 4.	JAMES FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Monday, April 10, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. HORTON .. Treble.	HENRY PRING 5.
RICHARD CLARK 2.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
JAMES R. JONES 3.	FRANCIS PRICE 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

On Monday, April 10, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDMUND HEWITT Treble.	THOMAS PEERS 5.
TITUS BARLOW* 2.	JOHN EACHUS 6.
JOHN MOSCROP* 3.	*RICHARD P. HEALD .. 7.
WILLIAM GRUNDY 4.	*WILLIAM BARLOW Tenor.

Conducted by T. BARLOW.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor in the method.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

ROBERT ALCOCK Treble.	*FRED. P. HOWCROFT .. 5.
RICHARD FENWICK 2.	THOMAS METCALFE .. 6.
CHARLES HALL 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
JAMES A. CARTER 4.	†ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. Tenor.

Composed by E. HIMS, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

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

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN TUCKER Treble.	ALFRED W. REEVES .. 5.
GEORGE L. BODDINGTON .. 2.	ALFRED E. REEVES .. 6.
FREDERICK SWEETZER .. 3.	ARTHUR W. HIGGS .. 7.
ARTHUR H. EVANS 4.	ALBERT E. REEVES .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by ALBERT E. REEVES.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except A. E. Reeves and J. Tucker; also the first of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Sweetzer; also to Miss Alice Reeves, daughter of the conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	THOMAS ATTWELL .. 5.
ERNEST ALLEN 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	FRANK BLONDELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

Handbell Deals.**DUBLIN.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 6, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,*

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

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

R. R. CHERRY 1-2.	G. LINDOFF 5-6.
W. H. BARBER 3-4.	G. SALTER 7-8.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This is the first peal by the Association, and first double-handed by all except W. H. Barber. This is supposed to be the first double-handed peal out of England. Referees—H. S. Lewis (Bangor), and J. W. Lambert.

**OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 10, 1899, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

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

CHARLES GEORGE 1-2.	HERBERT MARTIN 5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3-4.	JOHN B. BATES 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Bertram Prewett.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, April 10, 1899, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. P. FOREMAN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

E. PERCY FOREMAN 1.	FREDERICK LAMBERT 3-4.
WILLIAM PEIRCE 2.	ALBERT LEE 5-6.

Conducted by F. LAMBERT.

Umpire—F. Cullum.

Date Touches.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HALIFAX (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, April 2nd, at All Souls church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 15 mins. H. Reynolds, 1; A. Stead, 2; J. Lawson, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; C. E. Carrington, 5; C. E. Stewart, 6; S. W. Stewart, 7; F. Salmons (conductor), 8. Tenor 26 cwt.

DENNINGTON (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 20th, on handbells retained in hand, a date touch of Doubles in 1 hr., consisting of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. C. Pipe, 1; A. Taylor, 2; W. Pipe, 3; N. Taylor, 4; A. G. Godbold (conductor), 5.

Miscellaneous.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. F. Parsons, 1; L. Hollingworth, 2; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 3; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 4; W. Malins, 5; H. Hollingworth, 6; J. Warren, 7; W. Earle, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Frances Nellie Dollman, second daughter of Mr. H. Dollman, who was a Sunday School teacher at the church schools, and was much respected. First quarter-peal by F. Parsons away from the tenor, and first in the method with a bob bell by W. Malins.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—Recently at St. Giles' church, 540 Bob Royal. F. Willford, 1; T. Harris, 2; W. Farey, 3; A. Arnold, 4; A. Moore, 5;

A. Stewart (conductor), 6; H. Blundell, 7; W. Roberts, 8; J. Garrett, 9; E. Haxley, 10. First touch of Bob Royal by all. Also a course of Stedman Triples. T. Harris, 1; A. Moore, 2; J. Garrett, 3; A. Stewart, 4; A. Arnold, 5; W. Farey, 6; E. Haxley, 7; J. Freeman, 8. And 672 Bob Major. H. Key, 1; T. Harris, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; W. Farey, 4; J. Mackay, 5; H. Blundell, 6; E. Haxley, 7; A. Stewart (conductor), 8. Also 540 Bob Royal. F. Willford, 1; T. Harris, 2; H. Key, 3; A. Arnold, 4; A. Moore, 5; A. Stewart (conductor), 6; W. Roberts, 7; J. Mackay, 8; H. Blundell, 9; E. Haxley, 10. First touch of Royal by Mackay and Key. And 1080 Bob Royal in 45 mins. F. Willford, 1; T. Harris, 2; A. Arnold, 3; H. Rainbow, 4; A. Moore, 5; A. Stewart (conductor), 6; H. Blundell, 7; W. Roberts, 8; W. Farey, 9; E. Haxley, 10.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, March 26th, for Divine Service at the church of The Holy Trinity, 742 Grandsire Triples, being the last part of Holt's Original. F. Blondell, 1; G. Foster, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; B. Chorley, 4; A. Pulling, 5; J. Hunt, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; W. W. Thorne, 8. Also 168 in the same method. F. Haydon, 1; G. Foster, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; J. Hunt, 4; A. Pulling, 5; W. W. Thorne, 6; F. Blondell, 7; B. Chorley, 8.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Wednesday, March 29th, on the occasion of a Confirmation at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 College Exercise. A. Wales, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Easter Sunday, before the 7 o'clock celebration, 720 College Pleasure, and 360 Kent Treble Bob. For Divine Service at 11 o'clock 720 Superlative Surprise. And before evening service 720 College Exercise. A. Wales, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FELSHAM.—On Thursday, March 23rd, on the occasion of the opening of the new organ, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Levitt (conductor), 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollox, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. Horrex, 5; A. Symonds, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. T. Levitt (conductor), 1; H. Horrex, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Hollox, 5; C. Levitt, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollox, 3; H. Horrex, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Kinsey, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Saturday, March 11th, at All Saints church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 2952 changes. J. E. R. Keen, 1; W. C. Hunt (conductor), 2; G. Holmes, 3; J. Browell, 4; J. W. Jackson, 5; G. Dix, 6; E. E. Ferry, 7; J. Pattison, 8.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Monday, April 3rd, on the occasion of the annual meeting, 720 Bob Minor. F. Wagstaff, 1; W. Butler, 2; W. Gooch, 3; T. Clough, 4; J. T. Butler (conductor), 5; J. Flint, 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

GORTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, March 29th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Seddon, 1; C. Ollier, 2; C. H. Blakeley (conductor), 3; H. Worthington, 4; A. Worthington, 5; J. Jones, 6; J. Fearnhead, 7; W. Fearnhead, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Good Friday evening for Divine Service at All Saints church, Boyne Hill, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled in 43 mins. G. Martin, 1; M. Smither, 2; Rev. H. C. Bell, 3; S. Goodall, 4; F. Gomm, 5; J. Eldridge, 6; W. Walker (conductor), 7; S. Jordan, 8.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

STAFFORD.—On Easter Sunday for Divine Service, 210 Grandsire Triples. E. Machin, 1; T. Guest, 2; R. Grant, 3; T. Machin, 4; A. Moreton (conductor), 5; W. Bennett, 6; R. Pickering, 7; T. Thompson, 8. Also 395 Grandsire Caters. E. Machin, 1; R. Pickering, 2; W. Mountford, 3; T. Guest, 4; R. Grant, 5; T. Machin, 6; A. Moreton (conductor), 7; T. Perry, 8; W. Bennett, 9; T. Thompson, 10. The above were rung on the occasion of the band meeting together, as Mr. T. Perry has left Stafford for Birmingham, and Mr. Pickering for Wolverhampton, both being at Stafford for the holidays.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, March 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; I. Emery, 2; H. P. Harman, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; J. Hack, 5; J. Davies, 6; W. J. Jeffries, 7; W. James, 8.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 26th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. C. Bedwell, 1; J. Rose, 2; W. Bedwell (conductor), 3; L. Attwater, 4; J. Town (longest length in the method), 5; J. Hack, 6; G. Durling, 7; W. J. Jeffries, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, February 20th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. N. Smith, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; P. Holmes, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Monday, February 27th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). G. Whybrow, 1; P. Holmes, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. Coote, 4; W. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, March 5th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; W. Webb, 2; Ernest Chaplin, 3; W. Hammond, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). T. Watson, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Farrow, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. P. Holmes, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Farrow, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. The order has been given for two trebles to this peal, and they will be shortly erected.

STISTED (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 21st, for practice at All Saints' church, 720 Oxford Bob. P. Holmes, 1; Ernest Chaplin, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; R. Radley, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Chaplin, 1; P. Holmes (first in the method), 2; Ed. Chaplin, 3; E. Radley (conductor), 4; H. Collins, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Sunday, March 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). H. Saunders, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; W. Farrow, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin, 6.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, March 19th, at Christ Church, 240 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Armley Pleasure, and 72 Oxford. J. Hey, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; Jos. Thackray, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 240 each of Tulip, Merchant's Delight, and Woodbine. J. Hey, 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6. On Sunday morning, March 26th, 240 each of College Pleasure, New London, and 120 Duke of York. Jos. Thackray (conductor), 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service, the time being limited owing to the breaking of a rope, 48 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, and 72 each of Tanner's Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. J. Hey, 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 43 mins. J. Edwards, 1; J. Wallis, 2; F. Harrington, 3; R. Jenner, 4; J. Preston, 5; J. Heasman, 6; J. Steddy (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; J. Malyan, 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—Recently for practice 480 Superlative Surprise Major, 224 London Surprise Major, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 352 Bob Major, and 252 Stedman Triples. On Sunday morning, March 26th, for morning service, a course each of Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples, with Mr. Billingham, of Loughborough; 336 Double Norwich, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, and a course of Superlative. On Sunday morning, April 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, and 312 Stedman Triples. On Monday, April 10th, 576 London Surprise Major. J. Mawby, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Newman, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. Garratt, 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. Messrs. Tompkins, Smeathers, and Meadows took part in the Bob Major, and hail from Finedon.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES (Surrey).—On Tuesday, March 21st, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Strutt, 1; G. Strutt, 2; J. Howes (composer and conductor), 3; E. Stacey, 4; G. Naish, 5; J. Baldwin, 6; J. Strutt, 7; J. Chandler, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to W. Bayton, who was for a great many years organ-blower at the above church. Deceased was interred on the following day.

NORTHFIELD (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Withers (conductor), 1; J. Cole, 2; J. Hobbs, 3; F. Clayton, 4; A. Hobbs, 5; J. Withers, 6.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—In consequence of the decease of the Rev. John Murray, the late Rector of St. Andrew's, Rugby, which took place on March 23rd, the following touches were rung muffled as a last token of respect to his memory. On Sunday evening, March 26th, with the bells half-muffled, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Betts, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; J. W. Chandler, 5; A. Dubber, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. Shotton, 8. On Monday, March 27th, with the bells half-muffled, the whole pull and stand was rung seventy-one times, indicating the late rev. gentleman's age. J. George, 1; A. Coleman, 2; R. Watson, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; J. W. Chandler, 5; A. Dubber, 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. Also the same evening with the bells deeply muffled, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; A. Dubber, 4; J. W. Chandler, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. And 280 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; A. Dubber, 4; J. W. Chandler, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. On Tuesday, March 28th, with the bells half-muffled, 279 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Betts, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; J. W. Chandler, 5; A. Dubber, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; H. King, 8.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Friday, April 7th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the dedication of the new trebles, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Russen, 1; G. Smith, 2; G. Grafham, 3; R. White, 4; J. Elcombe, 5; H. White, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. Walker, 8. And a 503. A. E. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; G. Grafham, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; J. Ashford, 8. Also a 209. A. E. Paskins, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; R. White, 5; J. Walker, 6; F. Russen, 7; H. White (conductor), 8.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples taken from Brook's peal in 48 mins. H. J. Selby, 1; S. A. Wright, 2; W. Granger, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; M. Whatley, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone, 7; G. Steer, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by S. A. Wright.

Correspondence.

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

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

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Allow me to congratulate Mr. J. H. Banks, of Helmsore, Lancashire, on his calling Carter's one-part peal of Stedman Triples, but if he will look at his "BELL NEWS" for December 24th again, he will find the peal was first rung at Harborne, conducted by the composer.

JOHN JAGGAR.
56, Cambridge Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LONG PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—I think a good many ringers as well as myself, would like to see a longer account of the above peal than can be put in an ordinary foot-note, as on occasions like these where a "record" performance is done, all ringers want to know what sort of peal it was, etc., and you often hear some sarcastic remarks perhaps years after, so it is better to settle the matter at first, and give the performance whatever credit is due to it. I was unable to go and hear the peal myself, but was told by those who heard it, that it was truly a magnificent peal, and that the bells were rung like clock-work. Several of the Woolwich band went down after dinner and met Mr. Conyard and Mr. Barnett, the latter of whom took part in the 13000 of Double Norwich at Romford. One of them timed them just before the finish and they were ringing between 27 and 28 changes per minute, and came round in splendid style. Mr. Garrard, the steeple-keeper (better known as one of the good old sort), stood on guard at the door the last hour-and-a-half of the peal to keep people away, as the ringing-chamber is on the ground-floor, and the ringers are often annoyed by boys knocking at the door.

A. P.

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Notices.

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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A Special Meeting of the above will be held at Cirencester, to-day, Saturday, April 15, to elect an Honorary Secretary in place of Mr. Boutflower, who is compelled to resign, and to receive the report of the committee appointed at the annual meeting to consider as to the formation of branches of the Association in the various deaneries. Service at the parish church at 4 p.m. with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Sinclair. Meat tea at The Crown Hotel at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of the above district will be held to-day, Saturday, April 15th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. Permission has also been kindly given for ringing on the same date at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, where the tower will be open from 4 till 8 p.m., mainly for ringers in Surprise methods. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

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

The Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Church Stretton, to-day, Sat., April 15th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.20 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, April 15th. Neighbouring branches are invited to come in force. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at village institute at 5 p.m.

J. W. LODER-COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*
Yapton Vicarage.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Boxley to-day, Saturday, April 15th. The tower will be open at 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock. Business meeting after tea.

A. PALMER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Knightbridge Street, Maidstone.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The Annual Meeting of this district will be held at Canterbury, on Saturday, April 22nd. The towers of St. Stephen (8), St. Alphege (6), will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. The Cathedral (10) after afternoon service. Usual allowances. Tea at Eastbridge Hospital at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Members wishing to be present please send names on or before April 19th. Members please read Rule 11. E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Newhey, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers made welcome.

E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

Midland Counties Association.—Not-

tingham District.—A meeting will be held in St. Peter's belfry on Saturday, April 22nd, at 6 p.m., for the election of a district secretary. Ringing.

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

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Bollington on Saturday, April 22nd. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. NORBURY, *Branch Sec.*

North Notts. Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, April 22nd. Divine Service in the parish church at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room after service. Tea in the Odd-fellows club-room at 5 p.m. Members of kindred Associations will be heartily welcome.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As important business will be under consideration, every member is requested to make an effort to attend.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The next meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at the parish church, Perry Barr. Bells available from two o'clock. Service at 6 o'clock in the parish church. Tea in the schoolroom at 6 p.m., one shilling per head.

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

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at Rothwell (8 bells). Ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting at The White Swan hotel to receive report and balance-sheet for year ending March 1899. A presentation will also be made to the retiring secretary, Mr. R. Binns. A full attendance of members is particularly requested. Waggonettes meet trams at Thwaite Gate, Hunslet, every few minutes direct to the church.

HARRY GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley, Leeds.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 6 p.m.

W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham on Saturday, April 29th. Full particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, }
J. WILSON, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. SHEPHERD, }

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ERITH.—First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 4th and 6th, and was rung at the first attempt after three practices. At the first practice 672 was rung; the second, 1568; at the third a quarter-peal was lost in the last course, six of the band never having struck a blow of the method only three times before starting for the peal. This is considered to be the first company that have accomplished a peal in this method at the first attempt. Owing to the distance the band live apart it is a difficult job to get them together in time to start for a

peal on a week-day, some of them having to work late, and the distance they live apart is nearly thirty miles. It was rung for Divine Service in the evening. It is the conductor's 101st peal, a list of which is given. On tower bells: Grandsire Triples, 10, conducted 3; Caters, 4, conducted 2; Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 15, conducted 12; Royal, 3, conducted 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 6, conducted 5; Stedman Triples, 18, conducted 9; Caters, 3, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major, 14, conducted 11; Superlative Surprise, 4, conducted 3; Cambridge Surprise, 1, conducted 1; London Surprise, 1; conducted 1; seven methods on six bells, 2; total, 84; conducted 49. On handbells: Grandsire Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 7, conducted 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5, conducted 3; Double Norwich Major, 3, conducted 1; Stedman Caters, 1, conducted 1; total, 17, conducted 9; in all 101; conducted 58. This list includes a 15,072 Double Norwich, 10,464 Treble Bob Major, and a silent peal of Stedman Triples on handbells. These have been rang in thirty-six different towers in seven different counties.

THE PEAL AT GUILDFORD.—It may interest the readers of "BELL NEWS" to know that this is the first peal that has been rung on the bells since 1813. These splendid-toned bells have been in a shocking condition for years, and it is owing to the efforts of the present Rector, Canon Grant, that they have recently been rehung, and to whom every ringer in Guildford is grateful. Last August the tenor went so bad that three men could not raise her, and this being reported to Canon Grant, I think decided him to use every effort to get them rehung. Eventually the order was placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to rehang the bells, and through their representatives, have made a splendid job of them, although they had great trouble with the tenor, eventually having to put her in roller bearings (I believe their own patent), and which answers splendidly, no bell could go easier than this one does, the bells being in good going order. The Rector, through his representative, invited the St. Nicholas (Guildford) band to ring the opening peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), which was accomplished on Tuesday evening last in 3 hrs. 7 mins., being ably conducted by Mr. Charles Willshire.

THE PEAL AT ST. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL.—This is Mr. J. R. Jones's first peal with a bob bell, and was arranged as a farewell compliment to him on his leaving Bristol for Minehead. It was intended to ring Stedman Caters, but owing to business pressure three of the band could not meet, and at the last moment Mr. C. H. Horton put off an engagement and stood in for Triples. The best thanks of the band are due to their Rector-President for permitting the attempt, since January last the top part of the tower has been under repair, and will probably not be finished for some time. This has stopped all attempts for peals except upon two occasions, the first being for Stedman Caters, when the clapper of the tenor broke after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins., and the second the successful attempt on Monday last.

W. A. C.

Death.

HOWELL.—On Good Friday, at Thornbury, Gloucestershire, IDA ELIZABETH, the beloved wife of Frank Kelson Howell, aged 46 years.

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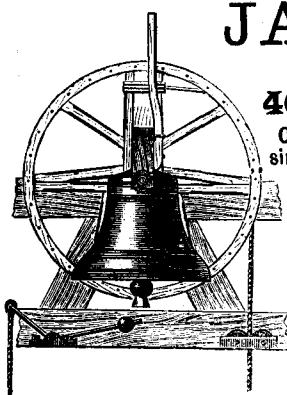
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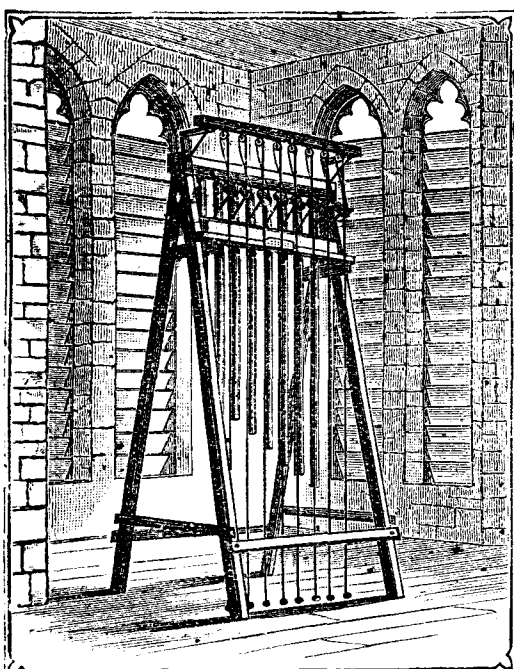
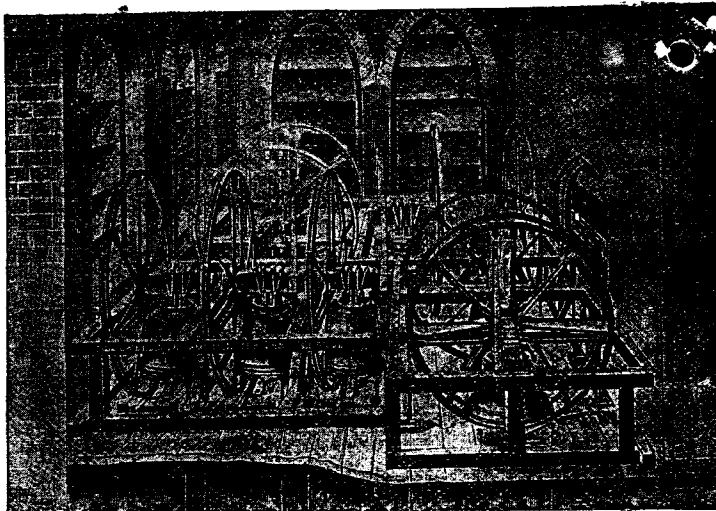
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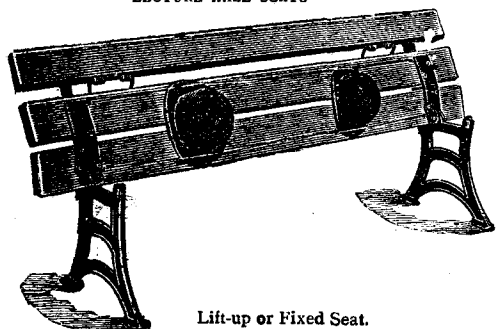
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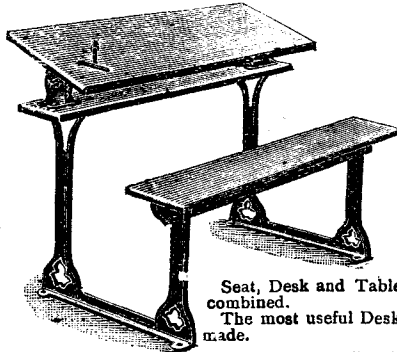
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held on Easter Monday at Brighton. As usual the towers of St. Nicholas (10) and St. Peter's (8) were available throughout the day, and, it is needless to add, the visitors were not slow to take advantage of the opportunities thus afforded them for practice. At noon a service, which was well attended, was held at St. Nicholas' church, the prayers being read by the Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cotter, and the lessons by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. The services of the choir had been secured for the occasion, and the musical portions of the service were thus rendered additionally attractive. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Puttick, who based an appropriate discourse on the words: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—1 Corinthians x. 31. Subsequently the members lunched at the Royal Pavilion under the presidency of the Mayor of Brighton (Alderman Hawkes). He was supported by the Rev. Prebendary Hannah, Vicar of Brighton, and Mr. G. F. Attree (Master of the Association). There were about 70 present, including the Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cotter (hon. secretary), Canon Deedes (Brighton), the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Marden), the Rev. J. Puttick (Kingston-by-Sea), the Rev. F. Scott (Brighton), Mr. F. B. Tomkins (hon. treasurer), Mr. S. Saker and Mr. G. Williams (divisional hon. secretaries). At the conclusion of the repast,

The Master submitted the ringers' toast of "Our Church and Queen." In the course of his remarks he said at the present time they heard a great deal about the crisis in the Church, owing to excesses in the one direction and omissions in the other. But fortunately in that branch of Church work in which they as bell-ringers were concerned there was no room for any differences of that kind to creep in. When the bells were rung they gave out no uncertain or speculative notes, but they rang out their own true note in unison to the outer world as the voice of the Church. In giving that toast to bell-ringers he did not think he need use but very few words, for it would be utterly impossible to imagine a church bell-ringer who was not loyal to his Church and loyal also to the Queen as the State head of that Church. He coupled with the toast the names of the Mayor of Brighton, who, as Chief Magistrate, was the representative of the State, and the Vicar of Brighton, who was the representative of the head of the Church in that town. In conclusion Mr. Attree gave a word of advice to those speakers who were to follow. He said there was a young curate who, at a certain ceremony, was called upon to make a speech. He asked his Vicar, who was also present, what he should do, and the Vicar replied, "Get up, speak up and shut up."

The Mayor, who was enthusiastically received on rising to respond, expressed his pleasure at being able to be present, and in the course of some humorous remarks referred to his ignorance of bell-ringing. He had never witnessed a peal being rung, but he had accepted the invitation of the Master to take an early opportunity of

doing so. He welcomed all the ringers to Brighton, and once more expressed his delight at having an opportunity of being present.

The Rev. Prebendary Hannah also replied in a breezy speech, remarking that the longer the Mayor retained his office and the more he went into his duties the more he would be astonished to find the number of things there were in Brighton of which he previously knew nothing. Having accepted the invitation to go to witness a peal rung, he would find that one of the most beautiful places in Brighton and one of the most striking rooms was the ringing-chamber of St. Peter's Church. His earliest recollections of belfries did not dignify the ringers, for he once remembered seeing a barrel of beer in one. Thanks, however, to such associations as theirs, the belfries throughout the kingdom had been improved, and ringing was now a very high art indeed. Nowhere had it been brought to such a state as in Sussex, and it was due largely to the efforts of Mr. Attree that it had been brought to that perfection. Commenting upon what Mr. Attree had said with regard to the ringers speaking from the belfry with no uncertain sound, the speaker said there was one point he always wanted to keep before the ringers. The clergy spoke inside the church, and they were expected to practise what they preached. The ringers spoke to the outside world, and they also were expected to practise what they preached. The place of the ringer when he had done ringing in the belfry was to be worshipping in the church.

The Master then gave some interesting details of the progress made during the past fourteen years. In the first year of the existence of the Association only seven peals were rung, while last year the number was 89. In the first year only two methods were practised, while last year sixteen different methods had been rung. That was very satisfactory, but he was sorry to say that his remarks last year as to the necessity of more bands ringing more peals in more methods had not been followed out. He urged the necessity of the co-operation of more branches if they were to maintain their present proud position of first in all England. A few years ago there were 36 peals rung in six-bell towers, but last year there were only one or two. There were many towers containing eight bells still outside the Association, and he hoped the members in the neighbourhood would endeavour to get them to join. Sussex had this year again rung the largest number of peals, and secured the highest aggregate of points, having scored 1,669, 1,235 being the next highest, although two other associations had a rather better average.

The business was then proceeded with, and the Lord Bishop of Chichester was re-elected President, while the Vice-Presidents were also re-elected. Mr. G. F. Attree was unanimously re-elected Master, and all other officers were re-appointed, while several new honorary and active members were also re-elected.

The report, which was of a very satisfactory character, was presented by the secretary, and the balance sheet showed that, including a balance in hand of £11 19s. 1d., the total receipts amounted to £67 19s., and the expendi-

ture to £43 2s., leaving a balance in hand of £24 17s. The report and financial statement were adopted, on the motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Blake.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies then moved the following resolution: "That a band which has held the challenge bell for three successive years shall be debarred from competing for the next two years." Mr. Tomkins seconded, but after a little discussion the mover accepted an alteration suggested by Mr. Attree, which debarred a band from winning the cup two years in succession, and the motion was carried in this amended form.

Another motion proposed by Mr. G. House, and seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, that the committee should be elected annually instead of every three years, was lost, and, consequently, the rule that the committee be elected triennially remains as before.

At the last annual meeting the Master intimated, on behalf of the St. Peter's (Brighton) branch, that they would withdraw for a year from the County challenge bell competition, which they have won every year since 1891. This year they scored 825 points, but having thus withdrawn, the bell went to the Southover (Lewes) branch, who were next with 144½ points.

The Mayor formally handed over the bell to Mr. Goldsmith, secretary of the Southover Branch, amid loud applause, the latter making a suitable reply.

At the suggestion of the Master it was resolved to erect a marble tablet in the belfry of Crawley Parish Church, commemorating a peal rung by that branch on December 26th, 1894, comprising 9,312 changes of Superlative Surprise Major, the performance of which established a record. It was also decided that the names of the winners of the challenge bell should be engraved on a silver plate attached to the frame of the bell.

Votes of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, and the various officers for their services terminated the meeting.

During the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Treble Bob Royal were rung.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above was held on Easter Monday at Netherton, near Dudley. The towers of (St. Thomas) Dudley, Cradley, Clent, Hagley, Halesowen, Old Hill, Sedgley, and Tipton were open for peal ringing, St. Andrews', Netherton, being reserved for touches. A service was held in St. Andrew's Church at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Marriott, at which the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Vicar of Hagley, and members from Bromsgrove, Brierley Hill, Dudley, Hagley, Kidderminster, Leicester, Netherton, Old Hill, Oldbury, Stourbridge, Tipton, Pershore, Wollaston, Worcester, etc., to the number of 80, were present. The rev. gentleman delivered an interesting address from Romans xii. 1: "Your reasonable service," in which he spoke of bell-ringing as service done to God and for man. In England the first peal of bells was set up in 1435, and in 1665 ringing had become a science, as was proved by Fabian Stedman's complete methods of change-ringing, which was then published, and showed the perfection which had been attained in the interval to make such practice possible. As organ music had its great composers, so the music of the bell-chamber had its composers, and the name of

Stedman was great almost in the same way as Handel was great, for his methods are still in use, and, as far as he knew, had never been excelled in the present day. The organist had the interior of the church for his sphere, but the ringers flung their music far and wide o'er mountain and vale, borne on the wandering winds, and it reached the ears of men at their own firesides. Of such a service, "reasonable" in the high sense, they were the ministers, and it was a pleasure to see men governing themselves according to rules of a prescribed order, and banding themselves to promote unity and progress among themselves. He gave them a welcome to Netherton, and he bid them remember that they were devoted to a "reasonable service" to God and to man.

After service a knife and fork tea was provided in the National Schools, at the conclusion of which the business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by the Rev. W. C. Gibbs. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, in response to a request made at the last quarterly meeting held at Hagley, presented a form of service which he had drawn up for use at the quarterly and other meetings of the Association, which was unanimously adopted, he undertaking to ask the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to sanction its use. New members were enrolled from Coseley, Chaddesley Corbett, Hagley, Brierley Hill, and Stourbridge. It was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at Pershore. Resolved that the treasurer place the sum of £10 in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, the Rev. Minor Canon Floyer, of Worcester, being elected in the place of the Rev. A. B. Timbrell, deceased.

It was resolved that Mr. W. H. Smith, of Kidderminster, be appointed instructor to the Wolverley Society. Votes of thanks were given to the officers for their past services; to the Rev. S. J. Marriott for the service in the Church, the address, and the use of the schoolrooms; and to the various vicars who so kindly placed the use of their tower and bells at the disposal of the Association.

Touches of Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Caters at St. Thomas's, Dudley, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, London and Cambridge Surprise Major at Netherton, were rung during the day. An attempt by the Kidderminster band for a peal of London Surprise Major was made at Tipton which failed. A band met at St. Thomas's, Dudley, to attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, a funeral taking place at mid-day preventing a start. A peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at Clent, the record of which has appeared.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended committee meeting was held at Leeds on Saturday last, Mr. W. Snowdon, president, in the chair. It was resolved to accept the invitation of the St. Chad's branch to hold the next general meeting at Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, May 20th.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, March 12th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 476 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; C. J. B. Cook, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; J. W. Chandler, 6; A. Dubber, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The members of the North and East District of this Association met at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Saturday, the 15th inst., by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Robinson, and there was a large attendance. The tower was never inconveniently full, for members came and went, some to St. Stephen's church in Rochester Row, where Messrs. Oxborrow, Newton and Brice were courteously present to welcome any ringers who might arrive, and others to the City to listen to the grand peal of Stedman Cinques in progress at St. Paul's Cathedral. It was intended that the tower of St. Stephen's should be used mainly by ringers in Surprise methods, but these were slow in arriving, and when at length a goodly number were gathered and a few courses of London Surprise had been rung, the ringing was found to interfere with a Science and Art Examination in progress in the schools, and could not therefore be continued. What, however, could not be accomplished here, was carried out later at St. Margaret's, where in addition to frequent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Treble Bob Royal, touches in Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise methods were at intervals accomplished.

At a brief business meeting held in the tower, no less than eighteen new members were elected. The members of the Double Norwich long peal band happening to be present, the Hon. Secretary took the opportunity of congratulating them in the name of the Association upon the excellence of their performance, worthy of the best traditions of English pluck and perseverance; and added that with a conductor who had scored his first peals of Cambridge and London Surprise, after having rung but a few courses in either method, it was open to him and to his colleagues to achieve even greater distinction in the ringing world, if such a thing were possible, than that which they had already won. The meeting closed with a direction to the Secretary to convey the thanks of the members to the Rev. Canon Robinson and the Rev. W. H. G. Twining respectively, for so kindly allowing the use of their bells.

Ringing was then resumed, and brought to a close shortly before nine o'clock, all being desirous of getting to St. Paul's, in the hope of hearing the bells come round. In this they were not disappointed. They found a large gathering of ringers already assembled, and, when the peal was concluded, the general verdict was that those engaged in it had worthily done all honour to the Art.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday April 1st, the pretty little village of Old Warden was full of life and activity, the occasion being the dedication and re-opening of the bells after being re-hung in new iron frames, with all new fittings, two old bells re-cast and one new one added to make up a peal of six, by Messrs. Taylor, and a very excellent job they have made of them. The dedication service was at three o'clock, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Bathurst gave a very excellent address. The Bedfordshire Association received a very cordial invitation from the Vicar to reopen them. Messrs. Hill, Clark, Chasty, Constant, Webb, and Smith attended from Bedford; Mr. J. Church from Copal; and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Hon. Secretary. After service some well-struck 720's were rung of Plain Bob, Double Court, and Treble Bob. The visitors were

very kindly invited to the Vicarage to partake of tea, after which the ringers rang upon the handbells courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major to the delight of the Vicar and Mrs. Lampin and family. I understand Major Shuttleworth, of Old Warden, has borne the whole of the expense of the bells and fittings, and also provided the ringers with instruction books, and furnished the belfry with cork matting and new lamp, and last, but not least, a new peal of handbells.

I am also very pleased to say the Vicar and Major Shuttleworth expressed a wish to become hon. members of the Association, and they were duly elected on Easter Monday, at the annual meeting. The Vicar was very heartily thanked for his kind hospitality; and the ringers then wended their way to the tower for some more ringing, and finished up a very happy and pleasant afternoon. I. H.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Special Meeting of the above Association was held at Cirencester on Saturday, the 15th inst. Proceedings commenced with a service in the old Parish Church, when an interesting and instructive address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Sinclair. The business meeting was held immediately afterwards in the Old Town Hall, adjoining the church, at which members from Bristol, Gloucester, Bitton, Swindon, Cirencester and Tetbury were present. The sub-Committee appointed at the annual meeting at Gloucester, to consider the proposal as to forming branches of the Association in different centres of the Diocese brought up a unanimous report in favour of the scheme, and suggested that three branches should be and called respectively the Gloucester, Bristol, and Cirencester branches, each comprising various deaneries, most conveniently situated as regards railway accommodation from such centres. The report of the Committee was unanimously adopted. The Committee also reported in favour of the appointment of a paid instructor who should devote his whole time to the work of the Association. This portion of the Committee's Report was at their own request referred back to them for fuller consideration. One honorary and 17 performing members were duly elected. The Rev. H. E. Tilney Basset, of 86, Coronation Road, Bedminster, Bristol, was unanimously elected as Hon. Assistant Secretary.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Monday, April 10th, the Norton ringers and choir-men, to the number of twenty, had their annual dinner at the Bagshawe Arms. After dinner Mr. J. Atkin, choir-master, took the chair, and Mr. James vice-chair. The toast of The Queen was drunk with musical honours. Other toasts followed, interspersed with songs and recitations, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The vice-chairman, in proposing the toast of the donors of the feast, hoped that they would long be spared to remain in the parish, their generosity to all classes being too well-known to need comment. Mr. Atkin, in giving the toast of the host and hostess, congratulated them on the splendid dinner they had served that evening. Mr. Fielding responded, and reminded the guests that if any praise was due it was to Mrs. Fielding and not himself, so he would thank them all on her behalf. "Time, gentlemen!" came too soon, and this closed a pleasant gathering.

SUSSEX NOTES.

The annual meeting of the Sussex Association was undoubtedly a success, but it is rather remarkable that, out of a membership of over 600, scarcely a hundred assembled at Brighton on Easter Monday, notwithstanding the fact that no place could be selected better situated to be reached by rail from all parts of the country. The somewhat poor attendance may, however, be accounted for in various ways. In the first place the meeting is always held on a Bank holiday, and on these occasions there are always numerous counter attractions for the not too enthusiastic ringer. Then, too, the present management of the Association may be most satisfactory to the members, for were it otherwise one might rest assured that if there was anything wrong, there would be no hesitation on the part of the "wronged" to attend and openly avow their disapproval of the existing state of things. There was, however, not a single discordant note struck the whole day through, but nevertheless those more intimately concerned with the working of the Association would prefer to see a much larger attendance. The Master (Mr. Attree) has secured a promise from the Lord Bishop of Chichester, the President of the Association, to attend the next or the following annual meeting, and to preach the sermon at the service which is always held on those occasions. Such being the case the attendance ought at least to be trebled in order to show his Lordship the loyalty of the members to the head of the Church in the Diocese.

Although speaking in no disparaging manner of the services of previous years, that of Easter Monday was certainly in advance of its predecessors in point of brightness, the musical portion being led by an excellent choir. The clergy who officiated were all members of the Association, deeply interested in its welfare, one indeed being no less a person than the worthy Hon. Secretary himself. As is usual on such occasions the discourse of the preacher was singularly appropriate. After exhorting his hearers, not only in ringing the bells, but in every other thing they undertook, to do all for the glory of God, he traced in a most interesting manner the evolution of the bell throughout all its stages.

By inducing the Mayor of the borough to preside at the luncheon upon this, as on three former occasions, the Master may claim to have done much to bring the work of the Association under the notice of the public generally. In reply to the only toast permitted at these gatherings, that of "The Church and Queen," the chief magistrate, as representing the State, made a humorous speech, and was followed by the Vicar of Brighton as the head of the Church in the town, who caused the company some further amusement. If there is one thing above another in which Prebendary Hannah excels in social life it is his after-dinner oratory. His breezy speeches are always attractive, and yet they always carry with them some point which he never fails to force home upon his hearers.

The Master's comparison of the work of last year with that of fourteen years ago, when the association first started showed, as of course it ought to show, progress all along the line, and Mr. Attree again took care to point out to the members that if Sussex was to remain in its present proud position at the head of all other societies in England in the matter of peal-ringing, it was necessary that "more bands should ring more peals in more methods." This advice is exceedingly good and by no means unnecessary, but there are difficulties in the way, difficulties which are sometimes almost insurmountable. It goes without saying that a band cannot ring a number of methods, or one method for that matter, without continual and united practice, and in the country districts it is more often than not the case that as soon as a ringer has begun "to know the ropes," he leaves the neighbourhood and someone else has to be enlisted in his place. And thus it is that in many places there is nothing but a stream of young ringers coming and going, and all the "old hands" get who spend their time and patience upon teaching the youngsters is the doubtful satisfaction of knowing that their pupils have gone where other bands will reap the benefits of their tuition, not of course because they wish to forsake their ringing nursery, so to speak, but because the needs

and circumstances of life necessitate it. Little wonder then, class after class of learners having been brought up with the same result, that at length patience begins to tire and ringing at that tower lapses, at all events for a time, into abeyance.

The business of the meeting was very much of a routine character, with nothing to excite lively discussion. For the first time for some years, the challenge bell changed hands, but that only after the voluntary withdrawal of the holders, the St. Peter's (Brighton) Society from the competition. One other item of interest was dealt with, it being resolved by the unanimous vote of the meeting, to record in a fitting manner the long peal of Superlative Surprise rung by the Crawley branch in December, 1894.

There were two towers open for ringing during the day, one being the only ten-bell tower in the County. It was therefore only natural that this should receive the most attention. With the mixed bands that "hang on" on these occasions it was not to be expected that some of the ringing could not have been improved upon, but only practice makes perfect, and after all, one of the reasons for holding such meetings is for combined practice. Everybody had opportunity to have their fill of ringing and no one had cause to complain.

OCCASIONAL CONTRIBUTOR.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A company of members of this society arranged to spend their annual Easter Monday holiday at Spalding, and were fortunate in having the assistance of Mr. Lilley (of Loughborough) and Mr. Pickworth (of London) to make up a full band. "First train down; direct to the church;" was the order. Here all previous arrangements had gone awry. An Easter meeting and a wedding of all things had got wedged in. "Bells cannot be had for a peal attempt until midday," was the verdict. Things looked a bit off. The organiser of the trip tried his hand at making a joke, but was promptly informed that ringing not joking was wanted. "Now what is your next item? pull yourself together, man! you ought to have seen these difficulties a week ago." Then a bolt: but the weakness of his ways being known, he was soon brought up to the scratch. Holbeach having been secured, a vehicle was chartered, and we were soon bowling along in that direction. Fulney, where a beautiful ring of eight is hung, was soon passed, it was hoped it might be to the music of the church bells, an outside company having secured them previously for the day, but all was silent as the grave. Our landing-place was soon reached, and then a hasty look outside of the church, inside the bells were being raised in peal; a splendid ring of music, but out of all reckoning for a long attempt, 224 of Bob Major and 504 of Grandsire Triples being voted enough. The bells were then lowered in peal by the express wish of Canon Hemmans, who with the churchwarden, Mr. Trevitt, was present to welcome us, and who were fully alive to the "chronic" condition of the bells. The opportunity was taken to press home the remedy, and it is sincerely hoped the effort may bear fruit. The rev. gentleman was highly satisfied with the little we did, and marked his appreciation by meeting the expenses incurred from Spalding, and gave a very hearty invitation for us to come again. The day was getting on, so back to Spalding, and an attempt made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing fourteen courses it came to an untimely end; of course every man knew where he was and also where his other brother-strings ought to have been. Shortness of time prevented a second attempt. The inevitable short touches of Major and Grandsire Triples were dealt with like old friends, every bit of music being knocked out that came under the treatment. It was unanimously agreed that the day was a thoroughly enjoyable one, though we scored nothing but "a nice outing." Better luck next time.

H. P. N.

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, [Dunsdon Vicarage, Reading Berks.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Rev. Canon Haddock presided at the annual meeting of this Association held in the All Hallows' Mission Hall, at Bedford, on Easter Monday, at noon, when there were also present the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (the Honorary Secretary), Messrs. E. Ransom, Clarke, I. Hills (the Assistant Secretary), and others.

The report for the past year was presented by the Honorary Secretary. The Committee recorded its sense of the loss sustained by the Association by the regretted death of Mr. George Hurst. Actually the first member to pay his subscription for the past year, he rarely allowed any annual meeting to pass without being present since the first establishment of the Association, and on many occasions took the chair at these gatherings. At such times his keen interest in the progress of ringing, and his sympathetic speeches in furtherance of the objects of the Association were always warmly appreciated by the members present. He also gave the seventh bell at St. Paul's, Bedford, in the recent reconstruction of the peal. The sudden death of the Rev. P. E. Curtois, Vicar of Hemingford Grey, and Secretary for the Huntingdon Archdeaconry to the Ely Diocesan Association, who was present at the last annual meeting, and spoke in reference to the proposed scheme of amalgamation, was also to be regretted. During the past year repairs have been carried out at Willington, Harrold, Leighton Buzzard, and Old Warden, and in each case the Association has either been represented at the re-opening of the bells or has been requested to supply instruction for the ringers who desire to join the ranks. In the case of Leighton Buzzard the Association was unable to supply an instructor at the time desired, and the necessary tuition was obtained from a London ringer. The Committee recommended that in the event of the Leighton Buzzard company joining the Association, the Treasurer be empowered to pay towards the expense of their instruction a sum equal in amount to that which he would have paid to an instructor belonging to the Association had one been able to go. Successful quarterly meetings have been held at Thurleigh, Luton, and Leighton Buzzard. It would be a great satisfaction to know that the Luton bells were likely to be re-hung. They were greatly in need of attention, and the excellent work that has been done at Leighton Buzzard should be an incentive to the Luton ringers to persevere in their requests until a like good result has been obtained. It is gratifying to record that the ringers of Thurleigh and Cople have joined the Association, and that there is every probability of the Harrold and Old Warden companies doing the same.

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet. The latter showed that the year's working was commenced with a sum of £34 2s. 7d. in hand, which, including 65 subscriptions from performing members and other receipts, brought the income up to £44 3s. 11d. The balance in hand at the end of the year is £31 12s. 3d.

The hon. secretary brought up the question of getting preferential rates from the railway companies for members travelling to quarterly meetings, as was the case with some other societies, and said that the Central Council had sent copies of a petition to be signed by members. The difficulty with this Association was that the fares were paid from the funds, and not by the members as was said in the petition.

Some discussion took place on the matter, and in the end the secretary was requested to support the petition with the necessary modification to meet the case of the Association.

The next business was the election of officers for the coming year, and they were chosen as follows:—Hon. Secretaries, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. Isaac Hills; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Bull; and hon. auditor, Mr. G. C. Walker.

Before the proceedings terminated Mr. Matthews referred to some friction that had taken place at a recent re-opening between ringers from Woburn and Bedford, and after hearing both sides, the chairman advised members to work harmoniously together, and to endeavour to avoid any sort of bad feeling in the future.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and in the afternoon the members re-assembled for the annual tea, at which there was again a good attendance.

The largest number of members ever elected at any meeting was enrolled on this occasion,

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.

An interesting personage has passed away this week in the personage of Mr. Samuel Mayers, of Christleton, who died on Tuesday after a painful illness. Mr. Mayers was 84 years of age, and was remarkable in that he was, perhaps, one of the most wonderful bell-ringers in the United Kingdom. The family of Mayers has long been famous in connection with that pretty peal of bells at Christleton, and the particular member of the family to whom we now refer has done much to bring this about. He was a regular bell-ringer from the beginning of the Queen's reign, took part in the muffled peal upon the death of King William IV., and also rang the bells on the Queen's Coronation. On Jubilee Day, 1887, he was at his place helping to sound peal after peal on the Christleton bells, and on Diamond Jubilee Day, close on two years ago, he sustained his part with the rest in a 5040 peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's ten-part. This feat occupied close on three hours, and Mr. Mayers went through it like the hale and hearty veteran he was then. Up to a few weeks ago he walked every day from Christleton to Chester and back to his work, his labours, of course, being light. It is 2½ miles S.E. by E. from Chester. Sunday by Sunday he was to be found in the belfry, and he was not the worst of a good set of ringers. His familiar figure in disappearing will leave a blank for some time to come.—*Congleton Chronicle*.

Our correspondent who sends the above—Mr. J. Perry, of Congleton—adds the following particulars about Christleton Church:—

Christleton Church is a small, neat edifice covered with ivy. It was erected in 1739, except the tower, which was built in 1530, and contains a peal of eight bells. It consists of nave, chancel, side aisles, and transept. It is very neatly fitted up, and contains a handsome marble tablet placed in the church to commemorate the great interest and zeal and liberality of Thomas Dixon, Esq., in all matters relating to the church. In 1855 it underwent a complete renovation, at which a new clock face was put in the tower, the cost being defrayed by a church rate. The living is a rectory valued in the King's books at £35 ss., now £900. The tithes are £320, and there are 50 acres of glebe land. The churchyard was enlarged some years ago, a plot of land 1477 yards being given by Townsend Ince, Esq. A church no doubt existed here at the Conquest, when, in a grant to the monks of St. Werburgh, it was described as "Capellam de Christleton."

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, the members of the Goring branch of this Guild had their annual excursion, and to Oxford they went. Having obtained permission to ring at four towers, they met at the station at 9.0 p.m., Oxford being reached soon after 10 o'clock. On arrival they were met on the platform by the brother of Mr. A. Fox, who conducted them to the St. Giles's parish rooms (which establishment is under the management of Mr. A. Fox). This brother-string had kindly arranged to provide dinner and tea for the party. After partaking of a small lunch, the visitors were soon on their way to ring at St. Martin and All Saints' church, where upon leaving they were agreeably surprised to meet some of the Cathedral ringers, who gave them a cordial invitation to visit the Cathedral. There they went; and after the Oxford men had rung a touch of Stedman Caters, they offered their visiting friends a rope, when they assisted to fall the bells in peal, Mr. Washbrook being at the treble. Dinner was then had, and after a few touches at St. Giles's, and lowering the bells, Holywell St. Cross was visited, but only one 720 was rung, as the party were anxious to see Merton College belfry, a visit they will never forget. After this tea, then to St. Mary Magdalen; an hour spent here, and then to the meeting-house of the Oxford society, where Mr. Washbrook tapped some Cinques on the piano. Now a hasty run had to be made for the railway-station, and just in time. This was one of the best excursions the Goring society has ever had, and they take the opportunity through the medium of this journal of thanking the following gentlemen for their kindness: Mr. A. Fox and brother, Mr. W. C. Baston, Mr. K. Payne, Mr. J. Howes, and Mr. Washbrook and other gentlemen who helped to make a pleasant day.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1899.

A great deal of the intelligence published in this journal comprises accounts of meetings, of almost every conceivable character. There may be, and no doubt there is at times a great similarity in such information, but this can hardly be avoided. Of late many of these reports have afforded a pleasing indication that the Art is approaching a position and status which have been looked for for many years. True it is that change-ringing comes not under the denomination of "sport;" in that fact we rejoice. Publications are plentiful enough—luxurious editions, some of them—dealing exhaustively and authoritatively with "sport" and all kinds of athletic pursuits. We are thankful our Art cannot be included in any of these treatises.

We were alluding to our own reports. Does the most negligent reader fail to see that the reception now accorded to ringers and ringing is improving day by day? We read of ringers visiting places hitherto strange to them, meeting with an agreeable surprise in the treatment they receive, not only from their ringing brethren,

that may be expected, but from the leading inhabitants of the place visited. They are not only made the recipients of a warm hospitality, but the expenses of their journey are occasionally pressed upon them. This number reports one case if not more, of the sort.

These improving features are very agreeable to notice. We could dwell upon them at great length if space permitted us. Let it be our constant aim to keep the ball rolling, to use a homely phrase; to do nothing that shall jeopardise the progress we are making towards the goodwill and commendation of the most enlightened and refined section of the community.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting will be held at Norwich on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, 23rd May, 1899.

Notices of motion, etc., must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday *next*, April 25th. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

April 18th, 1899.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Four Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 CHANGES.

Tenor 62 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	WILLIAM D. SMITH 7.
EDWIN HORREX 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 8.
HARRY HOSKINS* 3.	*WALTER WISE 9.
GEORGE J. SMITH 4.	EZRA CARTER 10.
THOMAS TAFFENDER 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 6.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HALEY, and

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*First peal of Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Rosa Maca'pine Leny.

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

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	ROWLAND FENN 5.
CALEB FENN 2.	SAMUEL HAYES 6.
YORK GREEN 3.	EBENEZER ANDREWS 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor.

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On Monday, April 17, 1899, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES DRIVER Treble.	FREDERICK DENCH 5.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 2.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS 6.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 3.	JOHN N. OXBORROW 7.
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On Wednesday, April 5, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	E. W. MENDAY 5.
C. R. LILLEY 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
E. J. MENDAY 3.	H. W. SMITH 7.
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Composed by A. W. PIKE, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES SPARKES Treble.	HENRY MIDDLETON 5.
W. ELLIS 2.	JOHN JENNINGS 6.
W. ROCK SMALL 3.	THOMAS COLLINSON 7.
THOMAS HYLAND 4.	JOHN CARTER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is in twelve parts with all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 12, 1899, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT NORRIS Treble.	*FRANK MEDHURST 5.
CLEMENT HILL 2.	GEORGE WATSON 6.
THOMAS WATERHOUSE* .. 3.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD 4.	HARRY DENMAN Tenor.

Conducted by G. WATSON.

*First peal.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 12, 1899, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LLOYD Treble.	WILLIAM B. BISS 5.
JOHN H. ALDRIDGE* 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK 6.
ALLEN ROWLEY 3.	WILLIAM COOMBS 7.
JOHN HARRIS 4.	BENJAMIN TILLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

*First peal of Triples. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Caroline Williams, daughter of Mr. Charles Williams, of Roath Court, to Major J. C. Reynolds, of the 1st. battalion Welsh regiment, now stationed at the depot, Cardiff. This is the first peal rung on the bells for such an occasion.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 12, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS HERBERT Treble.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.
JOHN C. HILL 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3.	WILLIAM DEXTER 7.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 4.	HARRY LOVETT (aged 13) .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal with a bob bell by J. C. Hill, and first peal at first attempt by H. Lovett, who had not rung on eight bells before, and to whom great credit is due. Hill hails from Leicester; Lovett from Sileby; Herbert, Inglesant and Dexter from Quorndon; the rest from Loughborough.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOSEPH FAYERS Treble.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 5.
JAMES DREWITT 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
THOMAS GWYNNE 4.	JAMES WIGNELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Dr. A. B. Carpenter and Messrs. Fayers and Smith, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

TWYFORD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

FREDERICK HILL Treble.	GEORGE CHAPPELL 5.
GEORGE SMITH* 2.	GEORGE GRAHAM 6.
HENRY WHITE 3.	JOHN W. WHITING 7.
REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 4.	*JOHN ASHFORD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal. The thanks of the members of the above band are hereby tendered to the Rev. M. E. Hoets, Vicar of Twyford, who very kindly provided them with a meat tea after the peal.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART (NO. II). Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE* Treble.	†WILLIAM ALLDER 5.
GEORGE ALLDER 2.	JOSEPH J. PARKER 6.
LOUIS G. READ* 3.	CHARLES CLARKE 7.
GEORGE BLOOMFIELD .. 4.	ALFRED DAY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

†First peal. *First peal in the method.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE F. WELLER .. Treble.	HAROLD D. SEARLE 5.
FREDERICK LUXFORD .. 2.	GEORGE H. LEE 6.
ERNEST HOLDEN 3.	*HUGH W. HERRINGTON .. 7.
PERCY DOICK 4.	JOHN NETLEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. LEE.

*First peal.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 6-scores each of St. Simon's, Grandsire, Old Doubles, and twenty-four 6-scores of Plain Doubles.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

ALFRED R. WOOLLARD .. Treble.	EDGAR RIVERS 3.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	HARRY J. MEE 4.
ALFRED G. RIVERS Tenor.	

Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.

First peal on the bells, and first by Messrs. Woollard, G. Mee, and E. Rivers.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART (NO. 2). Tenor 17 cwt.

WM. SMITH Treble.	CHARLES E. HART 5.
ALBERT H. WARD 2.	ALFRED WALLACE 6.
CHARLES DRAPER 3.	WALTER WALLACE 7.
JAMES FEARN 4.	ROBERT SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

CHARLES GILES Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.
ARTHUR W. PIKE 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
W. P. ROUTH, ESQ. 3.	FRANK HOPGOOD 7.
HENRY TUCKER 4.	ERNEST BRUCE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Two Hours Fifty-eight and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

JOHN DENNER Treble.	SAMUEL OAKES 5.
THOMAS PEERS 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
HENRY MOSS 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
ALFRED POTTER 4.	JOHN POTTER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

This is the first peal in the above method by all, and is also the first by the Bolton branch.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 52 cwt.

WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. Treble.	JOHN EACHUS 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. 2.	FRANCIS HYDE 7.
JAMES BOOTH 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 8.
WALTER BROWN 4.	SAMUEL WOOD 9.
ALFRED CROSS 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

The band here desire to express themselves well pleased with the efficiency which Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have displayed in re-hanging the bells.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHWICH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Grandsire, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

WILLIAM HINE* Treble.	THOMAS WILKINSON 4.
THOMAS BUSH 2.	†HUGH YARWOOD 5.
ALBERT BOOTH 3.	JOSEPH ASHMOLE Tenor.

Conducted by HUGH YARWOOD.

*First peal. †First as conductor.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

FREDERICK NORRIS* Treble.	HENRY GOLDING 5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2.	WILLIAM H. NEWALL 6.
JAMES FLOYD 3.	WILLIAM CHARGE, JUN. 7.
CHARLES GOLDING† 4.	*GEORGE SELLS Tenor.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method, and the first since 1845 rung here by the College Youths. The peal was arranged for F. Norris, and is his first attempt.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 16, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN* Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
THOMAS ANDREWS 2.	*WILLIAM STANFORD 6.
WALTER CHARMAN 3.	*JOHN COOK 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal in the method.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 17, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

THOMAS GRATTON* Treble.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD 5.
WALTER BROWN 2.	CHARLES CASH 6.
JAMES BARRETT 3.	*FRANCIS HYDE 7.
JOHN JACKSON* 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method.

WORTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PARKIN Treble.	THOMAS ROBBINS 5.
EDWARD ROBBINS 2.	GEORGE W. DRONFIELD 6.
JOHN DRONFIELD 3.	JOHN PARKIN 7.
THOS. MCKEGG 4.	DAVID BREARLEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, of Lincoln, and Conducted by
DAVID BREARLEY.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th twenty-two times in 6ths place, and the 2nd never in that position.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER, JUNR. .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 2.	FREDERICK STEELE 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	FREDERICK DEARING 7.
LIONEL E. SEARS 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by JAMES BARKER, and
Conducted by KEITH HART,

Handbell Peals.—The Metropolis.

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

On Friday, April 14, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ROWLAND FENN, SEN., ST. MARGARET'S
ROAD, BARKING,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ALBERT C. HARDY* 1-2.	THOMAS FAULKNER 5-6.
ROWLAND FENN 3-4.	CALEB FENN 7-8.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

Umpires:—George W. Faulkner and Ernest G. Fenn.

*First in the method on handbells. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his twenty-fourth birthday.

Miscellaneous.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.—On Wednesday, April 5th, for practice at St. Patrick's Cathedral on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. G. Lambert, 1; J. W. Lambert, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. H. Barber (conductor), 4; C. Murray, 5; R. R. Cherry, 6. On Monday, April 10th, 720 Bob Major. R. R. Cherry, 1-2; G. Lindoff, 3-4; W. H. Barber (conductor), 5-6; G. Salter, 7-8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WHITBY.—On Easter Monday, at St. Mary's church, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 1; G. F. Alexander, 2; Jas. Brown, 3; W. Newton, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; J. W. Passman, 6; G. J. Clarkson, 7; T. Metcalfe, 8. Also 1024 in the same method with J. W. Passman, 2; G. F. Alexander, 6; the rest as before. Conducted by G. F. Clarkson.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, April 9th, at the parish church, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major. W. J. Titchener, 1; J. Carter, 2; R. Fenwick, 3; J. H. Jones, 4; C. Hall, 5; F. P. Howcroft, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; A. McFarlane, 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY.—On Sunday, March 12th, at the church of The Holy Trinity, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; F. Town, 2; W. Walton, 3; D. Campbell, 4; N. Townend, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Redman, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. For evening service 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. T. Knowles, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Heys, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Good Friday, March 31st, for morning service with the bells half-muffled, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 52 mins. Tenor nearly 30 cwt. *R. Lund (aged 15), 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall (conductor), 8; J. W. Bailey, 9; T. Gordon, 10. Composed by J. George. *First quarter-peal.

WITTON, NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Thursday, February 23rd, at St. Helen's church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Johnson (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; G. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6. On Tuesday, March 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Johnson, 1; S. Forster, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 23rd, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Forster (conductor), 1; S. Johnson, 2; R. Chantler, 3; G. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, March 7th, for practice at Christ Church, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Sharp, A. Gower, G. S. Hewitt, R. C. Mayo, A. Miles (first touch as conductor), G. Head, G. H. Howse, D. Duly. On Thursday, March 9th, 350 Grandsire Triples. E. Mallard, A. Gower, G. S. Hewitt, A. Piper, T. Price (first as conductor), G. H. Head, J. Sharp, C. Counden. On Tuesday, March 14th, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, two courses of College Single Minor, and 546 Grandsire Triples, conducted by R. C. Mayo. On Thursday, March 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Penfold, F. Harding, A. Gower, G. H. Howse, J. Smith, J. Sharp, G. H. Head (first as conductor), H. Hookham. First

quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. Penfold and Gower. On Friday, March 17th, previous to the Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Mallard, G. H. Head, A. Miles, G. H. Howse, A. Gower, T. Price, J. Sharp (conductor), H. Hookham. First quarter-peal by E. Mallard.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HALE (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, February 9th, for practice, 720 Kent in 29 mins. J. W. Wood, 1; R. Masters, 2; T. B. Wood, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, February 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford in 33 mins. J. R. Green, 1; T. B. Wood, 2; C. Ward, 3; R. Masters, 4; J. W. Wood, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On February 12th, 720 Bob Minor. H. P. Nash, 3; J. Hilton, 4; E. Houlden, 5; F. Warrington, 6; J. T. Holmes, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. On February 19th, 336 Bob Major. H. P. Nash, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Hilton, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Clark, 6; E. Houlden, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 12th, 630 Union Union Triplas. H. P. Nash, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; W. Houlden, 8. On Monday, March 13th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. †W. Woods, 1; W. Dickinson (conductor), 2; J. Hilton, 3; *T. Woods, 4; *H. P. Nash, 5; F. Warrington, 6; E. Houlden, 7; †W. Houlden, 8. †First quarter-peal. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell. On Friday, March 24th, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Woods, 1; E. Houlden, 2; J. Hilton, 3; T. Woods, 4; J. Clark, 5; *T. Humberstone, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; W. Houlden, 8. On Sunday, April 2nd, 672 Bob Major. H. P. Nash, 1; F. Hilton, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. Clark, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; E. Houlden, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, April 2nd, for Service, 420 Grandsire Triples, and 336 Bob Major. S. Kerrison, 1; A. Lee, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; F. L. Wilson, 4; C. Kerrison, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; R. Tracy, 7; W. Lee, 8. On handbells three courses of Grandsire Triples. E. Lincoln, 1-2; F. L. Wilson, 3-4; F. Lambert, 5-6; Mrs. F. Lambert, 7-8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, March 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Broom, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; W. Harper, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Hayes, 1; H. Milbams, 2; F. J. Ring, 5; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 19th, 720 London Surprise. M. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Broom, 1; E. Brett, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. E. Brett hails from Farningham, and it is his first 720. On Sunday, April 2nd, 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 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; M. Digby, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; A. Morris, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. A. Morris hails from Harwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

PENDLETON (Lancashire).—On Friday, April 7th, at the church of Thomas, 672 Cambridge Surprise. F. Smith, 1; S. Greenhalgh, 2; J. Smith, 3; A. Cross, 4; J. Turner, 5; H. Shaker, 6; G. F. Woodhouse, 7; H. Chapman (conductor), 8. Also 448 Superlative Surprise. F. Smith, 1; J. Smith, 2; A. Cross, 3; J. Winterbotham, 4; S. Greenhalgh, 5; H. Shaker, 6; G. F. Woodhouse, 7; H. Chapman (conductor), 8. The above was rung as a surprise visit of Mr. Woodhouse, the local band having met one short to attempt a peal, it being too late on that gentleman's arrival, who hails from Sedbergh.

ADDINGTON (Northants).—On Tuesday, April 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Smeathers, 1; W. Perkins, 2; J. Garratt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Houghton, sen., 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. First 720 by A. Smeathers, and first of Treble Bob on the bells.

BRISTOL.—On Friday evening, April 7th, at St. Matthew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. G. Thomas, 1; S. Thomas, 2; W. Lea, 3; J. Thomas, 4; W. H. Thomas, 5; F. Isaacs, 6; A. M. Isaacs, 7; J. Palser, 8. First quarter-peal and first attempt by all except Messrs. S. Thomas and Palser. On Sunday evening, after Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. W. Lea, 1; S. Thomas (conductor), 2; F. Isaacs, 3; J. Thomas, 4; R. Channings, 5; J. Burford, 6; A. M. Isaacs, 7; G. Thomas, 8. J. Thomas is the youngest change-ringer in Bristol, aged 16 years.

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."

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—I observed in the discussion upon this question at the last meeting of the Central Council that while some considered it a delicate question for the Council to take action upon there was a general opinion that it was a practice that should not be encouraged. Might I respectfully suggest that as Mr. Attree's analysis is now becoming an important document, that if the Council would decide that no points in value should be allowed for peals rang upon Sundays, there would be no encouragement to ring peals upon the Sabbath, and the practice would gradually be discontinued.

B. KEEBLE.

THE LONG PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—As my name has been mentioned as having heard part of the long peal of Double Norwich rung at Erith on Easter Monday last, I may say that during the afternoon I walked over from Crayford with Mr. Conyard and heard about 2 hours of the peal, and can certainly testify to the excellent striking, every course-end being so distinct that anyone could easily take them off. I took off a number of them myself and have since compared them with the figures of the peal, and needless to say, found them correct. I have also recently had the pleasure of listening to part of some of the peals rung by the same band, and upon each occasion the striking has been excellent. Mr. W. Pye and his energetic band are ringers of more than ordinary merit and well deserve the hearty congratulations of the Exercise.

E. BARNETT.

BIDDENDEN BELLS, KENT.

SIR,—As no one made any answer to Mr. Dennes' letter in "BELL NEWS" for April 1st, I should very much like to make a few remarks on the subject. Now the tenor bell at Biddenden measures 51½ inches in diameter. This may give some idea of its weight, which is generally given at 28 cwt., but no doubt 23 or 24 cwt. is nearer the weight. This is a most splendid bell, and I should think it is very nearly equal to Lavenham tenor, which is considered the best in England; perhaps Mr. Dennes or some other gentlemen who have heard them both can give us some information on the subject. I think also the diameter should be given with the weight of the Tenor in "Reports of Ringing," which would give us some idea of the weight in future.

Headcorn, Kent.

PHILIP HODGKIN.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

CHURCH CLOCK AND ORGAN FUND.

A tea and social was held in the National Schools on Tuesday in aid of the church clock and organ fund. The following ladies kindly acted as teamakers:—Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Hands, Mrs. Wingell, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. R. Payne, Mrs. Skerritt, Miss Love-day, Miss Rawlin, Miss Judd, Mrs. J. K. Taylor, Mrs. W. Mawby, Mrs. W. Neville, Mrs. W. Pettitt, Mrs. E. King, the Misses F. Horner, A. Ward, F. Newman, N. Massom, and B. Hooten. The evening's programme consisted of songs, games, dances, etc., and a selection on the handbells by the senior ringers. The whole of the arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. E. Neville, and the proceeds are expected to realise upwards of £12.

Situations Vacant.

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ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this society was held in the vestry on Thursday, March 30th. The Rev. Canon Denton (Vicar of Ashby and rural dean) presided, and there were present Mr. Edward Ison (vicar's warden), Mr. W. Canner (hon. member), and Messrs. J. Curtis, G. Thornley, G. Hatton, sen., H. Hatton, G. Hatton, jun., and J. H. Dinmore. The attendance was smaller than usual, but the early hour at which the meeting was held was in a measure accountable for this.

The Treasurer's accounts for 1898 were presented and passed, and a copy signed by the chairman for presentation to the Easter vestry. During the year the sum of £24 19s. (viz.: £2 2s. for special ringing on the occasion of a diamond wedding, £5 from the church offertory account, and £17 17s. from inhabitants of Ashby and neighbourhood at the annual Christmas collection) had been received, and according to rule distributed among the eleven ringing members in proportion to their attendance for service ringing and for practice. The highest number of attendances was 203, and the lowest 70; the average being 154 per member.

Mr. G. Hatton reported that during the year one peal and nine quarter-peals had been rung.

The Chairman very heartily thanked the officers and members for their services, and Mr. Ison, speaking in support, congratulated the members on their regular and punctual attendance at the service ringing.

Mr. George Hatton was re-elected captain; Mr. J. Curtis deputy-captain; and Mr. J. H. Dunmore hon. sec. and treasurer.

The question of a ringers' outing was discussed, and on it being stated that it was some years since such an event had taken place in connection with the society, Mr. Ison very generously offered to defray this year the cost of an "outing."

On the proposition of Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Walter Canner, and carried unanimously, Mr. C. R. Lilley (of Loughborough) was elected an honorary member of the society, his election to date as from 7th March, 1899, he having on that day conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells, seven members of the society forming the remainder of the band.

The Secretary having pointed out that it had been customary to send to the sidesmen of the church notices of the meetings of the society, but that there was nothing in the rules or on the minutes connecting them therewith, it was resolved that the sidesmen for the time being be honorary members of the society.

Mr. J. Hopkin (an old member of the society and now residing at Coventry) having completed the entries to the end of 1895, had by request sent the society's peal-book for inspection. His illumination work was much admired: the best thanks of the meeting were accorded to him for the progress made with the task he had so willingly undertaken, and Canon Denton and Mr. Ison promised to recommend to the Easter vestry that an honorarium of two guineas be sent to Mr. Hopkin as a small acknowledgment of his work.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings. At the vestry meeting on Easter Monday, Mr. Edward Ison (who was re-appointed Vicar's warden) read the ringers' accounts and particulars of their attendances, etc., and it was resolved that the sum of £5 be paid to the ringers for their services in 1899. Mr. Ison incidentally mentioned that the amount ought to be £10., but he was pleased to say the ringers were again willing to accept half that amount. The peal-book was an object of interest to the vestry, and the sum of two guineas was very willingly voted to Mr. Hopkin. There was also recorded on the vestry minutes a hearty vote of thanks to the ringers, Canon Denton remarking that their conduct was most exemplary, and the way they carried out their duties beyond praise.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The usual monthly meeting of the above branch was held on Saturday, April 8th, at Birch-in-Rusholme, when advantage was taken of the dedication and re-opening of the peal of eight bells (which have been re-hung and quartered by Messrs. Taylor and Co.). The bells were ready at 3 p.m. for ringing, and various touches were rung from that time until 5 p.m., when the dedication service was held in the church, at which all ringers present attended and many of the parishioners. The service,

which was choral, was taken by the Rector (Rev. F. G. Buller, M.A.), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. F. G. Elsee, M.A. (President of the Association) from Romans vi., and portion of the 4th verse, "Newness of life," in which the preacher contrasted the Spring-time as the evidence of coming Summer; with the bells as entering upon a new lease of life—and in which he urged his hearers to unity of purpose in all ringing matters, showing that though a bell may go well by itself, it might not go with the others. The rev. gentleman said one ringer could not do by himself without others, and so it behoved all to work together in unity and so begin a new life. During the sermon the preacher paid feeling allusion to the loss the Association had suffered from the death of Mr. T. Idle, who had been a ringer of the church for upwards of twenty-five years, and also the late Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Anson.

After the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a most substantial and enjoyable tea awaited the members, which was kindly given by the Rector and a few friends, and presided over with every assiduity by several lady members of the congregation. The tea (to which upwards of 60 sat down), having been done full justice to, a very hearty vote of thanks for the donors and helpers was moved by the President and unanimously responded to. After tea the business meeting was held, at which the Rector was unanimously elected an Hon. Life Member, and several performing members were also elected. The next branch meeting was fixed for May 13th, at Gorton. At the close of the meeting thanks were again heartily accorded to the Rector and his friends for their kindness.

The ringers would not do their duty without paying Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, their due, in bearing testimony to the excellent manner in which they have done their work; the unanimous opinion of all being that the bells go well, and will go well for a long time in the future.

The methods indulged in during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major, and also a touch of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Pendleton men, in which the President of the Association took part. This concluded one of the most enjoyable meetings ringers could have.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Dorking on Easter Monday, the 3rd of April. The bells of St. Martin's, which are a fine peal, with a tenor of 25 cwt. in D., were raised soon after two and responded to various methods until six, when the ringers attended the evening service, the Vicar, the Rev. —. Chichester delivering a short address specially to the ringers. Tea was served in the Church Room close by, and was followed by the usual business meeting. There was an attendance of 45, composed of members from Ashted, Betchworth, Benhilton, Beddington, Buckland, Bletchingley, Croydon, Dorking, Epsom, Horley, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Nutfield, Reigate, and Redhill, and the chair was occupied by the Vicar. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. The retiring auditors were re-elected. It was reported that since the last meeting the following peals had been rung: Mitcham, Stedman Triples; Beddington, Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, and Stedman Triples; Carshalton, Grandsire Triples; St. Peter's, Croydon, Oxford Bob Triples; Leatherhead, Grandsire Triples. It was resolved that the next meeting be held at Beddington and Carshalton on Saturday, the 15th July next. New members were declared elected as follows: The Rev. John Henry White and John Sims Smith, Esq., of Croydon, hon. members; and Messrs. William Marks, Harry Over (Leatherhead), George Harkett (Betchworth), Henry F. Evans (Redhill), and William Lynch (Dorking) as performing members. The business closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and to the hon. secretary. The members afterwards again visited the tower and further indulged in ringing until after nine o'clock. Mr. E. Dodd, the leader of the local band, was most attentive to the wants of the visitors, and his efforts were much appreciated.

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Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The Annual Meeting of this district will be held at Canterbury, to-day, Saturday, April 22nd. The towers of St. Stephen (8), St. Alphege (6), will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. The Cathedral (10) after afternoon service. Usual allowances. Tea at Eastbridge Hospital at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Members please read Rule 11.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's church, Newhey, to-day, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers made welcome.

E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*

Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held in St. Peter's belfry to-day, Saturday, April 22nd, at 6 p.m., for the election of a district secretary. Ringing. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Bollington to-day, Saturday, April 22nd. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. NOBURY, *Branch Sec.*

North Notts. Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford to-day, Saturday, April 22nd. Divine Service in the parish church at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room after service. Tea in the Odd-fellows club-room at 5 p.m. Members of kindred Associations will be heartily welcome.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As important business will be under consideration, every member is requested to make an effort to attend.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The next meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at the parish church, Perry Barr. Bells available from two o'clock. Service at 6 o'clock in the parish church. Tea in the schoolroom at 6 p.m., one shilling per head.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at Rothwell (8 bells). Ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting at The White Swan hotel to receive report and balance-sheet for year ending March 1899. A presentation will also be made to the retiring secretary, Mr. R. Binns. A full attendance of members is particularly requested. Waggonettes meet trams at Thwaite Gate, Hunslet, every few minutes direct to the church. HARRY GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley, Leeds.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Lewis-

ham, on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 6 p.m.

W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham on Saturday, April 29th. Full particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS }
J. WILSON, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. SHEPHERD, }

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 29th. In connection with this gathering an amalgamated meeting of the four existing Associations will be held in the Chapter House by permission of the Dean and Chapter at 4 p.m. to consider further the formation of the Diocesan Guild which was suggested at the last annual meeting. The Association's own business meeting will be held immediately after the amalgamated meeting. Tea at in the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.30 p.m. free to members who have paid their subscriptions—non-members 1s. 2d. each. Those intending to be present at tea are requested to send me notice on or before Wednesday, the 26th inst. The towers in the City will be open to ringers during the afternoon and evening except during the hours of service and the time of the meetings. Will all members make a special effort to be present at the meeting in the Chapter House.

GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*

142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the above Guild will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at Sandhurst. Tea will be provided in the School-room at 6.15 p.m. and there will be Evensong at St. Michael's at 7 p.m. with an address by the Rev. the Hon. R. Parsons. The following towers will be available for ringing—Sandhurst (6), Yateley (8) and Yorktown (8) will be open after 4.30 p.m. All members intending to be present at the tea are requested to send without delay to

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Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, April 29th. Tower opens at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at the Red Lion Hotel at 6 o'clock. (No allowances.) W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—An Extra District Meeting (no allowances) will be held at Kennington on Saturday afternoon, the 29th April, at 3 o'clock.

WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Hythe, Kent.

Middlesex County Association.—S. & W. District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, at the Church of St. Mary, Staines, on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The Annual meeting of the above Society will be held at Ashton on Saturday, May 6th, 1899. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

S. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The Yearly Meeting will take place at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 6th. Tower opens at 4 p.m. Meeting House, Sportsman Inn, Cambridge Street, where business meeting will take place at 8.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

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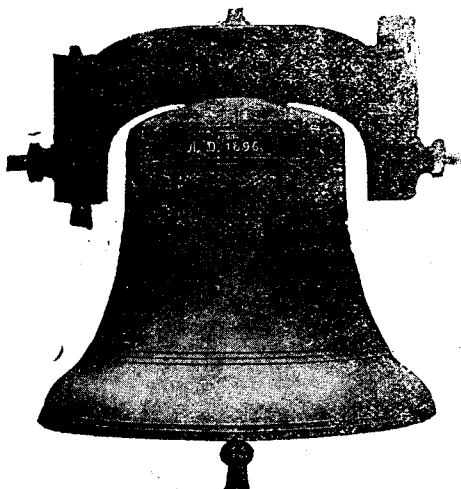
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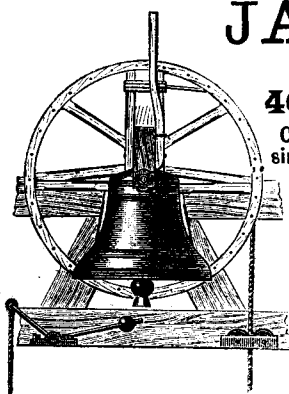
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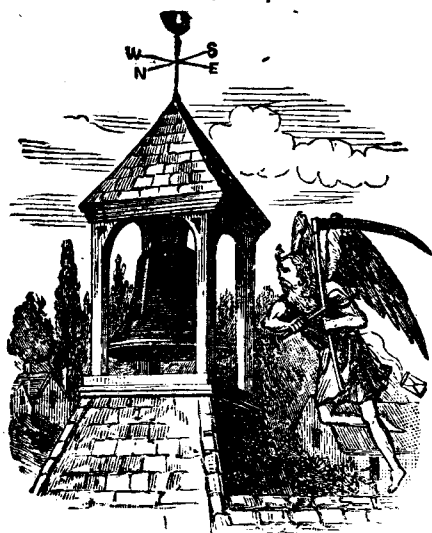
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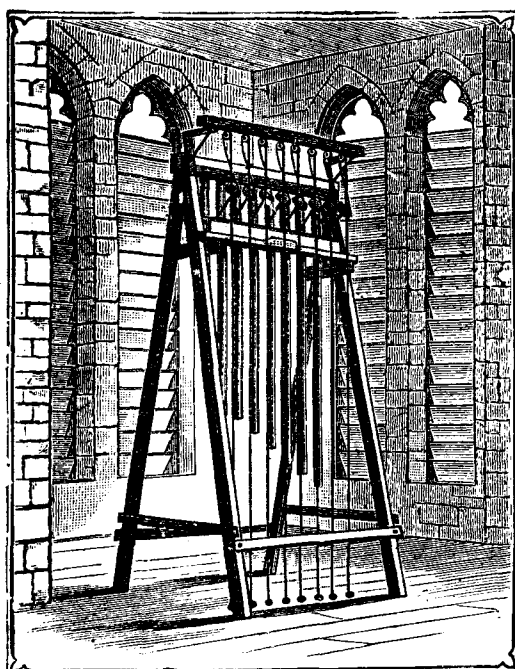
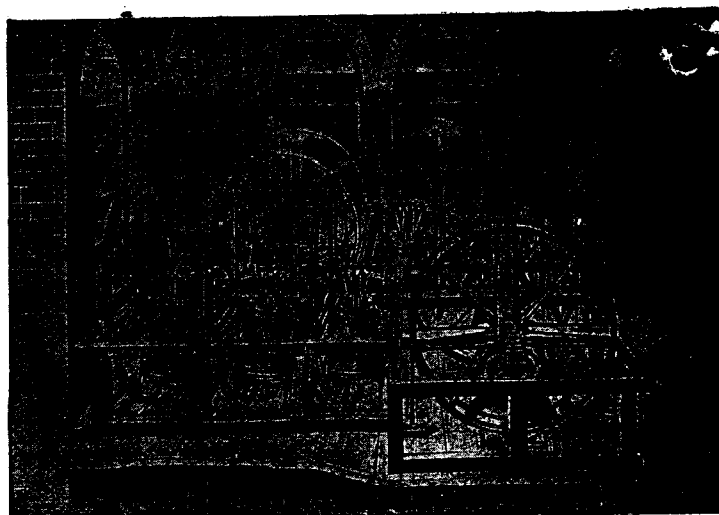
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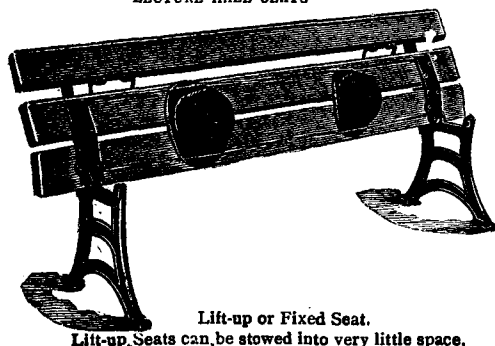
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HULL.

On Thursday week the Archbishop of York dedicated five bells, completing the ring of eight given to the above-named church by Mrs. Foster Earle, in memory of her late husband, and a new vestry, which has been built on the south side of the chancel. The bells are named "Peace," "Purity," "Freedom," "Truth," and "Light," the inscription being from Tennyson's *In Memoriam*, canto cvi. The ropes of the five new bells were delivered to the Archbishop by Mr. F. S. Brodwick, a member of the family to which the donor belongs, and his Grace, in given them into the hands of the Vicar (the Rev. Walter E. Smith), charged him as follows:—

"Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish, and take heed that they be ever and only used in His service and for His Glory."

His Grace, then addressing the churchwardens and assembled company, said:—

"You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Vicar of the parish, to be used only with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the diocese."

The bells were chimed, after which the service continued. A hymn, the words of which had been specially written by the Vicar, and set to music by the organist, Dr. G. H. Smith, was then sung by the choir.

The Archbishop reminded the parishioners of the significance of the new peal of bells. It was not only a memorial of the dead, but a great deal more. It reminded them of the obligations due from them with regard to their spiritual lives. They thought too little of their dead, or those whom we called dead. But they were more living than we were ourselves. In these days when the duties and cares of life pressed so heavily upon us we forget them; but from time to time our thoughts dwell upon them. Yet it was merely a remembrance of the past, and not the serious thought connected with their condition which hereafter would be our own. He hoped the new bells would play an important part in being the means of calling more faithful people to the worship of God.

The new vestry, which was also dedicated by the Archbishop, supplies a long-felt want. It is a handsome room with an octagonal apse at the east-end, and is arranged so as to be available for daily services, for which purpose the Archbishop has given his consent. The architects for the work were Messrs. Brodwick, Lowther and Walker, and the bells were cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 14th, the dedication service of the bells at St. Mary's parish church, Penmark, took place. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung during the service, and three after service, by members of the above Association. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was lost in the last few leads through a tremendous assault of the belfry door, which finally gave way, admitting the local postman, who brought a very cordial invitation from the genial Vicar for the ringers to come and partake of luncheon. Some of the band were sore about losing the first 720, but this was soon forgotten before lunch was over, and the Vicar apologised for disturbing the ringing, he thinking that the band was starting for a 5040. Returning to the tower a start was made for that number, but it came to grief in Oxford Treble Bob, after ringing a 720 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Kent in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. Buffery, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas, (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. Visitors having arrived from Barry, a 720 of Plain Bob, and for evening service 720 Kent were rung. The bells are a light ring of six, tenor 10 cwt.; the 2nd, 4th, and tenor have been recast. New framing and beams have been fixed to carry the bells, also a ringing loft, underneath which is the vestry. The whole of the work reflects credit on Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, Birmingham. The "go" of the bells were admitted by all who handled them to be perfect. The genial Vicar of Penmark, the Rev. W. Morgan, is most anxious to form a band of half-pull ringers, no ringing having been done in the place for years; and also to become a ringer himself. If the same success attends his venture in ringing as it has as choirmaster, the ringers of Penmark will be a great acquisition to the Association.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of Ludlow parish church on Monday, April 10th, in the form of unveiling the first peal tablet erected in that tower. A good number of ringers were present, who all regretted the absence of the Rector, who was unable to be present owing to illness. An interesting and instructive address was given by the senior curate, the Rev. H. Nichol, who, after the singing of a hymn, unveiled and read the tablet. The tablet records the first peal ever accomplished by the Ludlow ringers, which was rung in January last, conducted by J. E. Groves, and is only the second peal on the bells. The ringers of Ludlow have of late made excellent progress in change-ringing, which is due in a great measure to the presence of Mr. Percy Lane, late of Ross, and now residing in Ludlow. The tablet is the gift of Robert Marston, Esq., ringing master. Touches of Grandsire Triples were afterwards rung, conducted by P. Lane and J. E. Groves.

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PRESENTATION TO THE REV. P. E. F. BERRY.

The new Vicar of St. Elwyn's, Hayle, Cornwall, who has been Assistant Priest at Rye (Sussex) Parish Church for three years past, and almost all that time captain of the belfry, was the recipient of a pleasing presentation from the ringers on Thursday evening, sincerely regretting the severance between themselves and their esteemed captain. The ringers' parting gift consisted of a handsome marble clock, a brass plate on which bore the inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. P. E. F. Berry, M.A., as a token of esteem by the bell-ringers of Rye, Sussex, April, 1899." Accompanying the clock was an illuminated address, the work of Mr. C. J. Ffoulkes, whose artistic accomplishment was evidently a labour of love. The Address was as follows:—"Presented to the Rev. Parsons Edward Fitz-Patrick Berry, M.A., together with a clock, by the ringers and honorary ringers of the Rye belfry, as a slight recognition of their gratitude to him while their captain; both for the interest he has taken in their work, and for his zeal in the promotion and encouragement of the art of change-ringing."

Mr. H. Lucas expressed the regret of the ringers in parting with their captain, and wished him God-speed in his new parish. Mr. C. Tribe presented the clock, and Mr. J. H. Durrant the address. The rev. recipient acknowledged the presentation verbally, and also by the following letter since addressed to the ringers:—

"My Dear Brother Ringers,—As you will have seen on Thursday evening, your most kind, useful and splendid present came as a very great surprise, and I found that out of a *very full heart* few words would come. I feel, therefore, I must just make one attempt more to try and *thank you all* for the beautiful marble clock and illuminated address. They will always occupy a very prominent position in my home, and be amongst my most valued and prized treasures. But I value most of all the good, genuine and kind feelings which prompted their bestowal upon me. I shall ever cherish the happiest memories of you all and of our many happy gatherings in the belfry of our dear old Parish Church. Though far away in Cornwall, I shall often be present with you in spirit, and shall ever pray for the welfare and good of each one of you. My greatest delight will be to hear of your progress in change-ringing, and I hope soon to hear a peal has been rung by you. I am, your sincere friend and fellow bell ringer,

PARSONS E. F. BERRY."

MERROW, SURREY.

The first anniversary of the dedication of these bells—a beautiful peal of six, tenor 14 cwt., by Mears and Stainbank—was held on Saturday, April 15th, when ringers from Guildford, Shalford and Clandon were present in addition to the local band. The ringing (by mixed bands) was of a high order of striking, and the visitors were unanimous in praise of the sweet tone of the bells. The local band are tackling Bob Doubles, and under their captain, Mr. A. J. Boniface, will not rest content until they can ring Minor, and will no doubt press on till they hold a good position amongst six-bell ringers in the Winchester Diocesan Guild, of which they are all members.

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PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.

Two weddings in one week. There's a large order for a village. Such excitable times have scarcely been known since William the Norman landed here some eight centuries ago. On April 19th, Miss Lily Watson, one of our worthy churchwarden's daughters, was married. To mark the event the ringers decided to erect a triumphal arch at the entrance gates. No sooner said than acted on. A most tasteful erection was put up, composed of evergreens, flags and primroses. The whole band cheerfully worked away at this, some starting as early as 4 a.m. on the eventful morning. The handbells were suspended inside the arch, and made the whole very effective. As a memento the whole was photographed with the ringers grouped beneath it. But how we were shocked. We had just been properly arranged with our toes turned in and our hands spread out like photographers are delighted to put you, when two fair damsels in search of prey appeared on the scene, and "kodaked" the lot without so much as "by your leave." Being ringers themselves, the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will know what a modest group the ladies have captured.

In the evening Mr. Watson entertained the ringers and a few friends at The New inn, where a most enjoyable time was spent in feast, joke, and song, not the least enjoyable item being tunes on the handbells. The next day Miss Covell, the daughter of a very old inhabitant, was wedded. The decorations had been left up, and everything passed off perfectly, the ringing especially, which was enlivened by a seasonable "tip" on the second day, was carried out by our foreman, Mr. Brant. He conducted a 720 of Grandsire Doubles and 720 Bob Minor on the 19th, while a 720 of Grandsire Minor, conducted by G. Penfold, was rung on the 20th. The other Minor ringers were E. Beal, T. Beal, J. Bray, jun., and H. Colbran.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The branch Guild for the Blagdon, Winlaton, Newburn, and Whitley district, met at Wylam on April 8th. There was a good attendance considering that it was the first meeting of the kind, and during the afternoon the following touches were rung:—360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Humble, 1; J. B. Dobson, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. Pattison (conductor), 4; W. C. Bennett, 5; T. Wightman, 6. 120 Doubles. J. Humble, 1; J. B. Dobson, 2; J. Pattison, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Sisterson, 5; W. C. Bennett, 6. 120 Doubles. O. Jobling, 1; W. Hall, 2; J. B. Dobson, 3; G. Ross, 4; J. Sisterson, 5; J. Cliffe, 6. 120 Woodbine. Z. Scott, 1; J. Rose, 2; J. B. Dobson, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. C. Bennett, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6.

It is expected that the next meeting will be held at Newton Hall, on Saturday, May 1st, when it is hoped that the attendance will be better.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. Lloyd for the use of the bells brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close.

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.

The last number in which my remarks appeared contained also another very important affair, to wit: the year's analysis of Messrs. Attree and Baker. This compilation I know was eagerly read, marked, and inwardly digested by many people in all parts of the country, so much so that there are many who can answer any question concerning it offhand, *i.e.* without the least hesitation. We used to look upon a ringer as a prodigy who could tell us all about the various record peals, with their accompanying anecdotes and traditions, but to have the particulars of all these analyses at your tongue's-end is, well—astonishing. But then ringers are supposed to have the most retentive of memories.

It was rather curious to watch the "preliminary notice" of the Central Council, which has run for some weeks. The first time this notice appeared there were eight Associations who had not responded to the earlier intimation of the Hon. Secretary; vulgarly speaking, who had not come up to the scratch. While the notice appeared they dwindled away one at a time, the list became smaller by degrees and beautifully less, till there was not one left. This gradual extinction was very curious.

I suppose every one of you are fully cognisant that our paper goes all over the world: Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, New Zealand, Cape Colony, Calcutta, and other places. It will be at Klondike directly, I have no doubt. A gentleman, a dear friend of mine—of course all my dear friends are gentlemen—sends "THE BELL NEWS" every week to a brother change-ringer in Manitoba. He thus writes to me: "I received a letter from Canada this morning wherein ——— says he had a good laugh at your notes of a few weeks back, where you mentioned about the bell being overthrown, and then lifting her back again." Terra del Fuego papers, please copy.

It is not my rule as you know to refer to any part of an editorial, but I must be allowed an allusion to the remark that there is a great similarity in the reports of meetings, etc. This similarity in my estimation is not worth mentioning. All the reports are good, very good. You know the saying "Good wine needs no bush." We must not begin to be fantastical; and I would beg some of my readers not to be too knowing. I saw a letter once from a gentleman—a University man—which stated that he read through each number from beginning to end—advertisements and all. If he found no weariness in the similarity alleged, we other mortals can close.

While on this I may say that in the number for April 8th there was a very interesting account of a visit paid to a place called "Tickhill," in Yorkshire somewhere. The writer of this report dealt very cleverly with the historical features of the district. Some of those old swells we read of in the dark ages, such as—"Old John of Gaunt: time-honored Lancaster"—were brought in. This sort of thing gives pleasure to the reader, and leads him to look into such matters. Mention was made of the munificence of the Misses Alderson in this account; it would be curious to know whether these ladies were connected with the late Baron Alderson, the eminent judge.

Another record peal: 15000 of Double Norwich Court!

We are getting along. There is a talk about 30,000 of Caters. but it can't be anything but talk, I should say. The company who rang this peal deserve all the four honours, and they have secured the odd trick, making no revoke whatever.

I see another peal at St. Paul's Cathedral. Very good again. In connection with this I could not help noticing that the "young blood" is coming to the front. No old veterans in this peal excepting James Pettit and Edwin Horrex. The names of Wood, Muskett, Cooter, Hayes, and others are conspicuous by their absence. Well, there is a deal of satisfaction in knowing that the young blood is of excellent quality.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

A meeting of this district was held at Boxley, on April 15th, when about twenty-five members attended from Maidstone, Bearsted, Lenham, Boxley, etc. The bells having been raised, several touches were rung. At six o'clock a bountiful repast was provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Cadman, in the Working Men's Institute, to which full justice was done. Grace being said, the district Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Boxley for his great kindness, which was unanimously agreed to. The Vicar in reply said it was a very great pleasure to him to welcome the Association to Boxley, and hoped he should have another opportunity in the near future. A short business meeting was held, at which sixteen new members were elected, including one honorary member. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until nine o'clock in various methods, after which the members wished each other good night, one and all agreeing that this was one of the most successful by-meetings ever held in this district.

ELMLEY LOVETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

A visit was paid to the above church on Sunday, April 23rd, by six of the Chaddesley Corbett society, the Rector readily granting them permission to ring. After service a 720 Grandsire Minor was rung, and an attempt was also made for a 720 of Bob Minor which was lost in the last part owing to a change-course. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for so readily granting them permission.

HAYKHURST, KENT.

On Easter Monday, some members of the Tenterden branch of the Kent County Association visited the above place to attempt a peal on the bells of St. Lawrence's church, but after ringing about 3000 changes it unfortunately came to grief. Afterwards some ringing friends from Rye, Sussex, joined them, and rang a 504 and 168. The bells are not a particularly musical peal, and the "go" is not all that can be desired, the tenor requiring all the exertions of two tenor-men to keep her going.

PEASENHALL, SUFFOLK.

A large clock has just been erected in the parish church, which strikes the hours and shews the time on a dial five feet across. The work has been carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

Compositions.**BOB MAJOR.**By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

6720.

23456 W M H

46235 I I S

24635 I I

63245 I I

26345 I I

32645 I I

Eleven times repeated. Bob for single in the 6th and 12th parts. In this peal only the 4th, 5th and 6th are in 6ths place at the course-ends.

5376.

23456 W M H

54236 I S

35246 I S

62354 I S S

35624 I I

Eleven times repeated, omitting last single in the 6th and 12th parts. In this peal only the 4th and 6th are in 6ths place at the course-ends.

5376.

23456 W M H

42635 I I

65234 S I

26534 I I

52634 I I

Eleven times repeated. Single for bob half-way and end. By omitting the three bobs at H in any one part the peal is reduced to 5154.

By E. J. GALE, *Melton Mowbray.*

5152.

23456 W M H

64235 - - -

26435 - - -

43265 - - -

24365 - - -

36245 - - -

23645 - - -

56234 - - -

25634 - - -

32654 - - -

65324 - - -

36524 - - -

52364 - - -

35264 - - -

23564 - - -

The last eight courses to be four times repeated, with s for b at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts.

GRANDSIRE MAJOR.By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

5088.

23456 7th in 2 8th in 3 H

23654 - - -

36254 - - -

26354 - S -

63254 - - -

32654 - - -

62354 - S -

52364 - - -

23564 - - -

53264 - S -

32564 - - -

25364 - - -

35264 - S -

65234 - - -

52634 - - -

62534 - S -

25634 - - -

56234 - - -

26534 - S -

Three times repeated, calling one part (3rd preferred):

24365 - - -

24563 - - -

45263 - - -

25463 - S -

54263 - - -

42563 - - -

52463 - S -

62453 - - -

24653 - - -

46253 - - -

56243 - - -

62543 - - -

25643 - - -

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5280.

23456 M B W H

54326 I - 2

53246 - I 2

36245 I 2

25463 I I 2

53462 I 2

35264 2 2

32654 - I 2

34256 2 I

24536 - 2 I

32465 2 2 2

34625 I - 2 2

26435 I - 2

62534 2 2

65324 - I 2

52436 2 -

23456 I -

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.By G. LINDOFF, *Dublin.*

5088.

23456 B M W H

42356 - - -

35426 - - -

43526 - - -

65324 - - -

36524 - - -

62345 - - -

34625 - - -

63425 - - -

42635 - - -

64235 - - -

26435 - - -

63254 - - -

25634 - - -

62534 - - -

53624 - - -

32546 - - -

54326 - - -

25346 - - -

34256 - - -

53246 - - -

24536 - - -

52436 - - -

45236 - - -

23456 - - -

Has the 6th her extent at home without 2nd or 3rd in 6ths.

ARUNDEL SURPRISE MAJOR.By JOHN HOWES, *Kingston-on-Thames.*

13248.

23456 I 4 5 6

43526 - - -

52643 - - -

64352 - - -

34562 - - -

54632 - - -

63254 - - -

25634 - - -

65324 - - -

35264 - - -

26354 - - -

36524 - - -

52364 - - -

32654 - - -

62534 - - -

53462 - - -

46253 - - -

26543 - - -

56423 - - -

56234 - - -

23564 - - -

Twice repeated.

The extent of the method with the tenors together,

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF THE PRESENT YEAR,
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TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

Position to date.	Treble Bob. Grandsire. Minor Mths. Plain Mths. Surprise. Stedman.																							Total value in points.	
	January.	February.	Total	Royal.	Major.	14 T. B. Minor methods.	7 Treble Bob Minor methods.	Caters.	Triples.	4 Minor mthd.	6 "	7 "	Dbl. Norwich C. B. Major.	8 Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	London S. Maj.	Cam. S. Royal.	" " Major.	Sup. Sur. Major 7 Surprise Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples		
VALUE IN POINTS PER PEAL.....																									
1 Kent County Association.....	9	14	23	14	12	30	15	9	7	3	2	1	1	3	1	1	—	50	50	30	30	25	28	24	24
2 Oxford Diocesan Guild.....	9	3	12	—	5	—	—	—	4	2	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	3
3 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association..	6	4	10	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
4 Sussex County Association.....	6	4	10	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5 Yorkshire Association.....	6	9	15	—	8	1	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6 Ancient Society of College Youths.....	3	3	6	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
7 Essex Association.....	4	2	6	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
8 Middlesex County Association.....	2	5	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
9 Lancashire Association.....	4	5	9	—	3	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
10 Surrey Association.....	2	6	8	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
11 Midland Counties Association.....	3	5	8	1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
12 Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford.....	3	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
13 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.....	3	1	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—
14 Central Northampton Association.....	2	2	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
15 Hertford County Association.....	6	1	7	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
16 Norwich Diocesan Association.....	3	3	6	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17 Worcester and Districts Association.....	—	3	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
18 Royal Cumberland Youths.....	3	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
19 Waterloo Society, London.....	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
20 Bedfordshire Association.....	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
21 Cleveland & North Yorks. Assocn.....	1	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22 Heavy Woollen Districts Association.....	1	1	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23 Old East Derbyshire Association.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
24 Winchester Diocesan Guild.....	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 Bath and Wells Association.....	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Ely Diocesan Association.....	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27 Chester Diocesan Guild.....	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28 Hereford Diocesan Guild.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29 Llandaff Diocesan Association.....	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30 St. James's Society, London.....	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31 Salisbury Diocesan Guild.....	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Independent Societies.....	1	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Totals	83	93	176	2	27	1	4	6	43	3	1	6	9	16	4	2	5	1	3	7	1	2	6	27	2681

The peals of Triples and Major in plain methods comprise: Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 16; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Union Triples, 1. The peals of Doubles, * 12 methods; † 5 methods.

The 5 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following counties: Gloucestershire, 1; Surrey, 1; Sussex, 1; Warwickshire, 1; Worcestershire, 1.

1897—January 70
February 100
170

1898—January 105
February 104
209

1899—January 83
February 93
176

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THOSE WEDDING BELLS SHALL NOT RING OUT.

[From the Swindon Advertiser.]

Many people no doubt wondered why the bells of the Swindon parish church did not ring on Wednesday evening as well as in the afternoon in honour of the wedding of Mr. Jas. Shopland and Miss Nellie Brown. To try and enlighten those wonderers we have made some enquiries and find that the Vicar of Swindon (the Rev. Newton Ebenezer Howe) was the cause. It appears that the bells are vested in, and are the property of the Vicar of the parish for the time being, and can only be rung with his permission. It was only natural that Mr. F. J. Brown, an old resident and a regular attendant at the parish church until recently, should have wished that the bells of the church should be rung on the occasion of his daughter's wedding. Application was made to the Vicar for permission to ring, but this he absolutely refused to give, his grounds being that the wedding was being solemnised in another parish (St. Mark's, New Swindon), whereas seeing that the bride resided in his parish, it should have taken place at the parish church. The ringers, however, were determined to ring, and ring they did, until the Vicar put in an appearance in the belfry and stopped them, remarking, so we hear, that they should not touch them any more. The ringers are naturally much annoyed, and have

sent in their resignation, and the question to be answered now is, "What will the Vicar do for next Sunday's services?" Many people think, as the bellringers do, that Mr. Howe might have allowed them to ring, seeing that on special Church festivals they ring in the early hours of the morning to oblige him. The law on the subject is very plain, and the ringers have undoubtedly laid themselves open to prosecution, but we should hope that the Vicar would not take that step. About five years ago, when the bells of the church were rehung and the beams strengthened, the chiming apparatus, by which one man could ring the bells, was taken away, and it is now impossible for less than eight men to perform the task. We hear that there are only twelve ringers in Swindon, nine of whom have refused to ring again. One bell was tolled for a funeral yesterday, and it is presumed that the same bell will again be tolled for next Sunday's services. So we are told.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1899.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of this Association took place at Retford, on Saturday, April 22nd, and proved to be quite one of the most successful of the round dozen which have been held since the formation of the Association in April, 1887. Three towers were, by the courtesy of the respective incumbents, open to the members during the day, viz.: East Retford (ten), West Retford (six), and Ordsall (six); and a good deal of ringing was got through in each tower, but, in order to accommodate mixed companies and young members, it was confined to the simplest and best known methods. Divine service was held in the East Retford Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev Canon Ebsworth, who also preached an excellent sermon at, literally a moment's notice, in the absence of the Rev. E. R. Briggs, who was prevented preaching by an attack of influenza.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Room adjoining the church, after the service, and was well attended, the Rev. S. R. Elliston, v.p., in the chair. The Rev. B. Darley, Hon. Secretary, presented the annual report and statement of accounts, the report showing an

increase of ten members upon the roll of the previous year, viz.: sixteen honorary members, including the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese; eighty-five performing members attached to ten towers, and sixteen unattached, making ninety-seven in all. The report contained amongst other shorter touches, the record of two full peals, one of 5183 Grandsire Caters by the East Retford company, and a 5040 in three Minor methods by the Ordsall ringers. The accounts up to December 31st, 1898, showed a balance in hand of £3 10s., which was considered satisfactory.

All the office holders of the previous year were re-elected, with a hearty vote of thanks for their past services, whilst two more vice-Presidents and thirteen new performing members were added to the Association. A very cordial vote of thanks to Canon Ebsworth and other supporters of the meeting brought the business to a conclusion. An adjournment was then made to the Odd-fellows Clubroom, where a capital tea had been provided by Mrs. Wood, to which sixty-four members and friends sat down, and after a pleasant, sociable meal, ringing was resumed in the three towers, and carried on until late in the evening. The meeting was altogether a very successful and enjoyable one, not the least pleasant feature being the return to active membership of a tower which, owing to local circumstances, had dropped off the list some two years ago. An account of the ringing brought round will appear in the usual page in due course.

COMMITTEE MEETING AT GRAPPENHALL.

If any of the Committee that are attending the above on May 6th would like a peal on our bells, will they kindly communicate with me and say what time will suit them best, and what method they prefer, and I will try to accommodate them. FRED T. SPENCE.

The Metropolis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5148 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

CHARLES T. HOPKINS Treble.	*ROLAND FENN 6.
ALBERT DEARDS 2.	*ALBERT C. HARDY 7.
EDWARD LUCAS* 3.	EBENEZER ANDREWS 8.
ROBERT J. MAYNARD 4.	FREDERICK A. NUNN 9.
CALRB FENN* 5.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN Tenor.

Composed by EBENEZER ANDREWS, of Barking, and
Conducted by FREDERICK A. NUNN.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and at the first attempt. *First peal of Grandsire Caters.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, April 24, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES CROMBIE* Treble.	JAMES W. DRIVER 5.
WILLIAM T. ELSON 2.	REUBEN CHARGE 6.
HORACE ADAMS 3.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 7.
JAMES A. ALDRIDGE 4.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. ELSON.

*First peal and first attempt.

The Provinces.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 18, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT E. PARSONS Treble.	GEORGE H. PAGETT 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 2.	JOHN W. SMITH 6.
ALBERT BROOKS 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

This peal contains the extent of the 6th in all positions. First peal by A. Brooks, who is only 16 years of age.

YORK TOWN, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

VALENTINE ROWE Treble.	JOHNSON E. HERN 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD 2.	BARZILLAI HAWKINS 6.
ALFRED E. COUSINS 3.	CHARLES STONE 7.
AMBROSE OSBORNE 4.	JOHN TUCKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Osborne, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank Mr. Fairey for his kindness after the peal; also the steeple-keeper for having the bells in readiness.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1899, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble.	WALTER PRIOR 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	WILLIAM WATTS 6.
THOMAS J. WATTS 3.	ISAAC CAVILL 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Oxford on the bells, and the first by all except the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 20, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

DAVID ANSCOMB Treble.	ARTHUR DEAN 5.
WILLIAM COOK 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
THOMAS NEWNHAM 3.	JOHN WYATT 7.
HARRY CORBETT 4.	WILLIAM FARRELL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

Rung to welcome the Rector, the Rev. F. G. L. Lucas, on his return from abroad, where he has been for the past four months to recruit his health.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 20, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS SHORT Treble.	HARRY HOLIFIELD 5.
WILLIAM ADKIN 2.	EDMUND ALDWORTH 6.
G. E. BLAY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
GEORGE STANILAND 4.	AMOS FAWDRY Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

**BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

H. SUGDEN	Treble.	J. BROADLEY	5.
J. PALFRAMAN	2.	E. HOWE	6.
A. GILL	3.	J. WOTTON	7.
A. BENSON	4.	J. JOYCE	Tenor.

Composed by J. BUCKLEY, and Conducted by J. WOTTON.

**HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 16½ cwt.**

MAURICE STEER	Treble.	ALFRED E. REEVES	5.
ERNEST BRUCE	2.	HENRY TUCKER	6.
JOHN TUCKER	3.	CHARLES GILES	7.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS	4.	ARTHUR W. HIGGS	Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

Rang as a birthday compliment to J. Tucker, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

**FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 12½ cwt.**

CHARLES CLARK*	Treble.	JOHN BASDEN	5.
REUBEN FLAXMAN	2.	*GEORGE BASDEN	6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER	3.	GEORGE ALLDER	7.
CHARLES EDWARDS	4.	ALLEN H. TABER	Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN, and Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

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

**STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 30 cwt.**

J. BOOTH	Treble.	J. D. WARBURTON	6.
T. JACKSON	2.	J. FEARNEHEAD	7.
T. MARSHALL	3.	J. S. WILDE	8.
S. FEARNLEY*	4.	J. W. BAYLEY	9.
H. MBAKIN	5.	E. READER	Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. W. BAYLEY.

*First peal of Caters. First peal as conductor. Rang on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Sarah Birchall and Charles Barber, one of the local ringers.

**DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. REEVES'S ONE-PART.**

SAMUEL J. HUGHES*	Treble.	*JOHN W. SMITH	6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL	2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE	7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT	3.	JOHN SMITH	8.
HARRY PRICE*	4.	WILLIAM PAGE	9.
ARTHUR SPITTLE	5.	JOHN GOODMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal of Royal.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Bradfield Exercise, Primrose, College Exercise,
London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Violet and
Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.**

FREDERICK HALL	Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY	4.
GEORGE BURNHAM	2.	WILLIAM HY. TURTON	5.
THOMAS BETTISON	3.	CHARLES SEVERN	Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

The above peal was arranged for D. Brearley, of Bolsterstone; also as a birthday peal for H. Turton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WOODLESFORD, YORKS.

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

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Trebles, College
Exercise, City Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory,
and London Scholars' Pleasure. Tenor 9 cwt.**

ALFRED CHAPMAN	Treble.	HARRY GAYTHORPE	4.
JOS. C. ABBISHAW	2.	JOHN W. T. HOLGATE	5.
GEO. W. STEEL	3.	WALTER CHAPMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.**

JAMES MOTTS	Treble.	ALFRED S. DOWSING	5.
WILLIAM LAST	2.	S. C. R. FLAXMAN	6.
RONALD R. DOWSING	3.	WILLIAM SMITH	7.
HARRY GROOM	4.	JOSEPH LAST	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.
Tenor 16½ cwt.**

WILLIAM PALMER, JUN.*	Treble.	FREDERICK M. BACON	6.
GEORGE KING	2.	GEORGE BLEACH	7.
RICHARD HOATHER	3.	JOHN JAY	8.
HERBERT RANN	4.	JAMES FROSBELL	9.
EDWIN RANDALL	5.	RICHARD FENTIMAN	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

*First peal of Caters.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, April 29, 1899, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S FIVE-PART.**

THOMAS H. PRICE	Treble.	*EDWARD VINE	5.
THOMAS J. ADES	2.	ALFRED E. MIDMORE	6.
JAMES SMITH	3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS	7.
ROBERT C. MAYO	4.	WILLIAM H. JENNER	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ADES.

*First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT 5.
SYDNEY SAKER* 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
WILLIAM PELLING 3.	ALFRED J. TUCKER 7.
GEORGE HOWSE* 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

*First peal of Treble Bob. This peal was rung in honor of the marriage of a late member of the Southover band, Mr. W. J. L. Trusler, now of Margate, to Miss E. G. Nurse, of Lewes.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 22, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 24, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

EDGAR BURDEN Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE 5.
ROBERT EDWARDS 2.	ALFRED HINDS 6.
FREDRICK G. BURDEN 3.	BENJAMIN BASSETT 7.
GEORGE CRAMP 4.	HENRY HOLDSTOCK Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 24, 1899, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

RICHARD FAUX Treble.	*THOMAS FRED WORKMAN 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	THOMAS WESTWOOD 6.
ALFRED SMITH 3.	WILLIAM VERRY 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 4.	*WARWICK SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Henry Price, for over forty years parish clerk, and who during that period had held the offices of village schoolmaster, parish clerk and organist.

DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

On Tuesday, April 25, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. Treble.	ROBERT FIDDIES 5.
EDMUND HEWITT 2.	HENRY MOSS 6.
WILLIAM HULME* 3.	RICHARD P. HEALD 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by T. BARLOW.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This composition appeared in "The Bell News" of April 8th, 1899.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 23, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb.

HARRY GOODWIN Treble.	RICHARD STAINES 5.
CHARLES TRIBE 2.	WILLIAM TASSELL 6.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	CHARLES R. MILLWAY 7.
ALFRED HINDS 4.	WALTER CLIFF Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. MILLWAY.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE ARCHER Treble.	WILLIAM C. WISKINS 5.
JOHN BUCKENHAM 2.	WILLIAM KINSEY 6.
ELIJAH BROOME 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
WILLIAM SALTER 4.	FREDERICK DAY Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by F. DAY.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Buckenham and Kinsey.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ARTHUR WEBBER Treble.	GEORGE ORFORD 5.
ROBERT CHRISTIAN 2.	ROBERT TOOLEY 6.
DENISON HAYWARD 3.	JAMES MATTHEWS 7.
GEORGE READ 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, of Bishops Stortford, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 14th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of a Confirmation, 720 Bob Minor. W. Brinkley, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; J. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; H. Evers, 5; D. Elliott, 6. After service another 720. H. Evers, 2; E. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, February 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Elliott, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 2; G. Hum, 3; G. Green, 4; W. Hunwick, 5; H. Evers, 6. On Monday, March 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Elliott, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 25th, on the occasion of the anniversary, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Sadler, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; W. Keeble, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Newman, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6.

MALDON (Essex).—On Easter Monday, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the district meeting, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. C. Newman, 1; D. Elliott (conductor), 2; W. Elliott, 3; E. Beckwith, 4; W. Chalk, 5; J. Newman, 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Sorrell, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; W. Chalk, 5; W. Elliott, 6. This is believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

FEERING (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 14th, at All Saints church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Brinkley, 1; C. Rogers, 2; H. Evers, 3; S. Clark (first 720), 4; W. Hunwick, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hum, 1; G. Green, 2; W. Keeble, 3; W. Hunwick, 4; H. Evers, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Piper (first 720), 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 2; G. Hum, 3; C. Rogers, 4; W. Hunwick, 5; G. Green, 6. On Easter Sunday for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hum, 1; H. Elliott, 2; W. Keeble, 3; C. Rogers, 4; W. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. On Sun-

day, April 9th, at the residence of D. Elliott, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor, 120 and 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 Stedman Doubles, 60 Double Court, and 120 each of Grandsire, Oxford, Cambridge, St. Dunstan's, and The Dream. W. Kkeble, 1-2; D. Elliott (conductor), 3-4; J. Newman, 5-6.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Saturday, April 8th, at the church of St. Peter ad Vincula, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, which was lost after ringing 30 mins. W. Keeble (conductor), 1; J. Newman, 2; W. Dyer, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Sadler, 5; C. Norfolk, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, 8. Afterwards 688 Double Norwich by the same band.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, January 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Sargent, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 8th, 720 Double Court Bob. N. Smith, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. Bearman, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. N. Smith, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Radley, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. N. Smith, 1; P. Holmes, 2; W. Moore, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. N. Smith, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. N. Smith, 1; F. Radley, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; C. Bearman, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. S. Sargent, 1; H. Collins, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. Rang as a farewell to H. Collins, who is leaving for Forest Gate. On Sunday, March 19th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 15th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. S. Parish, 1; H. Perrin, 2; G. Dent (conductor), 3; C. French, 4; T. Ellis, 5; R. Tabor, 6; A. Bass, 7. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by all except the conductor. On Sunday morning, March 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. And for evening service 720 in the same method. H. Perrin, jun., 1; R. Tabor, 2; G. Dent, 3; C. French, 4; T. Ellis, 5; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 6; A. Bass, 7. On Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. H. Perrin, jun., 1; F. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent (conductor), 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin, sen., 7; E. Parish, 8. Composed by G. Watson, of St. Leonards-on-Sea. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Easter Sunday, April 2nd, two 360s of Grandsire Doubles on the front five with 7-6-8 covering. V. Sear, 1; F. Hedges, 2; F. James, 3; E. Marks, 4; E. Reader (conductor), 5; L. Meager, 6; H. N. Atkins, 7; J. Atkins, 8. For afternoon service 840 Grandsire Doubles on the back six, 1-2 leading. A. N. Atkins, 1; A. Crane, 2; V. Sear, 3; F. Hedges, 4; R. Sear, 5; E. Reader (conductor), 6; F. James, 7; J. Atkins, 8. For evening service another attempt was made for another 720 but came to grief after ringing 700 changes. L. Meager, 1; F. Hedges (conductor), 3; V. Sear, 6; the rest as before. Also a 360. V. Sear (conductor), 3; F. Hedges, 4; A. R. Atkins, 6; the rest as before.

SANDHURST.—On Saturday, April 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Batt, 1; A. Wooderson, 2; H. Watts, 3; J. Brinn, 4; C. Smart, 5; A. E. Cousins (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by a local band. On Sunday, April 9th, for Divine Service, 720 in the same method standing as before.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 4th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Oxford Bob in 24 mins. J. Axon, 1; H. Denne, 2; S. Mockett, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Sone, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. First 720 in the method by all the band.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Sunday, January 1st, 720 Plain Bob. G. Butler, 1; R. Munn, 2; G. Morrad, 3; B. Spinner, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 21st, 720 each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. J. Avis, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Martin, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Hayes, 1; H. Lingham (conductor), 2; G. Morrad, 3; W. Ware, 4; R. Munn, 5; L. Silver, 6. On Tuesday, February 7th, 720 Plain

Bob. R. Copelin, 1; W. J. Beer, 2; R. Munn, 3; F. Hayes, 4; H. Lingham (conductor), 5; L. Silver, 6. On Sunday, March 3th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. R. Copelin, 1; W. J. Beer, 3; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; J. Avis, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Copelin, 1; H. Lingham (conductor), 2; B. Spinner, 3; J. Avis, 4; G. Morrad, 5; F. Hayes, 6. On Saturday, March 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. J. Beer, 1; L. Silver (conductor), 2; F. Hayes, 3; B. Spinner, 4; R. Munn, 5; M. Digby, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, March 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 476 Bob Triples. For evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. S. Wharton, 1; C. Powell, 2; J. Hale, 3; J. Rutter, 4; J. Hammond, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. Pownall (conductor), 7; E. Hampson, 8. On Sunday morning, March 19th, for Divine Service, 476 Bob Triples. S. Wharton, 1; C. Powell, 2; J. Hale, 3; J. Rutter, 4; J. Hammond, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. Pownall (conductor), 7; E. Hampson, 8. On Monday, March 23th, for Confirmation Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. Wharton, 1; J. Meador, 2; J. Hale, 3; J. Rutter, 4; J. Hammond, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. Pownall (conductor), 7; E. Hampson, 8. After service 700 Grandsire Triples. S. Wharton, 1; J. Meador, 2; J. Hale, 3; J. Rutter, 4; J. Hammond, 5; A. Smith, 7; E. Hampson, 8. In the evening 840 Grandsire Triples. S. Wharton, 1; J. Meador, 2; J. Hale, 3; J. Rutter, 4; J. Hammond, 5; J. Pownall, 6; A. Smith, 7; E. Hampson, 8. On Sunday, April 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. S. Wharton, 1; C. Powell, 2; J. Rutter, 3; J. Hammond, 4; A. Smith, 5; J. Pownall (conductor), 6. E. Hampson (covering).

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Wednesday, March 15th, for Confirmation Service, 504 Stedman Triples. P. Hannam, 1; E. C. Newman, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. J. Pickard, 6; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. On Tuesday, April 4th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. P. Hannam, 1; J. Gould, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Symons, 4; A. D. Stone, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Harris, 1; J. T. Matthews, 2; J. Symons, 3; A. D. Stone, 4; E. C. Newman, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, April 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. And 259 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; E. Newman, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 6; J. Gould, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, April 12th, for practice at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, a short touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six. T. Langdon, 1; A. Jacob (conductor), 2; H. Burrows, 3; T. Titchener, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; H. Richardson, 6. Also 268 Grandsire Triples. A. R. Hird, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; F. C. Fordham, 4; T. Titchener (conductor), 5; T. Langdon, 6; H. Burrows, 7; H. Watson, 8. And 300 Grandsire Triples. H. Watson, 1; A. Jacob (conductor), 2; T. Titchener, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; H. Richardson, 5; T. Langdon, 6; H. Burrows, 7; W. Pickworth, 8.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BADSEY (Worcestershire).—On Easter Sunday by members of the St. Peter's society, Bengeworth, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Lampitt, 1; E. Tolley, 2; W. Malins, 3; F. Styles, 4; G. Williams, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 5th, at St. Peter's church, Bengeworth, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Lampitt, 1; E. Tolley, 2; W. Malins, 3; F. Cook (conductor), 4; F. Styles, 5; F. Johnson, 6. Also 600 Grandsire Minor with J. Addis, 4; the rest as before. Rang as a compliment to E. Tolley on his twenty-first birthday, his brother wishing him many happy returns. On handbells 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Malins, 1-2; F. Cook (conductor), 3-4; W. Arkell, 5-6. Also a course of Grandsire Triples and a short touch. E. Tolley, 1; F. Styles, 2; W. Malins, 3-4; F. Cook, 5-6; W. Arkell, 7-8.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Easter Sunday for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. G. Godfrey, 1; W. Godfrey, 2; F. G. Godfrey, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; S. H. Godfrey, 5; J. H. Godfrey, 6; A. E. Pike (conductor), 7; J. E. Baker, 8. On Tuesday, April 11th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Warden, the daughter of Mr. W. Warden, the churchwarden, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. H.

Channon, 1; W. Godfrey, 2; *Rev. F. Knight, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; J. H. Godfrey, 5; J. E. Baker, 6; A. E. Pike (conductor), 7; J. Lovering, 8. *First quarter-peal. On Thursday, March 29th, at the vicarage on handbells, a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Fisher, 1; Miss M. C. Kelly, 2; Miss A. M. Kelly, 3; Miss D. Kelly, 4; Rev. F. Knight, 5; J. E. Baker, 6; A. E. Pike, 7; Rev. M. Kelly, 8. First course in the method by all the band with the exception of the Rev. M. Kelly. On Thursday, April 13th, for practice, two courses of Stedman Triples. Rev. M. Kelly, 1; W. Godfrey, 2; *Rev. F. Knight, 3; *H. Channon, 4; J. H. Godfrey, 5; J. E. Baker, (conductor), 6; A. E. Pike, 7; A. Fisher, 8. *First touch in the method.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPPER BEEDING (Sussex).—On Saturday, April 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. L. Siers, 1; E. Rapley, 2; G. Gatland, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. This was rung after meeting one short for a peal.

BRIGHTON.—On Easter Monday morning, on handbells at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, 2, Grove Street, an attempt for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing 4300 changes in 2 hrs. 15 mins. F. Bennett, 1-2; G. N. Price (conductor), 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; H. Dains, 7-8. G. Price hails from Oxhey; H. Dains from London.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—Recently 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Weller, 1; J. Netley, 2; C. Hills, 3; H. Evans, 4; H. Searle, 5; C. Blackman, 6; W. Hillman (conductor), 7; T. Lindfield, 8. Another 504. W. Hillman, 1; H. Evans, 2; T. Lindfield, 3; J. Netley, 4; C. Hills, 5; H. Searle (conductor), 6; C. Blackman, 7; E. Hammond, 8.

LYMINGTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 9th, 360 Plain Bob. J. Netley, 1; H. Evans, 2; C. Hills, 3; W. Hillman, 4; C. Blackman, 5; T. Lindfield (conductor), 6.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING BARNET (Herts).—The bells of the parish church were rung half-muffled for practice on Monday evening, April 10th, as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Hazzard, of the Leathersellers' Almshouses, whose funeral took place at the Barnet burial grounds in the afternoon. He was for many years a much respected member of the band, and had in his time rung at most of the towers in London. His age at death was eighty-six years. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung during the evening. A. Glasscock, 1; A. J. Chidwick, 2; E. Marshall, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; W. J. Dell, 5; F. A. Milne, 6; A. E. Dolton, 7; A. T. King, 8. This was followed by the usual whole pull and stand, in which Messrs. E. and W. F. Dolton assisted.

HUNSDON (Herts).—Recently at St. Dunstan's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. T. Darlington, 1; P. J. Darlington, 2; H. James, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; G. Welling, 5; A. W. Darlington, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; W. G. Darlington, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, February 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. Whitmore, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; J. Rawson, 3; S. W. West (conductor), 4; H. Partridge, 5; B. West, 6; J. A. Moul, 7; L. Partridge, 8. On Sunday evening, April 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; S. W. West, 4; H. Partridge, 5; L. Partridge, 6; B. West (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, April 5th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. D. Smith, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Smith, Buckley, Archer, and F. Dean.

GIGGLESWICK (Yorks).—On Wednesday, March 29th, at the parish church, 360 College Single and 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. James, 1; J. L. Bulcock, 2; W. Fell, 3; S. James, 4; J. Parker, 5; J. Morphet (conductor), 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor who has removed to Accrington with the best wishes of the society for his future welfare. He has rung the tenor bell for over twenty years, and was the general conductor, which duty he performed with great satisfaction to his fellow-ringers.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, April 2nd, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Berry, 1; F. W. Thornton, 2; J.

J. Lamb, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; H. Flanders, 6; H. Hoskins, 7; C. Langdon, 8. For evening service 1279 Stedman Caters. W. Berry, 1; W. Pye, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; J. J. Lamb, 4; E. Wightman, 5; W. Foreman, 6; I. G. Shade (conductor), 7; H. Hoskins, 8; E. Pye, 9; C. Langdon, 10.

FOY (Herefordshire).—Recently two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Bryant (conductor), 1; J. Cartwright, 2; T. Phillips, 3; H. Withers, 4; W. Short, 5; T. Edwards, 6. Also four 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Joyce, 1; W. Bryant, 2; J. Cartwright, 3; H. Withers, 4; W. Short (conductor), 5; J. Edwards, 6. And six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by H. Withers, standing as before.

HEREFORD.—On Easter Tuesday, at The Raven hotel on handbells, a course of Stedman Triples. W. Bryant, 1-2; C. H. Watts, 3-4; W. Short, 5-6; H. Withers, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Triples. H. Gains (aged 8), 1-2; C. H. Watts, 3-4; W. Short, 5-6; H. Withers, 7-8.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On February 26th, 720 Kent (fifteen bobs). R. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; W. Stiff, 3; R. Wilding, 4; A. Keeble, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). A. Symonds, 1; R. Keeble, 2; A. Long, 3; W. Stiff, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; C. Green, 6. On Easter Sunday, 720 Double Court. R. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; A. Symonds, 3; R. Wilding, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; C. Green, 6.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On February 25th, 720 Double Court. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; R. Wilding, 4; T. Levitt, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. On March 1st, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two bobs and two singles). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; H. Smith, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; C. Levitt, 5; J. Levitt, 6. On Saturday, March 4th, 720 Kent (fifteen bobs). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; C. Levitt, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; R. Wilding, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; T. Levitt, 6. On Saturday, March 11th, 720 New London (nine bobs). C. Levitt, 1; J. Fayers, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; R. Wilding, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 18th, 720 Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; C. Levitt, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; J. Fayers, 4; T. Levitt, 5; W. Kinsey, 6.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Easter Monday on handbells a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Keeble, 1; A. Keeble, 2; B. Keeble, 3-4; Mrs. Keeble, 5-6. Called by Mrs. Keeble. The brothers W. and B. Keeble each celebrated their birthday on Easter Sunday (not twins). A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Romford on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1888, which was William's last handling of a bell.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 23rd, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. *J. Armstrong, 1; *E. Marshall, 2; A. Glasscock, 3; *F. W. Ford, 4; A. Miller, 5; C. Bale, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; *F. C. Fordham, 8. *First 720. On Sunday morning, April 9th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. J. Armstrong, 1; J. Miller (conductor), 2; A. Glasscock, 3; F. C. Fordham (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; S. Wade, 5; W. Tegg, 6; A. Miller, 7; H. Miller, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, April 1st, at the church of St. Giles, 360 Bob Minor. W. Bonham, 1; G. Valentine, sen., 2; R. Valentine, 3; W. Tucker, 4; E. Yates, 5; G. Valentine (conductor), 6. On Easter Sunday for morning service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. O. Morris, 1; W. Tucker, 2; E. Yates (conductor), 3; W. Bonham, 4; A. Clarke, 5; R. Tucker, 6. For evening service 480 Bob Doubles and 250 Grandsire Doubles. A. Clarke, 1; R. Valentine, 2; G. Cowley, 3; E. Yates, 4; W. Tucker, 5; W. Bonham, 6.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 18th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles) in 23 mins. A. Hill, 1; F. Side, 2; H. Kilby, 3; W. Steggall, 4; A. Tennant, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 21st, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles) in 23 mins. A. Hill, 1; F. Side, 2; W. Steggall, 3; H. Kilby, 4; A. Tennant, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6.

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The next meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, April 29th, at the parish church, Perry Barr. Bells available from two o'clock. Service at 6 o'clock in the parish church. Tea in the schoolroom at 6 p.m., one shilling per head. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held to-day, Saturday, April 29th, at Rothwell (8 bells). Ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting at The White Swan hotel to receive report and balance-sheet for year ending March 1899. A presentation will also be made to the retiring secretary, Mr. R. Binns. A full attendance of members is particularly requested. Waggonettes meet trams at Thwaite Gate, Hunslet, every few minutes direct to the church. HARRY GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley, Leeds.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, to-day, Saturday, April 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 6 p.m. W. J. JEFFRIES, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham to-day, Saturday, April 29th. Full particulars by circular. A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon. Secs.*
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The North Lincolnshire Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Saturday, April 29th. In connection with this gathering an amalgamated meeting of the four existing Associations will be held in the Chapter House by permission of the Dean and Chapter at 4 p.m. to consider further the formation of the Diocesan Guild which was suggested at the last annual meeting. The Association's own business meeting will be held immediately after the amalgamated meeting. Tea at in the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.30 p.m. free to members who have paid their subscriptions—non-members 1s. 2d. each. The towers in the City will be open to ringers during the afternoon and evening except during the hours of service and the time of the meetings. Will all members make a special effort to be present at the meeting in the Chapter House. GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*
142, Portland Street, Lincoln.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the above Guild will be held to-day, Saturday, April 29, at Sandhurst. Tea will be provided in the School-room at 6.15 p.m. and there will be Evensong at St. Michael's at 7 p.m. with an address by the Rev. the Hon. R. Parsons. The following towers will be available for ringing—Sandhurst (6), Yateley (8) and Yorktown (8) will be open after 4.30 p.m. H. WATTS, *Org. Sec.*
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Kent County Association—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Tonbridge to-day, Sat, April

29th. Tower opens at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at the Red Lion Hotel at 6 o'clock. (No allowances.) W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Kent County Association—Ashford District.—An Extra District Meeting (no allowances) will be held at Kennington this Saturday afternoon, the 29th April, at 3 o'clock. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Hythe, Kent.

Middlesex County Association.—S. & W. District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, at the Church of St. Mary, Staines, on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited. C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The Annual meeting of the above Society will be held at Ashton on Saturday, May 6th, 1899. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. S. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The Yearly Meeting will take place at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 6th. Tower opens at 4 p.m. Meeting House, Sportsman Inn, Cambridge Street, where business meeting will take place at 8. R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hughenden on Saturday, May 6th. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock. H. C. BELL, *Branch Sec.*
All Saints Clergy House, Maidenhead.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Norton, on Saturday next, May 6th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, not later than Wednesday, May 3rd. Rev. G. T. BIRCH, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of the above district will be held at All Hallows Church, Tottenham, on Saturday, May 13th, by kind permission of the Rev. Denton Jones. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
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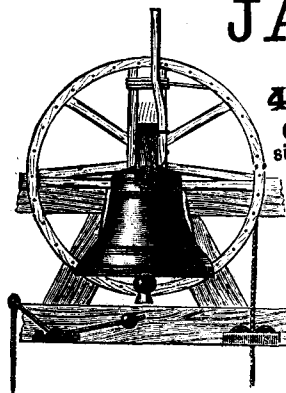
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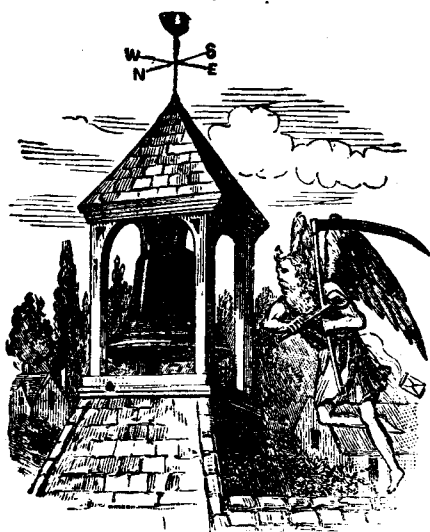
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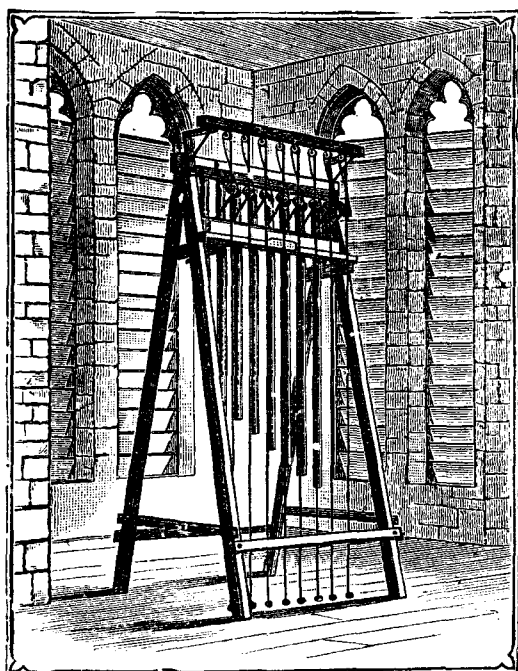
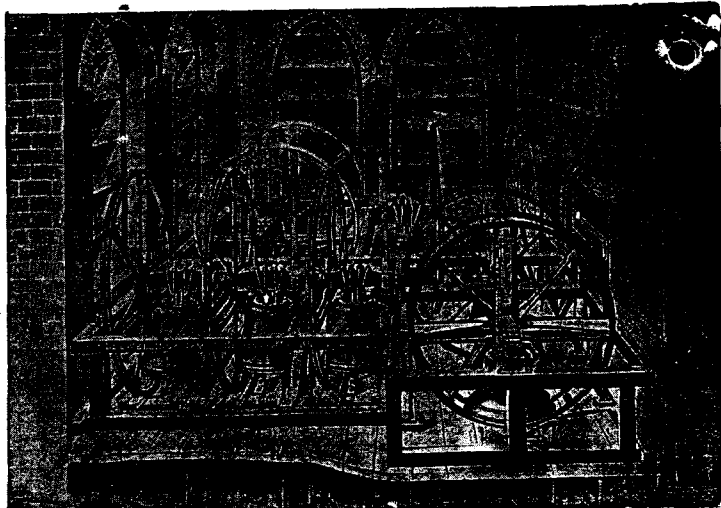
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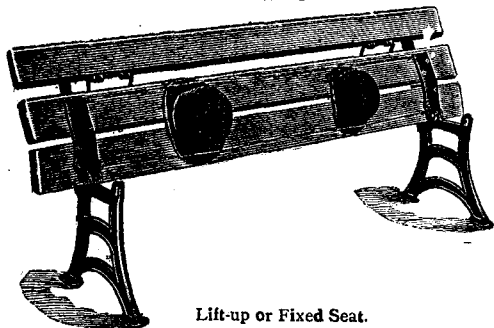
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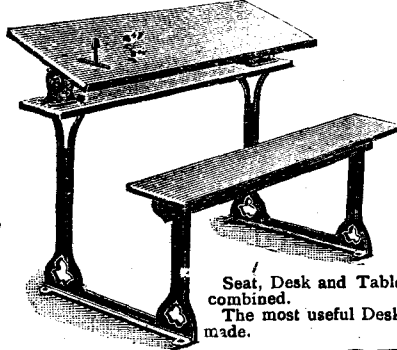
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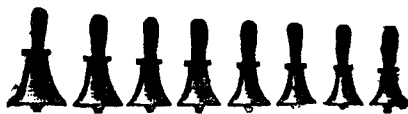
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Bellringer's Glee, The Star-Spangled Banner, Wait till the
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Spring ringing meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, April 29th, at Sandhurst, Berks. About forty were present, representing the towers of Sandhurst, East-hampstead, Winkfield, Reading, Farnham Royal, Wokingham, and Hawley. The following towers had been placed at the disposal of the ringers: Sandhurst (six), Hawley (eight), and Yateley (eight); the latter however was not made much use of owing to lack of time. In the afternoon a peal of Stedman Triples was accomplished at Hawley, conducted by the Master. After the peal a brake conveyed the ringers to the schoolroom, Sandhurst, where they were met by their brother-ringers, and all sat down to a substantial meat tea generously provided by the Rector, the Hon. and Rev. R. Parsons. Tea being over, the Master of the Guild rose and expressed regret that the worthy Secretary was unable to be present that day through illness. He also said how very sorry he was to have to say that the Guild would be called upon ere long to elect a successor to that gentleman—an announcement that was received with general regret. He then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in providing such an excellent tea, and in making everyone so welcome; which was carried with acclamation.

The Rector replying said how very glad he was indeed to welcome them to Sandhurst. They in Sandhurst sometimes felt they were left out in the cold, but he hoped now that the Guild had at last paid them a visit, it would be often repeated, and he assured them they would always find a hearty welcome.

A short service—which it is gratifying to state all the ringers with one unavoidable exception attended—was then held in the parish church, when an interesting and impressive address was given by the Rector, who took for his text Psalm cxxxiii. 1: "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." During his address the Rector said that although he was not a ringer, he was glad to welcome them, and speak to them as fellow Church-workers. He spoke of the bonds which held all Church-workers together, and impressed upon his hearers the necessity of putting aside all those little differences which crop up, and how essential it was for ringers to work together in unity. The art of change-ringing, he said, was an art peculiar to the English nation, and he thought nothing struck the Englishman more when travelling abroad than the total absence of change-ringing. Ringing was increasing in popularity, and he hoped it would ever continue to do so.

After the service the bells were kept merrily going in touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, until 9 o'clock, when the ringers dispersed, all agreeing they had had a very pleasant meeting.

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.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

Here on Saturday afternoon, April 29th, as will be seen in another column, the Winchester Diocesan Guild successfully accomplished an opening peal at the first attempt. The Vicar, the Rev. S. F. Bourdillon, is enthusiastic on the subject of bells. In the adjoining parish of Lockerley, where he was formerly Vicar for seven years, he was largely instrumental in obtaining a handy ring of six by Taylor. In 1893 Mr. Bourdillon removed to East Tytherley, and when the question of a memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee arose, it was decided to erect a tower and put therein a ring of six bells. The work was completed last year at a total cost of about £1300. The new tower has been erected on the north side of the church, and its style of architecture blends harmoniously with the rest of the structure. Messrs. Taylor were again called upon to supply the new peal, and they have within the last month added a couple of trebles. Seven bells are on one level, and the 2nd is placed on girders above the iron H pattern frame. The bells have no cannons, and Messrs. Taylor have provided fittings, etc. of the latest pattern, including Sir Arthur Heywood's excellent grease-boxes. The bells bear the names of members of the Dalgety family, with the exception of the treble, which has the Vicar's name on its waist, and the total cost of the bells and frame amounts to about £530. The tenor weighs 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.; its note is F.

Everyone was delighted with the melodious tone of these bells, and while the opening peal was in progress Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., Captain Dalgety, the squire and patron of the living accompanied by his wife, the Vicar, and others, listened to the excellent striking outside the church. At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar hospitably entertained the ringers at the vicarage.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A second meeting of the branch Guild of the Winlaton Blaydon, Newbarn, and Whitley district was held at Newton Hall on Saturday, April 29th. The use of the bells was kindly granted by the Rector, which permission the members appreciated fully, and showed their pleasure while ringing a 720 and an 18-score of Bob Minor.

It is proposed to hold the next meeting at Whitley on Saturday, May 27th.

With a vote of thanks to the Rector of Newton Hall the proceedings were brought to a close.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The Hon. Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association—Mr. C. L. Routledge—has removed to 18, West Parade, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NORTH'S ENGLISH BELLS AND BELL LORE.
Illustrated. Price 12s., Postage 6d. Should be in the hands of all Bell lovers.—W. H. EATON, Publisher, Leek, Staffs.

THE GOSCOTE AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society was held at Walton-le-Wolds on Monday, May 1st. The following parishes were represented by companies of ringers: Walton, Hoby, Wymeswold, Thrussington, Syston, Asfordby, Great Dalby, Sileby, and Birstall. Ringing commenced at 9.0 a.m. and continued with the usual intervals for dinner and tea until 8.15 p.m. The majority rang Grandsire Doubles, and one company rung successfully some 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. The ringing was a great improvement on last year.

At 1 o'clock the clergy and ringers sat down to an excellent repast served in a marquee by host Brown of The Anchor inn. This over the President of the Society, the Rev. J. M. Tucker, took the chair.

The Rev. M. B. Bird in felicitous terms proposed the toast of "Church and Queen," which was enthusiastically received.

The Secretary (Mr. P. Hardy) then read a report of last year's meeting, and the financial statement, the latter shewing a balance in hand of £3.

The Rev. W. H. Marriott referred in sorrowful terms to the regret of the society in losing by death the late Mr. Hickling, of Syston, who was a most consistent supporter of the society; and also to the long illness of Mr. J. T. Ardron, another faithful supporter. The rev. gentleman moved the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That this meeting desires to mark with deepest regret the absence of two valued members of the society—Messrs. Ardron and Hickling. They wish to convey their sincere condolences to the family of the late Mr. Hickling, and they would offer Mr. Ardron their unfeigned sympathy in his affliction, coupled with the earnest prayer that the God of all comfort may be with him and give peace."

Mr. Ardron having resigned the office of hon. treasurer, the Rev. W. H. Marriott was unanimously elected to the post. It was agreed that the next meeting take place at Asfordby, on May 14th, 1900.

At 3 o'clock Divine Service was held in the parish church. The preacher was the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Vicar of Ridgmount, Bedfordshire. A most eloquent and impressive sermon was delivered, which was listened to with profound attention. Mrs. Bird presided at the organ with her usual ability, and the choir acquitted themselves in a praiseworthy manner. Special psalms and hymns were sung on the occasion.

At 5 o'clock tea was partaken of in the marquee, and this over the President called on the Rev. R. C. Green to make a presentation to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. Hardy, in appreciation of his work for the society. The rev. gentleman eulogised the work of Mr. Hardy, and asked him to accept a beautiful clock with chimes, with the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. P. Hardy, by the Goscote society of Church Bellringers, May 1st, 1899." The Rev. W. H. Marriott confirmed the remarks of the Rev. R. C. Green, and bore testimony to the work of the Secretary.

Mr. Hardy thanked the members heartily for their exceeding great kindness, such a handsome present being a great surprise to him. He hoped he should prove himself worthy of such generosity.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded the Rector and churchwardens of Walton for the excellent welcome to the society, to the preacher for his excellent sermon, to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, and to the Rev. W. H. Marriott for his kindness in presenting the society

with 150 cards of membership. The rev. gentleman in responding expressed the pleasure it gave him to do some little good for the society. The Rector of Walton, and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker also responded; both speakers offering excellent advice, and the humorous vein of their remarks being highly appreciated.

The Rector was most assiduous in his endeavours to make the gathering a success, and a due meed of praise must be awarded to Mrs. Bird for her great help.

The meeting will be long remembered as one of the most successful in the history of the society.

THE GUILD OF ST. THOMAS, DUDLEY.

It has long been felt that a Guild of change-ringers for the northern part of the Worcestershire Association was very much needed, so that a closer union may exist, and a freer intercourse prevail, for the better cultivation of the Art of change-ringing, and the practice of the more intricate methods in all the belfries in this part of the diocese. With this end in view, several preliminary meetings have been held, and a code of rules adopted, and officers appointed to carry them out. It is to be called the St. Thomas's Guild of Change-Ringers, to consist of ringing members of any recognised Change-Ringing Association who reside within a radius of five miles from St. Thomas's church as ordinary members, life members who reside outside the radius, and honorary members. The Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, is the President; Rev. S. J. Marriott, Vicar of Netherton, Vice-President; Mr. S. Spittle, Ringing-Master; Mr. W. Micklewright, Hon. Secretary; and Mr. W. R. Small, Hon. Treasurer.

The inaugural meeting took place on Saturday, April 29th, upwards of thirty members being present from Dudley, Netherton, Old Hill, Halesowen, Coseley, Tipton, and Stourbridge. A short service was held in St. Thomas's church, the form of service drawn up by the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector of Hagley, and sanctioned by the Lord Bishop of Worcester for use at the meetings of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was used for the first time, conducted by the Rev. S. J. A. Dean, curate, who also gave an address upon the privileges, duties, and responsibilities of Church Bell Ringers, shewing how by the ringing of the bells they not only called worshippers to the House of God on Sundays, but at other times gave pleasure to people taking their walks in the evening, or listening to them in their homes when the soft winds brought the sound of the sweet church bells to their ears, and how especially this was the case in quiet country villages where everything was calm and still; also exhorting them to be punctual in their attendance and diligent in mastering the difficulties of their science, so that the pleasure of listening to the sound of the bells should not be marred. But especially were they to be careful that their life and conduct were so regulated that the dignity of their office was not allowed to suffer loss.

After service an adjournment was made to the vicarage, where a splendid tea was provided with the usual kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Maitland, who, unfortunately through unavoidable circumstances were unable to be present. Mr. S. G. Hooper, an old friend of the ringers, and the Rev. S. J. Dean, most admirably filled the vacant chairs, and made the company feel thoroughly at home. After tea a business meeting was held, when three honorary members and thirty-two ordinary members were

enrolled and others proposed. Very hearty votes of thanks were given to Mrs. S. G. Hooper and the Rev. S. J. A. Dean, which were suitably responded to. A vote of thanks was also given to the absent friends, the Vicar and Mrs. Maitland, who had so kindly provided the tea; nor were the cook and assistants in the kitchen forgotten in the votes of thanks, they having had all the hard work to do in getting up the bountiful repast so thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Business ended, the church bells were set going, when Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Royal, and a touch of Grandsire Triples for the learners were indulged in until nine o'clock, which brought a happy and successful meeting to a close.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, April 29th, the Aldrington branch of this Association, with a few friends, met at The Railway Inn, Portslade, to present Mr. Stredwick (formerly of the branch, but now of St. Nicholas, Brighton), with a handsome overmantel on account of his marriage, which took place at St. Leonard's church on the 15th ult. The proceedings were opened with a selection on the pianoforte by Mr. Miles, after which several songs were sung.

Mr. F. Tindall then asked the Rev. F. A. H. du Boulay to make the presentation, and the rev. gentleman in a kindly speech remarked that he hoped the "peal" on which Mr. Stredwick had ventured would turn up true course-end after course-end, until at the end "this is all" and "stand" would be called.

Mr. Stredwick thanked all present on behalf of himself and wife for their kindness, and especially those who had assisted in ringing on his wedding-day. Mr. E. C. Merritt proposed that Mr. and Mrs. Stredwick's health should be drunk with musical honours, after which a few more songs were given by several of the company. The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. A. H. du Boulay for so kindly attending and making the presentation.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

The annual meeting of this district was held at Canterbury on Saturday, April 22nd, when members were present from Bobbing, Borden, Boughton, Canterbury, Charing, Chatham, Deal, Elham, Gillingham, Hernhill, Lyminge, Mersham, Ospringe, Sittingbourne, Tenterden, and Upchurch.

Ringling commenced at 2.30. Tea was served at the Eastbridge Hospital at 5.15, to which thirty-six sat down. Tea being finished the business meeting began, presided over by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, secretary of the Association. The minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed. Mr. E. E. Foreman was re-elected district secretary, and Mr. C. Drake representative on the Central Council. Twelve full members and eight probationers were admitted to the Association. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. Peter's, Thanet, and ringing meetings at Elham and Hernhill. A vote of thanks to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

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.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29th, a special General and Committee meeting was held in the church schoolroom at Clay Cross, to settle the entire question as to whether the annual meeting place should be changed so as to be held in those parishes having six bells, or in all parishes, including those of five bells, or be held as before, in Clay Cross. The following proposition was made and seconded: "That the annual meeting should be held in those parishes having six bells." The following amendment was then moved and seconded: "That the annual meetings be held in all parishes including those of five bells, or in Clay Cross as before." The amendment was carried by a large majority, and therefore became the motion before the meeting. An amendment to it was duly moved and seconded: "That the annual meetings be held at Clay Cross as before," which was carried unanimously. Quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: June—at Ault Hucknall; September—at Bolsover; December—at Ashover. A special ringing meeting was arranged to be held at Horsley between June and September meetings, date to be arranged by the secretary.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. H. S. Oldham for presiding, and to the school managers for use of room, brought the meeting to a close.

Members were present from Bolsover, Clay Cross, Tibshelf, Ashover, and North Wingfield. Had the meeting been better attended, the result might have been altered considerably.

JAPANESE COLTS.

A correspondent writes: "On Saturday evening last the petty officers and crew of the new Japanese torpedo boat destroyer *Shiranui*, built by Thornycroft and Co., Chiswick, were entertained to tea, followed by a concert, in the parish hall, Chiswick, by the Vicar and churchwardens. During the concert some touches were rung on the handbells, after which four of the Japanese were persuaded to go upon the platform, and after a very little instruction and explanation through an interpreter—for not one understood or spoke a word of English—rang some rounds in good time. Though only rounds I believe it to be the first ringing ever performed by Orientals, and send you the names of the performers. They were as follows: Shimura, 1 2; Tokuda, 3-4; Honjo, 5-6; Hashiba, 7-8."

NOTICE.—It has been found necessary to alter the day of the week on which everything intended for insertion in the current issue of this paper may reach us. This is owing to the practice, of so many of our friends holding back their peal-reports until the last moment, and by which we are put to great inconvenience and unnecessary trouble. We have always held a peal-record to be of the highest importance with regard to promptitude of publication, and have frequently changed our arrangements at the last moment before printing so that a record of the kind should appear notwithstanding its very late arrival. But the evil is increasing, and of late has inflicted upon us and our readers the serious drawback of late publication. This must be avoided in future. All peals rung before Wednesday must reach us on that morning at latest. There appears no reason why the record of a peal rung on a Saturday could not come to hand on the following Monday, but we have frequently received such reports late on Thursday afternoon.

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5376.

23456 W M H

42635 I I

63245 S I

26345 I

32645 I

Eleven times repeated; single for bob at M in the 6th and 12th parts. Only 4-5-6 in 6ths place.

This peal was inserted in last week's paper with the calls all right, but the figures wrong through an error of mine.

8064.

23456 W M H

64235 - - -

26435 - - -

42635 - - -

63245 S - -

26345 - - -

32645 - - -

Eleven times repeated; single for bob at M in the 6th and 12th parts.

Has the full extent of 4-5-6 in 6ths place at the course-ends; no other bell there.

By WILLIAM FLORY, *Framlingham.*

5040.

23456 W M H

64325 S - -

26345 - - -

42365 - - -

36425 - - -

23465 - - -

54236 - - -

34256 S - -

53246 - - -

24536 - - -

32546 - - -

65324 - - -

26354 - - -

52364 - - -

36524 - - -

23564 - - -

Twice repeated.

First rung at St. Michael's, Framlingham, on April 26th, 1899, conducted by its composer.

GRANDSIRE MAJOR.By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

5376.

23456 7th in 2 8th in 3 H

23654 - - -

36254 - - -

62354 - - -

52364 - - -

23564 - - -

35264 - - -

65234 - - -

52634 - - -

A 26534 - - -

B 36524 - - -

65324 - - -

35624 - - -

25634 - - -

56234 - - -

62534 - - -

32564 - - -

25364 - - -

53264 - - -

63254 - - -

32654 - - -

26354 - - -

56324 - - -

63524 - - -

53624 - - -

This is a level three-part peal, but at the 9th course-end A the second part must be proceeded with for the whole twenty-four courses as above; after which 7th in 2 and home shunts the peal back again to the tenth course B in the first part. The 3rd part is rung for the whole twenty-four courses as before.

STEDMAN CATERS.By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5151.

231456 51 6

513462978

315264 - - -

514263 - - -

415362 - - -

512364 - - -

215463 - - -

213564 - - -

214365 - - -

412563 - - -

413265 - - -

314562 - - -

312465 - - -

Three times repeated: calling the first course of the 2nd and 4th parts 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, adding a single at 8 in the first course of the 3rd part, produces 214365879. The first course is called 2, 3, 5, 6, 98, 10, 13, 15, 21.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, *Norwich.*

5152.

23456 M W R

52436 - - -

43526 - - -

62534 - - -

56234 - - -

25634 - - -

63254 - - -

26354 - - -

32654 - - -

62453 - - -

34256 - - -

25346 - - -

32546 - - -

54326 - - -

35426 - - -

42356 - - -

65324 - - -

36524 - - -

53624 - - -

63425 - - -

24536 - - -

53246 - - -

45236 - - -

23456 - - -

A Variation of Mr. Lindoff's 9312.

By FREDERICK DENCH, *College Youths.*

23456 5ths M W 4ths H

476325 - - -

672345 - - -

56423 - - -

34625 - - -

26543 - - -

45362 - - -

63254 - - -

52436 - - -

63425 - - -

46325 - - -

52364 - - -

35264 - - -

274536 - - -

473526 - - -

64235 - - -

432765 - - - in

24536 - - -

63542 - - -

56342 - - -

The last seven courses three times repeated.

NOTICE. — We have again cleared the composition file, and open to receive others. We beg of our friends to take great care in sending them,

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

8288.

23456	M	B	W	H
43526	I	-		I
32465	-			
32654	-			I
25346	-			
25463	-			I
56234	-			
63254	I	-		
35642	-			
54326	-			
42563	-			
64235	-		2	
36452	-		2	
62453	2	-	I	2
45623	I	-	2	I
53624	2	-	I	2
62534	I	-	2	I
24536	2	-	I	2
53246	I	-	2	I
56342	2			I
64523	-			
36245	-	2	2	
24365	I	-	2	I
45362	2	-	I	2
52364	I			2
65243	-			2
46532	-			2
34625	-			2
23456	-			2

Has the sixty course-ends, being the greatest number of changes yet produced with these qualities.

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
45236	I	-	2	I
34562	2		2	2
42563	I			2
64235	-			2
62345			I	2
25346	I			2
35426	I	-		I
52364	-			
52643	-			I
24536	-			
43526	I	-		
32465	-			
63254	-		2	
23564			2	I
24365	2			I
62453	-			2
23456	2	-	I	2

Has the 6th her extent in 5-6 at six course-ends each way, and the 2nd only one course in 6ths place. This is the first peal produced with this feature.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
24536	I	-	2	2
43526	I	-		
32465	-			
23564	-	I		2
24365	2			I
34625			2	I
35426	2			I
53624	2			2
56234			I	2
63425	2	-		
26354	-			2
42563	2		I	2
64235	-			-
62345			I	2
25346	I			2
23456			I	2

Has the 4th, 5th, and 6th her extent in 6th at four, six, and five course-ends respectively, and the 6th her extent in 5ths place without the 2nd in 6ths.

GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5111.

23456	
42356	7th in and out at 3
25346	8th in 3
34526	8th in 3s
42536	8th in 3
23546	8th in 3
54326	8th in 3s
35426	9th in 3
52436	8th in 3
43256	8th in 3s
35246	8th in 3
24536	8th in 3s
53426	8th in 3s

These twelve courses repeated, calling first course 9 in 3 produces—

23456	
43652	8-9
64352	9th in 3
45362	8th in 3
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24563	8th in 3
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These seven courses three times repeated, calling the first course in each part 9-8 produces 34565, round the lead previous. The above has the 6th its extent right in the tittum position, and the extent wrong in the inverted home position,

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Any peal of Bob Major without bobs before will apply to it.

BOB MAJOR.

By E. GALE, *Melton Mowbray.*

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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1899.

THE proposal to establish a new ringing Guild having its headquarters at the church of St. Thomas, Dudley, is a sign at least that the Exercise in this part of what is known as "the black country" is progressing, and enjoys the countenance of influential churchmen. It is unnecessary to refer to the fact that the Master and Secretary of that prominent Association within whose jurisdiction the town and neighbourhood of Dudley is situate, are men of the most energetic character, forward in the extension of change-ringing and also in the manufacture of bell-ringers. But they have many active assistants among the local ringers who spare no trouble in the same pursuit.

The outcome of such constant and practical energy is the establishment of a Guild which shall be connected by name with the principal church of the neighbourhood—that of St. Thomas, Dudley. The new organization will be a focus for the concentration of those numerous ringers who are so plentifully dotted about the district. The promoters have taken the correct line in their initial proceedings, by securing the co-operation of the clergy.

We may suppose that the promoters of this movement

have in view a Guild after the kind of that of St. Martin's, Birmingham, electing members not only from the immediate neighbourhood, but from all parts. Whatever their intentions may be, and whatever objects they may have in the founding of this Guild, we suggest that they should as one of the chief grounds for its existence determine upon a constant and continuous struggle to obtain the erection of new rings of bells.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 23rd, 1899, at the Conservative Club Hall, Norwich, at 1.30 o'clock, punctually.

The Standing Committee will meet at 11 a.m. at The Royal Hotel (top of Prince of Wales' Road, opposite the Post Office).

From 9 to 11 p.m. there will be a social gathering of members and friends at The Royal Hotel.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last Meeting.
- 2.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
- 3.—The Treasurer's statement.
- 4.—To receive a further Report of the Committee on Rail fares.
- 5.—To receive a further Report from the Committee on the Glossary of Technical Terms.
- 6.—To receive a further Report from the Peal Collection Committee.
- 7.—To receive an interim Report from the Committee on the condition of Rings of bells.
- 8.—To receive any further Report of the Peal Values Committee.
- 9.—To discuss the following subjects:—
 - (a).—The conditions and features which constitute a legitimate method of change-ringing.
 - (b).—The advantages, or otherwise, of paid ringing.
 - (A) for Sunday Services.
 - (B) on Special occasions.
 - (c).—The desirability, or otherwise, of prize-ringing in any form.
 - (d).—The best mode of instructing beginners in the Art of change-ringing—
 - (A) on the formation of a new company:
 - (B) on the introduction of one or more new members to an existing company.
 - (e).—How to keep up the supply of qualified conductors; and the number of such that ought to be attached to each company.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary.*

RUNCORN.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

J. CROPPER	Treble.	W. STUBBS	5.
B. TREVITT*	2.	T. BROWN	6.
F. WELCH	3.	T. MATHER	7.
E. ROBERTS	4.	A. MARSH	Tenor.

Conducted by B. TREVITT.

*First peal as conductor, and first peal by all the band, who are all local men, and belonging to the tower.

OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

C. RALPH	Treble.	W. D. CLOUGH	5.
F. MASTON	2.	J. NELSON	6.
L. CAWOOD	3.	J. HORNER	7.
A. SNOWBALL	4.	W. WADDINGTON	Tenor.

Composed by LISTER CAWOOD, and Conducted by J. NELSON.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, April 15, 1899, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	Treble.	GEORGE ROBINSON	5.
EDWARD I. STONE	2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY	6.
JOHN BENSTEAD	3.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW	7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN	4.	HARRY WAKLEY	Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, April 24, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE DAVIS*	Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS	5.
WILLIAM SHORT	2.	HENRY MIDDLETON	6.
THOMAS J. ELTON	3.	CHARLES H. WATTS	7.
WALTER BRYANT	4.	WILLIAM PAINTER	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal on eight bells.

SWANSCOMBE.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Superlative, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM LANE*	Treble.	MARCELLUS DIGBY	4.
GEORGE HAYES	2.	WILLIAM MARTIN	5.
FREDERICK RING	3.	WILLIAM HARPER	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HARPER.

*First peal. †First as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM OSTLER	Treble.	WILLIAM NORMAN	5.
ALBERT E. READ	2.	*CHARLES REVELL	6.
JOHN SELF	3.	SAMUEL GARNHAM	7.
JOHN O'NEIL	4.	WILLIAM FLORY	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM FLORY.

*First peal.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 27, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor about 19 cwt.

RICHARD WHITE	Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL	6.
G. H. PHILLOTT, ESQ.	2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
W. T. PATES	3.	F. WHITE	} Tenor.
WILLIAM BENNETT	4.	F. S. WHITE	
HENRY JUDGE	5.		

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells which have recently been augmented to eight.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, April 29, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.**

J. S. AMBLER Treble.	J. RUSHWORTH 5.
W. REEDS 2.	F. SALMONDS 6.
J. LAWSON 3.	S. W. STEWART 7.
E. BARBER 4.	EDGAR WILLIAMSON .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by EDGAR WILLIAMSON.**NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.****THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 29, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being three 720s of College Single and four 720s of Bob Minor,
each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

J. MILLNER Treble.	T. CLOUGH 4.
W. BUTLER* 2.	J. T. BUTLER 5.
H. TARLTON† 3.	J. B. TARLTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. BUTLER.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 29, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,
Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH CHURCH* Treble.	WILLIAM J. BARKER 4.
ISAAC HILLS 2.	CHARLES CHASTY 5.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 3.	SAMUEL CONSTANT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

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

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, April 29, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor about 20 cwt.**

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
CHARLES GEORGE 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
HERBERT MARTIN 4.	WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

This is believed to be the first peal of Triples on the bells, the only other record
being seven 720s of Minor, with 7-8 covering, by the local band.**HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 29, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.**

BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
HENRY TUCKER 2.	ARTHUR W. HIGGS 6.
ALBERT E. REEVES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM P. ROUTH, Esq. 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Sandhurst.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 29, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. Treble.	THOMAS ATTWELL 5.
THOMAS W. BURDOCK .. 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 6.
GEORGE FOSTER* 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 7.
ARTHUR ASHDOWN 4.	JOSEPH GARDINER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal.

HARTLIP, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, April 29, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, two
720s of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob.

JOHN CLOUT* Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY 4.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 2.	*HARRY LAMPKIN 5.
WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

*First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and
Miss Faussett-Osborne for her kindness in thinking of their wants after the peal.**EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 29, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. in F.

GEORGE W. GRAFHAM .. Treble.	GEORGE E. CHAPPELL .. 5.
REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 2.	JOHN W. WHITING 6.
JAMES ELCOMBE 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
HENRY WHITE 4.	REV. VERE AWDRY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Sunday, April 30, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

GEORGE WICKENS Treble.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 5.
JOHN AREHURST 2.	ALBERT ELLIS 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON 3.	JAMES WORSFOLD 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD 4.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

OFFENHAM, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BENGWORTH.)

On Sunday, April 30, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

EDWARD TOLLEY* Treble.	FRANK COOK 4.
GEORGE STREET* 2.	†GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
WILLIAM HALLING* 3.	*FREDK. STYLES Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

This is the first peal on the bells, also the first peal by the above Society without
the assistance of honorary members. *First peal of Minor. †First peal with a bob bell

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 30, 1899, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS J. ADES Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5.
ALFRED J. TURNER 2.	*THOMAS H. PRICE 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Major. Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HENLEY BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 1, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	J. HANDS 5.
E. J. MENDAY 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
R. T. HIBBERT 3.	H. W. SMITH 7.
E. W. MENDAY 4.	T. NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

JAMES PRESTIDGE Treble.	JOHN W. SMITH 5.
HARRY PRICE 2.	WILLIAM TALBOT 6.
JOSEPH FAULKNER 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
RICHARD ROUND 4.	CHARLES ROLINSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM TALBOT.

Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. John Naylor, of Dudley.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1899, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. Treble.	JOHN GRUNDY 6.
JAMES HUTCHBY 2.	WILLIAM MASTERS 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3.	CHARLES HARRIMAN 8.
REV. W. W. C. BAKER 4.	RICHARD F. LANE 9.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.	SAMUEL SMITH Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by RICHARD F. LANE.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD MALLARD* .. Treble.	JAMES SMITH 5.
GEORGE H. HEAD 2.	CHARLES HAREFFEY 6.
ARTHUR MILES 3.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 7.
THOMAS PRICE 4.	HENRY HOOKHAM Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. HEAD.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. H. Harfeey.

Handbell Peals.—The Metropolis.

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

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

On Wednesday, April 26, 1899, in Four Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. ROWLAND FENN, SEN., ST. MARGARET'S ROAD, BARKING,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8896 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ALBERT CHARLES HARDY 1-2.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. 5-6.
ROWLAND FENN 3-4.	CALEB FENN 7-8.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

Umpires—Messrs. A. J. T. Carter, E. G. Fenn and G. W. Faulkner. This is the longest peal in the method rung on handbells. Messrs. Andrews and Lucas also came down and heard the last hour and half of the peal, both giving their opinion of the ringing as first-class.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Bob Minor rung at Great Berkhamsted, Herts., on Saturday, April 15th, was conducted by William H. Newell.—In the peal rung at Southover, Lewes, and published in last week's issue, the name of the ringer of the 7th should have been A. J. Turner, and not A. J. Tucker as published.

Date Touches.

FELSHAM (Norfolk).—On Monday, April 10th, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 15 mins., being two 720s, 360, and 99 each called differently. C. Adams (aged 13), 1; H. Horrex, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; E. Kinsey, 4; J. Horrex, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. Longest length by all the band, and longest length on the bells. Credit is due to C. Adams, this being the fifth time of his handling the rope.

Low Moor (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 30th, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1899 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Bailey, 1; H. Simpson, 2; A. Wilkinson, 3; T. Simpson, 4; J. Pratt, 5; H. Kershaw, 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Dracup, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield, and conducted by C. Dracup. Rung on the birthday of J. Pratt, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Monday, April 10th, 720 Violet. J. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; Rev. B. Darley, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6.

ANSTON (Notts).—On Monday, April 17th, 720 College Pleasure in 25 mins. W. Platts, 1; F. Smith, 2; *Rev. B. Darley, 3; H. Stenton, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method and first attempt.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Saturday, April 22nd, on the occasion of the annual meeting, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. B. Crawford, 1; T. Spurr, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; J. Swindin, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. B. Joynes, 6. Also a 720 in the same method in 28 mins. F. Hargreaves (conductor), 1; W. Marshall, 2; J. Nuttall, 3; W. Roberts, 4; G. Watkinson, 5; G. Clark, 6; T. T. Thorpe (cover), 7. For Divine Service 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Haigh (conductor), 1; H. Lambert, 2; C. Armitage (Doncaster), 3; W. Allwood (Treeton), 4; G. R. Winter, 5; C. Crawford, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. B. Joynes, 8.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On the same occasion a 720 Bob Minor. J. T. Stacey, 1; R. J. Hall, 2; T. Brett, 3; A. B. Crawford (conductor), 4; C. Crawford, 5; W. Freeman, 6. And 240 Oxford. F. Hargreaves (conductor), 1; W. Marshall, 2; J. Nuttall, 3; W. Roberts, 4; G. Watkinson, 5; G. Clark, 6. Also 720 Kent. W. Platts, 1; F. Hargreaves, 2; H. Stenton, 3; C. Fowler, 4; G. Watkinson, 5; W. Allwood (conductor), 6.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING BARNET (Herts).—On Monday, April 24th, for practice, a plain course of Grandsire Triples. A. T. King, Esq., 1; W. Bald

win, 2; A. E. Dolton, 3; E. Marshall, 4; F. A. Milne, Esq., 5; J. Sumpter, 6; W. J. Dell, 7; E. Dolton, 8. Also 336 Plain Bob Major. J. Witley, 1; A. J. Chidwick, 3; E. Marshall, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; F. A. Milne, Esq., 5; A. E. Dolton, 6; W. J. Dell, 7; A. H. Belton (conductor), 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On Wednesday, April 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Fern, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; J. Rawson, 3; S. W. West, 4; A. Whitmore, 5; B. West, 6; J. A. Moulton (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the miners who lost their lives in the Whitwick colliery disaster, April 19th, 1898.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Wednesday, March 15th, for Confirmation service, 504 Stedman Triples. P. Harman, 1; E. C. Newman, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. J. Pickard, 6; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. On Tuesday evening, April 4th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. P. Hannam, 1; J. Gould, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Symons, 4; A. D. Stone, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Harris, 1; J. T. Matthews, 2; J. Symons, 3; A. D. Stone, 4; E. C. Newman, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, April 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Harman, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On Sunday evening, April 23rd, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. P. Harman, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 5; A. D. Stone, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, April 11th, at the parish church, the last half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 37 mins. B. Parkins, 1; J. Elcombe (conductor), 2; J. Chalk, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russen, 6; T. Cole, 7; W. Fowler, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—Recently, at St. Mary's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. B. Van Tromp, 1; C. Summers, 2; J. Fowler, 3; J. Burge (conductor), 4; S. Wyatt, 5; W. Eveleigh, 6; J. Maddock, 7; C. Macey, 8. And 602 in the same method. J. Routley, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; C. Summers, 3; J. Maddock, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; J. Garland, 7; E. Poole, 8. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. B. Van Tromp, 1; J. Burge, 2; F. Sadd, 3; S. Wyatt (conductor), 4; W. Eveleigh, 5; J. Fowler, 6. A 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Routley, 1; C. Summers, 2; S. Wyatt, 3; J. Burge (conductor), 4; F. Sadd, 5; W. Eveleigh, 6; E. Wyatt, 7; C. Macey, 8. And 648 Grandsire Caters. J. Routley, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; C. Summers, 3; F. Sadd, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; A. Walker, 7; W. Eveleigh, 8; E. Wyatt, 9; C. Macey, 10. And 714 Grandsire Triples. S. Wyatt, 1; A. H. Iles, 2; J. Fowler, 3; J. Maddock, 4; F. Sadd, 5; W. Eveleigh, 6; J. Burge, 7; C. Mason, 8.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, April 9th, for Divine Service, 480 Stedman Triples. W. Chapman, 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. W. Timms, 3; A. Young, 4; J. Pratt (conductor), 6; A. Everitt, 6; R. P. Brindley, 7; H. Chapman, 8. On Monday, April 10th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins. W. Chapman, 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. W. Timms, 3; W. Lago, 4; R. P. Brindley, 5; A. Everitt, 6; J. Pratt (conductor), 7; F. Preston, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by a local band.

THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

NORTHALLERTON.—On Tuesday, April 3rd, at All Saints church, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Baxter (conductor), 1; G. Park, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; T. Lungley, 6; G. J. Lungley, 7; G. W. Park, 8. Also 559 Grandsire Triples. J. Bolton, 1; F. Williams, 2; J. Barnett, 3; G. Park, 4; T. Clark, 5; J. Baxter, 6; W. H. Porter (conductor), 7; W. Auld, 8. And 544 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. J. Lungley (conductor), 1; W. D. Lister, 1; W. Patton, 3; R. B. Wilson, 4; J. Baxter, 5; W. H. Porter, 6; G. W. Park, 7; T. Lungley, 8. And 336 Plain Bob Major. F. Williams, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; J. Baxter, 3; T. Clark, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; T. Lungley, 6; G. Park, 7; G. W. Park (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. G. J. Lungley, 1; G. W. Parker, 2; J. Baxter, 3; G. Park, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; W. H. Porter (conductor), 6; T. Lungley, 7; J. Bolton, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 5th, for Divine Service,

672 London Surprise Major. H. Flanders, 1; E. Wightman, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; J. H. Cheesman, 5; C. Wilkins, 6; E. Pye, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. This is the first touch in the method by all except Messrs. Brighton and Wilkins.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Monday, March 13th, for practice, 1568 London Surprise Major. H. Flanders, 1; E. Wightman, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; I. G. Shade, 4; J. H. Cheesman, 5; C. Wilkins, 6; E. Pye, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, April 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. J. Chivers, 1; W. J. Wolfe, 2; T. Card (conductor), 3; A. Lawrence, 4; J. Smith, 5; G. Card, 6; W. Steed, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRAXALL (Somersetshire).—On Easter Sunday for early service at All Saints church, 1631 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's. W. Evered, 1; C. H. Horton (conductor), 2; —, Winsor, 3; J. Youd, 4; J. Bishop, 5; H. Chard, 6; J. Winsor, 7; S. Butcher, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, January, 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Hammond, 1; A. Child, 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 25th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; C. Hills, 2; T. Parsons, 3; E. H. Phillips, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Standing, 1; H. Meetens, 2; H. Evans, 3; F. Finch, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Linfield, 1; C. Hills, 2; W. Hillman, 3; T. Parsons, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Sunday evening, April, 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Violet. J. Robinson, 1; J. Crawford, 2; W. Brown, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; A. Meyers, 5; F. Sheraton (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 3rd, six members of the above visited St. Oswald's, Durham, and attempted to ring a peal of Minor, but after ringing 3560 changes two bells changed course. W. Brown, 1; J. Crawford, 2; J. Anderson, 3; F. Sheraton, 4; A. Meyers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 5. Afterwards the ringers were invited to the vicarage and entertained at tea by the Rev. W. M. and Mrs. Wadsworth. Mr. W. Sheraton, on behalf of the company, thanked the Vicar for his kindness, which was suitably responded to, and before leaving the ringers were presented with a photo of St. Oswald's church. On Thursday afternoon, April 6th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Forster, daughter of C. F. Forster, Esq., J.P., of Southill, Chester-le-Street, to Captain H. M. Barnes, R.H.O., son of the late Col. C. H. Barnes, of Felixstowe, the following 720s were rung: 720 Violet. J. Robinson, 1; F. Sheraton, 2; J. Anderson, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; A. Meyers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob. J. Robinson, 1; W. Sheraton, 2; J. Anderson, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; F. Sheraton, 5; A. Meyer (conductor), 6. A 720 Woodbine. J. Robinson, 1; W. Sheraton, 2; F. Sheraton, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; A. Meyers, 5; J. Anderson (conductor), 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE.—On Tuesday, April 11th, for practice at Christ Church, 840 Plain Bob Triples, in 30 mins. J. Simons, 1; J. Kettle, 2; R. T. Holding, jun., 3; G. Crawley, 4; R. Langford, 5; J. Dentith, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Crawley, 8. On Wednesday afternoon, April 12th, for the centenary service of the Church Missionary Society, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins., with the tenor behind. J. Simons, 1; J. Kettle, 2; R. T. Holding, jun., 3; R. Langford, 4; J. Dentith, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6; A. Crawley, 7.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FINEDON (Northants).—On Tuesday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. W. Warner, 1; T. Abbott, 2; A. Leonard, 3; J. T. Tompkins, 4; P. J. Manning, 5; A. Smeathers, 6; W. Perkins, 7; J. Packwood, 8. This is the first quarter-peal rung by the local band.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

PERSHORE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, April 11th, at St. Andrew's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. T. Winwood, 1; J. Dolphin, 2; H. Salisbury (conductor), 3; W. Need, 4; C. Annis, 5; W. Charlwood, 6. T. Winwood was proposed a member before starting. This is the longest length by all except Messrs. Winwood and Salisbury. First attempt by J. Dolphin.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HALE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, March 5th for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. R. Green, 1; R. Masters, 2; J. W. Wood, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; T. B. Wood, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor. T. B. Wood, 1; R. Masters, 2; T. T. Taylor, 3; C. Ward, 4; J. R. Green, 5; T. Humberstone (conductor), 6. After evening service 720 Kent in 28 mins. J. W. Wood, 1; W. Dickinson, 2; R. Masters, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; T. B. Wood, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, March 9th, after Divine Service, 720 Duke of York in 28 mins. J. R. Green, 1; R. Masters, 2; J. W. Wood, 3; T. Humberstone, 4; T. B. Wood, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. Tenor 11 cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, March 26th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs). G. Povall, 1; J. Povall, 2; W. Wilcox (conductor), 3; C. Rimmer, 4; S. Walter, 5; J. Griffiths, 6. On Sunday morning, April 9th, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Wilcox, 4; J. Griffiths, 6; the rest as before.

WOODCHURCH (Cheshire).—On Monday, April 10th, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). J. Johnson (first 720), 1; W. Duckers, 2; C. Taylor, 3; G. Taylor, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; W. Bennett, 6. Also a 360 (eighteen bobs), conducted by G. Hughes.

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles). C. Adams (first 720), 1; E. Kinsey, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; J. Horrex, 4; H. Horrex, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). C. Adams, 1; H. Horrex, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; E. Kinsey, 4; J. Horrex, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, 1279 Stedman Caters, in 55 mins. W. Berry, 1; W. Pye, 2; F. W. Thornton, 3; J. J. Lamb, 4; E. Wightman, 5; W. Foreman, 6; I. G. Shade (conductor), 7; H. Hoskins, 8; E. Pye, 9; C. Landon, 10.

LENTON (Notts).—On Sunday evening, April 2nd, for Divine Service at the church of The Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins. H. Rowden, 1; W. Wagstaff, 2; E. Lakin, 3; T. Horton, 4; S. Wesley (conductor), 5; E. Blagden, 6.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Saturday, April 15th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the first anniversary of the bells, 720 Bob Minor. E. Radden, 1; G. Foster, 2; S. Radford, 3; W. Trewin, 4; J. Hunt, 5; F. Blondell (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. E. Lucas, 1; E. Watkins, 2; W. H. Tunnell, 3; F. Gould, 4; A. J. Boniface (conductor), 5; E. Goodchild, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Radford, 1; J. J. Jones, 2; T. Streeter, 3; J. Hunt, 4; H. Burkitt, 5; F. Blondell (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor, being the first on the bells. A. J. Boniface, 1; W. Trewin, 2; T. Streeter, 3; E. Lucas, 4; F. Blondell (conductor), 5; H. Burkitt, 6.

NORTHALLERTON (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, April 23rd, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Barker, 1; J. Simons, 2; A. Cooke, 3; J. Watson, 4; J. Barnett (conductor), 5; H. Stevenson, 6; R. Shuttleworth (cover), 7.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 16th, for evening service at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. P. Richards, 1; G. Wickens, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson (conductor), 5; F. C. Perrin, 6.

PULBOROUGH (Sussex).—On Monday, April 24th, for practice, 540 Grandsire Triples. T. Leney, 1; H. W. Herrington, 2; S. Stone, 3; A. Greenfield, 4; E. Holden, 5; E. Seller, 6; P. Doick (conductor), 7; W. Evans, 8. Also 210 in the same method. J. Blake, 1; T. Leney, 2; S. Stone, 3; H. W. Hetherington, 3; E. Holden (conductor), 5; A. Greenfield, 6; P. Doick, 7; H. Doick, 8.

ST. JAMES', BOLTON (Bradford).—On Sunday, April 30th, for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. Herbert Sugden, 1; J. Palframan, 2; B. T. Copley, 3; A. Gill, 4; B. E. Howe, 5; S. Palframan, 6; W. Joyce, 7; J. Joyce, 8.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 9th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. Rose, 1; E. Buckingham, 2; E. H. Symonds, 3; A. W. Symonds (conductor), 4; W. Rumsey (first in the method), 5.

YORK.—On Monday, April 10th, at the church of St. Michael, Spurriergate, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Haigh, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; G. Worth, 3; F. Earnshaw, 4; T. Neil, 5; W. Morrell, 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."

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—I was rather surprised on looking through the paper on Saturday not to see any comment upon Mr. Keeble's letter published in your issue of April 22nd upon this subject. Personally I do not think that his suggestion to disallow the points for peals rung on the Sabbath would prove the least discouragement. Without touching upon the rights or wrongs of the practice, peals rung on Sunday are peals just as much as if they are rung on a week-day, and the performances are just as creditable. Mr. Attree's analysis is, as Mr. Keeble states, a most interesting and important document, but those who ring peals on Sunday ring them for the sake of ringing them, and not always to accumulate points. And what matter is it to the ringers themselves, whether the Central Council in their wisdom allow an association to take the credit of the points for peals rung on Sunday or not. Peals were rung on Sundays before the publication of the analysis, and before the institution of the Central Council, and despite any action the latter may take will, I venture to predict, continue to be rung so long as incumbents see fit to grant the use of the bells of their churches. As I said before, a peal on Sunday is as good a performance as a peal on any other day, and if a band—and doubtless there are such instances—cannot meet for peals during the week they will do so on Sunday, points or no points.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

Obituary.

JAMES GARRELL.

We have to record the sudden death of Mr. James Garrell, a well-known tradesman of Wooburn, Bucks, which greatly to the consternation and regret of the entire neighbourhood, recently took place. The deceased, who was forty-nine years of age, had spent the whole of his life at Wooburn, and had carried on the business of a butcher for many years. By his kind and courteous disposition he won the respect of all with whom he came into contact. He was in his fiftieth year, and had been a bellringer at Wooburn parish church for many years, and always took a great interest in ringing.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, April 13th, at 4.30. There was a large number of ringers present in the church, among whom were noticed Messrs. J. Evans (Hughenden), E. Keeley (Cookham), W. E. Yates (Bisham), J. C. Truss (Marlow), T. H. Taffender (London), and others. The burial service was impressively read by the Vicar and the Rev. A. Richards (curate) who is also a ringer. At the conclusion of the burial service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by four of the deceased's comrades. Amongst the many wreaths sent was one from the ringers of Wooburn parish church, "with deep sympathy." The arrangements were carried out in a highly satisfactory manner by Mr. James Howard, an old friend, and for many years fellow-ringer of Mr. Garrell. Many tokens of sympathy were shewn in all parts of the parish.

The deceased was a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had been a member of the committee for some years, and was always to be seen at the meetings. He had rung several peals of Grandsire Triples; had for many years taken "THE BELL NEWS," and was always happy when he was reading it. Muffled touches were rung before and after the funeral, and also on the following Sunday.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, March 26th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples taken from Thurstans', in 47 mins. J. E. Smith, 1; J. Thorpe, 2; A. Gower, 3; G. H. Head, 4; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 5; G. H. Howse, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; H. Hookham, 8.

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.

Middlesex County Association.—S. & W. District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, at the Church of St. Mary, Staines, to-day, Saturday, May 6th. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.
C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The Annual meeting of the above Society will be held at Ashton to-day, Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.
S. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The Yearly Meeting will take place at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, to-day, Saturday, May 6th. Tower opens at 4 p.m. Meeting House, Sportsman Inn, Cambridge Street, where business meeting will take place at 8.
R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hughenden to-day, Saturday, May 6th. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock.
H. C. BELL, *Branch Sec.*
All Saints Clergy House, Maidenhead.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Norton, to-day, Saturday, May 6th.
Rev. G. T. BIRCH, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Braughing, Herts.—The 120th anniversary will be held on Wednesday, May 10th. Tea will be provided at The Boar's Head at eightpence each, provided twelve attend. Those attending and requiring tea, kindly notify to me by Tuesday. Ringing from one o'clock. All ringers and friends cordially invited.
W. H. LAWRENCE.
Little Munden, Herts.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of the above district will be held at All Hallows Church, Tottenham, on Saturday, May 13th, by kind permission of the Rev. Denton Jones. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Burnet.

The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Shelly, on Saturday, May 13th. Meeting at The Gardeners' Arms at 5 o'clock. The annual six-bell contest will take place at Shelly, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd.
WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A meeting of the above will be held in Bristol on Saturday, May 13th, to form a branch of the above Association for the deaneries of Bristol, Stapleton, Bitton, Hawkesbury, Chippenham, and Dursley; and to

elect a chairman and hon. secretary for the same. Service at St. Nicholas church with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Murchison, at 4 p.m., followed by the business meeting in the crypt. The bells of St. Nicholas (10), St. Stephen's (10), and St. John's, Broad Street (6), will be available.

H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Asst. Sec.*
86, Coronation Road, Bristol.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Garston, on Saturday, May 13th. The tower will be open all the afternoon for ringing, and at 5.30, through the kindness of Mr. Gough, there will be refreshments. The meeting will be held after. It is hoped that members will try to attend to appreciate Mr. Gough's kindness in providing for them.
G. WOODHALL, *Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, May 20th. The ring of eight at St. Chad's, tenor 20 cwt., will be available from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Local committee will sit at The Woodman hotel from 1 p.m. The official headquarters will be at the Church School. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.; tea at 5; meeting immediately after. The local hon. sec. is Mr. William Child, Mansfield Place, Moor Road, Headingley, to whom communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent.
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Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. The bells of South Church (8), and Heighington (6), are at the disposal of members. Committee meeting (12 o'clock), and dinner (1 p.m.), at Wear Valley hotel. Members rs. 6d., non-members, 2s. 6d. each. Intending visitors are requested to notify Secretary before May 16th.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Devonshire Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. All ringers will be welcome. W. E. PITFIELD CHAPPLE, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Ashford, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Particulars next week. Application for dinner tickets to be made to

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Divine Service at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.15. Dinner at 1.30. Members intending to be present must notify their station to me not later than the previous Tuesday.

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

NOTE TO PEAL AT WALDRON.

This was the first peal of Major on the bells, for the use of which the band wish to tender their thanks to the Rector, the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th twenty-two times wrong and twenty-three times right in consecutive courses.

RINGING AT NORWICH DURING MEETING OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Arrangements are in progress for a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Peter Mancroft on Whit-Monday, probably starting at 12.30.

The bells of St. Giles and St. Michael Coslany will be available on Monday, and also before and after the meeting on Tuesday. These are rings of eight, but in such bad order that a peal would hardly be possible—certainly not at St. Michael's.

Permission has been sought for Great Yarmouth (12) and Aylsham (10) on Whitsun Monday. These are respectively 20 and 11 miles from Norwich, and arrangements can be made for peals at either, if sufficient names are sent at once to the undersigned.

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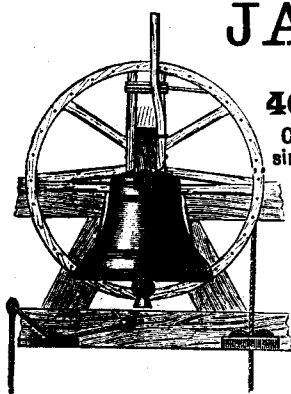
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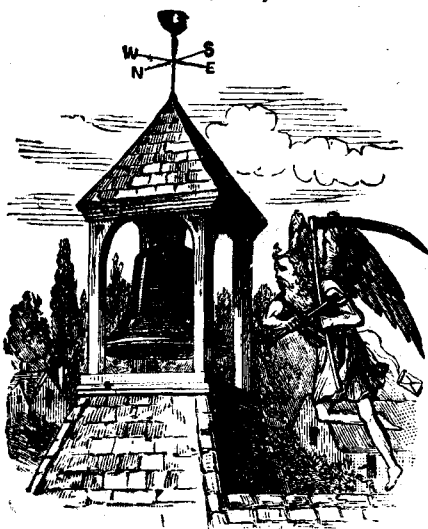
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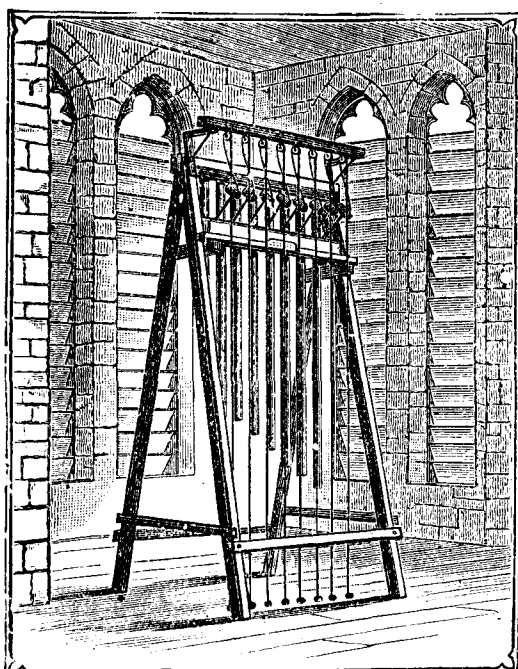
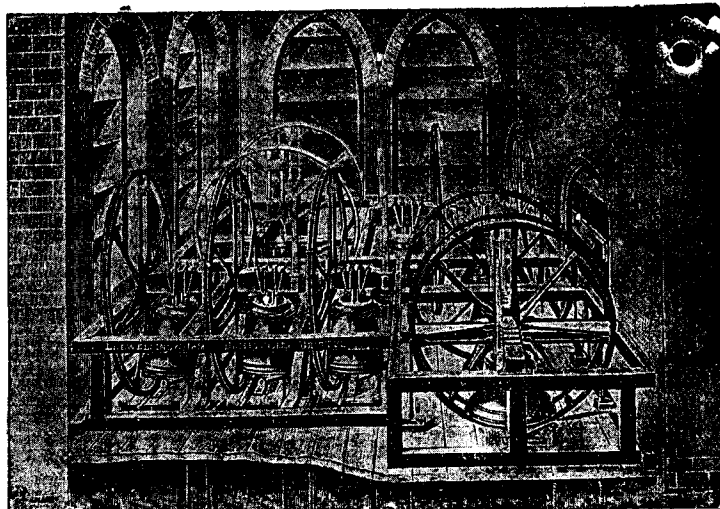
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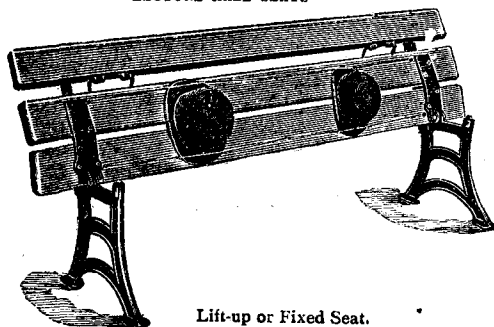
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NUMBER OF BELLS V. WEIGHT OF METAL.

WITH the increase of change-ringing a desire is naturally created to increase the number of bells in existing peals. Unfortunately this is frequently done without regard to size and weight. This ought to be discouraged; nothing is worse from a musical point of view than an excessively light peal of six or eight bells, which sound like a lot of small birds chirping in a tower. In the middle of the last century a good deal of work of this sort was carried out. About that period numerous six-scores of Doubles, which may be found in the old Campanologias, were all the rage in places where the number of bells was limited. In those days many of the village towers contained peals of three bells only (often mediæval ones), with tenors ranging from 10 to 15 cwt.; and then, in order to get a peal of five, so as to enable the companies to ring Doubles, it was a common practice to take away the two largest bells and cast them into four smaller ones, keeping the old treble as a tenor. In some cases these were subsequently augmented to six, and even eight, by a further addition of trebles; and thus many fine old bells were lost. Something of the same sort seems to be going on in the present day; although not in quite the same way. If some of an old peal of three, four or five happen to be cracked, it is no uncommon thing to hear of the whole lot being taken down and cast into a peal of six or eight with little, if any additional metal. Besides this, in the case of new churches and new peals, there is a great tendency to try and get as many bells as possible at as low a price as possible. Far better have fewer bells of a reasonable weight and add to them afterwards if funds are low. Rather than put up six or eight bells with a tenor less than half-a-ton, it would be better to be content with one decent sized bell, weighing not less than 15 cwt., "to be tolled a convenient time before Divine Service;" which is all that is legally required.

In conclusion I would say that no peal of ten or twelve bells should have a tenor higher than D flat. No peal of eight should have one higher than E flat, and no peal of five or six higher than F.

J. R. JERRAM.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29th, an amalgamated meeting of the four existing Associations in the Lincoln diocese was held in the Chapter House of the Cathedral, by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter. The Bishop of Lincoln presided over a large attendance, and said he understood they wished to form a united society for the ringers of the whole of the diocese. It was a pleasure to him to meet any church people in Lincolnshire who were trying to do good for the Church. He believed

that bell-ringing was a very powerful instrument for good if rightly used. If there was any good in man—and he believed there were very, very few men in whom there was no good—there was something about the sound of the church bell that touched and moved their good instincts wonderfully. Therefore he believed what they were doing in ringing the bells of the churches was not only something which they enjoyed themselves, but it did good to their fellow-men, and was for the glory of God. He hoped that meeting would be able to find some way in which a Diocesan Guild might be formed.

The Rev. H. Law James, of Surfleet, explained that last year a resolution had been passed by each of the four Associations that it was desirable to form a Guild for the diocese, consisting of the four Associations at present working in the diocese, provided that the different Associations would still have its own complete authority to govern itself in its own local district. A code of rules had been drawn up, but he now thought the best way was to withdraw all the rules and then appoint a committee to consider the whole subject and draft the rules to be considered at the next meeting. He moved:—"That a society be founded, to be called The Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers, by the amalgamation of the four Associations now working in the diocese, and that the four Associations shall hereafter be the four branches of the Diocesan Guild, but that each branch shall have complete freedom to manage its own affairs, provided that it be subject in certain matters, to the Diocesan Guild rules, to be drawn up afterwards."

Mr. Linley (Gainsborough) suggested that they should leave out the word "change." He should like the Guild to include all the ringers in the diocese. Upon the chairman recommending the adoption of Mr. Linley's suggestion, the mover of the resolution acquiesced, and with that alteration the resolution was adopted. The Lord Bishop consented to act as patron. The Dean of Lincoln was elected President of the Guild. The Rev. H. Law James was elected Master; Mr. Norman E. Snow (Sleaford), Honorary Secretary; Mr. F. F. Linley (Gainsborough), Honorary Treasurer.

The Rev. H. Law James moved:—"That the North Lincolnshire branch at the next meeting appoint two members of the Diocesan Committee, and that each of the other three branches at the next meeting appoint one member of the Committee."

Mr. Linley seconded, and the resolution was carried on the understanding that the members should be appointed at the next meeting of the several branches.

It was afterwards resolved that the president of each of the four branches be *ex-officio* vice-presidents of the Diocesan Guild, and shall all be members of the Committee; that the two codes of rules submitted to the four Associations be referred to a Committee, and that Committee shall draw up a code of rules, and report them to the next meeting.

It was further resolved that the names of the vice-presidents and members of the Committee appointed by the four branches be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary as

soon as elected, and that the Hon. Secretary shall then call a Committee Meeting at some convenient centre. It was decided to hold a meeting in October at some convenient place, and time to be selected by the Committee. Votes of thanks to the Lord Bishop for presiding, and to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House, to which the Rev. Precentor Bramley, as representing the Chapter replied, concluded the amalgamated meeting.

The annual general meeting of the North Lincolnshire branch was afterwards held in the Chapter House, Precentor Bramley presiding. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last annual meeting, the report and balance-sheet for the past year were adopted. The report stated that another successful year's work had been accomplished. Special mention should be made of the progress made by some of the six-bell towers in the science of change-ringing. The balance-sheet again showed the Association finances to be in a satisfactory condition (there being a balance in hand of over £38) mainly owing to the generosity of the hon. members. The total membership is 319. The Association had during the year lost by death the services of its Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Gadd), and by removal one of its vice-presidents (the Rev. J. C. M. Mansell Pleydell, of Branstons). It was pointed out that in order to secure a full return of representatives of the branch on the Committee to the new Diocesan Guild, a new President would be necessary, and the Rev. Precentor Bramley was elected, and kindly consented to act in succession to the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, who had just previously been elected President of the newly-formed Diocesan Guild. The following were elected vice-presidents: Rev. Canon Andrews (Claxby rectory); Rev. E. Bullock (Grimsby); Ven. Archdeacon Bond, and Mr. F. F. Linley (Gainsborough). Mr. Linley was elected Hon. Treasurer; Mr. G. Chester was re-elected Hon. Secretary; and Messrs. T. H. Holdich (Sleaford), and J. W. Watson (Lincoln), were elected auditors. In view of the alteration caused by the formation of the Diocesan Guild, it was decided that the present representatives to the Central Council should stand for the coming Central Council's meeting at Norwich. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Grimsby. It was resolved that Messrs. T. H. Holdich (Sleaford), and G. Chester (Lincoln), be elected to represent the branch on the Committee of the newly-formed Guild. Votes of thanks to the Incumbents for the use of the bells, to the chairman for presiding, and to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House, together with an expression of regret at the absence of the Dean of Lincoln through illness, concluded the meeting. Afterwards nearly 200 members and friends partook of an excellent tea in the Co-operative Hall. During the afternoon and evening the towers of the Cathedral and city churches were visited by the members, who rung touches in various methods.

WAINFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A large clock tower (presented to this town by Mrs. Walter Martin) was completed and the clock formally started on May 2nd. The clock has three large dials, and strikes the hours, and is fitted with all the latest improvements, and was the manufacture of John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

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THE PEAL AT DENHAM, BUCKS.

Permission have been obtained from the Rector, the Rev. R. H. Lathbury, to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of the parish church, Denham, three members of the Oxhey society, accompanied by Mr. Buckingham, of Bushey, started for Denham by brake from Oxhey about 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, May 6th, picking up J. George, from Rugby, and Messrs. Winney and Hayes from London at Rickmansworth. The weather being glorious, the drive to Denham was very much enjoyed, and on reaching their destination the band was completed by the arrival of Mr. Cockerill, who had cycled from London. After partaking of tea, kindly provided by the Rector at The Swan hotel, a move was made for the church, which was found to be a very interesting old edifice, many points of interest being pointed out by the Rector. Attention was now directed to the bells, which were soon going to Stedman Triples, but alas! not more than three courses had been rung when the 3rd rope gave way. Luckily a spare rope had been brought from Oxhey, and a fresh start was made about 6.45, the bells coming into rounds at 9.50, the first peal of Stedman on the bells being thus accomplished in 3 hrs. 5 mins. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers were heartily congratulated by the local men, and drove away with the recollection of having spent a very pleasant day, which will not soon be forgotten.

The bells are a fine ring of eight, tenor 24 cwt. in E flat, and formerly hung at Biddlesden Abbey as a ring of five. They were recast into a peal of eight, and transferred to Denham during the reign of one of the Charles. This is the third peal on the bells, the first being a peal of Bob Major rung by the College Youths towards the end of the last century, and the second a peal of Grand-sire Triples rung by the Cumberland Society some two or three years ago.

In conclusion the band wish to thank the Rector and the local ringers for the kind welcome given to them at Denham, and the former for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and providing the tea.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, April 29th, at St. John's church, Perry Barr, the following towers being represented: Lichfield, Walsall, Bloxwich, Wombourn, Wolverhampton, Handsworth, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Tettenthall, and Perry Barr. A short service was held in the church at 5 p.m., the address being given by the Vicar, after which a committee meeting was held in the vestry, the Vicar presiding. Several tower elections being ratified, and the annual meeting being fixed to be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his address and kindly welcome to Perry Barr.

An adjournment was then made to the Coffee House for tea, which was found to be in readiness, and ample justice was done to the good things provided, although the space was very limited. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in the various methods, some good touches being brought round.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Saturday, April 15th, 720 Double Court. W. Nash, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Melon, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

FENTON PARISH CHURCH, NORTH STAFFORD.**DEDICATION OF TOWER AND RING OF EIGHT BELLS.**

On Thursday, May 4th, the Bishop of Lichfield dedicated the new tower and ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.), at the above church. The tower is built of brindled brick with white stone dressings, and is 100 feet in height, with a turret rising to a further eight feet, the inside measurement of the tower being seventeen feet square.

The office of dedication was read by the Bishop of Lichfield, who having chimed one bell, delivered the charge to the people's warden, Mr. G. Derry, Mr. S. Radford, the Vicar's warden, being absent through illness. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by eight members of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, after which the service proceeded, the dedicatory sermon being preached by the Bishop of Richmond, the collection at the afternoon service amounting to £70. There was a large attendance at the tea that was held afterwards, after which the Bishop of Richmond presided over a short meeting, during which Lady Margaret Knollys received purses collected by the children, the total amounting to nearly £25.

In the course of a brief address the Bishop congratulated Fenton upon the excellent work completed that afternoon, and he heartily congratulated them upon the completion of their church, and the unity of spirit that existed in the church.

The bells are by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, and they have given great satisfaction both as regards the tone, and also the "go" of them. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening by W. Twigg, H. Page (conductor), S. Churton, T. Allen, A. Brindley, T. Austin, A. Shufflebotham, T. Mountford, A. Clewes, T. Rose, T. Miller, J. Beardmore, and G. Woods.

The services were continued on the following Sunday, when touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung, conducted by W. Twigg and T. Miller.

HARWICH, ESSEX.**RE-OPENING OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH BELLS.**

These bells have been restored at a cost of about £60, and were opened on Saturday, May 6th, by ringers from the following places: Ipswich, Mistley, Sroughton, Ufford, Eye, Coggeshall, Sudbury, Great Bentley, Great Totham, Writtle, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Double Court were rung.

After the ringing a meat tea given by the Mayor of Harwich (W. Groom, Esq.), was provided at The Anchor hotel, the Vicar of the parish presiding. A company of thirty-five sat down to tea, which included the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Vicar of Writtle, who is Secretary of the Essex Association.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of the above society was held at Rothwell on Saturday, April 29th. The following towers were represented: Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Holbeck (R.C.), Woodlesford, and the local company; also Mr. C. D. Smith, of Bradford. The bells were open for ringing from 3 o'clock, and several touches of Major and Minor were rung. A business meeting was held in the evening at The White Swan hotel, the President in

the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. The balance-sheet for the year ending March 31st, 1899, was presented, which showed the society to be in a sound financial condition, and after a few remarks this was also passed as read.

A presentation was then made to Mr. Binns by the President, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, on behalf of the members, and in a few pleasing remarks hoped that he would accept the gift in the same spirit that it had been given.

Mr. Binns in accepting the gift thanked the members, and said he was extremely pleased with it, and would value it as long as he was spared to do so. It had always been a pleasure to him to attend the society's meetings, but owing to business engagements he could not look after the society's interest as well as was needed, and he hoped they would rally round the new secretary and make the meetings as pleasant as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was then given to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements, which was responded to by Mr. W. Abbshaw (churchwarden), bringing the meeting to a close.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)**

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the above-named district was held at Lewisham on Saturday, April 29th. The tower was opened at 3.0 p.m., and touches in most of the usual standard methods kept the bells going until 8.0 p.m.

A committee meeting, with the Rev. S. Bickersteth in the chair, was held in the vestry. Chislehurst was selected as the place to hold the the summer quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 29th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower and vestry; and to Mr. H. Warnett for having the bells in readiness, closed the meeting.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)**

The usual monthly meeting was held at Hughenden on Saturday, May 6th, about twenty members being present. Ringing was begun about 4 o'clock, and continued until 5.15, when the members were entertained at tea by the Rector, the Rev. R. W. Carew Hunt. After tea the party attended evensong, and then ringing was kept up again until 8 o'clock. This was the most successful meeting so far; altogether seven different methods were practised, including London and Cambridge Surprise, and Double Norwich.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting on June 1st at Kimber, where the bells are being rehung. The opening service is arranged for 2 o'clock on that day, after which an attempt will be made for a peal. It is hoped that the bells will be available for touch ringing about 5 o'clock.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

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9600.

23456 5th M W 4th in H

476325	-	-			
672345	-	-			
426735	-	-	*	-	
32654	-	-	-	-	-
56423	-	-	-	-	-
624753	-	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

* Signifies an eighth-place bob at home, made thus:—

12436587

14263857

This is the greatest number of changes yet obtained in this method.

GRANDSIRE CATERS.By E. Cook, *Cardiff.*

5526.

23456*	
43652	8-9
36452	7-8
64352	7-8
34256	8-9
24653	8-9
46253	7-8
26354	8-9
63254	7-8
32654	7-8
62453	8-9
42356	8-9
52643†	
62345	8-9
23645	7-8
36245	7-8
26543	8-9
56342	8-9
63542	7-8
53246	8-9
32546	7-8
25346	7-8
35642	8-9
65243	8-9

The last twelve courses twice repeated, produces:—

26435

From which call—

42635	9th in and out at three
53246	7th in two
34256	7th in three
23456	8th in and out at three

*7th in and out at three, and 7-8.
†8th in two and 7-8.**GRANDSIRE ROYAL.**By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

5000.

23654	7th in three	H
63254		S
32654		-
52634	9th in four	
26534		-
65234		-

35264	9th in four	
52364		-
32564		S
25364		-
53264		-
23564		S

63524	9th in four	
53624		S

53426	7th in three	-
34526		-
54326		S
43526		-
35426		-
45326		S

The last six courses thrice repeated; calling first course of each part 9th in four brings rounds. This peal has the 6th her extent at home, with the 2nd, 3rd or 5th never in her place.

BOB MAJOR.By E. J. GALE, *Melton Mowbray.*

5040.

23456 W M H

42635	I	I	
34625	I		
23645	I		3

25634	I	I	2
26354	I		2
23564	I		2

52436	I	I	3
35426	I		
32456	I		3 S

36425	I	I	2
23465	I		
24635	I		2
32645	I		3

63524	I	I	3
26534	I		3
32564	I		3

53426	I	I	3
54236	I		2
35246	I		3
23456	I		2 S

The above is in six divisions, but no two divisions are alike.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.By G. HAWKINS, *Hawley, Hants.*

5408.

23456 M B W H

56234	2		I	
63425	2	-		
26354				2
52364	I	-	2	
64235	2	-		2
45236	I			2
36524	2	-		2
34625	2			I
43526	2			2
24365		-		2
62345			I	
25346	I			2
42356			I	
62534	2	-		I
23564				2
23645	2		2	I
23456	2		2	I

This peal has the extent of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6ths place, with the exception of one lead, and is the longest yet composed with these qualities.

STEDMAN CATERS.By J. P. BRADLEY, *College Youths.*

1899.

231456 4 5 16

564312*			
462153	-		-
264351		-	-
261453			-
263154			-
362451	-		-
361254			-
163452	-		-
162354			-
162453	S		-
261354	-		-
264153			-
263451			-
362154	-		-
364251			-
463152	-		-
462351			-

*1 2 4 single, 6, 7, 11. Round at 2, 4, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16.

DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.By E. HIMS, *Oxford.*

5184.

23456 B W H

54236	-	S	
25436			-
42536			-
42365	-		-

Eleven times repeated; calling s for B in the last course of the 6th and 12th parts.

Ringers' Outings.

THE WITHEYCOMBE RALEIGH SOCIETY.—On Easter Monday the members of this branch of the Devonshire Guild enjoyed an outing. Leaving Exmouth by the 8.0 a.m. train, they arrived at Exeter in due course, from whence they proceeded to the parish church of Heavitree. Here there is a grand ring of eight, which were erected in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, with a 20 cwt. tenor. The visitors soon had them going in Grandsire Triples, but after two short touches they had to stop on account of service being held in the church. They then made their way to St. David's station and took train for Taunton; arriving there the first thoughts were concerning the "inner man," which was agreeably put to rights by a substantial dinner. This over, the tower of St. Mary's church was visited, with its magnificent tower and noble ring of ten. Here was some ringing done, in company of two of the local ringers, afterwards the party visited the bell-chamber, and much interest was shown in the chiming arrangement. The summit of the tower was also reached, where from its great height a grand view of the surrounding country was obtained. Descending, the visitors made their way to the parish church of Willton, where is a ring of six, tenor 12 cwt. Plenty of 6-scores of Doubles; then tea; then more ringing. The return home was made with the deep-seated conviction that a most enjoyable day had been had.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—In connection with the meeting of the North Lincolnshire Association on Saturday, April 29th, held at Lincoln, advantage was taken of an excursion train by a few members of this Association to pay a brief visit to their brethren in the cathedral city. The Association might fairly claim to be officially represented, seeing that the party comprised its junior vice-president (Mr. G. Bolland, of Tong), the hon. treasurer (Mr. Stainthorpe, of Birstall), others accompanying being Messrs. Whitaker and Haste (of Headingley), West (of Birstall), H. Oddy and Maude (Tong), and Latimer (of Pudsey). The frequent use of the handbells en route materially helped to shorten the journey and make the time pass pleasantly. On arrival steps were wended towards the cathedral, but a drenching shower of rain made immediate shelter most desirable, and when this had ceased marching orders were again issued. Ignoring the attractions of the pleasure fair, passed on the way, our arrival at the eminence whereon the noble cathedral stands was coincident with the dispersal of the meeting which had been held in the chapter-house, and the visitors were therefore fortunate in meeting with Messrs. Craven, Clifton, and Creasey, with whom they are acquainted, and who are also members of the Yorkshire Association. At their invitation the party accompanied them to tea at the Co-operative Hall, and a good assembly took place. The next item on the programme was a visit to the church of St. Peter-at-Gowts. Here the belfry was found too small to accommodate all the would-be spectators. As it was desired that the bells should be silenced by 7.30 p.m., and to give others an opportunity, only an 18-score of Oxford Bob was rung. Next, steps were traced to the cathedral, and after a climb of 125 steps up the winding stairs to the belfry, it was found to be a fine large room, well able to hold the many ringers present. At the conclusion of a touch of Stedman Triples, a Yorkshire band rang Treble Bob Major. In returning a call was made at the meeting-house—The Black Bull—and here the handbells were found, being made much use of in various methods. The iron horse was waiting to re-convey the party homewards, so bidding adieu to their friends and acquaintances tracks were made for the station, and home was safely reached in the wee small hours, the visit being voted quite a success. M.

THE TREVETHIN SOCIETY.—On Saturday, April 22nd, a party of this branch of the Llandaff Association visited Tredunock, starting from Aberschan about 4 o'clock in a wagonette. The weather was very fine, but a cold wind made the journey rather unpleasant. Tredunock was reached about 6 o'clock, and on the way to the church one of the local ringers was met with, who led the way to the tower. The bells were at once raised, and a 6-score rung. While this was in progress the Vicar came

into the tower and greeted the visitors, expressing his pleasure at seeing them and hearing them ring. The rev. gentleman enquired whether they would retire for luncheon then, or finish their ringing first. They thought it best to complete what they had come for first, so 1260 of Doubles was rung in 45 mins. The bells were then lowered, and the party adjourned to the vicarage to enjoy the kind Vicar's hospitality, which comprised a most substantial meat tea, to which ample justice was done. The return journey was enlivened by songs and glees, home being reached about 10 o'clock, after a most enjoyable time. The party wish through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar of Tredunock for his kindness.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—On Saturday, May 6th, by appointment, Messrs. J. Eldridge and J. W. Wilkins (of Maidenhead) proceeded by G.W.R. to Twyford to join the following from Waltham St. Lawrence, viz.: G. H. Martin, A. Talbot, J. Cooper, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the rev. gentleman having kindly arranged a ringing excursion to Lambourn and East Garston, the latter being his native home. Unfortunately, the band found themselves two short of the number required, and time preventing recruiting, they, with J. Alexander from Goring, started from Reading for Newbury, the handbells assisting to pass the moments pleasantly on the journey. Alighting, a stroll into the town was made, and then a novel railway journey in Pullman carriages from Newbury to West Shefford, this place being substituted for Lambourn en route. Here the bells, a light ring of six, were soon up and two 720s of Bob rung. The next feature was dinner at the village hotel, which was much enjoyed; then a walk through the beautiful meadows brought the party to East Garston, being cordially welcomed at the church by the parents of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The church, a very pretty one, with a fine peal of six, was at once inspected, when after splicing a rope, a first-rate 720 of Bob was rung. The visitors, with the local band, now adjourned to the vicarage, and partook of a sumptuous tea. Then a few selections on the handbells brought time, and with a kind farewell to Mr. Jenkyn's friends the visitors returned home, and now through the medium of this paper thank the rev. gentleman for the day's outing. W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—**STEBBING BRANCH.**—For several years the Stebbing company, who are limited to five bells, have also been limited to five ringers. No young hands seemed inclined to go in for the art of ringing; however, at the commencement of this year five young members—F. Harvey, W. Lewis, H. C. Russell, A. Scutter, and H. Young—joined the old company, to which three members have belonged for twenty years, and the other two for many years. During the four months of this year just passed, our juveniles have made good progress, and some of them can ring Grandsire and Bob Doubles very well, and also Bob Minor on the handbells. On Monday, April 24th, the company paid a visit to the picturesque village of Finchingfield (which village is said to be the prettiest in Essex), where there is a fine old church and a nice-toned ring of eight bells, but unfortunately not in good ringing order. We were joined by three members of the Great Bardfield company, and we managed to ring several 6-scores of Bob and Grandsire Doubles, and Stedman's Slow Course, on the back six, which were well struck; and a few rounds upon the eight. After leaving the tower a very pleasant hour was spent with the hand bells, in change-ringing and tune-playing. H.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, May 6th, several of the cycling members of this association paid a visit to Marske-by-the-Sea with the intention of having a ring on the light ring of six, tenor 7 cwt., and also if possible stir up a little enthusiasm among the local band. We however found that the band had dwindled down to three, so that we cannot expect much to result from our visit. The go of the bells was disappointing, and anything but a pleasure to ring, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the fittings and long draught, and it was not till after a great many attempts that the first 720 on the bells was got. The ringers were: A. McFarlane, R. Fenwick, T. Metcalfe, J. A. Carter, G. J. Clarkson, and the Rev. W. P. Wright, who wish to express their thanks to the Rev. Grant James for so kindly granting them permission to ring. J. H. B.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1899.

We referred last week to the establishment of what may be termed "a local Guild;" this week we read of a very excellent amalgamation of four distinct territorial associations into one Diocesan body. The existence of four distinct associations within the county of Lincoln is well-known, but now, though these bodies retain their special local character and arrangement, they form in the aggregate one Guild for the whole Diocese.

There are many who would gladly see such a blend as this repeated. Some however think the period is hardly ripe enough for a universal proposal of the kind; it is felt in several quarters that the co-operation, or countenance, of the principal Church dignitaries is not prominent enough; not sufficiently enthusiastic in the cause of bells and ringing. This may be so. We are certainly some distance from a "golden age" of ringing. There is a great amount of indifference still to fight against. Many clergymen are still in the "mire and clay" with regard to their own bells even, and their ringers; they have no

desire to hear anything of either, and look upon those people who refer to the bells as victims of an innocent, though stupid and misplaced enthusiasm.

But action such as that which has just been effected by our Lincolnshire brethren is a movement in the proper direction, as tending to lessen apathy, and to awaken those high in the Church to a sense of the value of an institution connected with it, and demanding full recognition at their hands.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 23rd, 1899, at the Conservative Club Hall (entrance from White Lion Street), Norwich, at 1.30 o'clock, punctually.

The Standing Committee will meet at 11 a.m. at The Royal Hotel (top of Prince of Wales' Road, opposite the Post Office).

From 9 to 11 p.m. there will be a social gathering of members and friends at The Royal Hotel.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last Meeting.
 - 2.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
 - 3.—The Treasurer's statement.
 - 4.—To receive a further Report of the Committee on Rail fares.
 - 5.—To receive a further Report from the Committee on the Glossary of Technical Terms.
 - 6.—To receive a further Report from the Peal Collection Committee.
 - 7.—To receive an interim Report from the Committee on the condition of Rings of bells.
 - 8.—To receive any further Report of the Peal Values Committee.
 - 9.—To discuss the following subjects:—
 - (a).—The conditions and features which constitute a legitimate method of change-ringing.
 - (b).—The advantages, or otherwise, of paid ringing.
 - (A) for Sunday Services:
 - (B) on Special occasions.
 - (c).—The desirability, or otherwise, of prize-ringing in any form.
 - (d).—The best mode of instructing beginners in the Art of change-ringing—
 - (A) on the formation of a new company:
 - (B) on the introduction of one or more new members to an existing company.
 - (e).—How to keep up the supply of qualified conductors; and the number of such that ought to be attached to each company.
- H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Metropolis.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, May 6, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD H. ADAMS Treble.	JAMES W. DRIVER 6.
ERNEST A. ARTHURTON† .. 2.	WILLIAM T. ELSON 7.
HARRY BARTON 3.	REUBEN CHARGE 8.
ALBERT E. QUAIFFE 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER,

†First peal of Stedman.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 6, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON* Treble.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 5.
HENRY LANGDON, SEN. .. 2.	WILLIAM S. LANGDON .. 6.
WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. 3.	WILLIAM H. WEBBER .. 7.
ARTHUR HARDY 4.	*WILLIAM HOYLE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

*First peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 8, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble.	WILLIAM PASMORE 5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 2.	JOHN W. GOLDING 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

This composition has the 6th her extent in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles Brice, the band wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1899, 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, April Day, Morning Star, St. Dunstan's, Fortune, Grandsire and Plain Bob Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE* Treble.	CHARLES NUNN 3.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	EDWARD BUCKINGHAM .. 4.

JOHN BUCKINGHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal, age 14.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. MOTTS Treble.	J. LAST 5.
W. LAST 2.	S. C. R. FLAXMAN 6.
W. SMITH 3.	T. G. DOWSING 7.
F. CLARKE 4.	A. F. DOWSING Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	THOMAS MILLER 8.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 4.	JOHN BARBER 10.
BERNARD WITCHELL 5.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 11.
SAMUEL REEVES 6.	THOMAS REYNOLDS Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal, which is in four parts, has the back bells in the four most musical positions, and is now rung for the first time, and believed to be the first rung on the plan. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Walker. It was F. Clayton's rooth peal

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1899, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

HENRY FAULKS Treble.	*SAMUEL HUGHES 6.
HENRY GOODMAN† 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
JOHN MILLS 3.	ARTHUR SPITTLE 8.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 4.	JOHN GOODMAN 9.
HARRY MASON 5.	HERBERT SHEPPARD Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by S. SPITTLE.*First peal of Caters. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal by the
above Guild, and was rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss L. W. Higgs and Mr.
J. W. Nayler.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores each of April Day, Old Doubles and Plain
Bob, and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

SAMUEL KERRISON Treble.	WILLIAM PIERCE 3.
T. LINTON WILSON 2.	ROBERT TRACY 4.
CHARLES KERRISON Tenor.	

Conducted by T. L. WILSON.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JOHN RICE Treble.	*THOMAS CARD 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE* 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal of Cambridge. This is the first peal of Surprise on the bells. The
ringers wish to thank the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, and Mr. Brooker
for getting everything in readiness.

DENHAM, BUCKS.

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

On Saturday, May 6, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES GEORGE Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	JOHN M. HAYES 6.
HERBERT MARTIN 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Further reference to this peal will
be found elsewhere.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1899, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

J. S. AMBLER Treble.	R. RYLAND 5.
A. STEAD 2.	C. E. STEWART 6.
G. H. COPPING 3.	S. W. STEWART 7.
B. F. LAMB 4.	F. SALMONS Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by F. SALMONS.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1899, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN 2.	FREDERICK A. NUNN .. 6.
EDWARD A. BACON 3.	WALTER CLARK 7.
JOHN MARDELL 4.	GEORGE CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1899, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Plain Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and
one each of Grandsire and College Single.

WILLIAM TROWLES* .. Treble.	*SAMUEL RUSHEN 4.
HENRY GEORGE ROWE .. 2.	*JOSEPH SEAGER 5.
HARRY BROWN* 3.	THOMAS HAMMOND Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HAMMOND.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor, and first in Minor. First peal by the local
company.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 2.	*WILLIAM RUMSEY 6.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 3.	*ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7.
JAMES DURRANT 4.	*WILLIAM GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

*First peal in the method. For calling see "THE BELL NEWS" of April 25 1896.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(HENLEY BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 8, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S PEAL.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	J. HANDS 5.
E. J. MENDAY 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
R. T. HIBBERT 3.	H. W. SMITH 7.
E. W. MENDAY 4.	T. NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

KIDDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 9, 1899, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A SIX-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY WALTERS .. Treble.	FRANK EDWARDS, ESQ. .. 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6.
FRED WEBB 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE 7.
WILLIAM THORPE 4.	JAMES FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by H. G. JUDGE.

PEAL CORRECTION.—Mr. Thomas Price, of Meads, Eastbourne,
writes:—Will you kindly oblige me by correcting three little mistakes
which have appeared lately in "BELL NEWS." First the peal of
Grandsire Triples rang at St. Mary's, Old Town, Eastbourne, should
have been dated April 22nd, not 29th. In the same peal e treble-

man's name should be Thomas Price, not Thomas H. Price as stated in your issue of April 29th; also in the peal of Bob Major rung at Waldron, Sussex, on April 30th, the 6th man's name should read Thomas Price not Thomas H. Price. I do not think my name was sent in right to you, but if you will kindly correct this for me I shall be greatly obliged.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The report of peal sent by H. Williams, of Armsley, does not specify at what church it was rung.—The peal of Stedman sent by Mr. Hims, of Oxford, much behind its time, is without the name of any church or town.

Miscellaneous.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Saturday, April 29th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing about 700 changes, time not permitting for another start. H. Stubbs, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; F. Stubbs, 4; F. Kirk, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6; H. Sharman, 7; A. Kirk, 8. On Sunday evening, April 30th, for Divine Service, 432 Bob Major. H. Copperwheat, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6; H. Sharman, 7; F. Kirk, 8. And 420 Grandsire Triples. G. Kirk, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; F. Kirk, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6; H. Sharman, 7; A. Kirk, 8. On Monday, May 1st, for practice, 252 Bob Triples. A. A. Kirk (longest touch in the method), 1; F. Kirk, 2; H. Copperwheat, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; R. Gilbert, 6; F. Stubbs, 7; H. Cullip, 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major H. Copperwheat (first course in the method), 1; H. Stubbs, 2; F. Stubbs, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; R. Gilbert (first course in the method), 6; F. Kirk, 7; W. J. Gilbert, 8. And a course of Double Norwich. H. Copperwheat, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; F. Stubbs, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert, 6; F. Kirk, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Stubbs (conductor), 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; F. Stubbs, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert, 6; F. Kirk, 7; A. Kirk, 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Saturday, April 22nd, at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. Matthews, 1; A. Burgess, 2; S. Dean, 3; F. Wright, 4; T. Bollington, 5; J. D. Wheeldon, 6; P. Long, 7; J. Perry, 8. Conducted by W. Matthews. Longest length by Messrs. Burgess and Bollington.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, April 13th, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Bobby, 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Also 864 Bob Major. F. G. Symonds, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; J. Moore, 4; J. Fayers (Preston), 5; H. Smith, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; A. Symonds, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Lampkin (first 720), 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 14th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles), T. Wraight, 1; E. J. Hyland (first 720 in the method), 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker (conductor), 6. On Friday, March 17th, 720 Oxford Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; Rev. E. W. Carpenter (first 720 in the method), 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Easter Day 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). T. Wraight, 1; E. J. Hyland, 2; G. Dennis, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; H. Shipp, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 9th, 720 Oxford Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Shipp, 1; A. J. Day, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; W. J. Walker, 4; T. Jull, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. J. Day, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TITCHFIELD (Hants).—On Thursday, March 9th, members of various towers visited the above church, permission having been granted to have a ring by the Rector, the Rev. R. A. White. The towers represented were Swanmore, Wickham, Shedfield, Portsea, Fareham and the local band, when touches in various methods were brought round. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Holmes, 1; J.

Harriss, 2; W. Cooper (conductor), 3; E. Collins, 4; S. Cummins, 5; E. Newman, 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Privett, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Cooper, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; E. Newman, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman. E. Collins, 1; C. Privett, 2; J. Harris, 3; G. Grafham, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; S. Cummins, 6. A 720 College Single. E. Newman, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. W. Holmes, 1; C. Privett, 2; J. Harris, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; E. Newman (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Single. W. Holmes, 1; C. Privett, 2; W. Cooper, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. J. Harris, 1; C. Privett, 2; E. Newman, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. *H. Waters, 1; *L. Page, 2; *E. Collins, 3; *J. Jennings, 4; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 5; *W. Chase, 6. *Local band.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, January 21st, 720 Bob Minor. G. Downes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. On Wednesday, February 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; G. Downes, 2; W. Singleton, 3; A. Gale, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 12th, 720 in the same method with W. Holmes, 1; the rest as before. On Tuesday, February 14th, 720 by the same band. On Saturday, February 18th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Singleton, 1; W. Cooper, 2; S. Cummins, 3; G. Grafham, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And 720 Oxford Single. W. Cooper, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; G. Grafham, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. On Wednesday, February 22nd, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Holmes, 1; G. Downes, 2; S. Cummins, 3; A. Gale, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, March 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Holmes, 1; S. Cummins, 2; W. Singleton, 3; A. Gale, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 19th, 720 in the same method with G. Downes, 2; the rest as before.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON.—On Easter Monday, at All Saints church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; W. Webb, 5; W. Birch, 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. E. Chaplin, 1; A. Saunders, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; E. Beckwith, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. At St. Mary's church 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; W. Webb, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Birch, 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise (first in the method on the bells), by a mixed band.

GREAT TOTHEAM.—On Easter Monday, at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Grimwade, 1; F. L. Bumstead, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent (conductor), 5; W. Birch, 6.

GOLDHANGER.—On Easter Monday, April 3rd, at St. Peter's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise (first in the method on the bells). H. G. Rowe, 1; F. Radley, 2; F. L. Bumstead, 3; C. H. Howard, (conductor), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. H. Howard, 1; H. G. Rowe, 2; F. L. Bumstead, 3; P. Holmes, 4; W. Birch, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.—On Saturday, April 8th, at St. Ignatius the Martyr, 720 Bob Doubles. R. Manning (first 720), 1; G. S. Taylor, 2; R. H. Blakey, 3; W. Denteth, 4; R. L. Patterson (conductor), 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Master Kenneth Haggie, son of the donor of the bells, who was accidentally killed at the works of his father on April 6th.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Easter Sunday morning, for early celebration, 1062 Grandsire Triples. E. Mallard, G. H. Head, C. Arfey, A. Gower, J. Smith, J. Osbourne, J. Sharp (conductor), F. Elms. On Tuesday, April 18th, for practice, 252 Stedman Triples. S. Saker (first as conductor), A. Gower, J. Smith, G. H. Head, T. Price, G. H. Howse, R. C. Mayo, C. Harfey. Also 378 Bob Major. C. Harfey, J. Smith, T. Smith, T. Price (first touch), S. Saker, G. H. Head, G. H. Howse, B. Howse, J. Goldsmith (conductor). And 504 Stedman Triples. T. Price, A. Gower, S. Saker, J. Smith, R. C. Mayo, B. Hobbs, J. Goldsmith (conductor), C. Harfey.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TRETON.—On Monday, April 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Price, 1; J. Rhodes, 2; G. Marsden, 3; S. Robinson, 4; S. Allen, 5; A. Worthington, 6. And 720 College Pleasure. H. Greaves, 1; Bettison, 2; T. Whitworth, 3; W. Allwood, 4; C. Severn, 5; H.

Turton, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Price, 1; A. Brearley, 2; E. James, 3; T. Sarel, 4; A. Worthington, 5; W. Biggin, 6. And 720 College Trebles. T. Sarel, 1; E. James, 2; G. Shaw, 3; T. Whitworth, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. Also 720 Oxford. W. Allwood, 1; T. Sarel, 2; E. James, 3; E. Allen, 4; J. Brothwell, 5; W. Biggin, 6. And 720 London Surprise. T. Whitworth, 1; H. Greaves, 2; T. Bettinson, 3; W. Allwood, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES.—On Thursday, January 19th, at St. John's church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. R. Hampson, 1; C. D. Heginbotham, 2; S. Hillier (conductor), 3; F. S. Wilson, 4; F. Merritt, 5; R. Phillips, 6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

ASBEY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Easter Monday, the St. Peter's society, Wolverhampton, made an attempt for Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples at the parish church of St. Helen, but a change-course occurred in the 7th part after ringing 1 hr. R. Cartwright, 1; B. Dalton, 2; J. E. Groves, 3; W. G. Hall, 4; S. Hodges, 5; H. Knight, 6; J. Jaggar (conductor), 7; G. Burrows, 8. All the members afterwards attended the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Derby.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, April 8th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt for Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 2268 changes. On Saturday, April 15th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters came to grief after ringing 2 hrs., when some smoke was seen coming through the cracks round the belfry windows, and the treble man set his bell to see what was the matter; the church chimney having caught fire, and of course brought the peal to a speedy termination. J. Jaggar, 1; W. G. Hall, 2; H. J. Balcombe, 3; B. Dalton, 4; R. Pickering, 5; H. Knight, 6; S. Hodges, 7; R. Cartwright, 8; J. E. Groves (conductor), 9; F. Jones, 10.

PENN (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, April 15th, after Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. R. Pickering, 1; B. Dalton, 2; J. Jaggar, 3; H. Kaye, 4; S. Hodges, 5; J. E. Groves, 6; W. G. Hall (first touch as conductor), 7; H. J. Balcombe, 8.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, April 29th, Messrs. J. Maddock and H. Poole, from St. James', Taunton, visited the above tower and assisted several members of the local band to ring their first 720 of Grandsire. Two 720s of Grandsire were successfully accomplished. Elst 720: H. Poole, 1; F. N. Quantock Shuldham, 2; H. Hayward, 3; B. Harrison, 4; I. Hayward, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. Second 720: H. Poole (conductor), 1; F. N. Quantock Shuldham, 2; H. Hayward, 3; J. Maddock, 4; I. Hayward, 5; I. G. Osborne, 6. This is the first 720 by the local members. Change-ringing was commenced in this tower after the restoration of the bells in 1895; as it is a long way from any other tower where scientific ringing is attempted, the ringers have had, for the most part, to teach themselves, and they are very grateful to Messrs. Maddock and Poole for kindly coming to their assistance on this occasion.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HILLINGDON EAST (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 16th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. *R. Becker, 1; *H. Ayers, 2; W. Odell, 3; W. H. Gosden, 4; *J. J. Pratt, 5; H. Chandler, 6; †H. S. Reeves (conductor), 7; W. Honor, 8. *First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor. Composed by the Editor.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 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. On Thursday, March 30th, for practice, 240 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; F. Carroway, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. Also 360 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Mulley, 1; F. L. Sparks, 2; W. Webb, 3; A. J. Chidwick (Barnet), 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, April 16th, after Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. L. Sparks, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—At Christ Church on Easter Sunday, for morning service, 720 Violet. Joseph Thackray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; Jno. Boddy (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 240 Primrose and Duke of York, 144 London

Scholars and 48 City Delight. J. Hey, 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6. On April 9th, for morning service, 720 Violet. J. Heckingbottom, 1; J. Whitaker, 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 240 Cambridge Surprise and 600 Tulip. J. Guy, 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. On April 16th, for morning service, 240 College Treble and 312 Duke of York. J. Heckingbottom, 1; Jos. Thackray (conductor), 2; J. Guy, 6; others as before. For evening service 720 College Exercise and 96 Woodbine. Jos. Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 2; others as before. On April 23rd, for morning service, 240 each of Merchant's Delight, Arnold's Victory and City Delight. J. Hey, 1; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 2; Jos. Thackray, 3; others as before. For evening service, 240 Tulip and Primrose, 144 College Treble, and 96 Violet. Jos. Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 2; B. Cowling, 3; others as before. On April 30th, for evening service, 240 Tulip, 144 London Scholars and Arnold's Victory, 72 Merchant's Delight, and College Pleasure, standing as before. In the morning only five turned up.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 16th, for Divine Service at St. Giles's church, 953 Grandsire Caters. H. Flower, 1; H. Langdon, 2; W. H. Webber, 3; H. Langdon, sen., 4; A. Hardy, 5; D. Nirrep, Esq., 6; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 7; W. S. Langdon, 8; H. Barton, 9; T. Langdon, 10. D. Nirrep, Esq., has just returned from the Transvaal.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, April 16th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Broad, 1; A. A. Jones, 2; H. Martin, 3; J. Chance, 4; E. Gilbert, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; W. Jones, 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, April 4th, at St. Saviour's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Willoughby, A. Gower, G. H. Howse, T. Price, J. Sharp, R. C. Mayo, G. H. Howes, G. H. Head, (conductor), J. Osbourne. On Tuesday, April 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. G. H. Howse, T. Price, A. Gower, J. R. C. Mayo, B. Hobbs, G. Head (conductor), E. Willoughby. Tenor 25 cwt. This is supposed to be the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

GLODWICK (Lancashire).—On Friday, April 14th, on the occasion of a Confirmation at St. Mark's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. T. Dyson, 1; W. Clegg, 2; E. Geary, 3; J. W. Taylor, 4; J. Taylor, 5; J. Lees, 6; A. Clegg (conductor), 7; W. Rhodes, 8. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 15th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Leeks, 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; G. Death, 3; R. Theobald, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; H. Diggins, 6.

HAILSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, April 30th, previous to Divine Service, 252 Stedman Triples. K. Hart (conductor), 1; F. W. Harding, 2; R. J. Dawe, 3; F. Bennett, 4; J. S. Goldsmith, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; G. Longney, 8. Also a course of Bob Major.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday evening, April 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Bridges, 1; T. Steward (conductor), 2; C. Scrutland, 3; G. Moss, 4; J. Souter, 5; A. Fuller, 6. First 720 in the method by the local company.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 26th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (ten bobs and fourteen singles). E. Newman (first 720), 1; C. Levitt, 2; J. Fayers, 3; R. Wilding (Monks Eleigh), 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5-6.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, April 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Smithers, 1; G. Elston, 2; W. Trewin, 3; E. Lucas, 4; C. Willshire, 5; J. Hunt, 6.

WITHYCOMBE (Devon).—Recently at the parish church 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Willmott, 1; H. Burch, 2; J. Lockyer, 3; C. Bond, 4; J. Pike, 5; R. Manley, 6; A. Snow, 7; G. Stocker, 8. Another 546 with J. Snow. And a 504. H. Willmott, 1; J. Snow, 2; J. Lockyer, 3; H. Burch, 4; R. Manley, 5; C. Bond, 6; A. Snow, 7; G. Stocker, 8. On Sunday a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Willmott, 1; J. Snow, 2; J. Lockyer, 3; H. Burch, 4; R. Manley, 5; A. Snow, 6; C. Bond, 7; G. Stocker, 8. First quarter-peal by all except C. Bond. For the 11 a.m. service 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Willmott, 1; J. Snow, 2; J. Lockyer, 3; C. Bond, 4; J. Pike, 5; R. Manley, 6; A. Snow, 7; G. Stocker, 8. All the above were conducted by C. Bond. On Monday, April 10th, for practice, 910 Grandsire Triples. H. Willmott, 1; J. Lockyer, 2; J. Snow, 3; R. Manley, 4; H. Burch, 5; J. Pike, 6; C. Bond, 7; G. Stocker, 8.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

The members of this Society, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. A. Baillie) and the churchwardens, enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the Coffee Tavern on Monday, May 1st. They were first entertained to dinner, at which they were joined by the Rector, who presided, the Revs. R. W. Rudgard, W. L. W. Kitching, F. W. Bennitt, and H. J. Olliver (curates), Mr. A. J. Lawrence and Mr. Richard Over (ex-churchwardens), General Griffiths, Messrs. W. Brooke, J. Hollowell and H. Marple, present churchwardens of St. Andrew's and Holy Trinity. An excellent repast was served, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to musical enjoyment, the Rev. W. L. W. Kitching, Mr. Kitching, and Mr. F. Stannard (the hon. secretary of the society) giving especial pleasure by the excellent songs they rendered. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were also rung upon the handbells by members, under the conductorship of Mr. J. George, the ringing master. Before separating, Mr. Stannard proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness that evening, and also for the encouragement they gave to the band generally in their endeavours to acquire the art of change-ringing.

The Rector said the clergy and churchwardens were very glad to show their recognition of the work the Society was doing, and they were anxious to do what they could to enable the band to become proficient. At the same time they did not forget that people were not yet accustomed to having a large peal of bells in the middle of the town, and required time to get used to them; and, therefore, they must be careful not to excite a feeling against the bells by using them unduly. As time went on they find people would get more used to them. He was glad to know that people who lived farther away greatly appreciated the bells when well rung, and it was only right the members should have as much time as possible to practice, but at the same time they must try to avoid raising the prejudices of others; and if, at any time he had to put the brake on a little, he hoped they would not think he was not interested in the work, but would recognise that he had to consider all sides, and desired to attain the happy medium and promote the harmony of the parish.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

The annual supper of the Farnham company took place on a recent Monday at The Lion and Lamb hotel. The Rector presided, and was supported by the four churchwardens. After a good repast, the harmony of the evening was contributed by Messrs. Garfath (sen. and jun.), LeClercq, Barnett, Schofield, Fry, Hasted, Smithers, Crosby, and Smith.

The Rector and churchwardens kindly promised to give a set of handbells (which are very much needed) to encourage the practice of change-ringing. This was highly appreciated by the ringers, and the donors were heartily thanked. At the conclusion of the evening the Rector was thanked for presiding, and also for his liberality.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GREAT DODDINGTON.—With the bells full muffled on the occasion of the funeral of the late Mr. John Green, a respected inhabitant, a lover of bells, and a useful honorary member of the above Association, twelve 6-scores of Doubles: Grandsire and Antelope. T. Fowler (Wilby), C. Fairey (Wilby), C. Chapman (conductor), J. Bonham, and E. Chapman.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On the occasion of the monthly meeting on Saturday, April 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor, conducted by S. Wood. An attempt for Oxford Single failed after ringing 672 changes. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Walter, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; J. Hughes, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; G. R. Rogers, 5; H. E. Hough (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob, conducted by J. Hughes.

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.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

The third annual meeting of the Halesworth and Chediston Ringers' and Chimers' Association was held on Friday at The Temperance Hotel, Halesworth, where (through the kindness of subscribers in Halesworth and Chediston) dinner was provided by host Lambert, twenty-one sitting down. In the absence of the President (Rev. A. R. Upcher), the vice-President (Rev. A. S. Thompson) occupied the chair.

After tea the usual business was transacted, Mr. J. Perry, c.c., churchwarden, occupying the vice-chair. Mr. F. Lambert was re-elected Secretary, and Mr. J. Howard, Treasurer, for the Halesworth company; and Mr. T. Crane was elected Secretary, and Mr. W. Cady Treasurer for the Chediston company.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to handbell ringing, readings, recitations, songs, and selections on the gramophone, concluding with the National Anthem.

CURIOUS SUBSTITUTES FOR CHURCH BELLS.

Last century, says the *Golden Penny*, it was no uncommon practice to hoist a flag on the church tower to inform intending worshippers of the hours of Divine Service. We read too, that the tending of this flag was a special duty for which a small wage was paid; 10s. for example being given yearly in Sutherland to an old woman for hanging out the flag. Curious substitutes were also employed at other places: drums, horns, and conch shells being called into requisition.

Still more primitive was the custom which prevailed a few years back at Fordon, a small hamlet in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The building that served as a church possessed neither bell-turret nor bell, and the services were very occasional. They were performed by a clergyman who was wont to ride over from one of the neighbouring parishes. On his arrival he would tether his horse outside the church, and then having donned his surplice, walk to the top of the hill where the sacred edifice stood, where he would proceed to crack his whip several times to let the country folk know that service was about to commence.

LATE NOTICES.

[The following have come to hand after the page set apart for notices was printed. We beg to remind those concerned that these should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.]

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.—The next meeting will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, May 27th, at 5 o'clock.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH OF LANCS.—A meeting on May 20th at Waterfoot. In the tower at 6.30.

KENT COUNTY.—Annual meeting at Ashford, Whit-Monday. Service at parish church 10.30, address by Vicar. Central Committee meet at 11.30 in parish room, peal-book on view; dinner at 1.30 in church house. Towers open: Ashford, Mersham, Wye, Kennington, Willesborough, and Great Chart. Apply for dinner tickets to hon. sec.

ANSWER TO REQUEST.

SIR,—Will you please inform Mr. Perry through your columns that he can have forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, by communicating with
CHARLES HAZELDEN.
Oak Bank, Sevenoaks, Kent.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, March 25th, on handbells, two 720s of Bob Minor. On Saturday, April 1st, two 720s in the same method, each called differently. J. Dale, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

Situations Vacant.

A SITUATION is offered to Change-ringer in Standard Methods, used to Cows and Horses, and out-door Gardening. Commencing 18s. weekly. Apply, W. S. FRITCHETT, Kings Norton, Worcestershire.

Notices.

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Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, to-day, Saturday, May 13. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. **WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.**

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of the members of the above district will be held at All Hallows Church, Tottenham, to-day, Saturday, May 13th, by kind permission of the Rev. Denton Jones. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

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

The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Shelly, to-day, Saturday, May 13th. Meeting at The Gardeners' Arms at 5 o'clock. The annual six-bell contest will take place at Shelly, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A meeting of the above will be held in Bristol to-day, Saturday, May 13, to form a branch of the above Association for the deaneries of Bristol, Stapleton, Bitton, Hawkesbury, Chippenham, and Dursley; and to elect a chairman and hon. secretary for the same. Service at St. Nicholas church with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Murchison, at 4 p.m., followed by the business meeting in the crypt. The bells of St. Nicholas (10), St. Stephen's (10), and St. John's, Broad Street (6), will be available.

H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, Hon. Asst. Sec.
86, Coronation Road, Bristol.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Garston, to-day, Saturday, May 13th. The tower will be open all the afternoon for ringing, and at 5.30, through the kindness of Mr. Gough, there will be refreshments. The meeting will be held after. It is hoped that members will try to attend to appreciate Mr. Gough's kindness in providing for them.

G. WOODHALL, Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, May 20th. The ring of eight at St. Chad's, tenor 20 cwt., will be available from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Local committee will sit at The Woodman hotel from 1 p.m. The official headquarters will be at the Church School. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.; tea at 5; meeting immediately after. The local hon. sec. is Mr. William Child, Mansfield Place, Moor Road, Headingley, to whom communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent.

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

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh, on Saturday, May 20th. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Alcock, sen., Leigh, not later than Wednesday, May 17th.

REV. G. T. BIRCH, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. The bells of South Church (8), and Heighington (6), are at the disposal of members. Committee meeting (12 o'clock), and dinner (1 p.m.), at Wear Valley hotel. Members 1s. 6d., non-members, 2s. 6d. each. Intending visitors are requested to notify Secretary before May 16th.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.
18, West Parade, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Devonshire Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. All ringers will be welcome. **W. E. PITFIELD CHAPPLE, Hon. Sec.**

Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Ashford, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Particulars next week. Application for dinner tickets to be made to

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.
Canterbury.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Divine Service at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.15. Dinner at 1.30. Members intending to be present must notify their station to me not later than the previous Tuesday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Asst. Sec.

Farnham Royal, Bucks.—The annual friendly meeting will take place at Farnham Royal (one mile from Burnham Beeches) on Whit Monday, May 22nd. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. Permission has kindly been given to use the bells (6) at Stoke Poges, and (8) at Burnham.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 22nd, at Thirsk. Dinner at Mr. Barnett's, Market Place, at 1.0 p.m. Members 1s. each; non-members 2s. Committee meeting at the same place at 12.30 p.m. The use of the bells (6) at Feliskirk, three miles, and Northallerton (8), has also been kindly granted for the day. Ringers intending to dine, kindly inform the Secretary not later than Wednesday, May 17th.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT,
Stokesley, R.S.O. Hon. Sec. and Treas.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Northampton on Whit-Monday. Divine Service at St. Sepulchre's church at 1 o'clock. Luncheon at The Peacock hotel at 2 o'clock. General arrangements as usual. Visitors from other Associations welcome.

E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above Society will be held at Calverley (eight bells), on Saturday, May 27th. Meeting house, Thornhill Arms. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Handbells provided. All members and friends invited.

H. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley, Leeds.

Odd Fellows Conference at Middlesbrough, Whit-week.—Delegates and brother-strings attending above, communicate with G. J. Clarkson, 6, Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees, or J. H. Blakiston, 21, Jedburgh Street, Middlesbrough, who will gladly make ringing arrangements to suit.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. ASHMOLE.—You need only wait until next week.

BOB MAJOR.—We have too many already.

RINGING AT NORWICH DURING MEETING OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

FINAL NOTICE.—A peal of Cinques will be attempted at St. Peter Mancroft, on Whitsun-Monday, starting at 5.30 p.m. sharp. A peal will also be attempted at Aylsham, the band leaving Norwich at 8.30 a.m. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft will be rung at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Whit-Sunday, and before and after the meeting on Tuesday.

CHAS. E. BORRETT,
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 3rd, the annual contest on eight bells in connection with the above-named Society took place at All Saints, Dewsbury, when six companies competed for the Association's challenge cup and other prizes given by the Dewsbury company. Messrs. Hansen and Kitchen, of Elland, and Mr. J. H. Hardcastle, of Bradford, officiated as judges, and gave their decision as follows: First prize, Association challenge cup and eight splendid timepieces, Earlsheaton, 174 faults; second prize, eight silver alberts and pendants, Liversedge, 200 faults; third prize, eight silver medals with gold centres, Almondsbury, 230 faults. The touch rung was 1344 Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by A. Sykes, of Lindley. The following companies also competed, and each received a consolation prize: Halifax, Huddersfield and Kirkburton.

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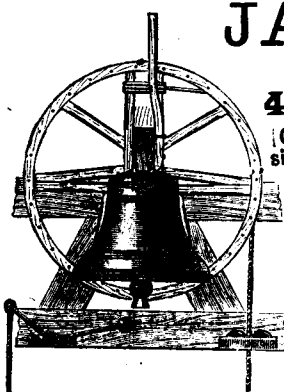
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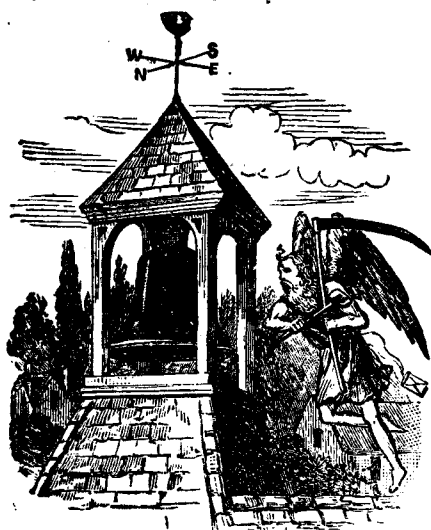
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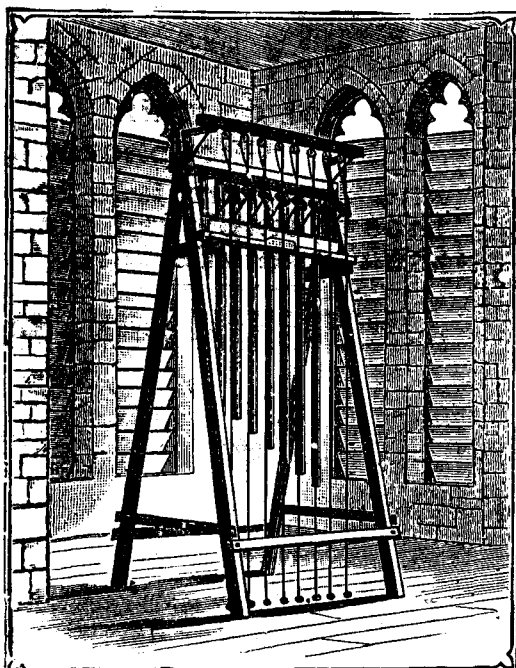
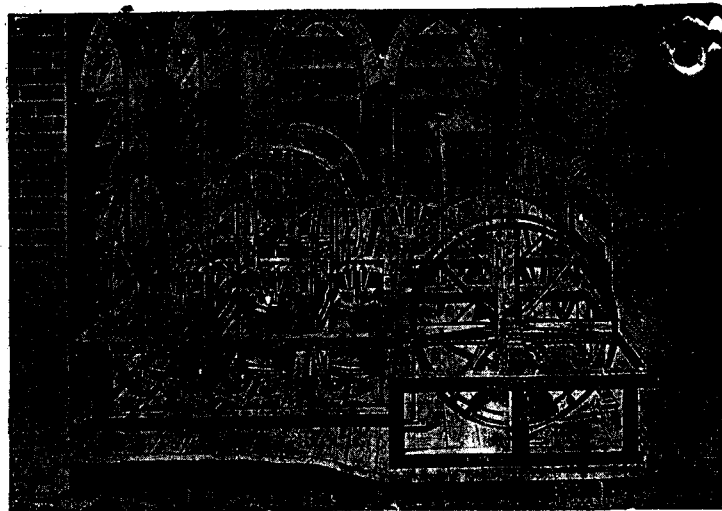
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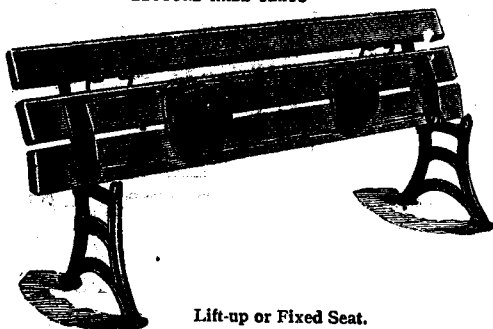
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRNCH.)

The spring meeting of the members of this branch was held on Saturday last. This was one of the best and most enjoyable meetings held since the formation of this branch in 1892. Among those present were the Revs. H. Barter (President of the branch), Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), T. W. Lee (Vicar of Leafield), W. S. G. Williams (Rector of Great Rollright), R. E. W. Cozens (curate of Chadlington), B. W. Barford (curate of Chipping Norton), and W. G. Palmer (curate of Enstone); the Hon. Secretary, and Mr. E. W. Arkell, of Blockley. The following towers were represented: Burford, Chipping Norton, Enstone, Great Rollright, Leafield, Shipton, and Witney. There was plenty of ringing during the afternoon, but nothing of importance was done until after the business meeting had been held, when the Master, with his usual desire to add to the success and enjoyment of such occasions, started with a band for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, which was got at the second attempt.

At 4.30 there was service in the church, the Rev. T. W. Lee and the Rev. H. Barter taking part. The Rev. E. W. Cozens preached a very impressive sermon from 2 Tim. ii. 11.

After the service tea was served in the school, to which forty-four sat down. This was followed by a business meeting presided over by the Rev. H. Barter. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Vicar of Chipping Norton and the Rectors of Hook Norton and Cornwell. The Rev. W. G. Williams, Rector of Great Rollright, was elected an honorary member; several ringing members were also elected. The question of fixing the place for holding the autumn meeting was raised, and the Rev. W. J. Palmer gave the members a very cordial invitation to visit Enstone, remarking that it was four years since the last visit. Mr. Barlow had great pleasure in supporting that. The Enstone people were doing all they could to improve the ringing, and he thought that if the members went there it would encourage and lead them to take greater interest in the work. The Chairman hoped the Enstone people would get two more bells, that was what they wanted, they had the pits ready for them.

The Chairman then said their next duty was to propose a vote of thanks to the Rev. R. E. W. Cozens for coming to address them. He was sure they had all listened with very great interest to a discourse on a very appropriate subject. Mr. Cozens was a well-known good worker in his profession; he should add to his good works by becoming a ringer, then he would please them all. They also desired to thank the Rev. T. W. Lee for inviting them to Leafield, and for the arrangements he had made for their comfort; Mr. Hewitt for the excellent tea he had provided; and the ringers for having the ringing-chamber in such nice order. Mr. Lee having responded,

The Rev. W. S. G. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. E. Robinson. He thought they were greatly privileged that the Master of the Guild, with his many engagements, had been good enough to come there and encourage them in their work.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said it was his duty and his privilege to attend these meetings in various parts of the diocese. That particular visit had given him especial pleasure, because he had seen the great progress which had been made since he was last there, notably at Shipton. It was part of his duty to stimulate change-ringing in every possible way. When they were at Shipton in the autumn they brought a band of experienced ringers, and afterwards he (the Master) addressing the Shipton ringers, expressed the hope that after hearing what they had done they would be stimulated to go on. He was happy to find that his words had had the desired effect, and that the Shipton ringers had made as much progress in the few months since his former visit as they had previously in so many years. He hoped they would be encouraged to persevere, and the Leafield company also. He was glad to hear that there was a possibility of eight bells at Enstone, which would be a very desirable addition.

This concluded the business.

REIGATE, SURREY.

On Friday evening, May 12th, the Reigate Society met at the parish church to ring for the first time since the bells have been rehung. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, in which Mr. Dean, the Hon. Secretary of the Surrey Association, took part. The work of restoration was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have recast the old 2nd, and quarter-turned the other seven. They have also added two trebles to make a peal of ten, all hung in a new frame, with new fittings throughout.

On the 27th of May—the Vicar's 84th birthday—the new trebles will be dedicated, and the ten opened for ringing. The ringers were all of the opinion that great credit was due to the above-named firm for the excellent way in which the entire work has been carried out, all the bells going like tops.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

On Monday evening, April 24th, the local company of ringers met to open a new peal of handbells, cast by Messrs. Shaw and Son, bellfounders and church clock manufacturers, of Bradford, Yorkshire. The bells are a ring of eight, in E flat. Several courses of Grandsire and Bob Major were rung upon them. The beautiful tone and fitting of the bells were much admired.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

On Whit-Monday, eight members of the Oxford Guild will attempt a long peal of Double Norwich at Kidlington, starting at 8.0 a.m.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of this Association held at Gloucester on January 12th, a committee was appointed to consider the formation of branches of the Association for the purpose of encouraging the Art of ringing in the county districts of the two dioceses, and for more frequent meetings. The committee so appointed reported at the meeting held at Cirencester on April 15th, unanimously in favour of those branches being formed, to be called the Gloucester, Bristol, and Cirencester branches, each comprising the various deaneries most conveniently situated as regards railway accommodation from each centre. This report was adopted without a dissentient voice. Forthwith a meeting of the Association was summoned for the 13th inst., to form the Bristol branch; and notices were sent to the various parishes of the Deaneries of Bristol, Stapleton, Bitton, Hawkesbury, Chippenham, and Dursley, which form the branch.

Service was held in the crypt of St. Nicholas church, Bristol, at 4 p.m., and an appropriate address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Murchison, who afterwards presided at the business meeting, extending a hearty welcome to the ringers, and wishing this branch every success.

Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower the Hon. Secretary read the authority for forming the Bristol branch with a chairman and Hon. Secretary. The Rev. H. A. Cockey, Vicar of Oldland, a past Master of the Association, and Mr. C. H. Gordon, were unanimously elected chairman and hon. secretary respectively. A member from each deanery was appointed to serve on the Committee, and ten new ringing members were elected. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Almondbury on the 27th inst.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, for his address, and the use of his bells, and many expressions of goodwill for the prosperity of this branch, brought a successful meeting to a close. The fine ring of ten bells at this ancient city church were soon set merrily going, making the formation and first meeting of the Bristol branch as a fact accomplished.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The yearly meeting of this society took place on Saturday, May 6th, at St. Marie's church, Norfolk Row. Ringing took place from four till eight, after which the business meeting was held at the meeting-house, The Sportsman inn, Cambridge Street. Mr. W. Lambert was re-elected President; Mr. S. Thomas, Treasurer; Mr. R. Harrison, Secretary.

The President being absent through illness, Mr. S. Thomas was elected chairman. A resume of the past year's progress was given, votes of thanks to the officers, etc., after which an hour or so was spent in harmony. Special mention should be made of the performance by Mr. C. Armitage, of Doncaster, who tapped several courses of different methods in excellent style, eliciting admiration from all.

STOKESLEY, CLEVELAND, YORKSHIRE.

During the past month a very great improvement has been carried out in the church tower. The bells, a light ring of six, were rung from the ground floor, with a rope between 50 ft. and 60 feet long. This, as can well be

imagined, was most inconvenient from any point of view, and experienced ringers who have from time to time visited us, have remarked how almost impossible it was to obtain accurate striking under the circumstances. But this we are glad to say is now altered. Through the energy of the local band, who are taking great interest in change-ringing, a sum of twenty guineas has been raised by voluntary contributions for the purpose of erecting a ringing-chamber.

This has now been completed, and the length of rope shortened by 10 or 12 ft. The result is that ringing has become quite a pleasure, and the striking already shows great improvement. In addition to this particular boon, there is also the comfort of having a cosy and private chamber in which to ring, where also in time to come we hope to be able to place on record some accomplishments of which ringers need not be ashamed. The one thing we now lack is two more bells to complete the octave. Would that some kind friend would give them to us to commemorate Her Majesty's 80th birthday.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 23rd, 1899, at the Conservative Club Hall (entrance from White Lion Street), Norwich, at 1.30 o'clock, punctually.

The Standing Committee will meet at 11 a.m. at The Royal Hotel (top of Prince of Wales' Road, opposite the Post Office).

From 9 to 11 p.m. there will be a social gathering of members and friends at The Royal Hotel.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last Meeting.
- 2.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
- 3.—The Treasurer's statement.
- 4.—To receive a further Report of the Committee on Rail fares.
- 5.—To receive a further Report from the Committee on the Glossary of Technical Terms.
- 6.—To receive a further Report from the Peal Collection Committee.
- 7.—To receive an interim Report from the Committee on the condition of Rings of bells.
- 8.—To receive any further Report of the Peal Values Committee.
- 9.—To discuss the following subjects:—
 - (a).—The conditions and features which constitute a legitimate method of change-ringing.
 - (b).—The advantages, or otherwise, of paid ringing.
 - (A) for Sunday Services;
 - (B) on Special occasions.
 - (c).—The desirability, or otherwise, of prize-ringing in any form.
 - (d).—The best mode of instructing beginners in the Art of change-ringing—
 - (A) on the formation of a new company;
 - (B) on the introduction of one or more new members to an existing company.
 - (e).—How to keep up the supply of qualified conductors; and the number of such that ought to be attached to each company.

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HISTORICALLY CONSIDERED.

By R. A. DANIELL.

CHANGE-RINGING is in our days carried on under the patronage of the Church; and to such an extent has this fact become recognised that it appears in some form or other to pervade most of what is written or said about our Art even with a historical object. Indeed a perusal of the reports appearing in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" of speeches or sermons delivered on the occasion of ringers' gatherings, frequently suggests the idea that change-ringing originated under the fostering care of the Church, and that in so far as ringers ceased to be regarded as church officers, it was owing to some extent to a slackness in ecclesiastical practices in the last century, but mainly to the exceeding wickedness of ringers in general. Ringers, we are not infrequently invited to believe, were up to recent years in a brutal and swinish state, from which the Church has of late been trying to raise them; and it is claimed on behalf of the Church that it has been very successful in this effort.

Now I yield to no one in gratitude to the clergy and laity who have turned their interest to steeples and ringers in our own days; and I recognise as fully as anyone that bells being hung in consecrated buildings should, with everything belonging to them, be used with reverence, and to the honour of Him in whose House they are. But that is no reason why no attempt should be made to treat the history of change-ringing as it appears from a consideration of the evidence available to us. And that evidence appears to be conclusive that the origin of change-ringing was secular, and that it was continuously practised and developed by bodies of respectable men, against whom in the aggregate nothing can be fairly said except that like most of the rest of mankind they have always been men of their day and generation, with the habits and ideas one would naturally expect to find in men of the period in which they lived.

Upon a review of the evidence of the history of change-ringing one is led to place our art as applied to Church purposes at the present day in an unique position. Of all other arts of which the Church makes use in the present it has been a liberal patron in the past. Architecture, painting and sculpture have been fostered by the Christian Church from the earliest period at which it emerged from the obscurity forced upon it by proscription and persecution, and in the use it now makes of these arts it is reaping where it has sown. One of the characteristics of Church work in these days is the extent to which music is utilised in the Church services, and we are continually being told that our work in the ringing room is with regard to the Church of the same general nature with, though different in degree from, that of the choir. How comes it that there is such a thing as a choral service performed by a voluntary choir? Because the Church has throughout the middle ages, and down to our own time, maintained professional choirs in Cathedral and Collegiate Churches. It is now getting the benefit of what it has paid for. The form of responses in the daily offices which is known as *Ferial*, comes down to us from the middle ages, and is substantially the same throughout the country, though varied in detail by local usage. The well-known Festival responses, accompanied by the organ, are the arrangement of Thomas Tallis, who was on the staff of the Chapel Royal (which though royal in its establishment is ecclesiastical in its essence) in the sixteenth century, and service music and anthems have been contributed to the use of the Church for more than three centuries by men who have been in their day members of choral foundations, often commencing their work as boys and continuing it as lay vicars or organists. And though, of course, all the work is not equally good, there have never been wanting some additions to the stores of Church music, which deserve to live on their own account, and have inspired others. Farrant, Byrde, Gibbons, Blow, Purcell, Croft, Greene, and Boyce are names which readily occur to the mind in this connection, as some of those who have left compositions which will always find a place in the church services. All these

and countless others, both composers and performers, have been members of Choral Foundations, and though it must be admitted that the pecuniary dealings of Deans and Chapters with their musical staff were often in past days very far from liberal, still choirmen and organists did receive emoluments, and also a status which was frequently valuable to them in other ways, and the choirs were centres of musical education throughout England in times when such education was not otherwise so generally attainable as it is now.

In days when so much voluntary work is done by Churchmen one of its most natural branches is choir singing, where volunteers are participating in choral services which owe their preservation and development down to our own time, to the expenditure of the Church in the past. But how comes it that there is a voluntary band of change-ringers in the steeple ringing for these services? What did the Church do for the Fathers and Pioneers of the Science? Nothing whatever that I have been able to discover. Stedman, the author of the London Scholars' book, Annable, Patrick, the authors of the *Clavis*, Shipway—these names occur to the mind as representative of many others engaged in the past in originating and extending the Science. Did the Church give them any encouragement? None at all. Moreover the Church, as we understand the word in these days in connection with the maintenance of the fabric and ornaments of the structures of our churches, did not even provide the bells, or pay the expense of their maintenance or repair. These things were done by subscription or rate promoted or levied by the parish in vestry in its civil capacity. For practical purposes it may be said that, whatever may have been the case prior to the Reformation, since then the Church, as distinct from the Civil Parish, has only interested itself in the bells since the abolition of compulsory Church Rates; or, in other words, long after the hard work was done of bringing the science of change-ringing to maturity; and this science would not be developing as it is now but for the work done by the Ringing Societies for more than two centuries before the Church concerned itself with the matter in any way. Even now, there are hundreds of men in this country who are in charge of steeples containing bells; which with their fittings represent a large capital sum, whose recognition for the work they do is contemptible both in amount and quality; as, for instance, a late well-known steeple-keeper at a change-ringing tower in South London a few years since, took occasion to observe to his Vicar that what he received for his work at the Church was about sufficient to keep him in cats' meat. There are plenty of men giving most conscientious service to church steeples throughout the country who do not even get that—and very often they get no other recognition.

As to remuneration to other persons connected with ringing, it is in general only given when voluntary ringing cannot be got, and on an average barely pays for loss of time. Osborn describes such remuneration as "beggary pence," and no one who knows anything about such payments, as usually made, will be disposed to quarrel with his description.

If then the art and science of Change-Ringing are in our day claimed by the Church for the glory of God, it is but fair that justice should be done by Churchmen to those to whose efforts in the past its existence is due. Yet, so far from this being the case, not only are the labours of our ringing forefathers accorded little or no acknowledgment, but the theory of the wickedness of ringers, to which I have already alluded, seems to possess many people's minds with an intensity which prevents them regarding things bearing on the history of ringers or ringing from such a common sense point of view as they would adopt with any ordinary matter. I propose to lay before the members of the Exercise some remarks dealing with its general history, as distinct from the history of methods. It will be my endeavour to show that from a historical retrospect of the period in which change-ringing took its rise and proceeded with its development, it would be reasonable to suppose that it could not have been otherwise than purely secular until our own days, and that the evidence about the history of change-ringing available to us confirms this supposition, and after this I may perhaps offer some general remarks on the subject. I hope to show the absurdity and uncharitableness of the aspersions on ringers of the past, which are frequently made by persons who

have no hostile feeling, but simply err from ignorance or prejudice.

Although much has been collected by the late Mr. Osborn and the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe bearing on this matter, I am not aware that these invaluable collections have hitherto been made use of for the particular purpose I have in view. I know that anyone who attempts to write historically has much to learn, because unless he was trying to learn he would not have sufficient interest in his subject to try to write about it. Therefore I hope that what I may write will receive the fullest criticism, and as my apology for writing at all on this subject I cite the recently-published book entitled "A Book about Bells," by the Rev. G. S. Tyack.

This learned gentleman, who has amassed a great store of facts on many subjects of antiquarian interest, of which he has by publication given the public the benefit, has in his account of bells, provided for the general reader a book in which he will find within a moderate compass a mass of information on this subject not otherwise readily obtainable. But when in chapter 8 of this book Mr. Tyack refers to the ringers of the past, I am compelled to regard him as a member of the class I have just now described, who, though having no hostile feeling towards the old ringers, nevertheless falls into error from ignorance or prejudice.

On page 138 of his book Mr. Tyack says:—

"By the middle of the sixteenth century ringing had become well known in the country, though it was probably of a somewhat unscientific sort; and already the ringers had gained that evil reputation for irregularity of life, which for so long, and it is to be feared to some extent justly in past days, clung to them. 'The people of England,' says Paul Hentzner, who travelled among them about the year 1550, 'are vastly fond of great noises that fill the ear, such as firing cannon, beating of drums and the ringing of bells; so that it is common for a number of them that have got a glass in their heads to get up into the belfry and ring the bells for hours together for the sake of exercise.'"

Now Hentzner, who was a German lawyer, a native of Brandenburg, visited England in August and September, 1598, as travelling tutor to a young Silesian nobleman. He had set out with his pupil in the previous year for an extended European tour. He returned to Germany in 1600, and in 1612 he published an account of what he thought worth recording of his experiences. He wrote in Latin, and in the translation from which Mr. Tyack quotes the location of this ringing "in London" is omitted. In the passage Mr. Tyack gives Hentzner certainly does not say that the proceedings of these ringers aroused any evil reputation for irregularity of life, either among their fellow-countrymen or in his own opinion. The section of his work from which it is taken is one dealing, as its heading shows, with the habits and characteristics of Englishmen, and any one who looks at it will see that the words quoted are merely descriptive of a general enjoyment of sound which struck Hentzner as worthy of note.

Passing by the question whether Ringing or Chiming is alluded to—for of course the original Latin "Campanis signum dent" is not a technical expression—and the consideration that if this was really ringing, those who took part in it could not have been much the worse for what they had had, I ask where is the evidence of that evil reputation whose existence Mr. Tyack states as a fact? Certainly not in what Hentzner says. Then where else? Nowhere else that I can conceive of; Mr. Tyack gives none, and unless he shows that notwithstanding the lower standard of reverence prevailing in the sixteenth century people in general would be shocked by such things as Hentzner describes, his assertion cannot be accepted. I propose to deal later on with that standard of reverence, and will for the present only add that I cannot find any ground for believing that Mr. Tyack's statement can possibly be true. People at large of that time would be no more shocked by such things than by the burning of old women reputed to be witches, or participation in the slave trade.

After giving some account of the rise and nature of Change-Ringing, Mr. Tyack, on page 143 of his book proceeds thus:—

"Allusion has already been made to the fact that bellringers

in the past bore anything but the best of reputations. John Bunyan, some will perhaps remember, was in his early days one of the bellringers at Elstow; but an employment which in better regulated times, ought, from its sturdy exercise for the body and its summons of the soul to prayer and praise to be a help to man, was found in those days to be a hindrance, and was abandoned by Bunyan as he grew more thoughtful, together with profanity and Sunday tip-cat, dancing and evil company."

The words I have omitted from this passage are not material for my present purpose, though I shall refer to them later on in another connection, and I shall have something further to say about Bunyan. For the present I remark that the only allusion Mr. Tyack has hitherto made is in the passage on which I have already commented, and which I cannot regard as an allusion to a fact. When Mr. Tyack says that what ought to have been a help to a man was found to be a hindrance, he is generalizing. But what is to justify the generalization? Certainly nothing that he has hitherto said, and from what Bunyan has left on record his case does not support Mr. Tyack's inference. The authority for the conditions under which Bunyan was led to abandon ringing is his own statement in that remarkable book, his *Grace Abounding*, and I shall deal with the portion of it relating to this subject farther on; but anyone who takes the trouble to refer to Bunyan's own words can see that this abandonment of ringing was entirely due to the working of his own conscience, disconnected from any general theories of helps or hindrances in the practice itself or the conditions under which it was then carried on.

The next quotation I have to make from Mr. Tyack commences on page 144 of his book.

"George Fox, the quaker, sent in 1650 the following letter to the ringers of St. Peter's, Derby, his reason for so doing being, no doubt, the general reputation for careless lives which such men then, unfortunately, bore: 'Friends, take heed of pleasures and prize your time now while you have it, and do not spend it in pleasures or earthliness. The time may come, that you will say you had time, when it is past. Therefore, look at the love of God now, while you have time; for it bringeth to loathe all vanities and worldly pleasures. O consider! Time is precious. Fear God, and rejoice in Him, who hath made heaven and earth.'"

Why should the reason for Fox's letter be the general reputation for careless lives which ringers then bore? Mr. Tyack has not shewn that they bore such a reputation. The themes of this letter—the snares of pleasure, the value of time, the love and power of God—have been amongst the messages of preachers from Solomon downwards. They are common to preachers to all sorts of western Christians, from the Jesuit father to the self-appointed fanatic who bawls in Hyde Park or howls on the beach at watering-places. It is hardly possible that Mr. Tyack himself has not preached on these subjects. Then why are congregations exhorted about them? If the reason is that congregations bear a general reputation for careless lives, the old ringers do not appear to have been different from their fellow-Christians down to the present day. If that reason does not apply to congregations, how does it apply to ringers?

At the time Fox wrote this letter he was a prisoner at Derby, on account of his religious eccentricities. Though no doubt a most excellent man, he must have been a great nuisance to those with whom he did not agree. Any one who will consult his *Journal* for this period, with its account of the letters he wrote, cannot but conclude that, if one is to judge by his language, the ringers must have been amongst the most harmless of the inhabitants of a town which he considered to be very wicked, and of whose preachers he predicted that they should receive the greater damnation.

Mr. Tyack proceeds:—

"An old proverb which declares that 'Singers and Ringers are little home bringers,' obviously alludes to the fact that they were notorious for spending their earnings too readily and too selfishly."

Singers may take care of themselves, but of all Mr. Tyack's

aspersions on dead and gone ringers this is the worst, and to support it he does not bring even the shadow of a shade of evidence. For a general statement being no evidence of itself and requiring an exposition of the particular facts from which the generalisation is made, its truth cannot be accepted unless guaranteed by some method of inductive reasoning. But Mr. Tyack does not trouble himself about this. He coolly assumes without an atom of proof, what he calls a fact, to support the jingling rhyme which he calls an old proverb. Of course there are, and always have been, selfish, and improvident men amongst ringers, as amongst clergy, physicians, lawyers, and every other class of mankind, but that of itself is no ground for asserting selfishness and improvidence of the class to which these men respectively belong. And of what value is a proverb? It is a generalisation. It is either true or false when made, and if false it does not acquire truth by being repeated. What class of men is to escape censure if Mr. Tyack's method is legitimate? To give an example, the poet Cowper in his poem, "Expostulation," published in 1782, writing of the clergy of his day says of them—

"Except a few with Eli's spirit blest,
Hophni and Phineas may describe the rest."

A more severe stricture on such a class of men can hardly be conceived, and no one who takes the trouble to ascertain the facts about the clergy of that time can regard it as justified. But never mind that, let us treat it in the manner of Mr. Tyack. Then after quoting this couplet, we may proceed—this obviously alludes to the fact that, with few exceptions, the Clergy of that period were notorious for extortionate rapacity and unbridled sensual indulgence.

Now if Mr. Tyack had been brought up as a French General his indifference to the proof of alleged facts could hardly be greater. But, as he is an English gentleman of learning, and doubtless of charity, I cannot believe he would have written the passages on which I have commented if he had not been under the dominion of the theory of the special wickedness of ringers. That theory dominates a good many people and is accepted by them as true without the slightest enquiry. Nevertheless I believe that theory to be historically false. No class of men—clerical or lay—can be fairly judged without a due consideration of the standard of public opinion at any particular time. No one has yet shown, so far as I know, that ringers as a class outraged the public opinion of any period in which they have lived; but because of the secular character of ringing prevailing in the past, the old ringers are continually being censured by well-meaning people of the present who make no attempt to understand the history of ringing or the conditions under which it grew up, whose retrospects are all coloured by the later nineteenth century tint of the mental spectacles through which they survey earlier times and who seem ready to accept as an indisputable truth anything about ringers of the past which does not happen to accord with their present day views of propriety.

I shall therefore next week pass on to some remarks on the secular history of Ringing, trusting to the members of the Exercise to amplify any deficiencies and to correct me when I am wrong.

(To be continued.)

RINGERS' OUTING.—On Saturday, May 6th, the members of the parish church society, Middlewich, had their quarterly outing. Starting from Middlewich at 2.30 by brake, they journeyed through the pretty village of Bostock to Davenham. Here they were met by Mr. Ashmole, conductor of the Davenham ringers, and shortly afterwards wended their way to the belfry, where prior to the meeting of the Guild several courses of Bob Minor were rung. Afterwards a meeting of the Guild was held, presided over by Mr. Hine. After the meeting the conveyance was again brought into use, and they were soon travelling towards Northwich, where the inner man was first thought of. After doing justice to the good things provided, they were met by the Witton ringers, and a start was made for Witton belfry, where for an hour Triples were indulged in. The rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, making a start for home at 10 p.m., having spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

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."

9600 SUPERLATIVE?

SIR,—Looking at the above published in last week's number, I was somewhat surprised on reading the footnote to same, viz.: "signifies an eighth place bob;" also "this is the greatest number of changes yet obtained in this method." I should have thought that our friend Mr. Dench would not have condescended to publish such a length obtained in this way, to try to supersede the ingenious and legitimate composition of Mr. G. Lindoff, viz.: the 9312 of Superlative Surprise Major, and which was rung by the Crawley band of the Sussex County Association on December 26th, 1894, and in which Mr. Dench took part. I have in my possession a 11,362 of London Surprise Major, by my friend Mr. F. Bennett, obtained strictly by the method until the 11,361st change, 21346587, then by 3 4 lying still rounds is produced. Therefore if illegitimate calls are to be allowed as has been done by Mr. Dench, the question will soon be asked if in one method why not in another? In fact my friend Bennett said at once "if that was allowed my peal of London will be all right." It will be well for this question to come up for discussion at the next Central Council meeting on Tuesday. I am quite aware of the enormous amount of time and patience our friend Dench has given to composition, but considering the high position ringing, composition, and method-building has reached, I should say, and especially for a record length, stick to the method.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

WYE, IN KENT.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of the 6th an account of "A Capital Exhibition" at Wye, in Kent. I do not know what the 15,000 Double Norwich band think, or readers of "THE BELL NEWS" generally, but for myself I should like to see the energy displayed in this performance turned into another channel, and the scientific part of change-ringing practised instead. But I must ask your readers not to take that as a fair sample of ringers and ringing in that part of the country, as I know of one tower not many miles from Wye or Ashford, where you can hear Bob Major practised on almost any practice night, and who scored a peal in February last. Many a time have I heard those beautiful bells of Wye, but it was then, as now, mostly "call-changes." When such splendid facilities exist for ringing, as do in the Ashford district, it is a great pity that more is not being done. For the benefit of your readers, I append a list of rings within eight or ten miles of Ashford: Ashford (8, just re-hung); Chilham (8); Headcorn (8); Mersham (8); Wye (8); Charing (6); Aldington (6); Egerton (6); Eastwell (6); Great Chart (6); Kennington (6); Willesborough (6); Pluckley (6); Hothfield (5); Kingsnorth (5); and five or six at Little Chart, and I believe the majority are in fair condition. At Charing, Willesborough, and Aldington, there are very good bands of half-pull ringers, and it is a pleasure to see some of the ringers scoring peals, but I should so like to see more being done.

G. H. HEAD.

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HENRY S. ELLIS 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE 7.
JAMES WILLSHIRE 4.	*JOHN W. GOLDING (age 18) Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. P. BRICE.

*First peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1899, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 33 cwt.

FREDERICK A. NUNN .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE 6.
CHARLES T. HOPKINS .. 2.	WILLIAM H. DORAN .. 7.
EBENEZER ANDREWS .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 8.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 9.
STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal of Royal by the Association.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 16, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM WARD 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT* .. 2.	*LEWIS J. DARLINGTON .. 6.
PERCY J. DARLINGTON .. 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
ALFRED W. DARLINGTON .. 4.	ROBERT R. JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal of Stedman. This is J. R. Sharman's fiftieth peal.

The Provinces.

KIDDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 30, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	E. HIMS 5.
W. BENNETT 2.	W. J. SMITH 6.
F. HOPGOOD 3.	H. JUDGE 7.
F. C. EXON 4.	J. FRANKLIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

W. VEALE* Treble.	W. T. PEGLER 5.
S. KNIGHT 2.	H. FORD 6.
S. MANSFIELD 3.	H. LOVELL 7.
C. COX 4.	G. PARSONS Tenor.

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

*First peal.

ADAPTATIONS.—Mr. G. Lindoff writes: "On the 29th ult. Mr. Howes published a 13,248 Arundel Surprise. As he has only adapted one of my 60-course-end peals to that method, he can in no way claim it as his composition. Mr. Dench's so-called variation of my 9000 Superlative is nothing but the reverse of the original."

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE .. Treble.	FRANCIS GROVE 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 3.	WILLIAM G. GROVE 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	JOSEPH HOARE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GROVE.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1899, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN WHITAKER .. Treble.	ROBERT THOMAS 5.
WALTER WOOD 2.	HARRY WILLIAMS 6.
THOMAS FLINT 3.	ALBERT HASTE 7.
BENJAMIN SHAW 4.	HENRY LINDSAY Tenor.

Conducted by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720s of New London Pleasure, Violet and Oxford, and
720 of Kent. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK WYATT .. Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
FREDERICK SAUNDERS .. 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

This is the first peal by all, first on the bells, and first peal of Treble Bob Minor by the Association.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 11, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

E. RADDON* .. Treble.	J. HUNT 5.
E. ALLEN 2.	W. W. THORNE 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	F. BLONDELL 7.
C. WILLSHIRE 4.	F. WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by C. WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. Rung for evensong on Ascension Day. Stedman Triples was arranged, but through a misunderstanding the band met one short. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, HEREFORD.)

On Thursday, May 11, 1899, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

RICHARD CHAMBERLIN† .. Treble.	JOHN CLARK 5.
ARTHUR J. WILLIAMS* .. 2.	JAMES E. GROVES 6.
WILLIAM DAVIES† 3.	*THOMAS LEWIS 7.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 4.	*RICHARD POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal †First peal with a bob bell, ‡First peal away from the tenor,

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 12, 1899, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble.	JAMES SMITH 5.
THOMAS PRICE 2.	JOSEPH SHARP 6.
ARTHUR GOWER* 3.	GEORGE HOWSE 7.
GEORGE HEAD 4.	HARRY HOOKHAM Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

*First peal. This is the quickest peal yet rung on the bells.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 12, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY STEFF Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.	JAMES H. BANKS 6.
JOSEPH FOSTER* 3.	WALTER HASLAM 7.
THOMAS WALLWORK 4.	JOHN H. ENTWISTLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT WALLWORK.

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

NESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

On Saturday, May 13, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WM. WILLIAMS* Treble.	WM. BRISCOE 5.
WM. SCONCE 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
J. MEALOR† 3.	WM. MOULTON 7.
E. BREEZE† 4.	*THOMAS A. EVANS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES DILLON.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking Canon Turner for the use of the bells.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.—YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, London Scholars, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, and College Pleasure.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK HANCOCK .. Treble.	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON 2.	WILLIAM H. TURTON .. 5.
BERTIE COWLING 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BETTISON.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Heckingbottom and Cowling.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 6-scores of Grandsire, nine 6-scores of St. Simon's, nine 6-scores of Old Doubles, and eighteen 6-scores of Plain Doubles.

Tenor 9 cwt.

G. W. MEE Treble.	E. RIVERS 3.
F. ROLFE* 2.	H. J. MEE 4.
A. G. RIVERS Tenor.	

Conducted by A. G. RIVERS,

*First peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1899, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN H. TAYLOR* .. Treble.	†THOMAS W. WRIGHT .. 5.
JOHN NOBLE† 2.	HENRY BRIGGS 6.
CHARLES H. BRIGGS* .. 3.	JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 7.
WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM† .. 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and

Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 13, 1899, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE .. Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY 5.
SIDNEY CLARK 2.	J. WILLIAM CUNDALL .. 6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3.	EDWIN WHEATER 7.
WILSON ILLINGWORTH .. 4.	DAVID STEPHENSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. WHEATER.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HENLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1899 in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	J. HANDS 5.
E. J. MENDAY 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
R. T. HIBBERT 3.	H. W. SMITH 7.
E. W. MENDAY 4.	T. NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM DENNER .. Treble.	SAMUEL OAKES 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON .. 2.	ALFRED POTTER 6.
JOHN DENNER 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
JOSEPH BROOKES 4.	JOSEPH POTTER Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL JESSON, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 13, 1899, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

ERNEST AMBROSE .. Treble.	*WILLIAM KINSEY 5.
FREDERICK SYMONDS* .. 2.	SAMUEL FORD 6.
THOMAS CADGE 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
HARRY SMITH 4.	CHARLES SILLITOR .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOR,

*First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, May 14, 1899, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.**

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band and by the Association, also the first on the bells, and was rung for Divine Service in the evening.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Monday, May 15, 1899, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

JAMES HALL Treble.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 5.
FREDERICK BYWATER 2.	GEORGE JAMES 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	ADAM HICKMAN HILL .. 7.
JOHN GOODMAN 4.	REUBEN HALL Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL JESSON, and Conducted by A. H. HILL.

This peal has the extent of the six combinations of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 5-6, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time.

OXHEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Tuesday, May 16, 1899, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE* Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	HERBERT MARTIN 6.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
CHARLES GEORGE 4.	FRANK A. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal of Stedman as conductor.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, May 16, 1899, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM PRLLING* Treble.	ROBERT J. DAVE 5.
KEITH HART 2.	*ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 7.
GEORGE HEAD* 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This is the conductor's 400th peal, and his 300th as conductor, a list of which will appear next week.

Date Touches.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 8th, on handbells, a date touch of Doubles, consisting of April Day, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, and Grandsire, in 45 mins. E. P. Foreman, 1; F. Cullum, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3-4; R. Tracy, 5-6.

Miscellaneous.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

NORTH SHIELDS (Durham).—On Saturday, April 22nd, an attempt

for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 4436 changes. J. Parker, 1; W. C. Hunt (conductor), 2; R. Miller, 3; W. Smallwood, 4; H. Peverell, 5; J. J. Leighton, 6; J. Naisby, 7; R. Patterson, 8.

SUNDERLAND (Durham).—On Sunday, at Bishopwearmouth parish church, for the C.M.S. service for children in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 44 mins. R. W. Lovie, 1; R. M. Pick, 2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; W. T. Robson, 4; T. Hudson, jun., 5; H. Peverell, 6; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 7; R. W. Langton, 8. Longest touch of Stedman by Messrs. Lovie, Pick, Hudson, jun., Peverell, and Langton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMSTED.—On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Dadge, 1; C. East, 2; W. Dadge, 3; G. Condick, 4; G. Taylor, 5; W. Leigh (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, March 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Pegler (conductor), 1; T. Newman, 2; J. Austin, 3; E. Davis, 4; G. Condick, 5; A. Pegler, 6. On Wednesday, March 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. G. Condick, jun., 1; T. Newman, 2; G. Condick, 3; J. Gillett, 4; G. Taylor, 5; W. Pegler (conductor), 6. On Good Friday, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Grandsire Doubles. A. Dadge, 1; G. Condick (conductor), 2; A. Webb, 3; W. Dadge, 4; G. Taylor, 5; G. Nash, 6. On Easter Sunday, for morning and evening service, 360 Bob Minor and twenty-four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which the following took part: A. and W. Pegler, A. and W. Dadge, G. Taylor, G. Condick, jun., A. Webb, E. Davis, G. Condick, G. Nash.

COTHAM.—On Friday, May 5th, at St. Matthew's church, with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Duke of Beaufort, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 53 mins. J. Thomas, 1; S. Thomas, 2; A. Pearce, 3; F. Jewell, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtenay, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6; W. A. Cave (conductor), 7; W. Knight, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by Messrs. Thomas (2) and the Rev. H. C. Courtney. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH,

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, April 12th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ellison, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Wharton, 1; J. Meador, 2; J. Hale, 3; C. Powell, 4; J. Hammond, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. Pownall, 7; E. Hampson, 8. Also a 700 Grandsire Triples standing as before. In the evening a 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Hughes, 1; J. Meador, 2; J. Rutter, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; J. Hammond, 3; J. Pownall, 6; A. Smith (covering), 7.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, April 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Povall, 1; W. Hughes, 2; G. R. Newton, 3; J. Pownall, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; J. Hughes, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Povall, 1; W. Hughes, 2; J. Pownall, 3; G. R. Newton (first 720 of Kent as conductor), 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Hughes, 6. First 720 of Oxford by J. Pownall.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURGATE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Doubles, being 120 each of the Dream, April Day, Plain Bob Morning Star, St. Dunstons and Grandsire. G. Browne, 1; A. Symonds, 3; E. Buckingham, 4; J. D. Buckingham (conductor), 5.

BROME (Suffolk).—On Thursday, April 12th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Doubles, which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 8 mins., being rung in the following methods: Grandsire, April Day, Morning Star, St. Dunstan's, and Fortune. E. Youngs, 1; W. Rose, 2; C. Nunn, 3; E. Buckingham, 4; J. D. Buckingham (conductor), 5.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, April 23rd, after Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Youngs, 1; D. Mayes, 2; J. Rose, 3; F. Potter, 4; G. Kemp, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—On March 14th, two 720s each of Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 50 mins. H. Seager, 1; H. G. Rowe, 2; H. Brown, 3; W. Trowles, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. Longest length by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th, also longest length as conductor. On March 21st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. R. Smith, 1; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 2; W. Trowles, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. On April 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Smith, 1; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. On April 15th 720 College Single. H. Seager, 1; H. G. Rowe, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond

(conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure and 720 Grandsire Minor, standing as before. On April 18th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Smith, 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; H. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. Also 336 Grandsire Minor. R. Smith, 1; W. Trowles, 2; W. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; A. Brockis, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. On April 22nd, two 720s of Bob Minor. H. Seager, 1; W. Trowles, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; J. Seager, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, March 5th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). F. Ward, 1; D. Dawson, 2; E. Runter, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; A. Bradley (conductor), 5; H. Sharpington, 6. On Easter Sunday for 7 o'clock service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Ward, 1; W. Hawkes, 2; J. Savil, 3; W. Sharpington, 4; E. Runter (conductor), 5; H. Sharpington, 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUDLOW (Salop).—On Saturday, April 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Palmer, 1; J. A. Groves, 2; R. Marston, Esq. (conductor), 3; P. Lane, 4; H. Price, 5; W. R. Nash, 6; A. Chester, 7; E. Davies, 8. Also a 546. C. Nash, 1; J. E. Groves (conductor), 2; J. E. G. Bowen, 3; P. Lane, 4; H. Price, 5; W. R. Nash, 6; A. Chester, 7; E. Davies, 8. On Sunday morning, April 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Nash, 1; R. Marston, 2; P. Lane (conductor), 3; J. E. Groves, 4; H. Price, 5; W. R. Nash, 6; A. Chester, 7; E. Davies, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

LEOMINSTER (Herefordshire).—On Tuesday, April 11th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs. 35 mins. T. J. Bannister, 1; J. E. Groves (conductor), 2; R. Marston, 3; P. Lane, 4; H. Price, 5; W. Jaine, 6; A. Chester, 7; C. Jaine, 8. This attempt was made to celebrate the wedding of the Rev. A. C. Lee, Hon. Secretary of the above Guild with Miss M. Lea, daughter of his Honour Judge Norris Lea. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROSS (Herefordshire).—On Thursday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. W. Greenleaf, 1; A. Williams, 2; W. Davies, 3; H. Jarman, 4; C. Clark, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6; T. Lewis, 7; R. Powell, 8. The above was rung after an attempt for a peal. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Tuesday, March 21st, on handbells, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Gale, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3-4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5-6. On Sunday, April 2nd, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 4; I. Hammond, 5; G. Phillips, 6. Also a touch of Minor. For afternoon service an attempt was made for a 720 Bob Minor, but after ringing about 540 changes was brought round owing to a change-course. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; I. Hammond, 3; A. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 9th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles, and a 6-score of Bob Doubles. J. Smith, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 5; C. Gale and G. Phillips, 6. On Tuesday, April 11th, two 6-scores. A. Wright, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; A. Lock (first 720), 6. On Thursday, April 13th, on handbells, two courses of Grandsire Triples. J. Smith, 1-2; W. H. Lawrence, 3-4; A. Phillips, 5-6; A. Lawrence, 7-8. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Lawrence, 1-2; W. H. Lawrence, 3-4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5-6.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday, April 27th, for practice at All Saints church, 1136 Bob Major. N. Wale, 1; A. Hill, 2; W. Bright, 3; —, Hadley, 4; C. Jones, 5; G. Checketts, 6; W. Lebbon, 7; W. Page (conductor), 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, April 23rd, after Divine Service, 2160 changes in 1 hr. 25 mins., in the following methods: New London, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. A. Symonds, 1; R. Wilding, 2; F. G. Symonds, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; C. Green, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, April 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Smithers, 1; C. Lucas, 2; T. Streeter, 3; G. Elston, 4; W. Trewin, 5; H. Burkett (conductor), 6.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Thursday, May 11th, for evening service, 658 Grandsire Triples. H. White (conductor), 1; Dora White,

2; Alice White, 3; E. R. Sutton, 4; G. Holdaway, 5; G. Gasson, 6; J. E. Ballard, 7; G. Martin, 8. On Sunday evening, May 14th, for Divine Service, 447 Grandsire Triples. W. Leavey, 1; Alice White, 2; Dora White, 3; E. R. Sutton, 4; C. Holdaway, 5; H. Lawes, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; F. Redgate, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRASSENDAL.—On Sunday, March 26th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday, April 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. On Thursday, April 6th, 720 Plain Bob. On Sunday, April 9th, 720 Plain Bob. On Sunday, April 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Turner, 1; R. Green, 2; W. Weaver, 3; T. Morris, 4; F. C. Newton, 5; J. Allen, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOBURN (Bucks).—On Wednesday, April 13th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Garrell, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. C. Truss, 1; W. E. Yates (conductor), 2; J. West, 3; T. H. Taffender, 4; W. Wheatley, 5; F. Cousens, 6; J. Evans, 7; F. Healey, 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDSWINFORD.—On Tuesday, March, 21st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. H. Pagett, 1; A. Brooks, 2; T. Heathcote, 3; J. Orford, 4; W. Newman, 5; F. Bruce (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 19th, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. T. Heathcote, 1; A. Brooks, 2; W. Newman, 3; A. J. Skelding, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; A. Roberts (conductor), 6.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service at St. Thomas's church, 720 Bob Minor. C. A. Turner, 1; R. James, 2; E. Harper, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; A. Brooks (conductor), 5; W. A. Pugh, 6. On Sunday, April 16th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Brooks, 1; E. Harper, 2; R. James, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; A. Roberts (conductor), 6.

WOLLASTON.—On Tuesday, April 11th, at St. James's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. J. H. Parsons, 1; A. Roberts, 2; H. Dakin, 3; F. Brace, 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6.

BRETENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, April 18th, for practice on handbells in the parish schoolroom, 720 Plain Bob. T. Levett (conductor), 1-2; J. Francis, 3; F. Pearl, 4; G. Levett, 5; A. Grimwood, 6. Also 360 Double Court Bob. T. Levett (conductor), 1; J. Francis, 2; J. Manning, 3; F. Pearl, 4; G. Levett, 5; H. Gladwell, 6.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Darlaston Bob Triples. G. Hobson, 1; J. Jennings, 2; G. Hitchman, 3; J. Prickett, 4; W. Freestone, 5; J. Morley, 6; R. Thompson (conductor), 7; E. Williams, 8.

GLADWICK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, April 25th, for practice at St. Mark's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Dyson, 1; J. Schofield, 2; E. Geary, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. W. Taylor, 5; A. Clegg, 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. T. Dyson, 1; W. Clegg, 2; E. Geary, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. W. Taylor, 5; A. Clegg (conductor), 6. First 720 by Messrs. Dyson, Geary, and J. W. Taylor.

HAWKHURST (Kent).—On Easter Monday, at the church of St. Lawrence, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Reed, 1; W. Billinness, 2; F. Burden, 3; C. Tribe, 4; J. Durrant, 5; A. Hinds, 6; B. Bassett (conductor), 7; G. Johnson, 8. The above was the first 504 by Messrs. Reed, Billinness, and Durrant, who all hail from Rye. Also 168 in the same method, with the Rev. P. E. T. Berry, 3; H. Lucas, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 7th, at St. Matthew's church, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. C. Kennedy, 1; M. A. Wood, 2; J. Bonney, 3; C. Lee, 4; J. Scholes, 5; S. Lawrence, 6; W. S. Wise (conductor), 7; J. Monday, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Monday. On Sunday evening, April 23rd, for Divine Service at All Saints church, Fulham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 48 mins. J. Crombie, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; H. Barton, 3; J. Aldridge, 4; R. Charge, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; F. Parsons, 7; W. Meaton, 8; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 9; S. How, 10.

STEBBING (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 2nd, at St. Mary's church, 2520 Doubles, in seven distinct methods, being three 6-scores in each of the following methods: Calendar, Canterbury Pleasure, New Doubles, St. Simons, Stedman Slow Course, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 30 mins. A. Barker, 1; E. Hynds, 2; J. T. Barker, 3; H. Emery, 4; E. Claydon (conductor), 5.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Thursday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Doubles in 45 mins., being 240 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire, and

120 each of The Dream, April Day, Morning Star, St. Dunstan's, Fortune, and London Doubles. W. Rose, 1; E. Youngs, 2; C. Nunn, 3; E. Buckingham, 4; J. D. Buckingham (conductor), 5. Tenor 13 cwt. In the belfry on handbells 360 Bob Minor. C. Nunn, 1; W. Rose, 2; E. Youngs, 3; E. Buckingham, 4; J. D. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., composed by the Editor. J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 1; R. W. Hoather, 2; A. S. Langridge, 3; T. J. Ades, 4; R. J. Dawe, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; A. E. Edwards, 7; J. F. Steadman, 8. On Sunday evening, April 23rd, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. S. W. Shoesmith, 1; R. J. Dawe, 2; W. Pelling, 3; R. W. Hoather, 4; A. S. Langridge, 5; A. J. Turner (conductor), 6; J. S. Goldsmith, 7; J. F. Steadman, 8.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday, April 16th, at St. George's church, 575 Grandsire Caters. C. Barber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; E. Reader, 4; T. Marshall, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; J. Hawkins, 7; W. Challoner, 8; J. W. Bayley (conductor), 9; T. Gordon, 10. For evening service, 503 Grandsire Caters. R. Lund (aged 15), 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; J. Hankinson (conductor), 7; E. Reader, 8; J. W. Bayley, 9; T. Marshall, 10.

STOCKTON-ON-TREES.—On Tuesday, May 2nd, at the parish church, on the occasion of the opening of the ten bells, 168 Grandsire Triples. T. Burdon, 1; D. Shipp, 2; W. Newton, 3; T. Metcalfe, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6; W. Snowdon, 7; G. J. Clarkson, 8. For service, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor on the front six. R. Alcock, 1; W. Newton, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; T. Burdon, 4; J. Pickersgill, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. Also 180 Grandsire Caters. G. J. Clarkson, 1; T. Lockwood (conductor), 2; T. Neill, 3; G. F. Alexander, 4; G. Park, 5; W. H. Porter, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; —, 8; W. Snowdon, 9; T. Metcalfe, 10. Also 270 Grandsire Caters. G. J. Clarkson, 1; T. Lockwood, 2; F. P. Howcroft, 3; J. A. Carter, 4; W. H. Porter, 5; W. Rudd, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; J. W. Passman, 8; —, 9; W. Newton and T. Neill. And 467 Grandsire Caters. G. J. Clarkson, 1; T. Lockwood, 2; F. Howcroft, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; W. H. Porter, 5; T. Neill, 6; A. McFarlane, 7; J. W. Passman, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson and W. Newton, 10. And 168 Grandsire Triples. G. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Reed (conductor), 2; W. Pick, 3; W. H. Porter, 4; R. Alcock, 5; T. Neill, 6; T. Metcalfe, 7; T. Stephenson, 8.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—On Monday, April 10th, for practice at St. Mildred's church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Cramp, 1; *F. Burden, 2; A. Hinds, 3; C. Tribe (conductor), 4; B. Bassett, 5; W. Spice, 6; R. Edwards, 7; H. Holdstock, 8. *First 504 of Stedman Triples.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 30 mins. H. J. Borrett, 1; G. Manser, 2; G. Howchin, 3; H. Howlett, 4; F. H. Knights, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

TIDENHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Hobson, 1; J. Prickett, 2; J. Jennings, 3; G. Hitchman, 4; R. Thompson (conductor), 5; J. Morley, 6. Also several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. J. Prickett, 1; R. Thompson (conductor), 2; J. Jennings, 3; G. Hitchman, 4; J. Morley, 5; E. Williams, 6. This is the first Stedman on the bells.

THORNABY.—On Tuesday, May 2nd, at the parish church, on the occasion of the opening of the Jubilee bells at Stockton, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. —, 1; W. Pick, 2; T. Neill, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. A. Carter, 5; G. F. Alexander, 6; F. P. Howcroft, 7; T. Metcalfe, 8. Also 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. A. Carter, 1; —, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; W. Rudd, 4; C. Hall, 5; W. H. Porter, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; J. W. Passman, 8. Also 164 Stedman Triples. — (conductor), 1; W. Rudd, 2; J. A. Carter, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; J. W. Passman, 5; W. H. Porter, 6; T. Neill, 7; J. Bolton, 8. And 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Moncaster, 1; J. W. Passman, 2; F. P. Howcroft, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; C. Hall, 5; W. H. Porter, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; —, 8. And 224 Bob Major. R. Moncaster, 1; —, 2; T. Clarke, 3; F. P. Howcroft, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; G. F. Alexander, 6; J. F. Williams, 7; G. J. Lumley, 8.

A CORRECTION of the statement that the handbell peal rung in Dublin was supposed to be the first rung out of England. The following is a copy of the record of the handbell peal rung in Paris by the following members of the Royal Cumberland Society on July 15th, 1855: E. Sawyer, 1-2; J. Cox, 3-4; C. Andrews, 5-6; G. Banks, 7-8.

BOB LEADS.

SIR,—May I, through your columns, propose what may possibly appear a childish simple problem? Simple as it may seem I have a particular reason for it, which I will explain afterwards. Subjoined are three or four leads of Grandsire Triples. I should esteem it a favour if as many ringers as possible would kindly send me a line to my home address given below, saying which are the *bob-leads*, those marked Q or those marked R. As soon as it appears that I am not likely to receive any more replies, I will write again to "THE BELL NEWS," saying how many replies I have received on either side, and explaining the cause of my asking for them. The one letter Q or R on a post card with the name and address of the sender will be quite sufficient. I should esteem it a favour if answers could be posted *at once* so as to reach me before leaving home on Monday morning for the Central Council. I shall not be able to count any not authenticated with name and address.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.
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The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, to-day, Saturday, May 20th. The ring of eight at St. Chad's, tenor 20 cwt., will be available from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Local committee will sit at The Woodman hotel from 1 p.m. The official headquarters will be at the Church School. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.; tea at 5; meeting immediately after. The local hon. sec. is Mr. William Child, Mansfield Place, Moor Road, Headingley, to whom communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh, to-day, Saturday, May 20th.

REV. G. T. BIRCH, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. The bells of South Church (8), and Heighington (6), are at the disposal of members. Committee meeting (12 o'clock), and dinner (1 p.m.), at Wear Valley hotel. Members 1s. 6d., non-members, 2s. 6d. each.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.

18, West Parade, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Devonshire Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. All ringers will be welcome. W. E. PITFIELD CHAPPEL, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Divine Service at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.15. Dinner at 1.30. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Asst. Sec.

Farnham Royal, Bucks.—The annual friendly meeting will take place at Farnham Royal (one mile from Burnham Beeches) on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. Permission has kindly been given to use the bells (6) at Stoke Poges, and (8) at Burnham.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, May 22nd, at Thirsk. Dinner at Mr. Barnett's, Market Place, at 1.0 p.m. Members 1s. each; non-members 2s. Committee meeting at the same place at 12.30 p.m. The use of the bells (6) at Feliskirk, three miles, and Northallerton (8), has also been kindly granted for the day.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT,

Stokesley, R.S.O. Hon. Sec. and Treas.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Northampton on Whit-Monday. Divine Service at St. Sepulchre's church at 1 o'clock. Luncheon at The Peacock hotel at 2 o'clock. General arrangements as usual. Visitors from other Associations welcome. The rings of eight at St. Peter's, St. Sepulchre's, and St. Edmund's, and the ten at St. Giles at liberty for ringing from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ashford on

Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Service at the parish church at 10.30 a.m., with address by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Tindall. Meeting of Central Committee at 11.30 in the Church House. The peal-book will be on view in the Parish Room. Towers open for ringing: Ashford (8); Mersham (8); Wye (8); Kennington (6); Willesborough (6); and Great Chart (6). Application for dinner tickets to be made at once to

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.
Canterbury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above Society will be held at Calverley (eight bells), on Saturday, May 27th. Meeting house, Thornhill Arms. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Handbells provided. All members and friends invited.

H. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley, Leeds.

Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next district meeting will be held at Aldrington (6 bells) on Saturday, May 27th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Norton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready 4 p.m. Meeting-house—New inn.

R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Great Kimble, on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells, on Thursday, June 1st. Opening service at 2 o'clock. The following towers will be available: Monks Ricborough (6); and Ellesborough (6), all the afternoon; Great Kimble (6), after 5 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.

H. C. BELL, Branch Secretary.

All Saints Clergy House, Maidenhead.

The Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Chorley parish church on Saturday, June 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 2 o'clock. J. HIGSON, Sec.

60, Church Street, Blackrod.

Odd Fellows Conference at Middlesbrough, Whit-week.—Delegates and brother-strings attending above, communicate with G. J. CLARKSON, 6, Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees, or J. H. BLAKISTON, 21, Jedburgh Street, Middlesbrough, who will gladly make ringing arrangements to suit.

CRACKED PARLIAMENTARY BELLS.

(From the Daily Mail.)

PARIS, May 14.

The stormy sitting in the Chamber of Deputies last Friday has had one amusing result. M. Deschanel's new bell was cracked in endeavouring to maintain order, this being the third since the beginning of the year. The questor of the Chamber says that the cracking of the bell is not M. Deschanel's fault. He rings it far less violently than many of his predecessors in the Presidential fauteuil, certainly less violently than either Gambetta or M. Charles Dupuy, but unfortunately he has to ring it more frequently. M. Lasies has been fined the whole of his deputy's pay for the month (750fr.) for the noise he made,

so perhaps some of the money will go towards the purchase of a new bell. Meanwhile the foundry has lent the Chamber the bell used to call in the workmen after the dinner-hour is over.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT HEADINGLEY.—This was the first in the method on the bells, the first in any method by H. Lindsay, and the first peal in the method by all except the conductor. It was the veteran's (J. Whitaker's) 60th peal, and the band congratulate him on its accomplishment, as it has been his one wish for a long time to ring a peal of Stedman, his attempts for the same covering a long period of years. Only one other peal of Stedman Triples has been rung in Leeds. Sottanstill gives the date of its performance as June 6th, 1846, and the peal was composed by the late James Lockwood, and contained four patent singles. An account of this peal, with the names of the ringers (who have all passed hence) would at this time be very interesting, and the St. Michael's company would be glad of any particulars on the subject.

THE PEAL AT CAVERSHAM.—It has been the wish of this company for some time past to ring a peal each of London, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise standing in the same order, but as too much ringing does not suit all parishioners, a slight difficulty was experienced, as the peals were to be rung within the month. A start was however made on the 1st of May, and London scored; on the 6th inst. all went well for Cambridge for 2 hrs. when a trip caused failure. Another start on the 8th proved successful, and the peal recorded above finished three Surprise peals, of which any band may well be proud.

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